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From Advance **Sports Editor to UAM Hall of Fame**

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Rick Owens still calls Monticello home, even though he was raised and went to high school in Pine Bluff. Owens is one of five former athletes being inducted into the 2022 class of the UAM Sports Hall of Fame in October Homecoming weekend.

"Monticello has a special place in our hearts and we have so many friends still here," Owens said during a recent visit. "Our son Tyler was born here in 1992, and my wife (formerly Donna Wilson) grew up in Monticello and taught school at Drew Central for 15 years. I spent over 18 years in Monticello and some of my closest friends are here. We still get the Advance and keep up with everyone thru facebook. We still consider Monticello our home though we live in Texas."

Owens came to Monticello in 1975 and played baseball at UAM for four years. He was also the sports editor for The Advance during his college years, had a sports show on KHBM and worked for the Sports Information Dept at UAM.

"The Frank Jackson family was great to work for at The Advance and was a great job in college. I had previously worked for the Commercial in Pine Bluff, so I thought I wanted a career in journalism when I first came here. I loved working with Larry Smith at UAM and playing baseball for Espie Moore my first year."

"I had a walk-on offer at Fayetteville with Coach DeBriyn but with Monticello being so close, plus the opportunity of working at The Advance, and a work-study scholarship from UAM, it was a pretty easy choice. And I don't regret it."

Owens remembers having a sports column in The Advance called "Rick's Remarks," laughing at the memories of covering Monticello, Drew Central and UAM sports teams.

"It was a lot of fun covering all the sports teams here. There was always a laugh interviewing Don Byrd, Ronnie McFarland, Raymond Scogin, Doug Barnes, Harold Tilley, Tommy Barnes and the other coaches I got to know. And the memories I have of playing softball in the early 80s for Jackson Saw and Pauline Baptist were the best times. I was just out of college and made some lifetime friends."

Owens is being inducted into UAM's Hall of Fame, primarily because of his 1978 season, finishing with a then school record .441 batting average. He was first team All-AIC, All-NAIA and the NAIA Academic All-American team. He credits Donnie Fendley for the two years he was the baseball coach at UAM.

"I knew I was being nominated by Mark Tiner and Jim Beasley, but when Coach Hud Jackson told me, I was shocked. I was driving back to Houston when Coach Jackson called, so that was a great drive home thinking about all the memories I had while playing and living in Monticello."

After graduating with a degree in physical education in 1979, Owens chose the business world, taking a manager's job with Kell Athletics back in Pine Bluff. Kell's also had a store in Monticello, co-owned by Martha and Tommy Scifres. Owens bought the South Main Monticello store in 1981 and changed the name to Southeast Athletics.

He also took on the job as head baseball coach at UAM in 1984 while owning the store. He coached at the college three years before leaving both in 1986.

"Walmart coming to town in the 80s really hurt some of the small businesses in town. Plus, it was hard doing both the store and baseball at UAM, so I closed the store and eventually fell back on my degree of teaching and coaching. I taught at Monticello High School and Junior High for five years and loved working with kids. I worked with some great students, teachers and coaches that I am still in contact with thru Face-

book." But the love of being in sales, especially baseball cards and memorabilia, won out and changed his path. He started buying and selling baseball cards and going to collector shows in 1987. And eventually opened a baseball card store in Monticello called Baseball Cards, Etc.

"I was making more money during the summer months than teaching and coaching, so I decided to go full time in the memorabilia business. But I went back to coaching for a few years when Tyler was born in order to stay home more. I was lucky to coach under Greg Tiner and Johnny McMurry when the Billies won the state championship in 1994, so that's another great memory."

The toughest decision Owens ever made came a few months later when he was offered a job at The Ballpark in Arlington, home of the Texas Rangers. He was sales manager for Sports Legacy Art Gallery and moved to Texas in 1995.

"That was tough leaving Monticello. Our son was three years old at the time, and he was the only grandson to Donna's parents (Virginia and Waymon Wilson). There were a lot of tears shed over that move. I always wanted to play major

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Mainline Health Systems prepares for opening of Monticello Women's Clinic

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Mainline Health Systems recently announced that it is opening a women's clinic in Monticello. There will be a reception with refreshments to celebrate the clinic's opening at 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 4 at 535 Jordan Drive in Monticello.

Both of the clinic's OB-GYNs Dr. Constance Chapman and Dr. Kelly Shrum will be at the reception, and the community is encouraged to come and meet the women's clinic doctors and see the facility.

"We can't wait for everyone to see the women's clinic," Chapman said. "We're excited to start serving the community and providing accessible, quality care for the women here."

With over two decades of experience in women's healthcare, Shrum is also looking forward to the clinic's opening.

"Providing patient-first care is at the core of Mainline's values," Shrum said, "and patient-first care will be a vital part of what we do at the Women's Clinic."

The Mainline Health Systems Women's Clinic opened last month.

About Mainline Health **Systems**

Since 1978, Mainline Health Systems has served the residents of Southeast Arkansas with a compassionate approach and a commitment to the highest standard of medical and dental care. From its first office in Portland all those years ago, Mainline Health Systems has grown to 18 locations across Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Drew and Lincoln counties.

Mainline Health System's mission is to provide the best care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. The staff has worked hard to create and maintain financial assistance programs to ensure all families receive the medical and dental treatment they need, when they need it.

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



Photo courtesy of Mainline Health Systems

Dr. Kelly Shrum (left) and Dr. Constance Chapman (right) are excited to meet the public at upcoming reception for the new women's clinic.



Dan Boice, Chair of the Monticello Planning Commission, was recently recognized as a Certified Arkansas Planning Official. Boice completed a twoyear certification program jointly coordinated by the Arkansas Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) and the Arkansas Public Administration Consortium (APAC). Boice attended workshops at locations around the state, took coursework, and completed a final project with the El Dorado Planning Commission. Pictured here at the APAC recognition ceremony held in North Little Rock, Boice is congratulated by James Weldon, President of the Arkansas Chapter of the APA.

DC Cheerleaders perform at Razorback Stadium $\,^+$



Drew Central's Junior and Senior High cheerleaders got to perform at Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium together during halftime at the Arkansas vs Missouri State football game in front of over 70,000 people. Pictured above, 1st row left to right: Natalie Lawson, Mckinzie Adcock, Kelsi McDougald, Kylee Goudy, Maddie Dubreuil, Allison Durham, Rekena Block, Carlee Lloyd. 2nd row: Gracelyn Perez, Lorelei Dubreuil, Alayna Boone, Aalanah Jones, Kynnlee Graves, Trinity Colbert, Gracie Dison. 3rd row: Kenna Lloyd, Amari Lucas, Mariah Rowlett, Toni Fuller, Kaylee Phillips, Brooklen Forrest, Lana Boykin, Courtlyn Harrison, Kalyiah Miller. Not Pictured: Jr High Cheer Coaches Katelyn Campagna and Terry Bishop, Sr. Cheer Coach McKenzie

Arkansas Dept. of Ag reminds agriculture partners about safe prescribed burning and smoke management

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

With harvest underway, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture reminds our partners in agriculture and conservation of the importance of safe prescribed burning techniques as a valuable tool in crop management plans.

Row crop farmers use prescribed fire in the fall as part of crop management plans to remove stubble following the harvest of rice, soybeans, corn, and cotton. Prescribed burning is an efficient and economical control method for preparing fields for the next growing season and eliminating pests and diseases. Burning crop residue also allows for no-till or re-

duced-till planting during the next growing season. Smoke management planning prior to the application of prescribed fires helps to reduce smoke impact on roadways, nearby towns, and sensitive areas like schools, nursing homes, churches, and other facilities.

"We want to remind all farmers who are using prescribed burns to make a safe smoke management plan, so we can continue to be good neighbors to all Arkansans," said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture, Wes Ward.

There is a Safe Burning Checklist which farmers complete before applying prescribed fire:

smoke sensitive areas (highways, residents, communities, etc.)

• Report prescribed burns to the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Dispatch Center (1-800-830-8015)

• Check to make sure relative humidity is above 20 percent Check to make sure wind

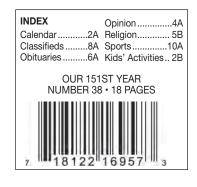
speed is less than 15 mph • Be sure to follow appropriate Smoke Category Day guidelines

Reporting the burn to the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Dispatch Center provides a full understanding to the farmer of weather conditions,

• Take extra precautions for in the area, and proximity of nearby smoke sensitive areas like schools, nursing homes, and highways. A smart phone app to help report row crop burns is in final stages of devel-

"It is important for farmers to practice responsible stewardship and avoid future regulations and red tape. Prescribed fire is a valuable tool and calling the hotline before burning takes only seconds. Taking these proactive measures today will help us ensure a quality air shed for our families and communities for generations to come," said David Gairhan, Arkansas Rice Federation Chairman.





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

DMH Linen Sale

Drew Memorial Auxiliary is sponsoring a Linen Sale Thursday, Sept. 22 starting from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday, September 23 starting at 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Glow in Dark Throws, Hooded Throws, Bamboo Memory Foam Pillows, 1200 Series Bed Sheets, plus much more. Cash, Credit Card and Hospital Payroll Deduct are accepted. All proceeds are donated back to the hospital.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Weevil Welcome

The annual Weevil Welcome will take place at 6 p.m. Monday, September 26 at McCloy Park. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office for \$5 a piece. Call 870-367-6741 for more information.

TUESDAY. SEPTEMBER 27

Free Flu Shots

Flu Shots will be available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 940 Scogin Dr. in Monticello. This is a drive-thru event and the flu shots is available at no cost. If you have insurance, bring your insurance card.

Education First Tour info meeting

Parent and student information and enrollment meeting for two Education First Tours: Ireland June 2024 and Japan: Land of the Rising Sun July 2024 will be Tues. Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Drew Central Elementary room 403. Students from all school districts and homeschooled are eligible to join The Travel Club. Parents and family are eligible to travel as

EF Group Leader is Eva Arrington, DCE teacher. Call 870-224-6545 for more information.

Shepherd Classes

Shepherd Classes start Sept. 27 and meet each Tuesday for six weeks from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center at First United Methodist Church at 371 S. Main in Monticello. Classes are offered in exercise, games, knitting, quilting, and genealogy. There are book reviews, community speakers, field trips, and refreshments. The cost is \$10. Shepherd's Classes are organized by area churches for individuals 55 or older but are open to all ages.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Arts and Crafts Bazaar

The third annual Market in the Park Arts and Crafts Bazaar will be be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1. To participate as a vendor, call Susan Wishard at 870-224-1925 or visit the Market in the Park Facebook page.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Public meeting presented by Monticello Rotary Club and UAM

The Monticello Rotary Club and the University of Arkansas at Monticello will host a public meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 27 in the Green Room at UAM. The guest speaker will be owner of Gangster Museum of America, Robert Raines. The program is free to the public and lunch will be available for purchase.

THROUGH DECEMBER 1

Christmas basket raffle

The Senior Center is selling raffle tickets for a Christmas basket full of amazing goodies. Tickets will be \$5 apiece. The drawing will be held on Dec. 1.

SEARK Miracle League Fall Ball Registration

Registration for fall ball is now open at www.searkmiracleleague. com. There is no fee to register this year. Games begin September 27

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 attend.

Support for local schools

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

Borrow a book and hours

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

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

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

Information and referral outreach office now open

Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions Community Development Organization announces the opening of its Information and Referral Outreach Office, 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

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ASU announces summer graduates

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Arkansas State University has announced the list of students who completed degree requirements to graduate at Summer Commencement, held Aug. 12 in First National Bank Arena. The list includes graduates from 38 states and 11 other countries.

From Drew County, Ashlen Nicole McRae, graduated with a Doctor of Occupational

Dylan C. Mcclain, graduated with a Master of Public Administration degree.

Provost Allan Utter presented diplomas at the associate, bachelor, master, specialist and doctoral levels, along with various program certificates, as awarded through the various colleges: Agriculture, Neil Griffin College of Business, Education and Behav-

Therapy, Occupational Therapy degree and ioral Science, Engineering and Computer Science, Liberal Arts and Communication, Nursing and Health Professions, Sciences and Mathematics, and University College.

Undergraduates with a 4.0 GPA are designated as graduating Summa Cum Laude. Those with a GPA of 3.8-3.99 graduated Magna Cum Laude, and those with a GPA of

3.6-3.79 graduated Cum Laude.

UAMS Health offers free, virtual mental health program for Arkansans of all ages

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

In the face of the growing mental health crisis among teens and young adults, The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) offers UAMS Health AR Connect-Now, a free, virtual mental health program for Arkansans of all ages. Anyone can get help immediately by calling 501-526-3563; insurance and referrals are not required.

UAMS AR ConnectNow is a comprehensive behavioral health treatment program created to provide care to all Arkansans dealing with a variety of mental health issues, including substance abuse disorders and such mental illnesses as anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia. UAMS AR ConnectNow is available 24 hours a day,

seven days a week for initial telephone contact with a triage nurse, who can help schedule services with licensed therapists.

"While UAMS AR ConnectNow is available for anyone to use, we're actively encouraging parents, teachers and school counselors across the state to share this resource with teenagers and young adults to ensure they have access to the help they need, exactly when they need it," says Laura Dunn, M.D., director of the UAMS Psychiatric Research Institute and chair of the Department of Psychiatry in the College of Medicine. "Taking immediate action to support our young people and their mental health has never been more critical."

"If someone is experiencing a mental health crisis, it is so important they receive immediate assistance," said Victoria Spradley, UAMS outreach coordinator for UAMS Psychiatric Research Institute. "UAMS AR ConnectNow allows us to offer that assistance to all Arkansans, especially our youth."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than onethird of high school students in the U.S. experienced persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness in 2019, a 40 percent increase since 2009. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) revealed that 35,000 Arkansans aged 12 to 17 have experienced depression in the last year. Tools like UAMS AR ConnectNow provide a no-cost, immediately available resource for those seeking help anonymously.

Senior Center lunch menu: September 21-29

Wednesday: Chicken & dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, peach cobbler, roll

Thursday: Sweet & sour meatballs, rice, egg roll, pineapple upside down cake

Friday: Chicken sandwich, tots, brownie

Monday: Vegetable beef soup, cornbread, fruit сир

Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, Italian veggie, garlic toast, cake

Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, tomato

gravy, Italian green beans, peach cobbler, roll

Thursday: Herb baked chicken, veggie rice, fried okra, cookie biscuit

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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Mainline Health Systems to transition Reep to new chronic care management role

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Mainline Health Systems recently announced that it will transition Heath Reep, APRN, to a new role as the head of its Chronic Care Management Program on Nov. 7.

Reep previously served as an APRN for Mainline's Warren Clinic. In his new role, he will lead the Chronic Care Management team to provide support for chronic care patients throughout Mainline's network of health centers.

"I have enjoyed serving our communities for the past 20 years and I look forward to continuing that service in this new capacity," Reep said.

Reep's transition signals Mainline's move away from outsourcing chronic care management by bringing the department in-house. Heath Reep,



APRN graduated from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing in 2002. In his spare time, Heath enjoys hunting; fishing and watching his kids play sports. Heath joined the Mainline team in December of 2019.

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

USDA Awards Riceland Foods \$20 Million for Climate Smart Initiative SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced today that the Biden-Harris Administration through the U.S. Department of Agriculture is investing up to \$2.8 billion in 70 selected projects under the first pool of the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities funding opportunity. Riceland Foods, in partnership with Winrock International, Arva Intelligence, Blue Raster and the Intertribal Agriculture Council received \$20 million of these funds to create a farmer-friendly system to support adoption of climate-smart practices and interact with commodity buyers in climate-smart markets.

"Today's announcement reinforces Riceland's Ingrain Good Carbon Ready Initiative adds value for our farmer members," Riceland President and CEO Jason Brancel said. "We are excited about this opportunity to work collectively with USDA in our efforts to reward farmers for

climate-smart agronomic agricultural practices, and we appreciate the confidence that has been shown in our ability to deliver results."

The Riceland-Winrock program funded today will build a farmer focused asset registry system for data collection, benefit quantification, verification, and farmer compensation. Eligible farmer members will be provided direct payments to adopt Natural Resource Conservation Service practices, receive technical support and participate in the design of a registry system that will enhance farmers ability to access environmental markets. Additionally, farmers will be able to sell greenhouse gas (GHG) certificates to commodity buyers.

"This grant provides Riceland farmers with a unique opportunity to be rewarded financially for their sustainable rice production," Riceland Chairman of the Board of Directors Roger Pohlner said. "Our farmers are leading the way on climate smart practices, and we are very pleased the USDA recognizes this and provided us with the opportunity to showcase and encourage the implementation of Riceland's Ingrain Good Carbon

Ready Program." For more information regarding Riceland's Ingrain Good Carbon Ready Program, please contact Kevin McGilton

About Riceland Foods,

at kmcgilton@riceland.com.

Riceland Foods is the world's largest miller and marketer of rice serving 5,500 farmer members in Arkansas and Missouri. As a farmer-owned cooperative, Riceland stores, transports, processes and markets more than 2.5 million metric tons of grain each year, and its products are sold across the United States and in 75 countries. It's also one of the Mid-South's major soybean processors. Riceland products include white, brown and parboiled rice, rice bran oil, soybean meal and oil and feed ingredients. Learn more at: Riceland.com.

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league baseball, and the opportunity to work at a major league park was just too good to turn down."

Owens worked in Arlington for 5 years, before taking another sales manager job with Tristar Sports Productions in Houston in 2000. He worked for Tristar until starting his own to exhibit at sports shows and holiday gift shows under RGO Sports. His website is www. rgosports.com.

"As you can see, I'm a total sports nut. I have played the game, umpired, refereed and coached all the sports, had a sporting goods store, and I am still selling baseball cards and memorabilia. I haven't made a lot of money but I've had a ton of fun doing it and made lots of lifetime friends. And many of those are still in Monticello."

'I love coming back to visit and play in the MCC 4-ball," Owens continued. "I get to see many of my former students and players, and many golfing buddies. They have all grown, have families of their own and are successful bankers, nurses, doctors, teachers and business owners."

"I remember coming back playing in the 2018 golf tournament, and hardly anyone recognized me because I had been gone for 23 years. Plus I had put on about 25 pounds and had a few more grey hairs. It was so much fun because I knew them but they didn't recognize me. I'll keep coming back to play as long as I'm invited."

Owens looks forward to seeing old friends during this year's Hall of Fame induction, scheduled October 6. Other inductees this year include former softball players Sarah Hayslip Santo and Becca Tipton Greenwood, basketball player Derylton Hill and Spirit Award winner Jeremy Woodall. They will also be recognized during Homecom-

ing festivities on Saturday, October 8., when the Weevils host Northwestern Oklahoma at 2

"I still can't believe it, it's a I can't wait."

great honor and going to be a lot of fun. I hope to see to see a lot of old friends, teammates and some of my former players.

business in 2012. He continues

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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-

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 Democrat-

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





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OPINION

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Celebrating 75 Years of the U.S. Air Force

The United States Air Force has bravely fought to protect freedom, liberty and peace on every continent. As co-chair of the Senate Air Force Caucus and the son of a retired Air Force Master Sergeant, I have personally witnessed the service and sacrifice of those individuals, past and present, comprising this distinguished branch of our Armed Forces. That's why I'm proud to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Air Force and provide ongoing support to the needs of our Airmen.



IOHN **BOOZMAN** U.S. SENATE

Our Airmen deliver the best airpower the world has ever known, defending our nation and interests in all corners of the globe, and I've joined with state leaders and the congressional delegation to preserve our history and advance Arkansas's role in ensuring our exceptional air superiority con-

We can be proud of the accomplishments of the men and women who served at Eaker Air Force Base in Blytheville supporting U.S. military efforts from World War II through Desert Storm, and we're working to commemorate their contributions by designating it as the National Cold War Center.

A few weeks ago, I met a new resident of Arkansas who moved to the state because her husband is a C-130 pilot stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base. The community at LRAFB is made up of people from around the country dedicated to serving their country because every C-130J Super Hercules pilot and crewmember receives their training here.

Since 1971, central Arkansas has been "The Home of Herk Nation." Thanks to local, state and federal efforts to strengthen and advance that mission, it will remain so for years to

We have an obligation to ensure our facilities meet the needs of the families and men and women called to serve. As lead Republican on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, I've worked to secure tunding for improving base dormitories so Airmen have a safe, reliable and affordable place to call home.

Last year, we joined Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force JoAnne Bass to discuss updates to improve the quality of life for those in uniform. That visit underscored the necessity of additional support in the area of childcare.

Investing in accommodations and childcare for military families is part of our commitment to servicemembers. I'm proud to champion a new child development center at LRAFB to meet these families' needs.

Additionally, Arkansas is poised to expand its role in our national defense with the selection of Fort Smith's Ebbing Air National Guard Base as the Air Force's preferred location for F-35 fighter planes and a Republic of Singapore F-16 squadron as part of the Foreign Military Sales

This will tremendously benefit the local and state economy and it's good for the entire country. The Fort Smith community has welcomed the leaders of Singapore to share the opportunities available for its military members and the congressional delegation has met with the Singapore Ambassador to reaffirm our commitment to working together.

The connection between the Air Force and The Natural State is sturdy and deep. As we celebrate the service's 75th anniversary and recognize the Airmen and their families who support its mission, we pay tribute to their dedication to continuing a proud legacy of honor and valor.

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How did I get so lucky with Fred

We have had an interesting week in our house. Fred had to have her tonsils and adenoids removed last Thursday. As you can imagine, I was a complete nervous wreck.

Fred on the other hand, was a true champ the entire time. I am so glad she does not share my irrational fear of all things medical.

This was our first time in surgery and first time

with anesthesia. All things considered, she did well.

I must commend Dr. Stephen Shorts for being so patient with us, I mean me mostly. He is gentle and kind and I am pretty sure he has seen 50 percent of people in this area at some point in their

The nurses at JRMC were funny and could tell we were nervous and they did their best to

ease the tension. Obviously, we want our nurses to be mentally competent but having human compassion makes a world of difference. I am thankful for the two sweet ladies that took care of Fred, and made sure I didn't pass out.

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Of course, I'd be missing a huge piece of the puzzle if I didn't thank our family physician, Dr. Reinhart. He brought Kenna into this world safely and kept me alive during that awful 39 weeks of growing a human. He has taken care of us for years and I am thankful he recommended us to Dr. Shorts.

When surgery day arrived, I was tapping my legs so hard that the people sitting beside me would've thought there was a jackhammer in the room.

Yes, I realize that a tonsillectomy is a minor procedure and very routine. That does not change the fact that in my mind, my baby was in the hands of people that I didn't know and the thought was almost too much for me to handle.

When the surgery was over and Dr. Shorts consulted Fred's father and I and he told us she had some of the biggest tonsils he had ever seen and that she was breathing through a slit. As I look at the big picture, I am very glad we went ahead and took care of this now but in the short term, I hate seeing my child in pain.

Fred took a nice nap on the way home from Pine Bluff but when we arrived at our house, she was her normal self. She was hungry and wanted to play. Foolishly, I thought she was going to breeze through this recovery without any issues.

Friday was much of the same. Ice cream, popsicles and every flavor of pudding were on the menu as well as her favorite movies. She was her happy

self and asking her not to talk so she wouldn't hurt her throat was futile.

Saturday came and she was a little less perky but still managed a smile and to eat some candy.

When we got to church on Sunday morning, things started to go down hill. She wasn't talking and was very grouchy. When I asked what was wrong, she began to cry and told me she wanted to go home.

We laid in the bed most of the day Sunday and decided that it was not yet time to return to school on Monday.

Not surprisingly, she has requested to spend the night with her Nonna and PawPaw. I know Fred loves me, but I know there is nothing like spending the night with grandparents who will spoon feed her ice cream.

I have an early memory of having the chicken pox as a child. I wanted to stay with my Meemaw. She had never had the chicken pox but she kept me without hesitation. There is just something special about grandparent love.

I know things could be worse, but it breaks my mama heart to see my baby hurt. I appreciate all the messages of concern for Fred. She may be down at the moment, but I assure you, that little warrior can't be counted out!



Life lessons from the Friday Night Lights

Every year, near the end of Summer, the smell of popcorn, face paint, and freshly mowed grass fills the air in cities and towns around the state. Friday night lights and the chill of the early fall air is a familiar feeling to Arkansans of all ages.

High school sports are important



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to every community in Arkansas, but it is most important to those who participate, the student-athletes. Our students spend so much time of their young life learning how to serve, dribble, and catch a ball. They learn to make a tackle or march in

the band.

But the special thing about sports for our children is what they can learn that translates to the rest of their life. Sports teach responsibility and discipline. Our children learn to practice honesty and to have passion for their

They teach how to be resourceful and take situations they aren't familiar with and make the best out of them. There was a time, not too long ago, during the pandemic that many states canceled school and cancelled sports. I heard from parents, teachers, and student-athletes about how important school was and the sports and other extracurricular programs that go with

I told our Secretary of Education and the public that we had to have school in the fall of 2020, and that's exactly what we did. We had to make many changes to how we operated, we made adjustments to our daily lives, but ultimately we as a community, were resourceful and made it work. Our students continued to participate in the extracurricular activities they hold dearly, all while going to school and continuing their education.

In fact, Arkansas ranked second in the nation for in-classroom instruction during the pandemic. Allowing our school districts to make decisions based on their unique needs kept the health and safety of our students and families a top priority without forcing all schools to follow one set of rules.

In the fall of 2020, I received a letter from a senior at Greenwood High School. Her name was Hannah Watkins and she played volleyball for the Bulldogs. In her letter she talked about how her team huddled around the T.V. watching a press conference where I announced that high school sports would be played during that upcoming school year.

Hannah and her team went on to win the 5A State title in volleyball that season. In the letter she told me they followed all the precautions "to a T" and did whatever they could to make sure they were ready to play. Now,

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Adult Education Week happening now

Every community feels the impact when adults lack a high school diploma or the skills to compete in the 21st century workforce.

Not only is it devastating for the adults who may dream of a better life for their families, but it may impact education for future generations. Studies show that children



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selves. It is estimated that nearly 300.000 Arkansas adults do not have a high school diploma. The good news is that in our state there are resources for every

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cost at all. The week of September 18 has been proclaimed as Adult Education Week in Arkansas.

adult to continue their education

at either a minimal cost or no

There are 37 adult education providers that serve all 75 counties. On Thursday, September 22, every adult education center will be holding an open house from 9am until 3pm. The open house will provide an opportunity for Arkansans to learn what services are available in their community.

Adult education has served close to two million Arkansans since 1965, with more than 457,718 individuals passing the GED or earning their high school diploma since 1966.

Today, adult education programs do much more than GED preparation. The programs help Arkansans complete job training through the Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy program and help Arkansans improve their English language skills with English-as-a-Second Language classes.

Participation in these programs has an impact on accelerating growth toward a healthier economy. The ripple effect of adults continuing their education can have far-reaching results. Family members who are still in school see that education is important. Their determination influences others who are struggling.

You can find an adult education center near you by visiting www.aalrc.org or calling 1-877-963-4GED.

Arkansas received billions of dollars in federal funding during Covid-19

The PEER subcommittee of the votes on whether or not to approve Legislative Council



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has grown significantly in importance because it reviews how state agencies, institutions of higher education and public schools proposed to spend those federal relief dollars.

When the entire

Legislative Council

distribution of federal relief funds, the recommendations of the PEER subcommittee carry tremendous Legislators refer to the subcommit-

tee simply as PEER, an acronym for Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review. It monitors the financial and fiscal performance of state agencies and educational institutions.

PEER has reviewed and recommended approval of about \$739 million in federal relief funds for public

schools. Those funds are part of more than a billion dollars in American Rescue Plan that the state received for elementary and secondary schools.

At its most recent meeting, PEER approved authority for 23 school districts to spend about \$65.6 million. Much of that money will be spent on bonuses for teachers and classified

Also at its most recent meeting, PEER recommended that legislators approve spending authority of about

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Shade Trees on Playgrounds Program accepting applications through Oct. 3

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division is accepting applications for the 20-year anniversary of the Shade Trees on Playgrounds (STOP) program through October 3, 2022. Arkansas schools needing additional shade on playgrounds can find the STOP program application and guidelines at agriculture.arkansas. gov/forestry/urban-community-forestry/stop-program/.

Selected schools receive up to five native shade trees, mulch, watering supplies, and planting

guidelines, through grant funding provided by the U.S. Forest Service. Officials with the Forestry Division will help plant the trees during a ceremony with students this fall.

Urban forestry staff began the STOP program 20 years ago to help lower adult skin cancer risk by reducing child-hood exposure to direct sunlight on school playgrounds. Since then, approximately 150 Arkansas schools have received trees. The STOP program also provides teachers with curriculum resources about the environmental benefits of trees,

guidelines, through grant funding provided by the U.S. Forest Service. Officials with the For-

"The STOP program combines hands-on, outdoor experiences with classroom curriculum about the importance of trees and how to care for trees," said Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator, Kristine Kimbro. "We hope this program not only improves the health of Arkansas students, but also leaves a lasting impression about the value of community trees and how to be good stewards of our natural resources."

Trees native to Arkansas are

chosen by Forestry Division staff to fit the unique region and conditions of each playground. Sycamores, oaks, tulip poplars, and black gum trees are common species for the program. To participate in the STOP program, a school must meet the following criteria:

- Lack shade on a school playground
- Participate in a virtual STOP workshop on October 7, 2022
- Use provided curriculum resource materials to emphasize the importance of trees during the week(s) leading up

to the tree-planting event

- Involve students in tree-related projects that culminate with a school-wide tree-planting ceremony
- Hold a tree-planting ceremony prior to December 16, 2022 (can be held with limited attendance and livestreamed or recorded for later playback to larger audience)
- Be willing to maintain the trees after planting

Applicants may be any public or private Arkansas school serving grades pre-K through 12, or a non-traditional educational facility such as a juvenile

detention center, residential childcare institution, or long-term care facility that has a playground in need of more shaded areas.

Learn more about Urban & Community Forestry services and programs at www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/forestry/urban-community-forestry. With program questions, contact Kristine Kimbro at 479-228-7929 or kristine.kimbro@agriculture.arkansas.gov, or Harold Fisher at 501-580-4054 or harold.fisher@agriculture.arkansas.gov.

Town and Country Quilters EHC shop for fabric

BY: DR. KAY J. WALTER

Town and Country Quilters Extension Homemakers Club recently went on a trip together to visit Marshall's Dry Goods in Batesville. Nine members of the quilt club and a guest made the tenhour round trip drive to shop for fabric among the largest fabric selection in Arkansas. They met early in the morning at the Drew County Courthouse parking lot and the three cars followed one another along the route. When they arrived, they all enjoyed lunch at Bigs of Batesville before making their way to their shopping adventure.

At the fabric store, they searched for fabrics, batting, and notions to complete quilting projects they have planned and underway. They brought home supplies to complete baby quilts, holiday decorations, and even a tee-shirt quilt top for display in the Town and Country Quilters Educational Booth for the 2022 Drew County Fair. For more information about Town and Country Quilters or their adventures, contact Treasurer Judy Murphy at 870-367-2533 or President Dr. Kay Walter at walter@uamont.

Sydnie Kelley Named to Southern New Hampshire University Dean's List

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Sydnie Kelley of Monticello has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2022 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a pri-

vate, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 165,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

DCMS announces September Students of the Month

Drew Central Middle School's September Students of the Month: 5th grade Branlei Martin Ryder Birch 6th grade

Madison Bussell Tyler Colbert **7th grade** Kayla Wood A.J. Micholick **8th grade** Kenna Lloyd Colton Reed

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\$280 million for water, waste water and irrigation projects.

According to the state Secretary of Agriculture, about \$135 million would be available for drinking water projects. Another \$135 million would be available for waste water projects and about \$10 million for groundwater and irrigation projects.

The Agriculture Department plans to accept applications during a 50-day period.

ed officials, engineers and managers of water systems asked legislators to approve funding of water projects. They referred to a survey completed last year that indicated the need for about 1,400 water projects costing about \$5 billion.

They also expressed a sense of urgency caused by inflation. It takes a long time to complete the various stages of water and waste water projects, so it is important to get them started before inflation severely reduc-

In July numerous local elect- es the buying power of current d officials, engineers and man-funding amounts.

PSC Chairman Resigns

The chairman of the state Public Service Commission, Ted Thomas of Conway, will resign effective October 1. His resignation is important because he has been outspoken in his support of alternative energy such as solar power.

The PSC regulates utilities. Thanks to passage of Act 464 of 2019, solar power has grown in popularity in Arkansas. A Senate co-sponsor credited Thomas with helping to win legislative approval of Act 464.

The act resolved the issue of net-metering customers, such as solar power plants that generate their electricity, sometimes in excess of what they need. The excess power is transmitted to the utility's grid and the customer gets credit for producing it.

The value of that credit was the bone of contention. Utilities want to pay less and net-metering customers want to be paid more for the excess electricity. Electric companies point out that they have fixed costs beyond the expense of operating power plants, such as maintenance of transmission lines. The fixed costs are shared by all classes of rate payers, such as commercial, manufacturing and residential customers.



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Hannah is playing college volleyball in Arkansas.

This is an amazing example of how sports instill meaningful

qualities in our children. They had a goal. They did everything it took to reach that goal, and even though many things had to adjust they were successful in their endeavor.

Tonight, many young Ar- learned will c kansans will be battling it out for a lifetime.

against each other on the turf, and in the end some teams will win and some will lose. But the sun will rise again tomorrow, and those life lessons they learned will carry on with them for a lifetime.



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Clifford Howell Bowden

Clifford Howell Bowden, 90, of the Prairie Grove community in Drew County, passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family on Monday, September 19, 2022. He was born December 15, 1931, in Drew County, to the late Howard Bowden and Mary Howell Bowden.

He was self-employed, a member of the Prairie Grove Baptist Church and a United States Army Veteran. Mr. Clifford's hobbies included hunting, fishing, gardening, wagon riding and saw milling. He was a former member of the Drew Central School Board and was

etery Association. In addition to





two sisters, Ruth Ferguson and Geneva Clampit. His survivors include a son, Mark Bowden (Kim); a

daughter, Susan Harris (Bobby)

all of the Prairie Grove commu-

broth-

and Kenneth

Bowden; and

President of Prairie Grove Cem- nity; seven grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; along with a special friend, Florinda Ferguson.

> Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, September 22, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Timmy Carpenter and Rev. Paul Halley officiating. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery. There will be a visitation from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home. Memorials are preferred to Prairie Grove Cemetery Association; 905 Goose Hollow Road; Fountain Hill, 71642. You can sign Clifford's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.9.21 Bowden.

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Susan Ann Calhoun

Susan Ann Calhoun, 70, of Monticello, passed away Friday, September 9, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock.



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1952, to the late Hardy and Bobbie Wimberley Hampel in Little Rock. She was married to Bobby Havis Calhoun

She was born

January 12,

for many years. Susan loved to crochet and spend time with her family. She crocheted blankets for all of her kids and grandkids.

In addition to her parents and

death by her brother Gene Ham-

Susan is survived by her son, Rickey Lee Fleming (Georgie); daughter Barbara Turner (Jamie Sr.); grandchildren, Teresa Fleming, Jamie Fleming Johnson, Jamie Turner, Jr., Anthony Turner, and Destinee Calhoun.

Graveside Services were held at 5 p.m., Sunday, September 18, 2022, at Campground Cemetery in Monticello.

You can sign Susan's guestbook at www.stephensondearman.com.

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Mary Lemley Curtis

Mary Lemley Curtis, 82, of Monticello, passed away Mon-

her husband, she is preceded in day, September 19, 2022, at The Woods Nursing and Rehab in Monticello. She was born



February 19, 1940, in Lake Village, the late W.M. Lemley and Allie Orell Gilliam Lemley. Mary was Bap-

tist by faith but enjoyed her last few years of worship at the United Pentecostal Church in Monticello. She was married to Bobby Curtis for 42 years before he passed. Mary was retired from Burlington Industries.

In addition to her parents and See **OBITS** Page 7A

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husband. Mary is also preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Ann Curtis; a grandson, William Kyle White; one brother, Junior Lemley; and three sisters, Betty Sloan, Myrtle Pulliam and Clara Mae Nelson.

She is survived by one daughter, Sherry Bone (Eddie); a granddaughter, Ashley Wilmoth (Colton); great grandchildren, Norah and Chasen Wilmoth all of Selma; two brothers, William "Burl" Lemley and Riley Lemley both of Monticello; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 21, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. at Stephenson-Dearman. Burial will follow the funeral services in Mt. Tabor Cemetery. You can sign Mrs. Mary's guestbook page www.stephensondearman.

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Max Johnson

Max Johnson, 88, of Fordyce, passed away Sunday, September 18, 2022. He was born May 11, 1934 in Leechville, to the late Gurvis L. and Cassie Nelson Johnson. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Jean Atkins Johnson; his grandson Joshua Johnson; his son Glenn Ballard,



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Max found-Johnson Sale Company in 1973 and Johnson's Warehouse

and his daugh-

ter-in-law

Reba Ballard.

Showroom in 1976. Max, with his brother John Johnson and son Kent Johnson, were innovative industry leaders in the South Arkansas home furnishings industry. He was the Arkansas Home Furnishings Association 2012 Dealer of the Year. He also served on the board of directors for the Arkansas Rental Dealers Association. He was inducted into the 2013 Hall of Fame of the Drew Central School District. He was a veteran of the United States Army. Max Johnson was a faithful member of Temple Baptist Church in Fordyce.

He is survived by his son, Kent Johnson (Terri) of Fordyce; his granddaughter-in-law Lindsey Strickland of Monticello; his brother John Johnson (Wilma) of Fordyce; his sister Alice Jordan of Monticello, two grandchildren Kayla Griffin (Tyler) and Hunter Johnson (Avery) both of Monticello; and nine great grandchildren: Hunter Griffin, Anna Kate Ross, Jacks Johnson, Max Johnson, Jace Griffin, Natalie Griffin, Piper Johnson, Kolbie Johnson, and Pilot Johnson.

Visitation was Tuesday morning from 10 - 11 a.m. at Benton Funeral Home in Fordyce. Funeral services were at 11 a.m.at the Benton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Kenneth Bobo and Rev. Lance Hollis officiating. Burial followed at Oakland Cemetery. To sign the online register visit www.bentonfuneralhome.

(Paid obituary)

Nellie Frances Lollar Jordan

Nellie Frances Lollar Jordan, 74, of Monticello, passed away Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at her home. She was born December 2, 1947, in Monticello, to the late Woodrow Lollar and Laura Lucille Berryman Lollar.

Mrs. Frances loved the Lord and her family and loved teaching the word of God to anyone on any subject. She taught ladies Sunday school for 39 years and loved to do ladies seminars. She enjoyed playing her character, "Ms. Daisy" for humor and many ladies have experienced her as well. She loved gospel music, singing in the choir, and enjoyed singing specials at her church. Mrs. Frances was a people person who loved being around people. She also served Drew Memorial Hospital as a "pink lady".

Frances was married to a minister, Rev. Gary Jordan for 52 years, who was the pastor at Monticello Baptist Temple from 1982-2016 and preceded her in death. She was the most kind and joyful person you would ever meet. Anyone that knew Frances loved her and the time they spent together. Although her cooking was good, you do not want her "sweet" tea, the Jordans called it flavored water! But all jokes aside, Frances will always be in our hearts. She has touched so many of our hearts and has left a mark on this community. Frances, you will be missed dearly and will never be forgotten.

She is survived by her two children Andrea Marie Jordan and Keith LaRon Jordan both of Monticello: four grandchildren she loved very much, Joshua Caleb Ashbaucher, Luke Allen Ashbaucher, Dalton Lee Jordan and



Michelle Jordan. She loved spending time with her grandchildren every chance she got. Frances also had a great grand-

Anna-Jewel

child, Bralyn Ashbaucher who she loved very much.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at Monticello Baptist Temple with Rev. Andy Connard officiating. Burial was in Union Ridge Cemetery. There was a visitation from 5-7 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home. You can sign Mrs. Frances' guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

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Elvin Owens, Sr.

Elvin Owens, Sr. who was affectionately known as "Buddy Love," departed this life peacefully on Thursday, September 15th at Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock. He was born Wednesday, January 8, 1936 in Monticello, to C. Arthur Owens and Genevieve Binns-Stewart, who preceded him in death. Elvin (Buddy Love) had many nicknames, including "Candy Man", "Bud", and "Mr. Buddy". Also, Buddy was such a loving and affectionate man who would often give his friends and family members their own nicknames. Giving people nicknames was his special way of adopting them into his inner circle.

Buddy met the love of his life, Robiezine Gragg in the summer of 1952 at the Drew County Fair. Little did they know that fateful meeting would change both of their lives forever, and three years later they would be joined in holy matrimony on August

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tionately refer to his loving wife as "Princess." Buddy and Princess would be blessed to have three loving children: Rozine Owens (First Born), Elvin Owens Jr. (Little Buddy), and Dr. Toni Brown (Shirley Temple). Their love would produce eight grandchildren, Dr Tremikae Owens-Henderson (Mickey Mouse), Elvin-III Owens (Bud), Jovanni Owens (Sisco), Ryan Owens, Jamie Owens, Taelor Pickett (Angel), Willy Pegues (Joe Lou-

3rd, 1955. Buddy would affec-

Buddy was a proud member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Monticello, where he gave his heart and life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge" Bartholomew #28.

is), and Omare Pittman (Pretty

Boy); and six great-grandchil-

Buddy had a big personality and was always the life of the party. He forged several special friendships that grew over the years, many of these relationships came from his time at Drew Foam. Mr. Zach McClendon was



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one of his closfriends. est He also had a flock of female co-workers who became known "Buddy's as Girls." Buddy retired from

Drew Foam after 57 years of outstanding service in 2012.

Buddy Love was a man of many talents. He was a comedian, he could not only walk on his hands but he could dance on his hand, he was a singer, he was a creative mind that would give a nickname to everyone he knew, and last but not least, he could out-talk anyone in the room.

Buddy was also a successful entrepreneur having started and managed numerous businesses and was the proud owner of Buddy Love & Son properties. Despite only having an 8th grade education, Buddy was wellknown as a shrewd businessman, and earned the respect of many in the Monticello business community. Up until his last days prior to entering the hospital, he was still active and productive in his business.

Buddy is survived by his devoted and cherished wife, Princess, of 67 years, his son, Elvin Owens Jr (Deborah) of Silver Spring, Md., daughters Rozine Owens of Eldorado, and Dr. Toni Brown (Craig) of Frisco, Texas. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, brother Donald Stewart (Gracie) of Monticello, and a host of cousins, sisters and brothers-in-laws, friends, neighbors, and previous co-workers.

The Wake for Mr. Buddy will be Friday, September 23 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Funeral Services will be Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery.

For more information and to sign the guestbook visit www. stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

Audtry Von "Tree" Thomas

Audtry Von "Tree" Thomas was born February 1, 1954, to the late Vera and James Thomas in Monticello. He attended and graduated from Drew High School in Monticello in 1972. He confessed his life to God at an early age and attended First Baptist Church until he left Monticello, but always remained loy-

al when he was in town.



THOMAS



where he served for several years and was honorably discharged with disabilities. After serving country, he moved to

several states until he settled in Memphis. He was the uncle and brother with all the answers for you if you needed an indepth explanation as to if or why something was right. He would always have his textbook explanation as to why you should or should not believe in it, whether you agreed or not, and, usually, it was not. He married Marie of Waukegan, Ill. and to this union one son, Isaiah Thomas was born. Then, he married Margaret, who preceded him in death. No children were born into this

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two brothers, Thurman Thomas of Monticello and Raleigh (Bobby) Thomas of Pine Bluff, and one other sister, Ruby Harris of Chicago, Ill.

He leaves to cherish his memories two sons, Isaiah Thomas of Waukegan, Ill. and Audtry V. Thomas, II of Memphis; three sisters, Helen Johnson of Baltimore, Queen Thomas of Monticello, and Dorothy Epps of Helena; four brothers, Jacob Roland Wells and Johnny Thomas (Catherine) of Chicago, James Thomas (Vera) of Pine Bluff and Rev. Cleo Thomas (Florence) of Monticello; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Memorial Services were Saturday, September 17, 2022, in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel.

Please sign Audtry's guestbook at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

London Hope Warren

London Hope Warren was born August 2, 2022, to Kasha Tate and Dareion Warren in Monticello. She gained her angel wings on September 11, 2022, at Drew Memorial Hospital in Monticello. London was the sweetest baby you could know. She loved to be cuddled and had a smile that made everyone else smile. She is preceded in death by her Aunt Tarra Tate and

Grandma Machelle Warren. London is survived by her mother and father; siblings, Carter Tate, Tracy Davis, Jr., Dareion Warren, Jr., and Heaven Warren; grandparents, Laura Robinson, Gwendolyn Robinson,



Paula Pippen Donald Pippen; aunts and uncles, Chervelle Warren, Ereion Robinson, Jene-Morris, sha

Howard and Shaquina Daniels, Alicia Pickett, Moesha Martin, Quintella Bealer, Tremaine and Shunesha Miller; God Grandma Celesstine Winston, God Aunt Tiffany Winston, and God Aunt Hilary Gray.

A candlelight vigil will be held Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 7:15 p.m. at 325 South 7th Street in Wilmar. Service arrangements have been entrusted to Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home in Monticello.

Please sign London's guestbook at www.stephensondearman.com.

Memorials may be made in London's honor to Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary) **Wanda Ralph Cummings Young**

Wanda Ralph Cummings Young, 81, of Wilmar went to be with her Lord and Savior Sunday, September 18, 2022 at Belleview Estates

Rehabilitation and Care Center in Monticello.



YOUNG

She born March 1, 1941 in Pine Bluff to the Ralph late Jackson and Lettie Ratliff Cummings. She was preceded in death

by her husband of 53 years Robert L. "Diddle" Young Sr. who lovingly referred to her as "Sugar Babe", one sister Everly Glover and one brother Qwinten Cummings along with her in laws DC "Tab" and Edna Glennon Young. Wanda was known by many

names. She was a daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother, Nanny, friend, nurse to all and Doctor to some. She never stopped nursing people even as her health was failing. She loved to do research and come up with the perfect care plan. She used to joke that one day she would have to retire her nursing shingle, but not today. She has helped so many people with her love of nursing. Wanda began her career in the old Drew Memorial Hospital. She loved to reminisce about the good ole days while working in that hospital with nurses who became her life long friends.

When Dr. Paul Wallick opened Monticello Medical Clinic Wanda became not only his clinical nurse but his surgical nurse also. She loved being in the operating room. After a brief retirement, Wanda returned to her roots and Drew Memorial Hospital where she became a case manager. She was always advocating for her patients. She purchased the first Moses basket for the hospital. She delivered many babies on her own and knew how important it was for a mother who had lost their baby to be able to say goodbye. She loved and cherished her sisterhood of nurses and friends from Drew Memo-

Wanda was a past member of the Drew County Chapter of the American Red Cross where she served in the offices of secretary and president. The Red Cross was always dear to her heart. She is a past member of the Drew Memorial Hospital Board. No one loved their hospital more than she did. She was a past member of the Democratic Women of Drew County, Business and Professional Women of Drew County and a member of Wilmar Baptist Church.

She is survived by her three children Von (Sandra) Young. Tammy (Robert) Stafford and Beth (Bruce) Davis; five grandchildren Kristy (Andrew) and Nikki (Joe) Young, Brandon (Anne) Stafford, Kerri (Kirt) Sledge and Kailyn (Dane) Davis; five great-grandchildren Olivia, Addison, Averi, Chase, Canyon and another precious great grandson Davis Lake due in October; one step sister, Jane Fritt, along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Memorials may be made to the Wilmar Cemetery Association PO Box 132 Wilmar, 71675, Drew Memorial Hospital Foundation or the American Red Cross.

(Paid obituary)

Fox Dane Morgan

Fox Dane Morgan, infant son of Quinton Lee Morgan and Krystal Ann Graham Morgan, passed away Thursday, September 15, 2022, at Drew Memorial Hospital in Monticello.

In addition to his parents, he is also survived by his grandparents, Rhonda and Spencer Graham and Claude (Bob) and Barbara Morgan; aunts and uncles, Scott Morgan, Emily Hatley, Natalia Trussell, Sterling Graham, Illanya Scherf, Scott Graham and Stuart Graham; and his great grandfather, John

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Hope Place

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

Fight Hunger

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

Historical Preservation Funds Needed For Enon School

Funds are needed for the maintenance of Enon's 2-room schoolhouse located at 2474 Highway 35F outside of Monticello. Any donation amount will be greatly appreciated to keep the legacy alive and well. For more information on how to help preserve Enon's schoolhouse or to make a donation contact, James Jarrett at 870-367-3765. TFN

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

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

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GARAGE SALE

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HELP WANTED

Monticello Senior Center is in need of an elder Kitchen worker. Per Area on Aging Senior Worker Program, you must be 60 or older and be able to work 4 days a week, 5 hours a day from 7:15 am -12:30 pm. If intrestrd please apply at Monticello Senior Center or call 870-367-2434 and ask for Cindy .4pd 10/22

Laborer Needed: NLR Company now hiring Laborers for the construction of multi-family apartment complex in the Monticello area. Job is covered under Sec. 3 of HUD Act of 1968 which gives hiring priority to low and very low-income residents. The company is committed to promoting contract and business opportunities to minority and women-owned businesses. Please email resume to apply@richsmithdev.com or fax to 501-758-7186 4pd 10/5

MISCELLANEOUS

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For Sale: Cemetery Lots at Oakland Cemetery in Monticello, AR Call 601-502-3833 4pd 9/24

For Sale Cemetery plots located

at Cypress Gardens Cemetery 8917 Us Hwy 63 in Pine Bluff. (Jefferson County Ar.)Located under lot 3 in Garden Matthew II. plots 5,6, 7 &10 4 plots at \$300. each Regular price is \$480. each Includes perpetual care. Contact Sharron Lea 479-601-3927. 9/24

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PETS

Friendly kitten needs a good call Angela Stewart at home 870-367-5343 after 3pm 1f 10/1

Howard T. Duck is in desperate need of a companion. Preferably one who self identifies as Female and Muscovy. If you are able to help him, please contact me at 870-723-5258. #findhowardamate 10/1 4tpd

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

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

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF **MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS, GREETINGS:**

WHEREAS, a special election was held on August 9th, 2022, which submitted the levying of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax to the qualified voters of the City of Monticello, Arkansas, and:

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Arkansas require the Mayor of the City of Monticello, Arkansas, to issue a proclamation of the results of such special election with reference to the local sales and use tax, such proclamation to be published one (1) time in the newspaper having a general circulation in the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paige Chase, Mayor of the City of Monticello, Arkansas, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim the following to be the results of the August 9th, 2022, special election as to the levying of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the City of Monticello, Arkansas:

For adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city Against adoption of a one percent

(1%) local sales and use tax within the city IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my office to be affixed this 14th day of Septem-

> SIGNED BY: /s/Paige Chase Mayor, City of Monticello

Paid for by the City of Monticello in the amount of \$70.84.

#106743 9/21

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, **ARKANSAS** PROBATE DIVISION INT HE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIS B. LASITER, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-102

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 837 Green Hill New Hope Rd Wilmar, AR 71675

Date of Death: June 22, 2022

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred

and precluded from any benefit in the estate. This notice first published on the 21st day of September, 2022.

Tina Hillyard, PR Ben Barton, Attorney Barton & Roper, PLLC P.O. Box 507 Monticello, AR 71657 (870) 367-6288

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NOTICE

The following vehicle(s) will be sold, dismantled or destroyed in fifteen (15) days unless claimed at Rod's Towing and Recovery, 1010 Hwy 425 South, Monticello, AR 71655, 870-367-1700. 2014 Jeep Wrangler Gray Vin # 1C4BJWEG0EL111300

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA ANN **HUSKEY, DECEASED** NO. 22PR-22-118-4

NOTICE

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF DECEDENT: 426 Huskey Trail Wilmar, AR 71675

DATE OF DEATH: May 22, 2022

On the 6th day of September, 2022, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributees was filed with respect to the Estate of Linda Ann Huskey, deceased, with the clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Drew County, Arkansas, under Arkansas Code Ann. §28-41-101

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit the, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate. The name, mailing address and telephone number of the distribu-

tee's attorney is R. Victor Harper, 717 S. Lincoln, Star City, Arkansas 71667, 870-628-4118. This notice first published this 14th day of September, 2022.

/s/R. Victor Harper Attorney for the Estate 717 S. Lincoln Star City, AR 71667

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, **ARKANSAS** PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA

> FORRESTER, DECEASED NO. 22PR-22-111

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 227 Countryview Rd Monticello, AR 71655 Date of Death: August 2, 2022

An instrument captioned "Will of Martha Forrester" dated August 19, 2020, was on the 2nd day of September, 2022, admitted to probate as the last will of the above-named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed Co-Executors thereunder. A contest of the probate of this will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred

and precluded from any benefit in the estate. This notice first published on the 14th day of September, 2022. Rhonda Brooks and Sanders Brooks, Co-Executors

> c/o Barton & Roper, PLLC P.O. Box 507

Monticello, AR 71657

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Trustee Sale No.: AR-22-92529-NJ

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND INTENTION TO SELL

YOU MAY LOSE YOUR PROPERTY IF YOU DO NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION McCarthy & Holthus, LLP MAY BE CON-SIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. On 3/20/2006, STEPHEN P. JAMES AND DORA. P. JAMES, HIS WIFE executed a Security Instrument encumbering certain property therein described in favor of COM-MERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY which was recorded on 3/28/2006, in Book N/A, Page N/A, or Document Number 57689, in the real property records of Drew County, Arkansas, A default has occurred due to the failure to make timely payments of the indebtedness as required under the terms of the Security Instrument. The maturity of the indebtedness secured by the Security Instrument is hereby accelerated, and the Mortgagee or Trustee intends to sell the property pursuant to the Security Instrument to satisfy the indebtedness. The Mortgagee or Beneficiary has complied with the conditions to exercise the power of sale as set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 18-50-103. The party initiating this action is NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, SUITE 300, GREENVILLE, SC, 29601, 800-365-7107. The Mortgagee or Beneficiary has instructed McCarthy & Holthus, LLP to sell the property pursuant to the default provisions of the Security Instrument. McCarthy & Holthus, LLP, as Attorney-in-Fact or as Trustee, will on 9/29/2022, at or about 2:30PM, sell the real property described herein to the highest bidder for cash. The sale will be held at the Drew County Courthouse, 210 South Main, Monticello, AR 71655. The property is being sold "as is" with no representation as to its condition. THE PURCHASER OF SAID PROPERTY SHALL PAY THE PRICE BID WITH CERTIFIED FUNDS THE DAY OF SALE AND AS-SUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL TRANSFER TAXES AND RECORDING FEES. The following property to be sold is located



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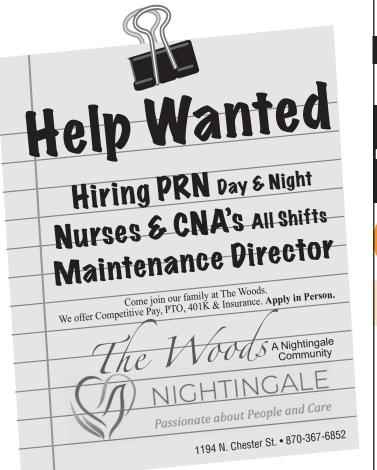
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Monticello Billies fall to 0-2 in conference play after 36-14 loss

BY: JEFF YOUNG Advance Correspondent

Having been defeated in a heartbreaking game the week before against 8-4A Conference foe the DeWitt Dragons 23-22 in the final seconds of the contest, the Monticello Billies would host newly added 8-4A Conference team, the McGehee Owls, to Hyatt Field on Friday, September 16.

McGehee entered the conference this season coming from the 6-3A where they have been

Conference for the past several seasons including a trip to the 3A State Championship game

Monticello won the coin toss to begin the contest and elected to receive the ball.

McGehee's Craig Harlmo would attempt an onside kick for the Owls to begin the contest with the ball bouncing off the leg of a Monticello Billie player allowing McGehee's Tyrique Newman to recover the



TEJON TINSLEY led the Billies on Friday night in tackles with a total of 12. Tinsley had 11 solo tackles and one assist against the Owls.



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JAGGER HINES puts pressure on McGehee Quarterback Kylan Bell. The Billie defense defended the passing game well during Friday's game holding Bell to one completion in five attempts for a total of 17 yards.



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JAMES SIMS (30) and BLAINE HAYDEN (14) converge on the McGehee runner Jay Easter. The Billie defense struggled with the running game of the McGehee Owls allowing 433 total yards on the ground to McGehee.

one of the top teams of the 3A ball at the Owl 49-yard line to take possession.

> Jay Easter would advance the ball down to the Billie 39-yard line on the Owls' first carry of the game.

McGehee would continue to advance the ball down the field on their first drive of the contest, advancing down to the Billie 18.

McGehee would advance the ball to the nine-yard line on the next carry, but a holding penalty against the Owls at the Billie 17 would negate the run and bring the ball back to the Billie 27.

Quarterback Kylan Bell would push the ball back to the 10-yard line with the Owls reaching the endzone in the next two plays behind a onevard run by Newman.

The two-point conversion would fall short for the Owls with McGehee taking a 6-o lead with 6:07 remaining in the first quarter.

Monticello's Zavarius Johnson would field the McGehee kick at the Billie 24-yard line without a return.

The Billies offense could not get much going on their first drive of the contest, beginning the drive on their own 24 and advancing the ball to the Billie 33 after an offside penalty against the Owls, but was forced to punt the ball after losing yardage back to the 27.

McGehee would not send a return man back, settling for the kick to be downed by Monticello at the Owl 49 with 4:00 remaining in the half.

McGehee would be able to drive back into Billie territory on their second drive of the game, with the drive stalling out at the Billie 19-yard line as time expired to end the first quarter with the Billies taking over to start the second quar-

Monticello began their second drive of the contest with a completed pass from Brooks Bowman to Quay Rhodes to advance the ball to the Billie 39, but the McGehee defense would shut the Billie down at the 39 for the next three plays forcing Monticello to punt the ball away for the second time with the ball being downed in McGehee territory.

Newman would advance the ball down to the Billie 32yard line on their first play of the second quarter. Easter advanced the ball to the 25. Newman would lose three yards on the next play with Easter then advancing the ball down to the 16 in two plays and then to the endzone for the McGehee score with 7:23 remaining in the half.

Easter added the two-point conversion to increase the lead to 14-0.

Quay Rhodes would receive the McGehee kickoff at the Billie 20, advancing the ball seven yards to the 27 where Monticello would begin their drive.

After an incomplete pass, Bowman would connect with Tejon Tinsley, advancing the ball into Owl territory to the 23 yard line.

Monticello would lose yards on the next two plays, but Bowman would connect with TInsley again to get back to the Owl 23.

Bowman connected with Evan Bealer on the next pass to the endzone for the Billie touchdown with 4:41 remaining in the half.

Landon Shaver would add the extra point to cut the Mc-Gehee lead to 14-7.

The Billie defense would hold the Owls on McGehee's next drive, forcing the Owls to punt the ball away from their own 36 yard line down to the Billie 45 where Monticello would take over possession with 3:11 remaining in the half.

Bowman would start the drive, connecting with Jemar Matthews to the 50-yard line.

Three plays later, Monticello would get an assist from the Owls after a pass interference call moved the ball down to the Owl 28.

After moving the ball to the Owl 24, Bowman's next pass would be intercepted by Decklin Bell to end the half.

Coming out to receive the ball to begin the second half of play, the McGehee Owls would begin their drive at their own 31-yard line after a four-yard return by Nehemiah Barnes.

Barnes would get the first carry of the second half for Mc-Gehee, advancing to the Owl 37 and then to the 39.

Tyrique Newman would take the ball from the McGehee 39, outrunning the Billie defense for the 61-yard touchdown run.

Kylan Bell would add the two-point play to give McGehee a 22-7 lead.

McGehee's defense would force Monticello to punt on their first drive of the second half, going three and out with Jagger HInes kicking the ball down to the Owl 19.

McGehee would go back to the ground game with a combination of runs by Newman, Easter, and Barnes with Easter scoring on a 26-yard run with 6:51 remaining in the quarter.

Easter would add the twopoint conversion to increase the Owl lead to 30-7.

After beginning their drive on their own 32-yard line, the Billies would advance the ball to their 36 when Bowman's pass would be intercepted by McGehee's Jeremy Patterson at the Owl 40-yard line, returning the ball to the Billie 47 with 5:54 remaining in the third quarter.

The Billie defense would drop Easter for a loss on the first run of the series back to the Billie 46-yard line. After gaining back to the Billie 40 by Barnes, Kylan Bell would advance the ball down to the Billie four-yard line on the next two carries and would cover the four-yards on the next play for the McGehee score with 3:57 remaining in the quarter.

The two-point conversion was unsuccessful as the Owls increased their lead to 36-7.

The Billies would get back on the scoreboard in the next se-

After a touchback gave Monticello the ball at the 20-yard line, Jontavion Lambert would move the ball into Owl territory in three plays and two penalties to the Owl 41.

Bowman would connect with Bealer for their second touchdown pass of the contest with 2:16 remaining in the quarter.

Shaver added the extra-point to cut the McGehee lead to 36-14. It would be the final score of the contest.

Monticello would gain a total of 168 total offensive vards with Bowman throwing for 144 yards and two touchdowns.

Evan Bealer led in receiving with 64 yards with two touchdown receptions. Tejon Tinsley added 50 yards and Quay Rhodes finished with 30.

The Billies gained 24 total rushing yards with Jontavion Lambert with 12 yards on 13 carries.

The Billie defense allowed 450 total offensive yards to the Owls with McGehee gaining 17 yards through the air and 433 yards on the ground.

Jay Easter led the Owls in rushing with 151 yards.

The Billie defense in the last three contests have allowed a total of 1307 offensive yards allowing 450 to McGehee, 326 at DeWitt, and 531 to Bauxite.

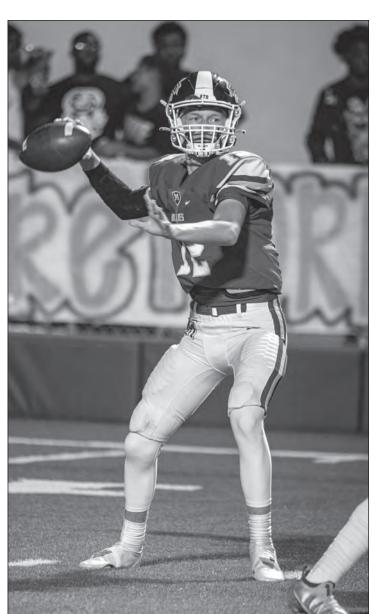
The Billie offense has produced a total of 536 yards in those same three games with 168 against McGehee, 250 at DeWitt, and 118 against Baux-

The Billies will travel to West Helena on Friday. September 23, for a 7pm kickoff against the Central Cougars.

Helena defeated Dumas to open their conference season and lost to the DeWitt Dragons in last Friday's game for a 1-1 conference record.



JONTAVION LAMBERT and the Billie run game could not get much traction Friday night against McGehee gaining 24 total yards on the ground.



BROOKS BOWMAN drops back to pass against in the McGehee defense. The Billies found success in the passing game against the Owls with Bowman throwing for 144 yards and two touchdowns.



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EVAN BEALER led the Billies in receiving against the McGehee Owls on Friday night. Bealer caught three passes from Brooks Bowman for a total of 64 yards an two touchdowns.

Henderson State holds off Weevil comeback with 37-27 win

SPORTS

By: JEFF Young Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Boll Weevils travelled to Arkadelphia on Saturday, September 17, to face Great American Conference opponent the Henderson State Reddies.

Henderson State came into the contest with a 2-0 record, the same as the Weevils.

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

After a 49-yard kick by UAM's Marquise McKnight and a 13yard return by Henderson, the Reddies would begin their drive on their own 29-yard line.

UAM would force Henderson into a fourth down situation, forcing the Reddies to punt.

A 44-yard punt by Henderson and a two yard return by LeCedric Smith gave the Weevils a starting drive at the UAM 27 but a facemask penalty against the Reddie's moved the ball to the UAM 42.

Henderson's defense forced UAM to punt on their first possession in four downs with McKnight's punt travelling to 36 yards where the ball would be caught at the Henderson 19-yard

Henderson State was able to get their offense moving on their second drive of the contest, beginning their drive at their own 19 with 12:31 remaining in the quarter, driving the field to the UAM one-yard line in seven

Henderson's Andrew Edwards took the ball in from one-vard out for the score with 8:46 remaining in the quarter.

Tristan Heaton added the extra point as Henderson took a 7-o lead.

UAM would advance the ball into Henderson territory on their next possession, but a holding penalty against the Weevils would move the ball back into their own territory to the UAM

After gaining one yard to the 48, McKnight came out to punt the ball 30 yards to the Hender-

Henderson would move the ball down to the UAM 31-yard line in eight plays and with 2:00 remaining in the first quarter, Edwards would connect with Matt CHilders for the 31-yard

The extra point was unsuccessful with the Reddies taking a 13-0 lead.

UAM would start their drive at their own 22-yard line and would advance down to the Henderson 33 where Demilon Brown would be sacked for a seven yard



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KAYTRON ALLEN led the Weevils in tackles against Henderson State with 10 total tackles with seven solo and three assists.

loss cnd the quarter.

After UAM was forced to punt at the beginning of the second quarter, Henderson would extend their lead to 20-0 with 13:20 remaining in the first half after a 38-yard touchdown pass and successful kick.

UAM would get to the Henderson 13 on their next possession, but a failed field goal attempt left the score at 20-0 with 10:35 remaining in the half.

Henderson would increase their lead to 23-0 on the next Reddie possession after a 49yard field goal by Tristan Heaton with 6:32 remaining in the half.

UAM would get on the board on the next drive with Demilon Brown capping off a 75-yard drive in four plays. McKnight added the extra point to make the score 23-7 with 5:24 left in the half.

Henderson would add one more score before the conclusion of the half after a 35-yard touchdown pass and a successful extra point increased the lead to the halftime score of 30-7.

Neither team could reach the endzone in the third quarter of play with each team going scoreless in the quarter with Henderson leading 30-7 entering into the fourth quarter.

After a four yard loss on a sack, Demilon Brown would connect

with Isaiah Cross for a 29-yard touchdown. McKnight added the extra point to cut into the Hen-

derson lead 30-14. Henderson added their final touchdown with 5:05 remaining in the contest on a 26-yard touchdown pass and a successful extra point to extend the lead to

37-14. UAM came back to answer the score on their next possession after a 13-yard run by Demilon Brown and the extra point by McKnight to cut the lead to 37-21 with 2:41 remaining in the

The Weevils would regain the ball with five seconds remaining in the contest after a fumble recovery by Demauryon Holmes at the Henderson 25-yard line.

With five seconds remaining in the contest, Demilon Brown connected with Jordan Mansfield for the 25-yard touchdown pass and catch. McKnight added the extra point to set up the final score of 37-27 as time expired on the Weevils comeback.

For the Weevils, Demilon Brown threw for 320 yards on 14 completions out of 29 attempts and two touchdowns, Brown did not throw an interception in the contest but was sacked six times. Brown also led the Weevils in

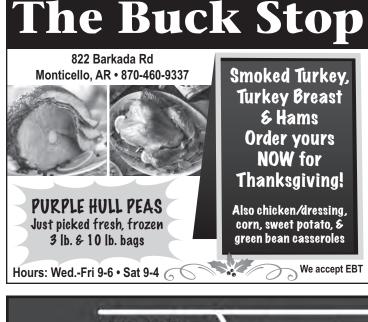
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LaCEDRIC SMITH (left) led the Weevils in receiving in Saturday's contest at Henderson State. Smith caught six passes for a total of 144 yards. DEMILON BROWN (right) was 14 of 29 passing for a total of 320 yards with two touchdown passes. Brown also led the Weevils in rushing with 106 yards on 23 carries and two touchdowns.







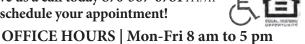
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Junior Rison Wildcats defeat the Drew Central Junior Pirates 32-6

By: JEFF Young Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Junior Pirates returned to action this past Thursday, September 15, after having a week off the previous

week.

The Junior Pirates returned to Mike Pennington Stadium to host the Junior Wildcats of Rison to begin the 6-3A Junior

Conference season.

The Junior Pirates would win the opening coin toss and would elect to receive the ball to begin the contest

After a five-yard return the Junior Pirates would begin their drive at their own 30-yard line. The drive would not go very far as the Junior Pirates would lose the football on a fumble recovery

oy Rison.

Rison would score on their first possession of the contest, taking an 8-o lead in the first quarter

Drew Central's only points of the contest would come on their next possession that extended into the second quarter and with 7:49 remaining in the half, Jaden Jones would connect with Jayden Turnage on a 40-yard pass and catch for a touchdown.

Rison would go on to score three more times before the end of the first half to take a 26-6 lead at the break and would score their final touchdown of the contest, the kickoff to begin the second half on a 75-yard kickoff return to make the final score 32-6.

The Junior Pirates will return to action on Thursday, September 22, travelling to Camden to

face Camden Harmony grove. Kickoff is set for 7 pm.

Pirates improve to 3-1 The Drew Central Pirates wrapped up their non conference season this past week, travelling to Stamps, Arkansas to face Lafayette County, improving their overall record to 3-1 on the season with a 48-18 victory.

The march to the 3A State Playoffs begins Friday, September 23, with the beginning of

6-3A Conference play.
The Pirates will host the Camden Harmony Grove Hornets at

Mike Pennington Stadium. Kickoff for the Pirates and Hornets is set for 7 pm.



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THE DREW CENTRAL JUNIOR PIRATES break through their banner as the Junior Pirate Cheerleaders cheer the players onto the field to take on the Junior Rison Wildcats to begin the 6-3A Junior Conference season. The Junior Pirates were defeated by Rison 32-6."

WEEVILS

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carries and two touchdowns.

Jonero Scott finished the contest with 97 rushing yards on 19

LaCedric Smith led the Weevils with 144 yards receiving on six receptions. Isaiah Cross caught three passes for 79 yards

and a touchdown followed by Jordan Mansfield with 75 yards and a touchdown. Kevin Howard had one pass reception for 11 yards and Deshawn Jackson with two catches for 11 yards.

Kaytron Allen led the Weevils with 10 tackles, Allen had an interception that was nullified because of a holding call that went against the Weevils.

Demauryon Holmes finished

with seven tackles and an interception for a 56-yard return.

With the win, Henderson State moves to 3-0 in Great American Conference play and remains at the top of the conference with Harding and Ouachita Baptist University.

Henderson has now won three consecutive contests against the Weevils and currently holds a 9-1 record in the last 10 contests.

With the loss, the Weevils fall to 2-1 in conference play and are currently tied for second in the conference with Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

The University of Arkansas at Monticello will celebrate Parent and Family day on Saturday, September 24, hosting Arkansas Tech University.

Since 2010, the Weevils lead sthe Wonderboys 6-5 in head to

head contests with the Weevils currently holding a four game winning streak including a 27-20 victory last season on the road in Russellville.

Arkansas Tech is currently 1-2 on the season and are even with East Central, Oklahoma Baptist, Southern Arkansas, and Southwestern Oklahoma State Univer-

Arkansas Tech will mark the

return of Monticello's Nichalon Smith who is listed as a red-shirt freshman and was a football and basketball standout for the Monticello Billie two seasons ago.

The Wonderboys are coached by former UAM assistant coach Kyle Shipp who is entering his fourth season at Arkansas Tech.

Kickoff for Arkansas Teach and UAM is set for 6pm.

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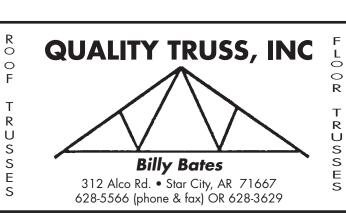
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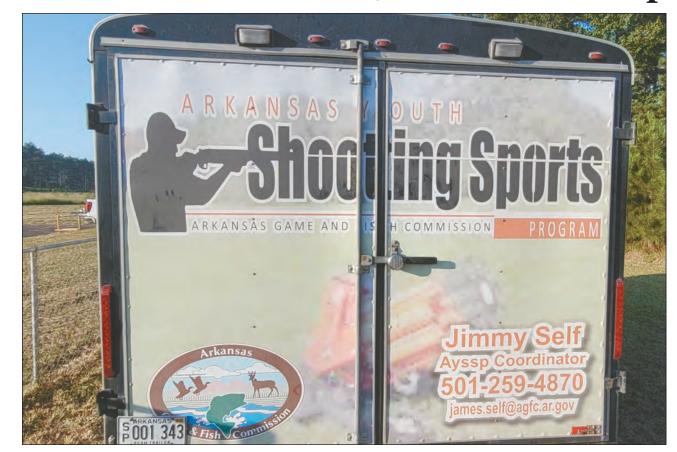
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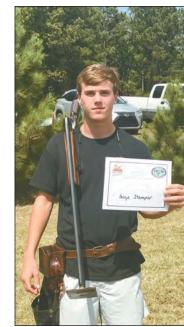










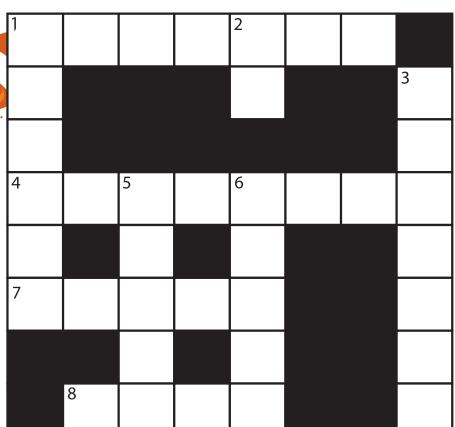












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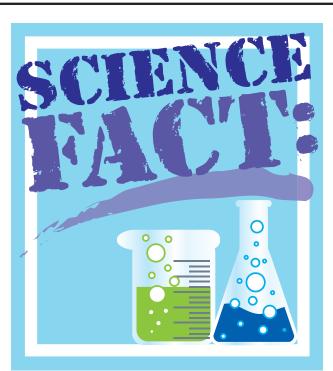
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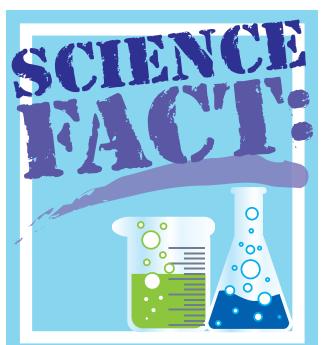
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CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

The faithful work of many keeps the whole church body running

By Amy Becker

Each one of you is a part of it." I Corinthians 12:27

A few years ago, I walked into our kitchen at the church and I saw my friend Greg kneading dough. I wondered what he was doing since this seemed a little out of the ordinary, so I asked. Greg told me that he was making the unleavened bread for our church Lord's Supper (you might also know it as communion). He told me that his momma had taught him years ago, and how he had been making it for years for our church. I was blown away! He explained to me that it was an easy process, but I just couldn't get over how this faithful act was so simple yet fed our whole church for this incredibly important remem-

brance of Christ.

I think somewhere in my "You are the body of Christ. mind I knew someone made the bread. After all, all the pieces were unevenly broken, not like what a machine would produce. Each piece had a dusting of flour. This part I can remember even from the time I was a little girl. That dusting of flour on my hands as I listened for the preacher to tell about Jesus eating the bread to represent his body that was sacrificed for me is a precious memory that sticks with me. Everyone who took the supper enjoyed the benefit of handmade unleavened bread, but I bet very few people knew the hands that prepared it for them.

A few years ago when everything shut down, we had to stop doing the Lord's Supper temporarily. At the time, we weren't able to meet in per-

son and when we were able to there were precautions that we needed to take to try to keep everyone as healthy as possible. After we started meeting again and we were finally able to have the Lord's Supper, things were a little different. In order to keep things as safe as possible, our church purchased a kind of all in one kit that had premade bread and a small juice cup. This bread could best be described as stale air. It was very obviously not handmade, and if people didn't realize before that someone was putting work into it, they knew now.

This past Sunday, my family and I were driving to the church for the Lord's Supper when one of my girls asked if we were going to have Mr. Greg's unleavened bread. They missed it, and so did I. I wasn't sure which we'd receive, but I reminded them this was to do in remembrance of Jesus. We needed to focus on the main thing. Yet when we got to the part where they were handing out the bread, I noticed the handmade unleavened bread in the serving tray. My heart was immediately thankful for the hands that prepared it and for faithful service to our church that often goes unnoticed.

I've thought about that a lot in recent years. There are many people who keep your churches going. There are bills to pay,

chairs to stack, copies to run, coffee to make, food to prepare, and I am not even close to scratching the surface. If these things aren't done, they're noticed, but many times they are things that most people will never know how they happened. A little bit of magic if you will.

Our churches are made of people with many talents, and I promise you there are talents being used that you aren't aware of to keep things running smoothly. That's why Paul talks about us being one body. We would notice if any of the parts were missing, and each part makes us stronger. So I want you to think about the things that keep your church running smoothly. Who do you think does those things? Make a list and ask a friend or your pastor what work might go unnoticed. Take some time to write a few thank you notes to those people and thank God for their faithful work. Then think, how can you be used in your church? Do you have a talent you can share?



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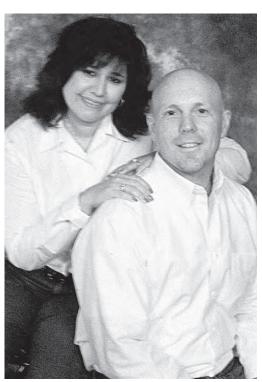
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BARKADA JANA WRIGHT

There is no Barkada news this week. Jana Wright had other commitments.

Her column will resume in next week's edition.

GREEN HILL WANDA PACE

"This is the day the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24 Aunt May had a doctor's

appointment on Thursday and received a good report. Aunt Pepe went to the doctor on Monday. Praying

she feels better soon. Happy Birthday Jackie Chadwick-Bennett and Cindy Hicks. I hope you ladies enjoyed a blessed birthday.

Congratulations to the Jeff Pace Family for being selected as the 2022 Parade Marshals and the Drew County Fair's Homestead Family.

Verse of the week: "You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds". Ephesians 4:22

Have a safe and blessed week.

LACEY **IVANELL HANDLEY**

There is no Lacey news this week. Ivanell Handley had other commitments.

Her column will resume in next week's edition.

POSSUM VALLEY **KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK**

Hello and welcome back, y'all. I hope you've enjoyed a wonderful and productive week. There has been just enough Fall coolness in the early mornings to get me through the heat of the afternoons. Although, Sunday afternoon was hot enough to be called summertime again. Bo had baseball practice Sunday afternoon and reported to us that it was indeed very hot out there. After Sunday night church, the kids were playing outside and got sweaty. Addie emphatically stated that she needed some ice cream. Of course, she got some when she came over after church. Bo went to the pond right away because some fishing app he had predicted that at 6:52 that evening, the fish would be biting. So, he grabbed his fishing gear and lit a shuck for the pond. I

Do you have any community tidbits?

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

don't think he caught anything though.

Birding hasn't been great this week. Even my 'spot' on Old 16th Section Rd. has quieted down quite a bit. Although all the logging going on back there might have something to do with their lying low.

I still have a few cardinals, Titmice, Chickadees and Doves at the backyard feeders. I've been hearing some Nuthatches up in the pines. And sometimes when I go walking and get to the creek I see a pair of Wood Ducks there.

I am down to three hummingbirds now. And I will keep a couple of feeders out for awhile then at one until frost. One never knows when a late migrating hummer may need a quick sip before heading southward.

Both my children celebrated wedding anniversaries on the 19th. Meghann and

Tim their 24th. Jason and Leigha their 7th. Happy anniversary, kiddos!

Jason and Leigha went on an anniversary trip Saturday afternoon and Rick and I got to watch Addie for them. We had the best time playing, painting and avoiding a nap. Addie had RSV last week and had been a pretty sick little girl. But thankfully, she is much better now.

Sunday morning, Bethel enjoyed a wonderful time of worship. Bro. Joe Williams filled the pulpit and brought us the message, Don't Waste Your Valleys", from Acts. 16:23-34.

That afternoon, as I was sitting on the porch watching the hummingbirds, I accidentally knocked my camera off the stool where I had laid it. It landed hard on the concrete floor and messed up the lens. Good thing I have a backup camera.

The corny joke for this

week comes from my own proximately 12 or 15 youngbeloved Rick. "Men must remember one rule when entering a building. They must turn left, because the woman is always right!"

I'll leave you with a scripture that my best friend reminded me of this week. "who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." 2 Corinthians 1:4.

Until next time, please, be safe and remember to smile.

WILMAR **CHRIS RILEY**

My oh my, the roll is constantly being called. Annette Ragland Ridgell, Elvin "Buddy" Owens, two Nelson brothers, Donald and Travis Nelson of St. Louis, Mo., formerly of Wilmar. I don't have the details of arrangements but this is a hard blow. Pray much for these families. God is able in such a time as this. We should be concerned, for we never know when our time will come.

Sunday was a blessed day at 1st Baptist East Side with Sunday School beginning at 9:30. The children's class is really growing. We have apsters. Sis. Theda L. Colbert is their teacher and the adult women have from 8 to 10 in class. Sis. Janice Simpson is teacher and Pastor Simpson teaches the men's class which varies in numbers. Pastor Simpson's message Sunday came from Hebrews 2, subject: "Question Where's the Answer?" It was well preached and received. God is blessing. We had another soldier too join last Sunday.

The fourth Sunday in this month, East Side will host their 43rd church anniversary. Pastor Kentrell Woods of Mt. Zion Eudora and church family will be guests. A luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall, you are invited and welcome to attend.

I visited with Wardell and Rosa Wright and family Sunday evening, also Sylvia Shorter on Saturday after the transition of her last sister Anette. She was much grieved. Continued prayers for she is with the rest of her siblings.

I conversed by phone with Daphna Guy Wilkins and Shirley Robinson Clanton of Little Rock.

Now until we meet again by paper and pen, remember: every city or household divided against itself will not stand. Stop these cliques and live God's way in unity.

A closer look at the autumnal equinox

the autumnal equinox, which marks the official beginning of fall. In the Southern Hemisphere, spring is arriving at this

ern Hemisphere experiences tumnal (March and September, respectively). Shortly after the autumnal equinox, days begin getting shorter and the nights get longer. The autumnal equinox always occurs between Sep-Each year there are two equi- tember 21 and September 24.

takes place on September 22.

The word equinox is from the Latin "aequi," meaning "equal," and "nox" or "night." That means that during each equinox the hours of day and night are nearly equal in length

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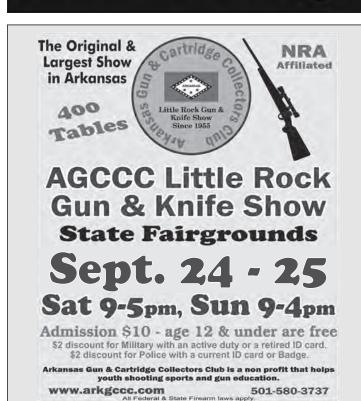
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Water walking

Growing up in North Texas we were considered to be in "Tornado Alley". This is the area of the country that stretches between Texas and Kansas that has the most concentrated amounts of tornado activity in the U.S. Every spring we would have tornado drills in schools. It was just part of life. Our city had warning sirens so that we would all know if a tornado was close.

Wouldn't it be great if there was an early warning system for the storms of life? If you had a way of knowing exactly when and where the storm was going to hit?

You could be sitting in your office, working on the computer and a message would appear - "Warning: your daughter is about to make a bad decision. There's about to be a storm in her life." If you knew it was coming, you could keep her safe from the storm.

It would work for parenting storms, marriage storms, health storms, financial storms, and tragedies in your family. You would always have advance warning so you could avoid the storm. If you couldn't avoid it, at least you could prepare for it and be ready. Unfortunately, that technology doesn't exist. The storms of life typically catch us by surprise. Just when we think everything is calm, without warning, here comes a storm.

Everyone has faced a storm at some point in their lives. Many of us are facing a storm right now – a physical storm, a relational storm, a financial storm, or

an emotional storm. In fact, an old saying is that if you are not in a storm you either have just come out of one or about to go in one. There's an amazing account in the Gospels of Jesus' disciples on a boat headed to their next destination. Jesus has gone ahead of them

While they're traveling a great storm comes up. The wind and waves are crashing on their small vessel. Fear has gripped the hearts of these men when they see a figure out in the water. Their first thought is a ghost then Jesus says' "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." So many times in our storm we feel alone. That Jesus is nowhere to be found yet He is right there at arms length. He beckons for Peter, one of the disciples to come to Him. This is where the story takes an incredible turn. Peter gets out of the only safety he can hold on to and begins to walk on the water, and begins to successfully navigate the storm. As long as he keeps his eyes on Jesus. When he allows the wind and waves to distract him, to take him off his course it's then he begins to sink. He cries out to Jesus and in His faithfulness Jesus reaches for him and says, "31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did

No we don't when storms are coming. But we know who does. And if we'll keep our eyes on him we can weather anything that comes our way.

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- 44. Cool!
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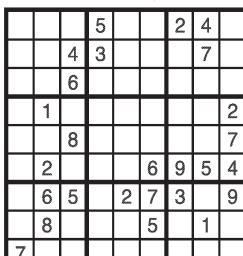
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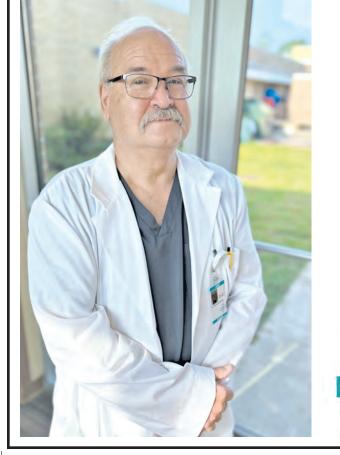




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