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City Council votes to increase solid waste rates

Since 1974, rates have only increased twice

By: **ASHLEY HOGG**
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The five present members of the Monticello City Council, voted to increase the solid waste rates at Tuesday night's meeting. Mark Tiner, Claudia Hartness and Craig McRae were absent.

Mayor Chase addressed the council stating that the solid waste rates within the city were increased in 2012 and 2020. She also informed the full crowd at City Hall that a CD had to be cashed that was budgeted for solid waste, to help cover expenses.

At the last rate increase in 2020, the council members decided to do an annual audit of

rates with the hope of not getting into the same situation of an almost four decade rate stall.

The current council has performed the annual audit with Arkansas Rural Water and it was their recommendation to increase rates this year. The 2021 audit did not recommend rates be raised.

With the Ordinance including an emergency clause, the rate increase will take effect immediately.

In 2020, under Ordinance 825, rates were increased to \$12.13. Under the new Ordinance, rates will increase to \$13.77 for one pickup per week from each single family residence, duplex, and each apartment unit.



Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian

City Hall was full of watchful citizens at Tuesday night's City Council meeting. Department heads gave regular reports and an Ordinance to increase solid waste rates was passed.

Readers' Choice Ballot Winners



John Booker, Paper Ballot Winner



Debbie Martin, Online Ballot Winner

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Courtesy photo

The Monticello Police Department partnered with Drew Central Elementary School with a new program called, Chief for a Day. A student was selected to spend the day learning about City operations and received some special perks from the department. Police Chief Jason Akers stated that this is a positive way to get students familiar with law enforcement agencies and build a rapport with the younger generation. Pictured above is Chief for a Day, Arika Davis (center) with Chief Akers (right) and Officer Overstreet (left).

For commercial solid waste pick-up, rates will increase from \$36.75 per one pick-up a week to \$41.16. If additional pick-ups are required per week, the fee will be \$20.44. Full copies of the Ordinances can be found at www.advancemonticellonian.com

Also on the agenda was a discussion to increase sewer rates. In a similar situation to the solid waste rates, two increases have occurred to the Monticello sewer rates since 1949, one in 2004 and the latest in 2020.

Due to a typographical error within the contract that did not match numbers in the proposed Ordinance, the council voted to table the sewer rate increase Ordinance until the error was corrected and they were 100 percent sure about what they were voting on.

Attorney Cliff Gibson addressed the council with his prayer for assistance for funding to help preserve the Jerome School building. The State has granted funding towards this project, as well as Drew County. After some discussion, the council voted to award \$11,000 to this preservation project.

Police Chief Jason Akers recognized Arika Davis as Chief for a Day. Arika was the winner of a back to school photo contest held by the Monticello Police Department. She spent the day learning about city operations, 911, District Court and got to take a ride in a patrol car. Chief for a Day is one of MPD's efforts to introduce law enforcement to young people and help build a positive rapport between students and officers.

Monticello mourns loss of long time businessman Bud Bulloch

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On Monday, September 19, Monticello lost outstanding insurance and real estate agent, William "Bud" Bulloch after 87 years of a life of dedicated service.

Born July 26, 1935, in Monticello, he was the son of the late Samuel Bowden Bulloch and Montre Elizabeth Joyce Bulloch.

The list of Bulloch's accomplishments and service titles are reflective of his decades of commitment to his community.

Upon graduating from Arkansas A & M in 1957 (now the University of Arkansas at Monticello) with a degree in Business Administration, Bulloch began building a career in insurance and real estate which would turn into one of the most successful in Southeast Arkansas.

Bulloch spent time in corporate planning in Connecticut and was then transferred to Dallas where he served as an insurance underwriting manager.

He returned to his home in 1969 and founded Bulloch Insurance and Real Estate.

In his hay day, Bulloch served numerous leadership roles within the area. He was on the Board of Directors for Commercial Bank, Drew Memorial Hospital Board, a Rotary District Governor and spent 20 years serving the Southeast Arkansas Health Foundation.

He received the UAM Alumni Award for achievement and merit and was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission.

Despite a full professional schedule, his family stated that "family came first" to Bulloch. He was a loving and devoted husband of 55 years to Carole and his three granddaughters were the apple of his eye.

"I was privileged to work with Bud for 14 years," said long time business associate Virginia Ward. "I left Bulloch Real Estate so he could slow down, which was what he wanted to do. I loved him like family. I will miss him every single day. I thank God that he brought me to Bud. He was the most humble man I know. Anytime he got an award,



BULLOCH

I was so proud of him but he never boasted of it. One day, on one of our chats in my office, he

told me he was proud of me and I cried. I have many memories I will cherish always in my heart."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Fair Parade

The Drew County Fair Parade will begin at 5 p.m., Tuesday, October 4 in downtown Monticello. A "QUIET ZONE" will be provided at Majors Forest and Lawn for persons with special needs. To register for entry, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 870-367-6741.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Fair Rodeo

The Drew County Fair Rodeo will take place Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8 at the Drew County Fair Grounds. Gates open at 7 p.m. and the Rodeo starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person for six years and older.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 AND 12

Produce grower remote training workshop

The Food Safety Modernization Act will host a remote produce grower training via Zoom, beginning Tuesday, October 11. Registration is open until October 5, and the cost is \$20 for in state residents. For more information, contact Gaby Sanders at 501-671-2046.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Arts and Crafts Bazaar

The third annual Market in the Park Arts and Crafts Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15. To participate as a vendor, call Susan Wishard at 870-224-1925 or visit the Market in the Park Facebook page.

Fountain Hill all school reunion

The 2022 Fountain Hill Alumni Reunion and Banquet or All School Reunion, will be held Saturday, October 15, 2022 at the gym in Fountain Hill. Social hour will be from 4 - 5 p.m. The program honoring our 50-year Class of 1972 to follow. Hamburgers, hotdogs or pulled pork sandwiches with chips and drinks will be served.

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.

ONGOING

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 at 6 p.m.

Fair Board seeking volunteers

The Drew County Fair will be held the first week of October. The Fair Board is seeking volunteers in all capacities. For more information, contact the County Extension office at 870-460-6200.

City recycling guidelines

Each Wednesday, barring a catastrophe, the city of Monticello is accepting recyclable items at the Transfer Station within the following guidelines: 1) Cardboard—must be flattened. Not accepted are cereal boxes, drink can boxes or egg cartons; 2) Plastic bottles—lids must be removed and the bottles must be bagged. Only No. 1 and No. 2 bottles are accepted (the number is located on the bottom of the bottle). No wide-mouthed bottles can be accepted; 3) Newspapers—bagged or boxed; 4) Aluminum cans—must be bagged. No tin cans or pet food cans can be accepted; and 5) Shredded office paper—must be bagged. To have recycled items picked up, contact City Hall at 870-367-4400. Note: Electronics (E-Waste) are accepted at the city transfer station, 1466 Old Warren Road, but are not eligible for pick up. The city reminds all citizens to not mix household trash with recyclable items. The city does not accept glass or any item not listed above at this time.

Drew County Quorum Court Meeting

The Drew County Quorum Court meets the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Monticello District Court, 107 East Jackson Avenue in Monticello. The public is encouraged to attend.

Monticello City Council Meeting

The Monticello City Council meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Sadie T. Johnson Community Building, 707 U.S. Highway 278 East in Monticello. The public is encouraged to attend.

Support for local schools

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

Borrow a book and hours

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

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

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

Information and referral outreach office now open

Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions Community Development Organization announces the opening of its Information and Referral Outreach Office, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office will be open Tuesdays only. Services will include but are not limited to, COVID-19 relief information, pharmacy assistance referrals for free and reduced prescription medications, help with disability applications and other health and human services needs.

Delta Solutions is a non-profit organization, serving residents in Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha and Drew counties. It's primary focus is Education, Housing, Health and Wellness, Economic Development, Community Development, Housing, Food Insecurity, and Financial Literacy.

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

Arkansas Bikers Aiming Toward Education Meeting

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

AA meetings

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

Andrews Chapel Cemetery

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

The Soybean Science Challenge is open for Arkansas students

The Soybean Science Challenge, sponsored by the Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board (ASPB), is open for students grades six through 12 across the state of Arkansas. The Soybean Science Challenge is a series of online classes that results in science projects at science fairs across the state, with soybeans at the center of those projects.

"This is an opportunity for students to not only win some money but to view agriculture as a science they can be interested in," said Julie Robinson, administrator of the Soybean Science Challenge and associate professor at the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. "They discover that you don't have to be a farmer in order to work in agriculture. There are tons of research opportunities available to them."

Thirteen students were named 2022 Soybean Scholars after their projects won the Soybean Science Challenge at district and state science fairs. The projects covered plant science, earth and environmental science, energy and transportation, and plant systems.

Students interested in participating are required to complete six online course modules before submitting their science project to their district science fair, the state science fair or the Arkansas FFA Agriscience Fair. Each project submitted is assessed by judges from the Soybean Science Challenge. The project must focus on soybeans in order to qualify. Winners of the Soybean Science Challenge special award win a cash prize. The winning students' teachers also win a cash prize if their stu-

dent wins at a regional science fair.

"The Soybean Science Challenge helps us capture the interest of young people to show them that the agricultural industry has many opportunities for them," said Desha County soybean producer and Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board Chair John Freeman. "Young people bring new perspectives, skills and ideas that grow and sustain our industry."

The Soybean Science Challenge encourages Arkansas junior high and high school students to learn about soybeans and other current soil, water, seed, disease and insect issues that impact production outcomes and agricultural sustainability.

For additional information on the soybean science challenge

and the ASPB, check out the ASPB website at www.TheMiracleBean.com.

The Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board is led by nine volunteer farmer-leaders nominated by various producer organizations in Arkansas and appointed by the Governor. Soybeans are Arkansas's top row crop with approximately 3 million acres planted each year, generating an annual economic impact of \$2 billion. Arkansas is consistently ranked among the top ten soybean producing states nationally, exporting 50 percent of its crop. ASPB invests more than \$2.2 million in research each year as part of its commitment to the continued sustainability of the Arkansas soybean industry. Learn more by visiting TheMiracleBean.com.

Senior Center lunch menu: Sept. 28-Oct 5

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

Thursday: Herbed baked chicken, garden rice, fried okra, cookie, biscuit

Friday: Cheeseburgers, tater tots, fruit cup

Monday: Chili bowl w/Fritos, cheese, onion, crackers, brownies

Tuesday: Herb & garlic oven fried chicken, rice, sweet peas, cake, roll

Wednesday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, seasoned squash,

banana pudding, roll

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

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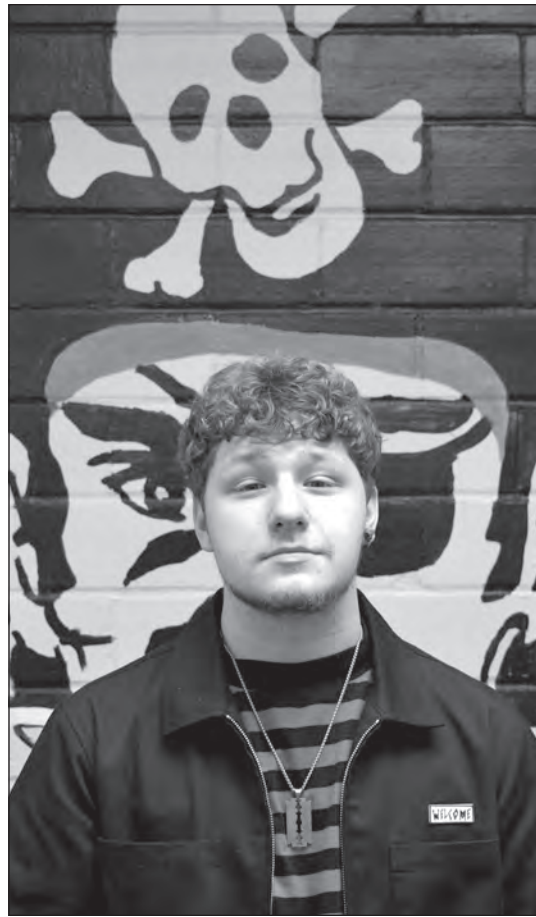
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Drew Central EAST students help local author/songwriter develop website



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Drew Central EAST Program has been working with Dr. Kathy King, a local artist, author, and songwriter, who has published a lullaby book titled, "Lullabies and Lovesongs". It contains her

personal artwork, original songs, and guitar chords to play along. DC EAST students, Jacob Bennett and Gracie Dison, have been working directly with Dr. King and she has asked students to create and design a website for

her book release. The students have published the website with

Dr. King's blessing, www.lullabybook2020.com.

CALENDAR

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VFW Auxiliary

Anyone interested in joining the VFW Auxiliary is asked to contact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at mlvinj.veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-4993. Any relative of a veteran who served overseas in a foreign war is eligible for membership. Any past members who are still interested in the Auxiliary are also asked to contact Wanda or Melvin if they are still

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

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Understanding the deadly consequences of our overrun southern border

The disaster on our southern border has been raging since the beginning of the Biden administration. Migrants have been rushing to cross into the United States ever since it became clear President Biden was not committed to border security and immigration enforcement.

This is a crisis in every sense of the word, and it's only getting worse despite every possible sign that a course correction is necessary.

There are numerous examples demonstrating this is not just a policy failure, but a complete breakdown of the rule of law whose effects are spilling out across our society.

Over 200,000 migrants were encountered at the southern border in August, extending a pattern of increased illegal immigration levels since January 2021. There have been over two million border crossings this fiscal year, already breaking last year's historically high level.

Beyond the erosion of sovereignty and undermining of our commitment to the rule of law, there are even greater causes for concern.

Border security is national security. If the picture at the border is any indication of our preparedness, then we are under serious threat.

As of August, 78 individuals on the FBI's Terrorist Screening Database have been apprehended by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) personnel.

FBI Director Christopher Wray testified before Congress that there are "significant security issues" related to our southern border and that terrorists are looking for any potential vulnerability to exploit, which should be genuine cause for alarm.

Other potential criminal elements are also seeking to use the chaos to their advantage. Over 600 known gang members have been stopped at the border this year – nearly twice as many as in 2021 or 2020 – as well as 9,381 criminal migrants, almost quadruple the number encountered two years ago.

None of these figures include the over 500,000 migrants who escaped apprehension – known as "got-aways" – who reached the interior of the United States this year and disappeared.

Bad actors flocking to our country presents all sorts of risks to our communities, but one unquestionably heightened danger is the relentless flow of fentanyl onto America's streets.

Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that's up to 50 times stronger than heroin, is now the leading cause of death among Americans aged 18-45. Lethal doses, amounting to just two milligrams, have taken the lives of hundreds of Arkansans in the last few years. Worse still, the Drug Enforcement Administration is warning that in addition to this narcotic being mass-produced and laced into fake prescription medication, it is now also being targeted at some of our youngest Americans in the form of brightly colored pills made to look like candy. "Rainbow fentanyl" has been seized in at least 18 states to date.

This deadly drug flows into our country from China with the help of Mexican drug cartels. Although CBP is seizing record levels at our ports of entry, they aren't intercepting all of it, including what's brought by smugglers who avoid detection altogether.

This just scratches the surface of what our overwhelmed border means for Americans.

With such a failure of border and immigration policy, every state in the union is now a border state. It's time the administration and my Democratic colleagues in Congress recognize it and work in a bipartisan way to restore order, promote safety and uphold the rule of law at our southern border.

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Laughter will cure everything

I have been privileged in my life to have a built in best friend. My first cousin, whom Fred affectionately refers to as "Cake" is exactly two months older than me and she has been my literal life long best friend.



ASHLEY HOGG
EDITOR

She is getting married in a few months and I had the joy of joining her at her bachelorette getaway this weekend. We had childhood friends, work friends, and family with us and when I tell y'all I laughed until I cried, I mean it. I looked like a bad Halloween clown by the time we went to bed Friday. My mascara ran all down my face as I could not control the tears of joy from the intense laughter.

It was my true pleasure to celebrate

someone who has been with me in every step of life.

She celebrated me when I was up and she was always down in the trenches with me when I needed her. Throughout the wedding planning process, it has been so joyous to see her so happy.

I'm not sure I could've picked a more fitting life for her. Her fiancé is sweet and loving. His children have embraced her with open arms and she is one of the most nurturing people I have ever met. Being a bonus mom will be right up her alley.

We spent the weekend telling stories from childhood and recalling memories from our teenage years. I'm so glad we had good guardian angels during that time.

It was almost like a childhood sleepover. The main difference was, we can all drive and we were able to go

get our Chinese food fix whenever we wanted.

So many of my childhood memories include being with my cousins. I was grateful for constant friendships then, but they mean even more to me as an adult.

As we age and have children, I am elated thinking about our kids growing up together and having those life long relationships.

It was such a fun experience to have "girl time" and just be Ashley. I wasn't a mother, a wife, or an employee. I was just the purest form of me and I think that is what made the laughter flow so easily.

I am a huge proponent for self care and I should do a better job of practicing what I preach.

Prioritize the ladies night or poker game with the boys. It is good for your soul and everyone likes being an individual every once in a while.



Suicide is leading cause of violent death in Ark.

According to the Arkansas Department of Health, suicide is the leading cause of violent death in Arkansas. In 2020, 583 Arkansans died by suicide. That same year, close to 46,000 individuals died by suicide nationwide.

That is one death every 11 minutes.

The number of people who think about or attempt suicide is even higher. In 2020, an estimated 12.2 million American adults seriously thought about suicide, 3.2 million planned a suicide attempt, and 1.2 million attempted suicide.

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. By working together to recognize the signs, raise awareness of suicide and open the conversation with each other, you can make a difference and save Arkansas lives.

If someone you know is struggling emotionally or having a hard time, you can be the difference in getting them the help they need.

In 2017, the legislature passed an act that ensured Arkansans were answering calls made from Arkansas to the crisis hotline. Now when someone calls the hotline, they are speaking to someone with knowledge of local resources available.

In the 2021 Regular Session, we passed Act 640. This act ensures that the crisis line employs individuals who have experience working with veterans.

Every month, the Arkansas 988 crisis call centers answer an average of 965 calls. Arkansans who are thinking about suicide or experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis can now call an easily remembered number – 988 – to speak with a trained, experienced crisis counselor who will talk to the individual, listen to and understand their situation, explore options, help the individual create a safety plan, and direct the individual to additional resources or facilities if needed.

You can call or text. You can also chat online with a trained crisis counselor at 988lifeline.org.

HOWARD BEATY
ARKANSAS HOUSE REPORT

Celebrating the heritage of Hispanic Americans

Today I would like to talk about Hispanic Heritage Month and what this occasion represents. Hispanic influence can be seen in all aspects of American life and culture.

In the 1980's Arkansas saw a growth in the Hispanic population, which continued well into the 21st century. According to the 2020 census, Arkansas was one of 15 states where the Hispanic population made up more than half of all population growth in the state. Hispanic roots in Arkansas run deep and have become a vital part of our communities around the state.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a week-long celebration for Hispanic Heritage. He believed that it was important to celebrate the heritage of our American citizens who were of Hispanic descent because it was those who came before them who helped settle our land and built our country into what it is now.

Later in 1988, Hispanic Heritage Week grew into Hispanic Heritage Month after President Ronald Reagan signed it into law.

It is no coincidence that this falls in September as Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua celebrate their independence on September 15. But also, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

Hispanic Heritage is American heritage because the American story is about every person who takes responsibility, works hard, and dreams big.

When we take the time to honor those who made this American story possible, we can overcome America's challenges and continue to be a beacon of freedom for the world.

When President Reagan signed into law the month-long celebration, he did so because he believed that the celebration of Hispanic Heritage was an example of how fundamental family is to our country.

He believed that the strength of America's families translated into the strength of our country. This time of celebration looks into a culture's strongest qualities, and Hispanic Heritage Month is a time where we can honor a love for family and connect through the stories of those who came before us.

ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Over the next three years about 3,200 Arkansans with disabilities will be able to get Medicaid services at home or in their community, rather than in an institution.

The Legislative Council approved the expansion of eligibility, submitted by the state Division of Developmental Disabilities Services.

The division doesn't have sufficient staff to care for the additional 3,200 people. A provision in the new rules approved by legislators will allow the division to make up for the shortage of labor. Basically, Medicaid will now be able

to hire, train and pay family members and legal guardians.

Currently, 5,400 children and adults receive Supportive Living services, which brings support staff to their homes and communities.

The program is called the Community and Employment Supports (CES) waiver. It costs about \$300 million a year, with the federal government paying 71.62 percent and state government paying 28.38 percent.

During the 2022 fiscal session earlier this year, legislators voted to dedicate an additional \$37.6 million for the CES waiver program, with the intention of eliminating the current waiting list for services.

The Legislative Council also signed off on a Department of Human Services proposal to add 200 more slots for children in foster care, and to in-

Home services coming to those with disabilities

crease the allowable bed capacity of group homes from four to eight.

The cost of the rule change will be \$132 million next fiscal year. The state will provide \$34 million and the federal government will provide \$94 million, with a premium tax on care providers accounting for the remainder.

During a public comment period on the new rule, the division heard from a spokesman for a non-profit agency that provides care and services for people with disabilities. The spokesman said there is a "very real crisis in the home and community-based service system," specifically a shortage of direct care professionals.

He said the division should pay higher reimbursements to provide

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Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Dispatch 64 Line Crews to Florida

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas have dispatched 64 line workers and utility vehicles, along with construction and right-of-way equipment, to assist Peace River Electric Cooperative of Wauchula, Fla. with anticipated power outages from Hurricane Ian.

The 64 professional line workers are with Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AECI) of Little Rock. Crews from the state's 17 electric cooperatives are also on stand-by to provide mutual aid to impacted areas if needed.

Peace River Electric Cooperative (PRECO) is an electric

distribution cooperative serving more than 50,000 homes and businesses in central Florida.

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas comprise 17 electric distribution cooperatives along with Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AECI), a Little Rock-based cooperative that provides services to the distribution cooperatives, and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (AECC), a generation and transmission cooperative. The distribution cooperatives provide electricity to approximately 600,000 homes, farms and businesses in Arkansas and surrounding states.



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Arkansas one of four pilot states receiving funding under RIPE program

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Rural Investment to Protect our Environment Program (RIPE) announced that the nonprofit and its partners have been awarded \$80 million for a pilot program by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Program. The pilot program will target four states, including Arkansas, Minnesota, North Dako-

ta, and Virginia.

RIPE is a producer-led organization advancing RIPE100, a conservation program that will pay producers \$100 per acre or animal unit for stewardship practices, offering equitable payments above costs associated with practice implementation.

Under the three-year pilot program, RIPE and its partners will help producers prove the value of paying farmers and

ranchers for stewardship practices that deliver public value through carbon sequestration, greenhouse gas reduction, improved soil health, water quality, water conservation, and other environmental services. Participants will receive technical support in implementing climate-friendly practices such as cover crops, no-till, nutrient management, and more.

"We are excited to be a part-

ner in this program," said Jim Whitaker, Arkansas farmer and member of RIPE's Farmer Advisory Network. "The simplicity of the program should be appealing to local producers who want to implement stewardship practices on their farms."

In Arkansas, the program will be administered by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Division in partnership with the Agricul-

tural Council of Arkansas, Arkansas Rice Federation, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, and local conservation districts in eastern Arkansas. The pilot will be implemented in Arkansas, Jefferson, Lincoln, Drew, Craighead, and St. Francis counties over the next three years.

For more information on the RIPE program or to follow updates on the pilot program, visit

riperoadmap.org.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for citizens of the state and nation. Visit agriculture.arkansas.gov/.

Arkansas Supreme Court rules in favor of Arkansans' Freedom to Vote Issue 4 on fall ballot

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Responsible Growth Arkansas (RGA) is pleased with the Arkansas Supreme Court's decision to allow Issue 4 on the November 8th general election ballot.

The Arkansas Supreme Court ruling will allow the record number of signatures of nearly 200,000 Arkansans who recently signed the petition to have their voices heard on this important issue. In addition, the Court's decision will continue an important ballot initiative process for letting the people rule - regnat populus - which happens to be the motto for Arkan-

sas.

"This court decision means Arkansans will ultimately have the last say and choice to vote for Issue 4 this fall. The economic benefits to our state, increased funding for law enforcement, cancer research, and tackling our state's challenging prison overcrowding crisis by reforming our current law that safely decriminalizes cannabis. These are major strides in the right direction and will have a lasting positive impact across all sectors of Arkansas," stated RGA Chairman Eddie Armstrong.

"We are now only steps away from millions in new revenue to

the state and allowing law enforcement to concentrate on the violent crimes that plague our communities the most," said RGA Vice Chairman and former Grant County Sheriff Lance Huey.

Recent polling in Arkansas Talk Business has shown that almost 60 percent of Arkansans support responsible legalization of adult use of cannabis. Issue 4 allows for increased oversight, funding, and enhancements to some of the things Arkansans care most about including how we provide safety and protections to our children and communities. Issue 4 will dedicate funds

to law enforcement generated by new revenues that adult-use can-

nabis retail sales will bring to Arkansas, and RGA looks forward

to educating the state as to its benefits until Election Day.

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ers for competitive salaries, because "nothing short of that will fix the problem." He also asked for funding for training and workforce development of direct care staff.

Director of DHS Resigning

Cindy Gillespie, the secretary of the Department of Human Services, announced that she would resign after six years. Her final day is scheduled to be October 7.

The department has more

than 6,600 employees who administer a wide variety of social services.

Its annual budget is more than \$10 billion in state and federal revenue. The largest program is Medicaid, a health care program for people with disabilities, senior citizens and low-income families. More than 470,000 Arkansas children benefit from Medicaid services. Statewide, more than 1.2 million Arkansans received some type of service through Medicaid.

The department subsidizes child care and runs meals programs for senior citizens. It also

investigates allegations of abuse or neglect of children and elderly people. It finalized 732 adoptions last year. At the end of the year DHS was responsible for 4,854 children in foster care.

DHS also administers welfare and food stamps programs. It operates secure facilities for troubled youths and contracts with non-profit organizations that diagnose and treat abuse of alcohol and drugs.

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Frances Helen Barnett

Frances Helen Barnett, 73, of Monticello, passed away Sunday, September 18, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock. She was born September 23, 1948, in Dermott, to the late James Pell Hammock and Pauline Gregory Hammock. Frances was retired from Burlington Industries after ten years of service and was an excellent homemaker always taking good care of her husband. She was awarded a plaque for



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never missing a day of work in ten years. She was a very hard worker and a wonderful wife, mother, grandma, sister and friend. She was of the Pentecostal faith. Frances also loved working in her yard and flower beds but one of her true passions was loving on her grandkids and great grandkids.

Frances was a selfless woman who always tried to help others and put everyone before herself. She had a kind soul and a heart of gold.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a brother, Bo Hammock; and two sisters, Edith Kaiser and Betty Jo Cogar.

Frances is survived by her

husband, Collins Barnett of Monticello; three sons, Kenneth Barnett, Floyd Barnett and Collins Ray Barnett all of Monticello; one granddaughter, Samantha Barnett Mir of Pine Bluff (Jorge); and one grandson, Kenneth Allen Barnett of Monticello; one brother, Harold Hammock of Livingston, Texas; two sisters, Annie Jeanette Savage and Annie High both of Monticello; two great granddaughters, Payton Bailey and Jaci Mir; two great grandsons, Jordan Barnett and Carter Mir; two sisters-in-law, Rita Nelson and Linda Judkins; along with many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m.

Friday, September 23, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with burial following in Oakland Cemetery. There was a visitation from 6-8 p.m. Thursday evening at the funeral home. You can sign Frances' guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

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William "Bud" Calvin Bulloch

William "Bud" Calvin Bulloch, 87, of Monticello, passed away Monday, September 19, 2022, at CHI St. Vincent in Little Rock. He was born July 26, 1935, in Monticello, to the late Samuel Bowden Bulloch and Montre Elizabeth Joyce Bulloch. Bud

was a very active member in the First Baptist Church of Monticello. He graduated from Arkansas



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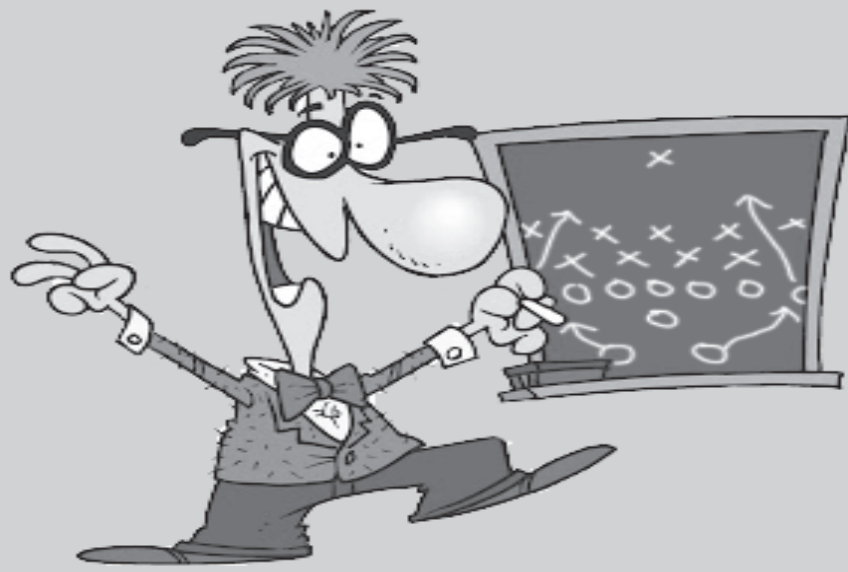
A & M in 1957 with a degree in business administration and built a successful career in insurance and real estate.

From 1957 to 1969, Bud worked for the Hartford Insurance Company, beginning as a management trainee before becoming a state agent. He spent two years in corporate planning at the company's home office in Hartford, Conn., and was transferred to

Dallas where he served as an underwriting manager, then became an assistant regional manager in Baltimore. Bud returned to Monticello in 1969 to found Bulloch Insurance and Real Estate and built the company into one of the most successful in southeast Arkansas.

Bud held numerous civic leadership roles in Monticello. He was a member of the board of directors for Commercial Bank, served two terms as president of the Chamber of Commerce, six years as a member and two as president of the board of directors of Drew Memorial Hospital, and 20 years of the Southeast

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Arkansas Health Foundation. He is a former Rotary District Governor and former member of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission. He received the University of Arkansas at Monticello Alumni Award for Achievement and merit. He was also appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission. He and his business partner, Rick Simpson started three nursing home businesses in 1998; Monette Manor, Harrisburg Properties and Woodbriar.

Family always came first with Bud. He was a loving and devoted husband for 55 years. His three granddaughters were the apple of his eye. If he wasn't with family he was at work. He worked seven days a week up until he became ill. Bud was an avid hunter and spent much of his time at his 133-year-old family farm in Collins. He loved driving his tractor and watching the cotton, soybeans, and corn grow.

Bud is preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Martha Kathryn Bulloch. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carole Bulloch; daughters, Elizabeth Carole Burnett (Scott), Sarah Christina Bulloch; granddaughters, Clara Joyce Bulloch, Montre Elizabeth Burnett, and Grace Louise Burnett; a niece Ann Joyce Mosley Neeley and nephew James "Jim" Woodson Mosley, Jr. and his best friend, Lady.

Visitation was Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Funeral services here held Sunday, September 25, 2022, at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Monticello. Family burial followed in Collins Cemetery. You can sign Bud's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

Reginald E. Conway

Reginald E. Conway, 78, of Monticello, passed away Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at Drew Memorial Hospital in Monticello. He was born July 10, 1944, in Bay Minette, Ala. to the late Clyde Lonell Conway and Evelyn Buck Conway.

He was retired from the Arkansas Highway Department, member of Smyrna Baptist Church of Dumas and was a 32nd Degree Mason. Reginald's hobbies included hunting and fishing.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his step son, Thomas Roy Akin; and his great grandson, Joseph Henry Trantham, IV.

Survivors include his wife, Verna McHan Conway of Monticello; his three children, Diane Phelps of Greenwood, Randy Akin (Debra) of Waldron and Raymond Akin (Diane) of Conway; seven grandchildren, Christy Capps, Kendra Akin Jones, Beth Akin, Keith Akin, Justin Akin, Ray Akin and Scooter Akin; fifteen great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Karen Akin of Cave Springs.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Monday, September 26, 2022, at Oakland Cemetery. You can sign Reginald's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

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Mary Brooxie Forrest

Our treasured Granny and wonderful Mother, Mary Brooxie Forrest, peacefully departed this world on the morning of Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at The Woods Nursing Home for Rehabilitation in Monticello.

Mary was born on August 6, 1935, in the Centerpoint community in Drew County, to the late Obed Brown and Bernice Arnold Elemore. She was also preceded in death by her husband Frank "Jack" Forrest, a son-in-law Robert Spence, a great-grandson Brett Burke, sister's Peggy Ashcraft, Beatrice Collier, Delores Haas and her brother's Buck Brown and Scott Brown.

She had a true calling for nurturing and taking care of people. She worked in the Drew Hospital for many years. When she was 40, she decided to go to college. She graduated in 1978 with her degree as a Registered Nurse. After working in the hospital, she went to work at Potlatch in Arkansas City as the Plant Nurse. After retirement from the mill, she decided that being at home was not what she wanted to do. So she worked at Potlatch when they needed her and also went to work at Home Health in Lake Village.

All throughout her life she was a dedicated, smart, hard worker and always enjoyed what she did. But what she loved most was being a Mother to her children and Granny to all of her grandchildren. Her family gave her so much joy.

Granny was a beautiful person. She was loved by everyone. If you met her once then you had a true friend for life. She was a wonderful mother not only to her children but to everyone else's children. She treated them like they were her own. Her heart was always full and her arms were always open, along with her kitchen because she always loved to cook and feed anyone that came to her home.

She is survived by her sons Edward Forrest and Michael Forrest (Alice) of Monticello and Chris Forrest (Gloria) of Hamburg; three daughters, Anita Spence and Wanda Bodiford (Timmy) of Monticello and Jackie Rhodes of Star City; 11 grandchildren, Jenny Cokley, Tanya Loveless (Josh), Bambi Burns (Michael), Jonathan Rhodes (LaTisha), Destiney Castleberry, Shelley Glidewell (Timmy), Blake Forrest (Sarah), Nicholas Forrest (Cecily), Cody Forrest (Kelsey), Devon Forrest (Jason), and Jessica Forrest; 22 Great Grandchildren, Tyler Griffin (Kayla), Hunter Rhodes, Garrett Burke, Larkin Adecock, Ashton King, Kayser Rhodes, Olivia Wood, Alexandra Loveless, Dalton Glidewell, Trenton Forrest, Kearston Glidewell, Levi Forrest, Kacyn Rhodes, Jalynn Rhodes, Hallie Forrest, Cadence Pieroni, Alyse Kincaid, Emma Forrest, Tucker Forrest, Jonathan Rhodes, Jr., Tillie Forrest, and Annie Forrest; and four Great-Great Grandchildren Hunter Griffin, Anna Kate Ross, Jace Griffin, and Natalie Griffin.

Visitation was Friday, September 23, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at Stephenson Dearman Funeral Home in Monticello. The funeral was Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Stephenson Dearman Funeral Home in Monticello. Burial will be in the Union Ridge Cemetery with Bro. Larry Clements officiating.

Pallbearers will be Mark Winstead, Gary Funderburg, Randy Forrest, John Spence, Jr., Blake Forrest, Nicholas Forrest, and Garrett Burke.

She will be missed terribly. This is not goodbye. We will see you later because we know you will be waiting on us.

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Robert O'Neill Greenwood

Robert O'Neill Greenwood departed this life on September 21, 2022. Robert was born in Pine Bluff, at Davis Hospital on February 28, 1950 to Brooks O'Neill and Dessie Grimes Greenwood. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Gena Ward.

Having lived a short time in Hot Springs and then back to Pine Bluff, Robert and his family moved to Monticello in 1960, making it their home. He accepted Christ as his Savior at Boggs Springs Church Camp, was baptized, and became a member of Pauline Missionary Baptist Church at the age of 13.

Robert had a love of sports, playing baseball from Little League to American Legion with shortstop being his favorite position.

He was a starter on the Monticello High School Billies Basketball team, a 1968 graduate of MHS, and later attended A & M College. Robert also served six years in the Army Reserves during the Vietnam Era. He was an accomplished electrician,



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refrigeration technician, and carpenter. Robert loved anything outdoors. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, and he was hard to outdo. Many found his skills remarkable, especially his daughter, nephews, and granddaughters. He believed every child should know how to hunt, fish, and ride in the mud and was more than happy to teach them.

Survivors include a daughter, Misty Greenwood of Monticello; siblings, Butch Greenwood of Little Rock, Patricia Greenwood Abbott (Tommy) and Steven Greenwood (Benette) of Monticello; two granddaughters, Joanna Wilson, and Heather Wilson of Monticello; six great-grandchildren; six nephews and one niece; and a special friend, Nancy Morgan and her children.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Friday, September 23, 2022, at Oakland Cemetery with Rev. Larry Clements officiating. You can sign Robert's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

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Gregory Phil "Big G" Jones

Gregory Phil "Big G" Jones, 61, of Lacey, went to be with his Lord and Savior Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff. He was born December 30, 1960, in Monticello, to Mary Jones and the late Hurlay Jones, Sr.

He was a retired forest ranger and heavy equipment operator and was of the Assembly of God faith. Big G was an avid hunter, gardener and tree farmer that had an infectious personality, never met a stranger and was a friend to all. Another passion of his was the Lacey-Ladelle Fire Department where he served as Chief and was one of its founding members. To know Greg was to love him.

He is survived by his mother,

Sister Mary Jones of Lacey; one brother, Phillip Jones (Kay) of Lacey; a niece, Krista Stanley (Mark) of Monticello; a nephew, Hunter Jones (Caitlin) of Monticello; three great nieces, Jaylea, Tristan and Emma Stanley; and one great nephew, Kutter Stanley.

Graveside services will be Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at Lacey Cemetery with Rev. David Jacks officiating. There will be a visitation Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Lacey-Ladelle Fire Department; c/o Lindsay White; 572 Hwy. 133 South; Ft. Hill, AR 71642.

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

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Graveside services will be Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at Lacey Cemetery with Rev. David Jacks officiating. There will be a visitation Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Lacey-Ladelle Fire Department; c/o Lindsay White; 572 Hwy. 133 South; Ft. Hill, AR 71642.

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

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Patricia Abigale Miller

Patricia Abigale Miller was born June 6, 1969, in Fountain Hill, to the late Hazel Miller. She was called to rest at her home on September 20, 2022. She graduated from the Fountain Hill School System in 1987. At an early age, she gave her life to Christ and united with the Mt. Pelium A.M.E. Church in Longview. Later in life, she moved to Jacksonville, with her family. Abbie Gale loved her family especially her grandchildren whom she spent a lot of her time.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Hazel Miller; her grandparents, Emmanuel and Emma D. Miller; her aunts, Gladys Miller, Diana Miller, and Patricia Arington; and two great-nephews.

Left to cherish Abbie Gale's memories are two sons, Alex Ingram (SaQuetta) of Monticello, and Rickie Moore, Jr. (Angelica) of Jacksonville; grandchildren, Avery and Nomi Ingram, Jade Coleman, Ja'Quan Harvest, Rickie Moore, III, Jeremiah, Lilianna Moore, Lloyd Marcario Hernandez, Valerie and Briana Gutierrez; one sister, Cherry Miller of Monticello; two brothers, Donald Ray and James Miller of Monticello; a very special friend, Gerald Tenner of Sherwood; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Visitation was from 3 - 5 p.m. Sunday, September 25, 2022, in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Funeral Services were Monday, September 26, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow in Longview Cemetery.

Please sign Abbie Gale's guest-

book at www.stephensondearman.com.

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Evelyn Joyce Walker

Evelyn Joyce Walker, 71, of Monticello, passed away Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at Baptist Springhill North in North Little Rock. She was born May 12, 1951, in Smackover, to the late Robert Lewis Brazeale and Louise Ann Labeff Brazeale.

She was a homemaker and was of the Pentecostal faith. Mrs. Evelyn loved to read her Bible and also enjoyed walking and drinking coffee with her family. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Charles Ray Brazeale.



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Survivors include her husband, Ray Dale Walker of Monticello; a daughter, Ruby Ferrell (Rodney) of Monticello; three sons, Ricky, Robert and Randy Milburn all of Monticello; sisters, Clara Jean Cater and Anita Louise Everett of Monticello and Amy Diane Goodwin of Smackover; one brother, Robert David Brazeale of El Dorado; and two grandchildren, Rodney Ferrell, Jr. and Ronayia Ferrell.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with burial in Union Ridge Cemetery. There was a visitation from 5-7 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home. You can sign Evelyn's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

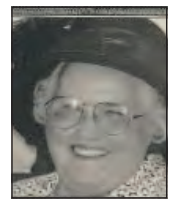
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Annette Joyce Ridgell

Annette Joyce Ridgell, 79, of Wilmar, died Sept. 17, 2022. She was born January 17, 1943, a daughter of the late Arton Sr. and Eulelia Ragland.

Survivors include her sons, Stephon Ridgell (Charlotte) and Craig Ridgell; grandchildren, Stephanie, Steven and Charlayah; great grandchildren, Jayla, Zylia and Xaiya, a sister, Sylvia Shorter and sister-in-laws, Bertha Ragland and Carol Polk Herman.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Wilmar Cemetery.



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- Famous BBQ by Willie Griffin
- 10 food trucks/cajun, seafood, mexican etc.
- Mary Heather Hickman in concert
- 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm, ending the festival

For More Information Check Out Our Wiggins Cabin Festival Facebook Page!

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Includes date, time and location of sale ONLY!

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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 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

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

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

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Rummage Sale. Saturday October 1st. 165 Pinecrest Drive (Western Pines) 7am - 1pm 1pd 9/28

Multi-Family Yard Sale 378 State School Road, Monticello Friday 9-30-22 7am-3pm. Saturday 10-1-2022 7am -11am Dryer, dining table/chairs, dressers, lamps, dishes, cookware, books, clothes, odds and ends, kids clothes, shoes and toys. 1pd 9/28

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 interested please apply at Monticello

Senior Center or call 870-367-2434 and ask for Cindy. 4pd 10/22

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Legals

NOTICE

The following vehicle(s) will be sold, dismantled or destroyed in fifteen (15) days unless claimed at Reggie's Lock & Key LLC, 1065 Highway 278 West, Monticello AR 71655, PH: (870) 723-6898.
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2004 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN 1GNEC13Z84R177580
#106656 9/21 9/28

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE 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
#106654 9/21 9/28

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA JO DAWSON, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-123

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:
947 Highway 133 S
Fountain Hill, AR 71642
Date of Death: April 2, 2022
An instrument captioned "Last Will and Testament of Barbara Jo (Jodie) Dawson" dated October 15, 2007, was on the 14th day of September, 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 28th day of September, 2022.
Billy Gates and Deborah Carter, Co-Executors
c/o Barton & Roper, PLLC
P.O. Box 507
Monticello, AR 71657
#107118 9/28 10/5

NOTICE

The City of Monticello is seeking Statements of Qualifications for various professional services including, but not limited to Financial Advisory, Engineering, and Economic Development services.
Firms seeking contracts for the 2023 fiscal year are encouraged to submit SOQs by 4:00 p., Thursday, October 13, 2022.
SOQs can be mailed to P.O. Box 505, Monticello, AR 71657 c/o Kirstin Garrison or brought to City Hall at 203 West Gaines St., Monticello, AR 71655.

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Applications may be obtained at:
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Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. is accepting applications for the following positions: a **Full-time Business Services/Economic Development Coordinator** in Pine Bluff; and a **Full-time Career Advisor** in Lake Village. Visit www.southeastarkansas.org/careers for job descriptions and submission requirements. No phone calls please.



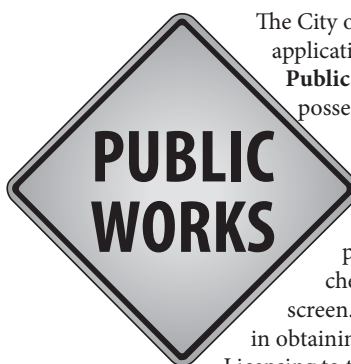
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The City of Monticello is currently taking applications for a full-time and part-time **Public Works Laborers**. Applicants must possess the ability to work independently, be trainable, have good listening skills, knowledge of public works and have a minimum of a high school diploma. Must be able to pass a pre-employment background check, motor vehicle check and drug screen. Applicants should have an interest in obtaining either a Water and/or Wastewater Licensing to the level that is required for the City.

CDL preferred. Some job responsibilities include assisting daily with the upkeep of all City streets including asphalt repair, replacement, and repair of all culverts, assist with water leak repairs, maintenance of sewer ponds, tree limb removal, general maintenance of City grounds and buildings, lawn care around wells, sewer ponds and City of Monticello Lake and communicating with the Public Works Superintendent and Assistant Public Works Superintendent on daily issues that may arise. On the job training will be provided. Hours may vary depending on daily assigned tasks. Salary DOE. Full benefits package included for full-time employees. Do not apply if you have a criminal background! To apply please come by the City of Monticello City Hall in person to pick-up an application. Deadline to apply is September 30, 2022.

HELP NEEDED



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Legals

NOTICE

The City of Monticello is seeking bids for Youth Activities Services. The contract will be for the budget year of January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2023 and will be funded from Youth Activities through the One Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Sealed Bids must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 13, 2022, at which time the Sealed Bids will be opened at City Hall, 203 West Gaines St., Monticello, AR 71655.

Sealed Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 505, Monticello, AR 71657 c/o Kirstin Garrison or brought to City Hall at 203 West Gaines St., Monticello, AR 71655.

The City of Monticello reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or part.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD WEST,
DECEASED**

NO. 22PR-22-110

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:

123 Golf Course Dr.
Monticello, AR 71655

Date of Death: July 14, 2021

An Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributees was filed on the 29th day of August, 2022. The estate to be collected contains real property, legally described as follows:

UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF (1/2) INTEREST

Parcel 1: Pt SE¼ of NE¼ and NE¼ of SE¼ Sec 25-13S-7W, of Midway Rt: Beginning at the NW Cnr SE¼ of NE¼; South along the W-bndy 1967.48'; S85°25'34"E 1063.40' to CL Midway Rt.; Northwestly along CL chord dist 2099.64' to N-bndy; West along N-bndy 671.34' to POB, 40.70 acres+/-; and

Parcel 2: Pt of the W½ NW¼ Sec 31 and SW¼ SW¼ Sec 30, T13SR7W: Beginning at the SW Cnr NW¼ of Section 31; North along W-bndy 3799.81' to CL Midway Rt, Southeasterly along CL chord dist 2043.67'; South 1094.52'; West 208'; South 1047' to S-bndy NW¼; West along S-bndy 1034.19' to POB; 79.90 acres +/-.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned 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 in the estate.

This notice first published on the 28th day of September, 2022.

Jan S. West, Distributee
Barton & Roper, PLLC
P.O. Box 507
Monticello, AR 71657
(870) 367-6288

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-24

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2022-24 FOR HVAC PROJECT AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

ARTICLE 1. The Twenty-first Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is dated September 21, 2022 and is filed with the County Clerk, is hereby adopted by reference and is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.

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

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

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

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

ADOPTED: 9/19/2022

APPROVED:

/s/Robert Akin

Robert Akin, Drew County Judge

ATTEST:

/s/Nancy White

Nancy White, Drew County Clerk

Sponsors: Frank Appleberry, Roger Harris

ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION

ORDINANCE 2022-24

The Twenty-first Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated September 21, 2022

Appropriation Ordinance 2022-24

Decrease Unappropriated General Fund (1000) \$ 63,500.00 and increase the following line item:

General Fund

1000.0108.2024 Courthouse Maintenance \$63,500.00

• Reason for Appropriation: HVAC project at the County Courthouse.

• PHASE II OF THE P+A/EMA ENGINEERING SERVICES

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PETS

8 rabbits to give away. call 870-723-1641 1fr 10/1

Friendly kitten needs a good home call Angela Stewart at 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. #findhowardmate 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. TFN

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COMMERCIAL

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Job Openings

(safety-sensitive positions)

Full-time Direct Care Staff (Monticello area)

(Lifting required)

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Full-time

Classroom Instructor (Discovery Skills Center)

Experience working with ADULTS with developmental disabilities preferred.

All applicants must pass background checks and drug tests required by the agency. Applications will be accepted through October 10, 2022. Applications may be picked up at 168 West College in Monticello, or on our website at www.advantageseak.org.

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WELDERS needed in Dumas area

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FORKLIFT DRIVERS/LABORERS NEEDED

WELDERS, FORKLIFT DRIVERS, UTILITY WORKERS Needed in the Dumas/McGehee area. Great \$\$\$.

LOOKING FOR experienced applicants in the Monticello/McGehee area for jobs in the McGehee/Dumas/Dermott area. Must be able to work shift positions. Verification of past employment will be completed for employment. Call Patsy.

Mark Your Calendars!

OCTOBER



OCTOBER 5TH - Express Employment

will be taking applications in **Monticello at the Workforce Center from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon and in McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

OCTOBER 12TH - Express Employment will be taking applications in **McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

OCTOBER 19TH - Express Employment will be taking applications in **Monticello at the Workforce Center from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon and in McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

OCTOBER 26TH - Express Employment will be taking applications in **Dumas at the Workforce Center and in McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

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Weevils improve 3-1 with 35-14 win over Arkansas Tech



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian

DEFENSE: The Weevil defense converges on Arkansas Tech Taye Gatewood. The Weevil defense would force five interceptions on the day to aid in the 35-14 victory.



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian

DEQUAN STREET intercepts one of his two interceptions on the day. Street intercepted his first pass on Arkansas Tech's second possession of the game.

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Boll Weevils bounced back from their first loss of the season last week at Henderson State with a 35-14 victory over Great American Conference opponent the Arkansas Tech Wonderboys at Convoy Leslie-Cotton Bowl Stadium on Saturday to celebrate Parent and Family Day at UAM.

UAM would win the coin toss and would defer to the second half. After a 60-yard kick by Marquise McKnight and a 30-yard return, the Wonderboys would begin the first drive of the contest at their own 35-yard line.

UAM's defense would make a statement to begin the game as Kaytron Allen would intercept Taye Gatewood's first pass of the game to give the Weevils possession at mid-field.

After five plays, the Weevils were looking at a fourth and two at the Tech 28-yard line when Demilon Brown broke free for the first touchdown of the contest.

McKnight added the extra point and with 12:25 remaining in the first quarter, UAM held a 7-0 lead.

Beginning their next drive at their own 25, Tech would start the drive with two running plays before Gatewood would throw his second interception of the game when DeQuan Street would pick off the pass for a two-yard return to give UAM possession at the Tech 38-yard line.

UAM would convert a fourth and two on the drive with a three-yard run by Brown and a first down pass on a third and 13 to Isaiah Cross to the Tech 17-yard line.

UAM would reach the eight-yard line on a run by Brown to the 15, a five yard pass to Cross, and a two-yard run by Dorian Manuel.

Brown would cover the eight yards on the next play followed by a successful extra point attempt by McKnight to extend the UAM lead to 14-0 with 6:08 remaining in the first quarter.

The score would remain 14-0 in favor of the Weevils for the remainder of the quarter.

Starting the second quarter at the Tech 12-yard line, Brown's pass to the end zone would fall incomplete forcing the Weevils to attempt a field goal that was not successful, turning the ball over on downs to the Wonderboys.

Beginning their first drive of the second quarter at their own 20-yard line, the Wonderboys

would begin driving downfield, pushing the ball into Weevil territory.

Former Weevil running back, Devontae Dean, would push the ball inside the UAM five-yard line where Tyler Day would take the ball in for Tech.

Jesus Zizumbo would add the extra point and with 9:58 remaining in the first half, Arkansas Tech had cut the lead to 14-7.

After a touchback on the kickoff, UAM would begin their drive at the UAM 25.

Runs by Brown and Manuel would get the ball to the UAM 48 before Brown would break free for a 23-yard gain, down to the Tech 29-yard line.

After advancing to the 19, Brown would connect with Cross to set up first and goal for the Weevils, however after gaining to the three by Caleb Jacobs, UAM would lose yardage and be forced to attempt a field goal that was not successful, turning the ball over on downs with 3:39 remaining in the half.

Tech would begin their drive at their own 20-yard line and would advance into UAM territory after a 41-yard rush by Deon Simmons to the UAM 31.

Gatewood would carry the ball to the 25, but a personal foul penalty against the Weevils would place the ball half the distance to the goal, with the spot being at the UAM 12.

Dean would gain to the one-yard line where Simmons would punch the ball in. Zizumbo added the extra point to tie the contest at 14 with :32 seconds remaining in the half.

UAM would get one more possession before the end of the half and was able to gain a first down on the drive, but the game would enter halftime locked in a 14-14 tie.

After receiving the kick to begin the second half, UAM would begin their drive from their own 13-yard line and would advance the ball to the 18 before having to punt the ball away.

Zachary Grisotti got away with a 63-yard punt to the Tech 19 where the Wonderboys would take over possession.

UAM's defense would push the Tech offense back for negative yards on their possession forcing a punt that went 32 yards allowing the Weevils to take over Tech territory at the 48-yard line.

UAM would cover the 48 yards in six plays capped off by a 25-yard touchdown run by Brown with 9:57 remaining in the third quarter.

McKnight added the extra point to extend the Weevil lead to 21-14.



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DEMILON BROWN attributed to four Weevil touchdowns on the day including three rushing scores and one through the air. Brown was 8 for 16 in passing for 114 yards and a touchdown with 184 yards rushing on 17 carries and three touchdowns. Brown was selected as a Co-Offensive Player of the Week by the GAC, his second selection this season, and has also been named to the Harlon Hill watch list. The Harlon Hill Award is given to the nation's most outstanding player in December.

Kaytron Allen would intercept his second pass of the day on Arkansas Tech's next possession. Allen intercepted the pass at the UAM 35, returning the ball 64 yards to the Tech one-yard line but an illegal block would bring the ball back to the UAM 45.

UAM would force the punt on the next possession, but would force Tech to punt on their next possession.

The Weevils would extend their lead on their next possession.

Beginning at their own 31-yard line, runs by Brown and Manuel would move the ball to the Tech 44-yard line where Brown would connect with Cross for the 44-yard score.

McKnight would add the extra point to extend the lead to 28-14 with 2:01 remaining in the third quarter.

The score would remain 28-14 through the conclusion of the third quarter with the quarter ending on an interception by Greg Hooks, returning the interception 26 yards to the Tech 49 as the quarter ended.

Starting the first drive of the fourth quarter at the Tech 49, UAM would cover the 49 yards with the drive ending with the final touchdown of the contest

on a five yard run by Thomas Hayden.

McKnight added the extra point to set up the final score of 35-14.

UAM would force one last turnover before the end of the contest after Street intercepted his second pass of the game. Overall the Weevil defense would force five Tech interceptions.

Demilon Brown led the Weevils with 114 passing yards and a touchdown and 184 rushing yards with three touchdowns.

Isaiah Cross finished the day with 93 receiving yards and a touchdown.

Kaytron Allen and DeQuan Street intercepted two passes each and Greg Hooks with one interception.

With the win, UAM moves to 3-1 on the season and will travel to Weatherford, Oklahoma to face the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldogs on Saturday, October 2, with a 2 pm kickoff scheduled.

UAM is currently 3-1 along with Henderson State and Harding University. Ouachita Baptist leads the GAC with a 4-0 record.

SWOSU is currently 2-2 on the season along with East Central, Southeastern Oklahoma State, and SAU.

Camden Harmony Grove Hornets defeat pirates 31-6 to open conference

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Pirates entered their first 6-3A Conference contest against Camden Harmony Grove with the best record to start a season in school history

with a record of 3-1.

Hosting Camden Harmony Grove, the Hornets would win the coin toss and elect to kick the ball off to start the contest.

Nick Bailey would receive the kick without a return at the Pirate 20 and on the first play of

the game, Kade Bodiford would connect with Dayton England 41-yard pick up to the Camden 39-yard line.

The Pirates would not advance the ball further, and would settle for a punt after Bodiford would be sacked for a loss at the Pirate

42.

On the punt, the snap would go over Bodiford's head forcing Bodiford to fall on the ball back at the Pirate 16-yard line, turning the ball over on downs.

Camden Harmony Grove would advance the ball down

to the Pirate 11-yard line on the first carry for the Hornets of the game.

Hunter Phillips would drop the next Hornet runner for a loss back at the 16 on the next carry.

Camden's first pass attempt was incomplete but the Hornets

would draw a holding penalty but the foul was declined to bring up fourth down.

Camden would call at the field goal unit and with 9:31 remaining in the first quarter, Tyler Mc-

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BRAYDEN MILLETT (right) would finish the contest with 32 yards on eight carries and the only Pirate touchdown. Millett also had several tackles on the defensive side of the ball. **DAYTON ENGLAND** (center) led the Pirates in receiving yards, catching four passes for 66 yards with the longest reception being 41 yards. **KADE BODIFORD** (left) was 7 of 24 passing with 88 yards and an interception. Bodiford led the Pirates in rushing yards with 72 total yards.



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Billies pick up first conference win at Central



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CAREER DAY: Jontavion Lambert had a career game on the road against the West Helena/Central Cougars. Lambert rushed for 253 yards on 23 carries scoring three touchdowns. The Billies would also get offensive touchdowns from Zae Jones and Brooks Bowman as the Billies secured their first conference win of the season to improve their conference record to 1-2. The Billies defeated Central by the score of 53-20. The Billies will host the Dumas Bobcats on Friday, September 30, at Hyatt Field with a 7pm kickoff scheduled.

PIRATES

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Cann connected from 33-yards out to give Camden a 3-0 lead.

Drew Central would be forced to punt on the next possession, with the punt traveling out of bounds at the Pirate 35-yard line where the Hornets took over with 6:47 on the clock.

Camden would cover the 35 yards in five plays, scoring the touchdown on the quarterback keeper from six yards out.

The extra point was good as Camden extended the lead to 10-0 with 5:17 remaining in the quarter.

Nick Bailey would gain 20 yards on the kickoff return, taking the ball at the Pirate 10-yard line, returning it up to the Pirate 30.

After an incomplete pass, Brayden Millett would gain six yards with Kalani Collins adding three yards and Bodiford with three.

Millett advanced the ball to

the 46 and Bodiford advanced the ball into Camden territory to the Camden 39.

The Hornets would force the Pirates to go for it on fourth down with the Pirates needing to reach the Camden 29-yard line for the first down.

With the line of scrimmage at the Camden 35, Bodiford would take the snap running to his right side leaping at the yard to gain, setting the ball down at the Camden 29 before going out of bounds, however the head official ruled that Bodiford had went out of bounds at the 30 resulting in the Pirates turning the ball over on downs.

Camden would sustain their drive through the start of the second quarter taking the ball down to the Pirate nine-yard line where the Pirate defense would keep the Hornet offense from reaching the end zone, forcing Camden to turn the ball over on downs at the Pirate five with 8:27 remaining in the half.

Drew Central would be able to move the ball up to their 10-

yard line, but would have to punt the ball away giving Camden possession at the Pirate 42.

Camden would get to the Pirate 35 on the first carry of the drive, but a block in the back would take the ball back to the Camden 49.

Camden would return into Pirate territory on the next drive and with an added personal foul penalty against Drew Central the Hornets would be on the Pirate 25 where they would score and add the extra point for a 17-0 halftime lead.

Camden would score their next touchdown on the first drive of the second half to take a 24-0 lead with Drew Central getting on the board in the fourth quarter on a 75-yard drive capped by a three-yard run by Millett.

Camden scored the final touchdown late in the fourth to take the 31-6 win.

The Pirates will be on the road against Fordyce on Friday, September 30 at 7 pm.

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Jr. Billies defeat Central Jr. Cougars 24-6 at Hyatt Field

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The Monticello Junior Billies got back in the win column this past week after defeating the Central Junior Cougars 24-6 Thursday night at Hyatt Field.

With the win, the Junior Billies improved their conference record to 2-2 on the season.

Central would win the opening coin toss and would elect to kick the football to begin Thursday's contest that began an hour earlier at 6 pm instead of the normal 7 pm kickoff time due to the length of travel for the Cougars from West Helena.

Xavier Williams took the kick at the Monticello 22-yard line, returning the ball 19 yards to give the Junior Billies possession at the Monticello 41.

Jackson Hines' first pass from scrimmage resulted in an incomplete pass, however the first penalty of the contest would go against Central moving the ball into Central territory on a pass interference call that gave Monticello possession at the Central 42.

Central would be penalized on the next play with a face mask call on a run by Joseph Acculus.



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XAVIER WILLIAMS received the opening kickoff from Central on Thursday night to begin the 8-4A Junior Conference matchup. Williams would get a nice return, gaining 19-yards on the play.

Monticello would score on the drive with a combination of runs by Acculus and Hines with Hines crossing into the endzone with 6:44 remaining in the first quarter. Hines added the two point play to give Monticello an 8-0 lead.

Central's first drive of the contest would result in a punt inside their own territory with the snap to the punter going over his head, being downed at the Central nine yard line.

Hines would take the ball in from the Central nine for the Junior Billie score and would add the two point play to increase the lead to 16-0 with 5:07 showing on the game clock.

Neither team could reach the goal for the remainder of the half with Monticello taking their 16-0 lead into the halftime break.

Returning from halftime, Joseph Rojas would kick the ball away for the Junior Billies to get the third quarter underway.

Central began their possession at their own 26-yard line after the kick and would move the ball into Monticello territory in four plays to the Monticello 48.

Central's next play would result in an interception by Hines

at the Monticello 25-yard line and would be returned out to the Monticello 46, but a block in the back penalty on the return would move the ball back to the Monticello 22.

After reaching the Monticello 44-yard line on runs by Acculus and Jayden Rhodes, the Junior Billies would move the ball to the Central 45 on a pass from Hines to John Luke Brotherton.

Two penalties would move the ball backwards for the Junior Billies, but the team would advance the ball to the Central 17-yard line where Hines would cover the distance on the quarterback keeper to score his third touchdown of the contest with 1:00 remaining in the third quarter. Hines added the conversion to increase the lead to 24-0.

Central would score their only touchdown of the contest with 16 seconds remaining in the contest on a 30-yard pass to set up the final score of 24-6.

Hines led the way for Monticello with three touchdowns and conversions rushing for 46 yards and passing for 31 yards.

Acculus led the team in rushing with 92 yards.

The Junior Billies will travel to

Dumas on Thursday to face Junior Bobcats.

Kickoff for will begin at 5:30 pm for the Seventh Grade and 7 pm for the Junior Billies.



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JOSEPH ROJAS kicks the ball away after a Junior Billie touchdown. Rojas would have four kick-offs, averaging around 29 yards per kick.

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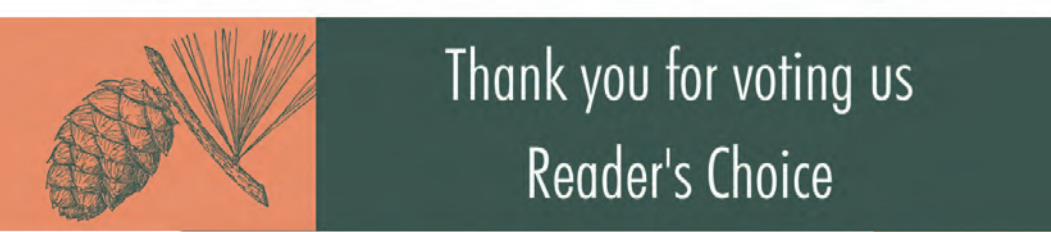
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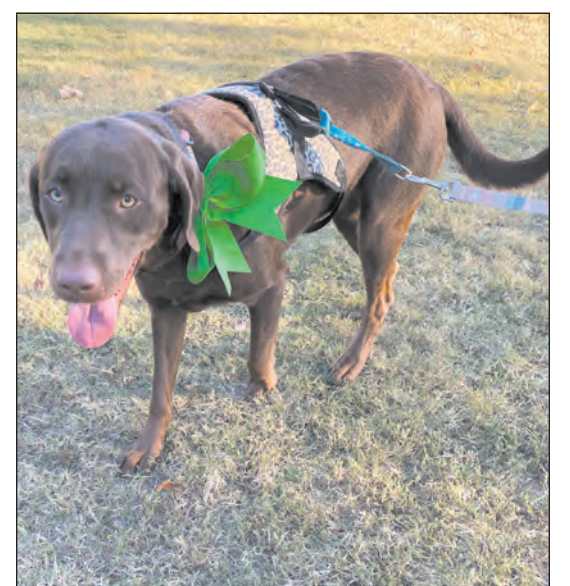
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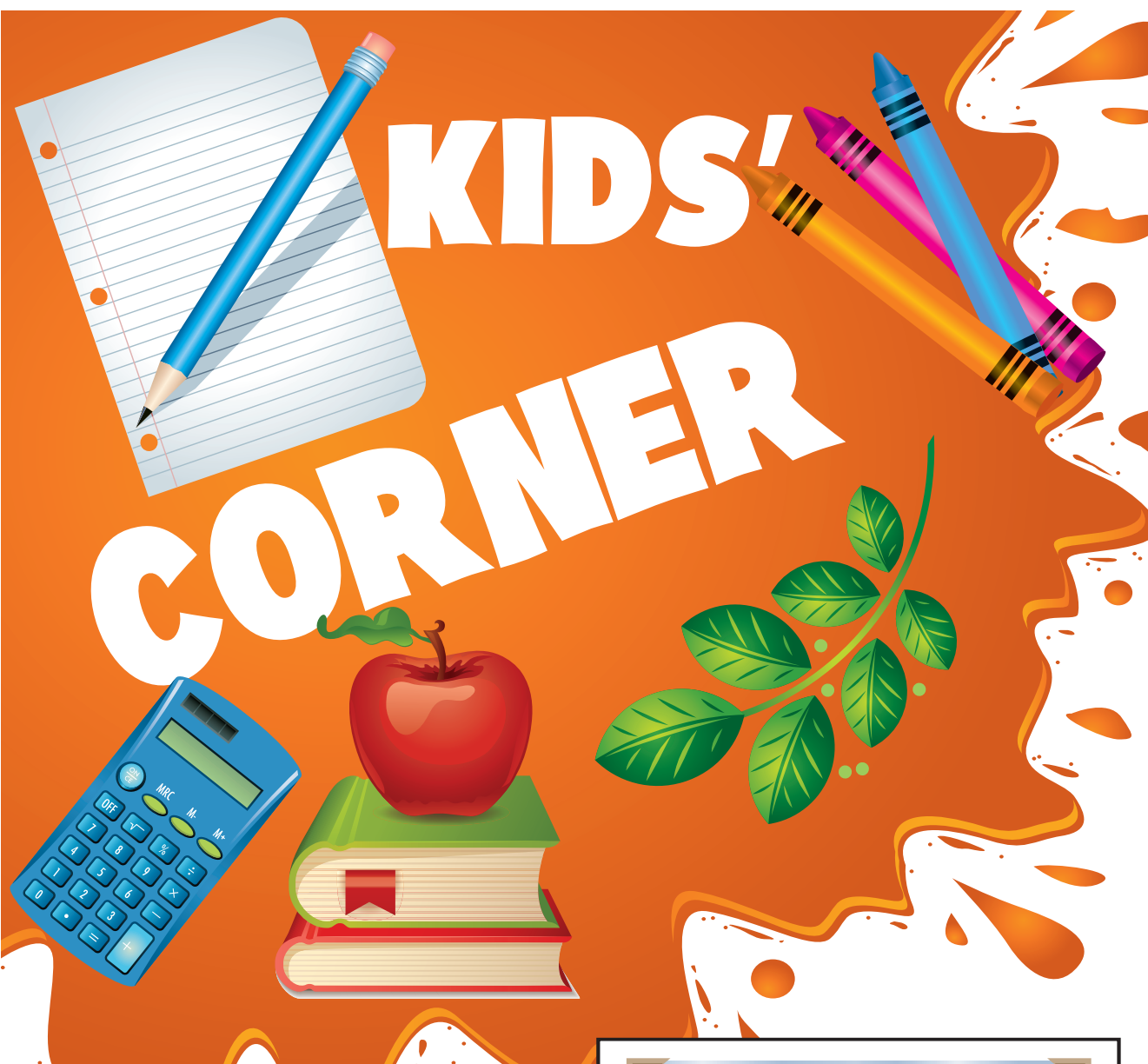
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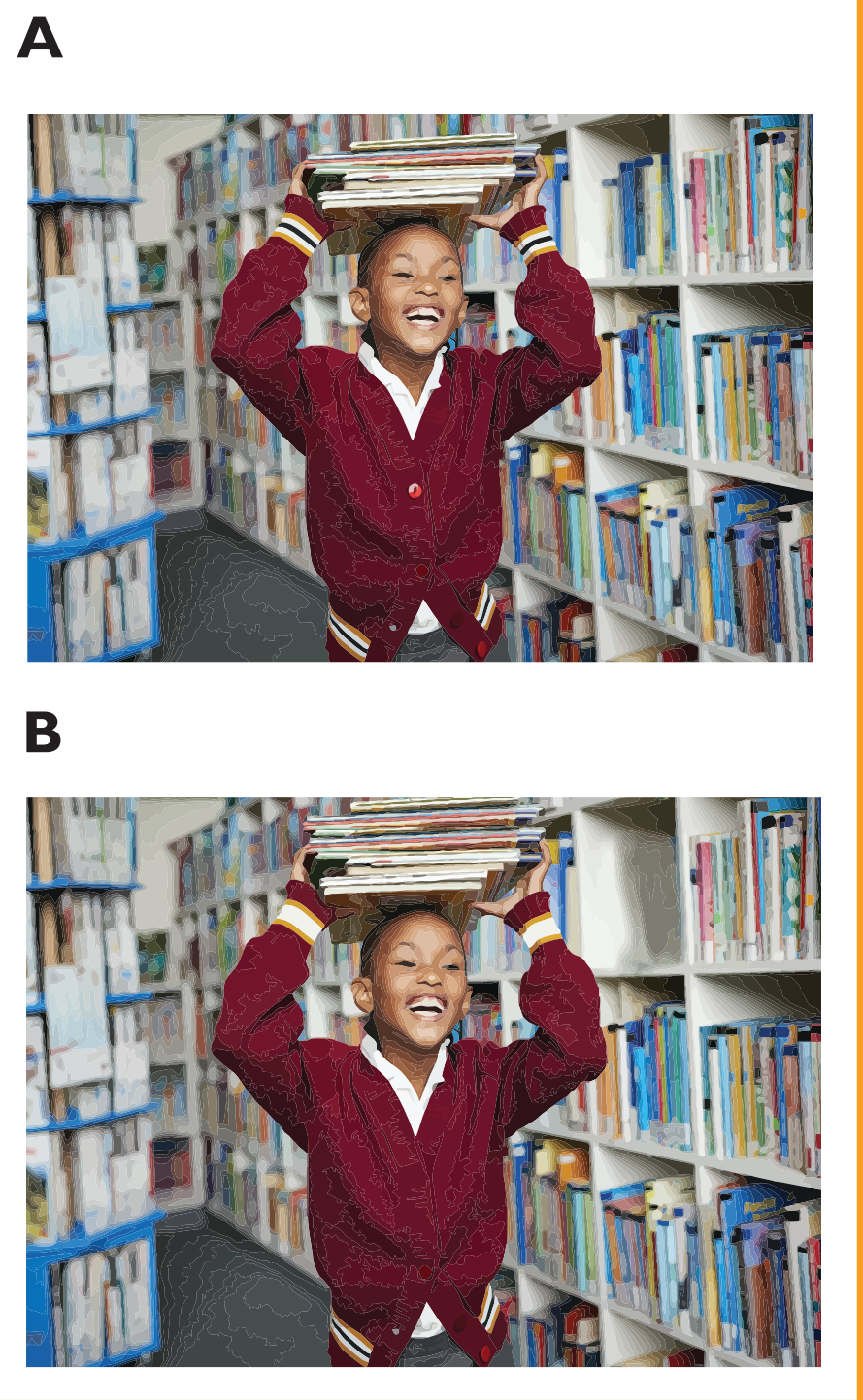


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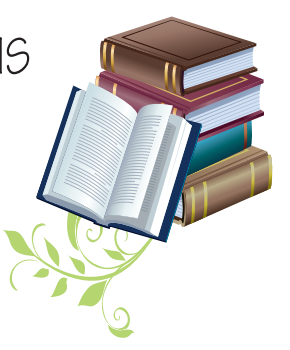
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What a beautiful day we had today. The feel of fall was definitely in the air! It would have been a perfect day to go fishing.

Mrs. Mary Lasiter enjoyed her visit with Mrs. Ruth Hunter. Ms. Ruth took some school annuals to Ms. Mary's. They looked through them and had a good time reminiscing.

Jimmy and Wanda Harris did some sightseeing while Wanda was doing some traveling nurse's work. She shared some beautiful pictures from Colorado and Wyoming.

I did not get to attend the Wilmar All School Reunion, but it looked like they had a great time!

I wish Jeff Tucker a speedy recovery. He had laparoscopic knee surgery this past week. His son Jeremy was nice enough to mow the lawn for him and Sheena.

Jamie Martin came over Sunday evening for a brief visit. We had a great time. We watched Smokey and the Bandit for about the 50th time. It's still a funny movie!

Robert West had a short visit with Mr. Carlis Johns the other day. Mr. Carlis and his dog were just out making the rounds. Bob said it had been a long time since he had seen Mr. Carlis.

Shawn and I talked to Kevin and Theresa Perrigen and their granddaughters in Atwood's Saturday. It was nice catching up with them.

Shawn and I stopped by to visit Shelly Wooten and Mrs. Bettye Rial for a bit this past weekend. Please continue to lift them up in prayer.

Please pray for the daughter of Justin and Myka Hamilton. She was born prematurely and has a long road of progress ahead.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ludlow. Aaron and Rachel Barnett Ludlow were married this past Saturday. Also, congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Anthony. Hunter and Taylor were married last week. I wish both couples a lifetime of happiness!

Happy 3rd birthday to little Ms. Mya Brown. She is the granddaughter of James and Eddie Brown. I hope you had a great one. Also, happy birthday to my best friend Cindy Hicks, Mrs. Eloise Worlow, Mark Harris, Mariann Winders, Ryan Tassin, CiCi Handley, Kelly Burnett, Kaarlo Gober, Mrs. Marilyn Crutchfield, Season Wilkerson, and Britnee Wright. I hope you all have or had happy birthdays.

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Greenhill Community Baptist Church held a wonderful Sunday morning service. Brother Caleb's message was titled "A Hard Race To Run" from Galatians 5:7. You're welcome to join us for Sunday school at 9:30, childrens church at 10:30, and the worship service at 10:30. The women's Bible study is Sundays at 3pm and the steering committee will meet on Wednesday at 7pm.

Aunt May and Aunt Pepe are feeling better and on their way to recovery. They went for a long ride in the country on Saturday and enjoyed the scenery.

Prayers please for Kevin Hicks he is in the hospital.

Leighanne Tucker is home from the hospital. Please pray for her as she continues on her road to recovery.

I hope you all are enjoying the beautiful cool mornings we are blessed with. I love this time of year.

Verse of the week: "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." Proverbs 4:23

Have a safe and blessed week.

LACEY IVANELL HANDLEY

Hello Readers, missed you all last week! I'm back grateful and thankful to have been blessed to see another week! We were blessed with an inspiring service at Mt. Olive AME Church, Lacey, this past Sunday morning. The Sunday school lesson was taught by Bro. Darron Spencer, the subject was "The Scepter Given to Judah"; focus scripture from Genesis 35:22b - 26;38:24-26; and 49:10-12. The key verse, Genesis 49:10 (NSRV) "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and the obedience of the peoples is his". Brother Spencer did a fantastic job. Minister Edgar Spencer blessed with a great message from Daniel 6:2-3, and 23 his thought was "Believing in God"; it was a blessed word. Pastor Ephriam Johnson of Promise Land Baptist Church, Lacey was the visiting Pastor.

Prayers for those that are sick and shut-in: Ardell Allen had surgery and is now in re-

Do you have any community tidbits?

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habilitation at JRMC in Pine Bluff. Sister Mary Franklin is not feeling well. Floyd is feeling better, thank you to everyone who stopped by to lend a helping hand; also thank you for your prayers and phone calls. Let us remember to keep each other lifted up in prayer.

Sending our prayers and sympathies to the Bowden, Nelson, Thomas, Ragland and Ridgell families as well as others who have loss loved ones.

Saturday the 17th, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tiner stopped by to see Floyd and I, we were so happy to have them stop by and we had such a nice visit; Floyd and I miss Mrs. Jan Tiner. Richard and Yolanda Jones spent the weekend visiting with Camryn at the University of Fayetteville for parents weekend. They went to the football game and did several other school family activities. Regena and her friends spent four days in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; she really enjoyed her visit.

This past weekend, Regena came down to see us; she and I ran errands on Saturday she took me Beech St. Bistro Saturday evening and she cooked our dinner Sunday, it was delicious! I visited Mary my sister in law Sunday evening; her sister Pam and her daughter were also there.

Happy belated birthday wishes to: Mary Ann Corker, September 22; Trinity Lambert, September 22; Katie Lemon, September 22; Vera Gross, September 24; and Angelia Childress Dominique, September 27. Happy Birthday to: Ronnie Rochelle, October 1; Don Franklin, October 2; Marjorie Johnson, October 2; Brenda Hebert, October 2; and Martha Snipes October 6. I hope you all had/ have a wonderful day!

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Suber, October 9!

Thought for the week: "Wishing you a great start on Monday, no obstacles for Tuesday, no stress on Wednesday, no troubles on Thursday, many smiles on Friday, and a relaxing Saturday! (Author unknown) Have a blessed week!

POSSUM VALLEY KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK

Hello, y'all! I can hardly believe that Christmas is only three months away. And, as usual, I have not bought one gift. I do have a list though. That must count for something, right?

Rick and I have enjoyed a quiet weekend. Leigha and the grands have been in Cabot all weekend and Jason was at work. Bo and the South Arkansas Rally have won all four games, so far, this weekend. As I am typing this, it is Sunday night about 8 o'clock and Bo and his team are playing for the championship. I hope they win, but it will be a late night by the time they get home. Hopefully, the kids can sleep on the way home and be rested enough to get up for school tomorrow.

My Saturday morning walk was an enjoyable one. The ditch banks are awash with the golden glow of yellow wildflowers. I can't help but think of my Aunt Letty when I see them. They were her favorite flowers. As I stood among them, taking pictures of moths and butterflies, I remembered my feisty, friendly, giving Aunt with great fondness. I was having such a nice time that I almost missed bible study. But I hoofed it on to the house, got ready and made it there a bit

late but not too late.

Sunday morning, Rick and I enjoyed a wonderful service at Bethel. Bro. Joe Williams filled the pulpit for us again this week. He and his lovely wife are expecting their first child within the next few weeks. He brought us a message from

II Kings 4:8-17 and Haggai 1:1-15, "Is There Room For God In Your Life?"

Remember last week I mentioned that I had dropped my 'good' camera on the concrete? Well, after some careful thought, I packed it up shipped it off to the Nikon factory in Jericho, New York for repair. Repair cost is much cheaper than buying a new camera. Hopefully, I'll have it back in a week or two. Until then, I'm using the backup camera which has a less than optimal zoom. But it will do for those not-so-far-away shots.

Sunday night after church, Rick and I had a hankerin' for a Sonic burger, so off we went. Sonic currently has a great meal deal. \$5 will get you a choice of two double patty burgers, two Frito chili cheese wraps or two popcorn chickens or a mixed combo of whatever two you like.

I'd been wanting to go to Dollar Tree, too, so while I was in there looking for some Fall decor, Rick went and got the food. We timed it just right, because just as I walked out the door of the store, he pulled up. We ate our food on the way home and as we pulled into the driveway at home, Jason pulled up right behind us for a brief, but nice, visit in the driveway.

Time for another corny joke. Why didn't they play card games on the ark? Noah was always standing on the deck!

That's my news for this week. Until next time, please, be happy, stay safe, smile and

pray. Pray for your family, your friends, your spouse, your community, your church. Satan's snares and wily ways have folks thinking all kind of ways except God's Way. Jesus told His disciples in John 14:6, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Today is the day to accept Him into your heart.

WILMAR CHRIS RILEY

The past week, I was shocked to learn of the home-going of my Oreo Twin Wanda Ralph Cunning Young. My heart is deeply saddened as we had this thing going because we have the same birthday date of birth. Rest in Love, Wanda. I'll miss your little nuggets you would drop on me once in awhile.

I talked with Margaret "Brooksie" Leverett of Kansas City, who said "I'm blessed I turned the big 92 August 9th. What a blessing".

I was sorry to hear of Jessie M. Gragg's passing. It happened two or three weeks ago in Detroit where she resided. She was formerly down this way where she attended school in Drew County.

Kevin Riley of In His Presence Worship Ministries was very pleasantly surprised, as Delvin Shipp and family were guests Sunday. It was like a reunion as they are cousins and hadn't seen each other in a number of years.

Happy birthday, Theda Colbert October 1st and Marcus Hopson Jr.

1st Baptist East Side observed it's 43rd church anniversary Sunday at 3 p.m. Minister Kentrell Woods and church family, Brown Temple and Mt. Zion Baptist were guests. His sermon came

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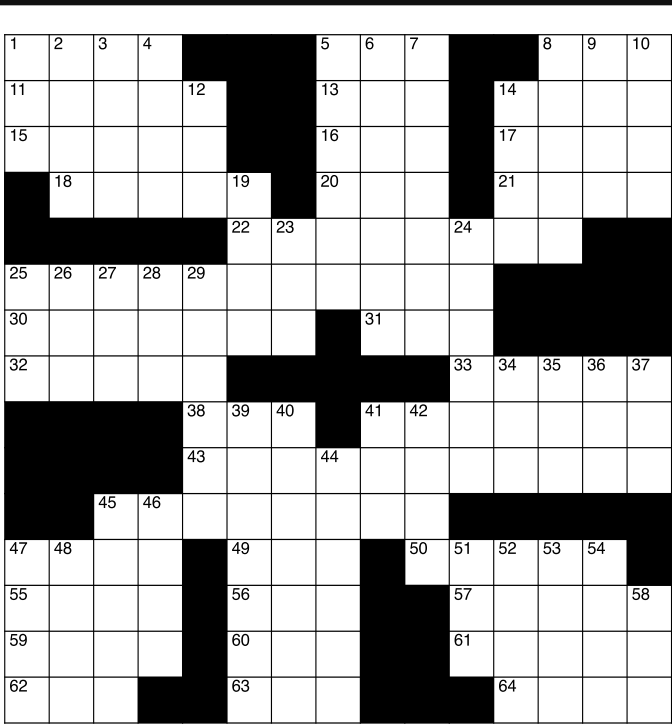
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- 5. Gas usage measurement
- 8. Golf score
- 11. A superior grade of black tea
- 13. Wrath
- 14. Eating house
- 15. Delay leaving a place
- 16. People now inhabiting Myanmar
- 17. Canadian flyers
- 18. Walks back and forth
- 20. Frequently
- 21. Humans have two
- 22. Surrounds with armed forces
- 25. Made proper
- 30. Medical buildings
- 31. Patty Hearst's captors
- 32. Hits with a drop shot
- 33. Italy's PM 1919-20
- 38. Promotions
- 41. En __: incidentally
- 43. Queens baseball team
- 45. Commoner
- 47. Expenses in insurance world (abbr.)
- 49. Payroll firm
- 50. Broadway actress Daisy
- 55. Skipper butterflies
- 56. Hint
- 57. Daniel __, French composer
- 59. English children's author Blyton
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Patriotic women's group
- 63. The woman
- 64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 2. Jump
- 3. Eaten as a vegetable
- 4. Residual paresis after anesthesia
- 5. Brunchtime staple
- 6. Makes money off of
- 7. Refined
- 8. Nocturnal S. American rodents
- 9. From a distance
- 10. Officials
- 12. It helps you see
- 14. Central Canadian indigenous person
- 19. Invests in little enterprises
- 23. They help in tough situations
- 24. Industrial port in Poland
- 25. Type of screen
- 26. Peyton's little brother
- 27. Alcoholic beverage
- 28. Newspapers need it
- 29. Herbal tea
- 34. Distinctive practice
- 35. Exercise system __-bo
- 36. Explosive
- 37. Belonging to a thing
- 39. Presidential candidates engage in them
- 40. Of the Swedes
- 41. Meadow-grass
- 42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 44. Hooray!
- 45. Greek city
- 46. One way to do it by example
- 47. Imitated
- 48. "Game of Thrones" actress Headey
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Drought-resistant plant
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of

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- STANDARDS
- SUPPLIER

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

This week's recipe: Spicy chicken fires up dinner time

Chicken is a versatile protein that can take center stage on any table. There are scores of ways to prepare chicken, and this recipe for "Pollo Harissa" is seasoned with a fiery, spicy mix that is truly aromatic. Enjoy it, courtesy of "España: Exploring the Flavors of Spain" (Gibbs Smith) by James Campbell Caruso.

The chicken generously with harissa. Sprinkle with salt. Put the couscous and chicken stock in an oven-safe baking dish. Place the dressed chicken on top. Bake covered for 45 minutes. Remove the cover and bake for another 15 minutes, until chicken is cooked through. Serve with a tossed mix of cucumber, cilantro, lemon juice, and oil.

red chiles
Salt and pepper to taste

Stir coriander, caraway and cumin in a small skillet over medium-high heat until aromatic, about 30 seconds. Transfer to a food processor. Cook garlic in the same skillet, covered, over medium-low heat until tender, about 10 minutes, turning occasionally. Let garlic cool, then peel it and add to processor. Char bell peppers over a gas flame or in a broiler until blackened on all sides. Enclose in a paper bag; let stand 10 minutes. Peel, seed, and coarsely chop peppers. Add peppers, oil, sugar, and crushed red pepper to processor. Puree. Season with salt and pepper.



Pollo Harissa (Roasted Harissa Chicken with Couscous)

Ingredients (Serves 4)

- 1 whole roasting chicken, rinsed
- 1 lemon, cut into 4 pieces
- 6 cloves garlic
- Harissa (see below)
- Salt
- 2 cups couscous
- 3 cups chicken stock

Directions:

Heat the oven to 375 F. Fill chicken cavity with lemon pieces and garlic. Rub



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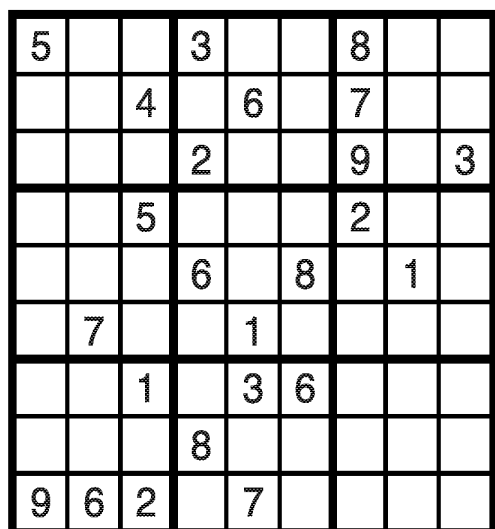
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Copico named All Around Best Citizen in '22 Readers' Choice

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Ryan Copico was voted Best Citizen in the 2022 Readers' Choice Awards. Copico has been in Drew County for more than 15

years and has established himself as a mover and shaker within the community. Copico and his wife Rebecca, have four children and his is the children's pastor at Pauline Baptist Church. "Wow!" Copico said. "A

huge thank you to all of you who voted for me! I'm humbled because there were some on that



RYAN COPICO WITH DAUGHTER LILY

list who were far more deserving of this recognition. The Bible says in Jeremiah 29:7 "to

work for the peace and prosperity of the city God sends you and pray to the Lord for it. For it's welfare determines your welfare." Any community is made great when its citizens find how they're uniquely wired to add value

to the people around them and it's an honor to be recognized for adding value to our community! My hope is to keep doing my small part, around others doing their part, for our common good. Thanks again!"

City Drug wins six awards in Readers' Choice



Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian

Pictured above is a sight familiar to many Monticellonians, the front entrance of city Drug. Pam Shaw, who was voted #1 Waitress, is pictured at right.



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If you have lived in Drew County very long, you are sure to have visited City Drug for medication, a hot meal and friendly service. In the Readers' Choice contest, Drew County voted City Drug and its employees at the top of six categories;

Waitress, Pharmacist; Pharmacy; Breakfast; Burger and Lunch. Pam Shaw has been helping customers have a great dining experience for 23 years at City Drug's grill. She is always a smiling face and is a huge part of what makes having a meal at City Drug so enjoyable. In 2011, Nikki Hood

bought the business and took over the pharmacy and still runs it today. In 2017, Sara Jane Hancock began working as a Pharmacist at City Drug. "It was pretty much a life long dream to become a Pharmacist," Hancock stated. "There was a hometown drug store in Crossett where I grew up that sold jelly

beans and Beanie Babies and I knew I wanted to work at a place like that so that I could get to know customers like family and friends." Hancock is a 2014 graduate of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and she is married to Logan Hancock.

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