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THE MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING COURT: Front row left to right: Honor Maid-Kamauri Trotter, Queen- Kaiden Hale; Second row left to right: Katie Rosegrant, Kierra Evans, Brinkley Taylor, Meygan Bivens; Back row left to right: Sarah Prince, Mia Reginelli, Averi Montgomery, Lillian Lay, Reese Wilhite, Xiomara Molina.



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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO HOMECOMING COURT: Front Row: Grace Lee, Chiara Sturaro, Riley Aud; Second Row: Jaye Michelle Saunders, Anna Marie Ward, Katelyn Harris; Third Row: Anna Beth Roberts, Colleen Kilgore, Rayvin Callaway; Back Row: Anna Wynn, Becca Nichols, Christa Lannon.

UAM hosts ribbon-cutting ceremony for Arkansas Center for Forest Business

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

On September 29, the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Arkansas Center for Forest Business, which is housed in the UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources building on the Monticello campus. Approximately 200 people attended the ceremony, where Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson served as the keynote speaker.

The center was created to provide market-based economic solutions to forest resource issues. It aims to improve business practices for forest enterprises and enhance the economic competitiveness of Arkansas' forests in a global economy. Gov. Hutchinson provided seed funds of \$450,000 to establish the center in June 2021.

Dr. Matthew Pelkki, professor and George Clippert Chair of Forestry in the UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources, serves as the director of the Arkansas Center for Forest Business. During the ceremony, Dr. Pelkki highlighted the origin of the center, explaining, "About 12 years ago, Dean Emeritus Phil Tappe and I came up with a simple concept: healthy forests, healthy forest economy, healthy forest businesses and vibrant rural communities are really complementary. They all work together, and it is a win-win-win situation for the forest, the people and the economy, so we put together a proposal for the Center for Forest Business with the help of a long list of people."

Dr. Michael Blazier, dean of the UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources and director of the Arkansas Forest Resources Center of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, spoke during the ceremony, noting, "Forests in Arkansas are extremely valuable to the economy. They contribute about \$16 billion annually to the Arkansas economy, including \$6 billion in traditional forest products output and another \$10 billion in the value of what they bring in from hunting, fishing and recreation."

"Another thought that is integral to the mission of the Center for Forest Business is that managed forests are healthy forests. We take great pride in the fact that this is Arkansas' sole university that produces four-year and graduate-level forestry graduates to serve this important industry," Dr. Blazier said. "The center will be here to enhance all parts of the forestry sector of the state of Arkansas."

Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, was instrumental in securing funding for the center. During her speech, she thanked

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Governor Asa Hutchinson spoke last week at UAM for the ribbon cutting of the Center for Forest Business. Pictured above, Hutchinson shakes hands with UAM Chancellor Dr. Peggy Doss and UAM Board of Trustees member Cliff Gibson and UAM forestry professor Dr. Matt Pelkki clap in the background.



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THE DREW CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING COURT: From left to right: Dayton England/Kaylee Phillips, Andrew Miller/ Kennedee Love, Joel Bran/Kayla Williams, Kade Bodiford (King)/ Hannah Meeks (Queen), Trinity Colbert (Sweetheart)/Ashton Kelly (Captain), Edriana Hunter/Brayden Millet, Ashton Berry/Nicholas Bailey, Ali Jo Cruce/LaMarcus Bolden.

MULTIPLE RIBBON CUTTINGS HELD RECENTLY AROUND MONTICELLO AND DREW COUNTY



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TOP LEFT PHOTO: The Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Monticello native, K.C. Knobloch at his new Edward Jones Financial Advising office. Knobloch is new to Edward Jones but spent the last decade at McQueen and Co. as a Senior Staff CPA.

TOP RIGHT PHOTO: Mainline Health System held a ribbon cutting for their new Women's Clinic on Tuesday, October 4. Dr. Kelly Shrum and Dr. Constance Chapman will provide a wide range of OBGYN services. The women's clinic is located inside the Mainline health center on Jordan Drive in Monticello.

BOTTOM LEFT PHOTO: SEArk Dumpster Rentals is a family-owned and operated business that began when Will and Brittainy Caldwell needed a dumpster to clean up around their farm. Quickly, they realized this was a service needed in the Southeast Arkansas area. A little over a year ago, they picked up their first three dumpsters and since then, they have slowly added to their beginning inventory of roll-off dumpsters to benefit others needing the same thing they were once looking for. SEArk Dumpster Rentals feels that being a small-town company allows them to be affordable, personable, and is an asset to their business. Will and Brittainy are deeply rooted in their community which grants them the opportunity to work with their customers on a more attentive level by providing on-call services, same day dumps and returns, and the flexibility to work with their customers to better fit their needs.

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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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Cowell, Butler to wed Oct. 8

Jayme Montana Cowell and Ty Dylan Butler announce their engagement and upcoming wedding on Saturday, October 8, 2022.

Jayme is the daughter of Joseph Cowell and Jade Cowell, both of Camden, and the granddaughter of Randy and Paula White from Star City and the late Kathey Waddell from Camden.

Ty is the son of Karl Butler of Monticello and Tasha Butler of Warren. He is the grandson of Brenda Lasiter from Warren and the late Lamar and Jane Butler of Monticello.

The couple will exchange vows at 2 p.m. at Shady Grove Baptist Church.

The church will be decorated in a Fall theme with pumpkins, burnt orange, olive green, mustard yellow and tan.

The bride will be given in marriage by her father, Joseph Cowell and the Maid of Honor will be Samantha Moore. Bridesmaids include Madison Vanhoover, Jessica Cowell, Rinoa Cowell, Jasmine Cowell.

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Game - 7:00 pm - Mike Pennington Field

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Help protect seniors from scams

In recent weeks there have been more news stories in Arkansas about novel methods scammers are using to take advantage of unsuspecting individuals and steal their money. It's important to be educated about this issue and stay up-to-date on the ways thieves are operating so we can safeguard against these crimes and prevent seniors – the population that is most often the target of these scams – from becoming a victim.



JOHN BOOZMAN

U.S. SENATE REPORT

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) scammers stole \$1 billion from America's seniors in 2021. Data from the agency reveals 25 percent of individuals over age 60 were contacted by thieves via phone last year.

In The Natural State, one woman recently reported a scam to police after receiving a phone call from what she thought was her bank about suspicious activity on her account. The phony bank employee told her the CIA could help resolve the situation and then duped her into paying more than \$50,000 for assistance.

Scammers are using a variety of methods and mediums, including the internet where they prey on the vulnerabilities of the elderly by building connections they later exploit.

A letter from one constituent recently asked my office to help a retired servicemember overseas whom she met online.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command receives hundreds of reports each month similar to this scenario. This common tactic is identified as a romance scam. Thieves use the names, pictures and personal information of U.S. military members and retired servicemembers to build a fake identity and attract future victims.

The FTC reports romance scams hit a record high in 2021 and now criminals are using this scheme to lure people into phony investments, particularly with cryptocurrency. Just two months ago the FBI warned about the uptick of a similar ploy in Northwest Arkansas.

While the techniques vary in how scammers operate, the objectives are the same. I'm working with my colleagues to share the latest information and resources to prevent unsuspecting Americans, particularly seniors, from becoming victims.

The Senate Special Committee on Aging recently released its annual Fraud Book detailing the top swindles reported to the committee's fraud hotline. Launched in 2012, the hotline aims to help identify scams targeting seniors and better educate this population so they know the signs to watch for to stay safe.

According to the report, Arkansans have called about a variety of scams including the top complaint filed with the hotline for several years—the government imposter scam. In these cases, an individual falsely claims to represent a federal agency such as the IRS and asks for personal information such as a Social Security number. Then they threaten to withhold benefits unless you follow their instructions, which often call for wiring money or sending prepaid debit or gift cards.

The toll-free number 1-855-303-9470 is operated from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central time to record suspected fraud attempts. Arkansas seniors who believe they are a victim are welcome to call. As always, incidents of crime can be reported to local law enforcement.

Recognizing the signs of common scams can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim. We can also help educate our elderly loved ones, friends and acquaintances to stay one step ahead of these bad actors.

Alabama pines aren't so different from ours

Superman and I spent the weekend in Northern Alabama for the Shoalsfest Music Festival. It was some of the most beautiful music and scenery I have ever had the joy to witness.

If you are any type of music fan, I encourage you to check out Jason Isbell, Nathaniel Rateliff and Brittney Spencer. While these artists are physically different in many ways, their music is something that can bring people from all walks of life together.



ASHLEY HOGG

EDITOR

Muscle Shoals, Alabama is so rich in music history and heritage. I've been there one time before and I absolutely fell in love.

Isbell is a native to Northern Alabama and seeing an artist in their home territory is a special occasion. They bring that since of home to their show and there is a comfort level that is indescribable. I am not sure what genre you would classify Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit as. They have aspects of country since the band members are all Southern. Their instrumentation is phenomenal and the guitar solos have a great rock and roll feel. He is featured in the Coun-

try Music Hall of Fame in Nashville currently, but Isbell has said he doesn't view himself as strictly a country artist.

Nathaniel Rateliff is relatively new to me. He and his band, The Nightsweats, don't really fit into one single genre either, in my opinion. They are a beautiful mixture of rock, soul, folk and Americana. All of their songs are easy to sing along to and dance the night away.

Rateliff has a unique voice and it does not fit his physical features. He is approximately my height and has fire red hair. He looks like an average Joe that works in an accounting department at a local business. But, when he opens his mouth to sing, you hear the star power in his voice.

Brittney Spencer has a phenomenally strong voice like so many great female artists that came before her. I view her as a modern day Aretha Franklin. She's beautiful, powerful and her music is so fun. If you haven't heard any of her tunes, my recommendation is her sweet and soulful song titled, "Compassion". She is originally from Maryland but moved to Nashville to be a singer/songwriter. Keep your eyes on her, she is going to be a big star.

I've been to countless concerts but this was my first time to attend a music festival. I can

see why they are so popular.

We sat under the stars by the crisp Tennessee River with a canopy of tall Alabama Pine trees above our heads. We met all sorts of people from all over and everyone seemed to get along.

I know I've written about this before, but I think it's so important to highlight these good experiences when a lot of the news we consume can be so negative at times.

I wonder if that is why the people that attended Shoalsfest were so pleasant? Was it an escape from reality? Is everyone looking for some type outlet to let their hair down on the weekends? Has my generation reached the point where clubs and parties are no longer relevant and the chill atmosphere music festivals that you can bring your kids to is the new popular thing?

There was a wide age range of concert attendees. That gives me hope that when I am an old grandma, I can put on my shiny boots and glitter bingo cap and still go out and have a great time.

Humans are capable of getting together and having a good time. No stress. No arguing. Just people enjoying a nice atmosphere and a pleasant sound. Remember that, it is encouraging.



Expanding electric vehicle infrastructure in Arkansas

Today I would like to talk about how we are expanding opportunities for electric vehicle industries in our state.

First, to make driving electric vehicles in Arkansas a possibility for many, the infrastructure must be there to support it. We are working hard to make that happen.



ASA HUTCHINSON

GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Recently, Arkansas was approved to receive \$54 million dollars in federal grants over the next five years, which will be used to work with partners in the installation of accessible charging stations throughout the state. The deployment of the charging stations

will be led by the Arkansas Department of Transportation in coordination with my Department of Energy and Environment.

The goal is to have as many charging

stations around the state as we can. Step one includes locating stations at every 50 miles along the most used Arkansas interstates. Step two is to build out infrastructure in rural areas. Anyone in Arkansas who wants to drive electric vehicles should have no worries about the availability of charging stations, no matter where they live within the state.

In addition to the \$54 million plan, we are also receiving funding assistance for the installation of 150-kW DC fast charging stations, which can charge electric vehicles in as little as 30 minutes. And we also plan to provide rebates for the installation of Level 2 electric vehicle charging stations, which can fully charge electric vehicles in eight hours or less. Both programs are possible thanks to the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund, and they are moving quickly to establish EV charging in key locations throughout the state.

In Arkansas, we have been working to make our state a leader in using advanced energy technologies. With the

creation of teams like the Arkansas Council on Future Mobility, and our focus on innovative technologies, Arkansas is uniquely positioned to be a leader in the electric vehicle industry.

Improving the electric vehicle infrastructure will benefit Arkansans, but it will also benefit many out-of-state travelers and our tourism economy. When people plan to visit, they will have confidence that Arkansas can accommodate their charging needs.

This week is a time many states have established as Electric Vehicle Week. It is a week meant to provide education and spread awareness about the benefits of electric vehicles to our country. I have joined in and proclaimed this time as National Drive Electric Week in Arkansas.

EV charging infrastructure has been a key priority of mine for several years, and I want it to remain a priority well into the future. Arkansas has the potential to develop the best infrastructure in the region and continue leading the nation in advanced technology.

Applications opening for pregnancy resource centers

In the fiscal session earlier this year the legislature appropriated a million dollars for pregnancy resource centers.



BEN GILMORE

ARKANSAS SENATE REPORT

The state has awarded grants totalling about \$455,000 to 14 centers. Because \$545,000 has still not been awarded, the Department of Finance and Administration will open a second round of applications in October.

The department will accept applications for 30 days. There will then be

a 30-day review period, so the second round of awards should be announced by late November or early December.

Act 187 of 2022 defines pregnancy resource centers as organizations that seek to provide services to women facing unintended pregnancies. The purpose is to encourage them to give birth.

No organization qualifies if it makes referrals for abortions or is affiliated with an organization that performs abortions.

Grants are available for centers that traditionally have been known as crisis pregnancy organizations. Also, adoption agencies, maternity homes and social service agencies qualify if they provide material support and as-

sistance to pregnant women, in order to help them with delivery of their babies.

In a Mississippi case known as Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the U.S. Supreme Court in June overturned Roe v. Wade, eliminating the constitutional right of a woman to have an abortion.

Arkansas had a "trigger law" in place, Act 180 of 2019. It is called a "trigger law" because it was written to take effect in the event the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. When that happened, the state attorney general certified Act 180 and said that abortion was illegal in Arkansas except

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness month

According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc., one in eight women will develop breast cancer. It is the most common form of cancer and the second leading cause of death among women.

However, more women are living longer and healthier lives after a diagnosis. The key is early detection.



HOWARD BEATY

ARKANSAS HOUSE REPORT

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Now is the time to talk to your health-care provider about getting screened and encourage your family and friends to

do the same.

In 1997, the Arkansas General Assembly passed the Breast Cancer Act, which led to the ADH's BreastCare program. The BreastCare program has coordinated efforts with a statewide network of providers offering no-cost screenings and follow-up services to eligible women who are uninsured or underinsured. Women aged 21-64 can be screened for cervical cancer, and women aged 40-64 can be screened for breast cancer.

In addition to screening and diagnostic services, BreastCare provides educational information to communities about the importance of regular breast exams as well as the risks associated with breast cancer.

Since its inception 25 years ago, the BreastCare Program has enrolled over 128,000 women for breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services.

In the 2021 Regular Session, we passed Act 553. This act amends the law concerning coverage of diagnostic examinations for breast cancer under certain health benefit plans. It clarifies that an insurer, upon the recommendation of a woman's physician, must offer screening mammography as an essential health benefit if the woman has a prior history of breast cancer or the woman's mother, sister, or any first- or second-degree female relative of the woman has had a history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing, or other risk factors.

The General Assembly continually reviews legislation to improve services for early detection.

If you would like more information on the BreastCare program, call 501-661-2942 or visit www.ARBreastCare.com.

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What should Alzheimer’s caregivers know?

If you have a family member who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease, or is starting to show symptoms, you will face some real challenges. Navigating the Alzheimer’s experience involves a long journey, and there’s no easy answer for how you can cope with your emotions. But you can at least address some of the financial issues involved to help give yourself a greater sense of control.

Here are some moves to consider:

- Plan for care costs and identify insurance coverage. The list of Alzheimer’s-related medical expenses is long and includes ongoing medical treatment, medical equipment, home safety modifications, prescription drugs and personal care supplies. As a caregiver, you’ll want to know the extent of your loved one’s health insurance: Medicare, supplemental policies, veteran’s benefits if applicable, and so on. One big question is how much coverage they might have for adult day care services, in-home care services and full-time residential care services, and other long-term care options. Long-term care is one of the largest health care costs not covered by Medicare, so you’ll want to determine if your loved one has a long-term care policy or another insurance policy with a long-term care rider.
- Identify assets and debts. You’ll need to know your family member’s financial position, both what they own — bank accounts, investments, property, etc. — and what they owe, such as credit card debt, a mortgage, lines of credit, and so on. This knowledge will be essential if you’re granted power of attorney to take over your loved one’s finances.
- Look for tax breaks available to caregivers. If you’re a caregiver, you may have to pay for some care costs out of pocket. Consequently, you could receive some tax credits and deductions. These benefits vary by state, so you’ll want to consult with your tax advisor to determine your eligibility.
- Ensure necessary legal documents are in place. As a caregiver, you may need to ensure some legal documents are in place, such as a durable power of attorney for finances, which lets you make financial decisions for your loved one with Alzheimer’s, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which lets you make health care and medical decisions on their behalf. It’s important to have these and other necessary documents drawn up before someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or when they’re just starting to exhibit the earliest signs of the disease, so they can understand what documents they are signing. If you wait until they no longer have this cognitive ability, things will get much more challenging. You could apply to become a conservator, which grants decision-making abilities similar to a power of attorney, but the conservatorship process takes time and could involve court procedures. To avoid this potential difficulty, work with your tax and legal professionals to ensure all the relevant legal documents are in-force and updated.

Finally, you don’t have to go it alone. To help deal with the emotional challenges of caregiving, you can find local Alzheimer’s support groups that can offer practical suggestions for coping. As for the financial issues, consider working with a financial professional who can look at your family’s overall situation and recommend appropriate actions.

A diagnosis of Alzheimer’s will change the lives of everyone in your family. But as a caregiver, you can help ease the burden.

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Monticello benefits from \$140 Million provided for Arkansas Water and Wastewater projects

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

On September 28, 2022, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Commission approved \$140,928,167 for six water and wastewater projects serving more than 391,000 Arkansans.

The City of Monticello, received a \$2,300,880 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to relocate the sewer collection system. The current customer base for this project is 9,174.

Bayou Meto Water District, Lonoke County, received a \$5,000,000 grant from the American Rescue Plan Act to install ten pumping stations. These stations will move water through underground pipes to non-riparian farms significantly reducing the use of groundwater.

White River Regional Irrigation District, Prairie County, received a \$5,000,000 grant from the American Rescue Plan Act to build five county road crossings over a ten-mile canal segment currently under construction.

Beaver Water District, Benton County, received a \$125,686,157 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to construct a 60-inch diameter pipeline providing water to a large pump station. The water customer base for this project is 380,000.

Horsehead Water Users Association, Johnson County, received a \$2,507,150 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to upgrade the water system. The customer base is 2,275.

More information about the Natural Resource Division’s water and wastewater programs can be found at anrc.arkansas.gov/divisions/water-resources-development/ or by contacting Debby Dickson at debra.dickson@agriculture.arkansas.gov or 501-682-0548. Learn more about the Arkansas Department of Agriculture at agriculture.arkansas.gov/.

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to save the life of the mother.

The attorney general also said that Arkansas was now the most pro-life state in the nation.

Legislative funding of pregnancy resource centers was in anticipation of the Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*. The decision was expected to increase the number of unwanted pregnancies in Arkansas, and more young women will need help.

Faith-based organizations are eligible for grants, and accepting a grant will not restrict the group’s ability to support religious activities. However, the money must be used to help pregnant women and may not be used to promote religious activities.

Grant funds may not be used for food and beverages, such as at a baby shower. It can be spent on advertising.

Grant money can be used to hire staff, but only if the staff person assists pregnant females. If the staff person has other duties, such as supporting religious activities, the position must be “split.”

For example, if half of the staffer’s time is dedicated to supporting religious activities, then half of that person’s salary must come from a source other than the state grant.

Pregnancy centers can use the grant money to contract with health care professionals, if the medical services provided are to help pregnant females.

To qualify for a grant, the organization must be physically located in Arkansas. The finance department rejected one application because it was submitted by an organization that applied for the entire \$1 million and is not located in Arkansas.

The awards to the 14 pregnancy centers ranged from \$5,880 to \$40,000. Many were between \$30,000 and \$40,000.


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members of the Arkansas General Assembly and Gov. Hutchinson for helping to make the center possible. “Governor Hutchinson has been so extraordinarily supportive. Without his support, this would not be possible. Governor, there are no words to express our gratitude to you.”

Dr. Doss said that the center will partner with programs at the UAM Colleges of Technology in Crossett and McGehee to provide additional educational opportunities to those pursuing forestry-related careers.

C.C. “Cliff” Gibson, III, chair of the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees, also offered thanks, stating, “I want to offer heartfelt gratitude to the governor, senators and representatives. Without you all, this would not be a reality. You have given us the ball, and we are going to carry it.”

During his keynote speech at the ceremony, Gov. Hutchinson said, “This Center for Forest Business will do more than simply allow us to preserve our forests and to enjoy them forever. It will create jobs, increase incomes and strengthen our communities in Southeast Arkansas, while at the same time managing the forests in a way that keeps them healthy,

keeps them vibrant and keeps them a part of our future.”

“In the last eight years, I have placed a priority on forestry and the development of that industry in our state because I recognize it as an economic driver and an important part of our natural state,” Gov. Hutchinson said.

“I see the importance of research and development,” Gov. Hutchinson noted. “That is done here, at UAM. It is done at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. And that has been combined and worked together to make the university system one of the leaders in research and development in the timber industry across America. That is important, and the center here at UAM involves all of those: the recruitment part that we rely on to bring business here; the expansion of timber and construction; and the research and development area, combined with our work at Fayetteville. UAM is a leader in all three.”

For the ribbon cutting, Gov. Hutchinson landed a blow from a sledgehammer to the end of a pre-cut log, knocking free a wooden cookie to reveal the Arkansas Center for Forest Business logo.

For more information about the forestry program, contact the UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources at 870-460-1052.

JEFF AND MICHELLE PACE NAMED 2022 HOMESTEAD FAMILY



Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian

Members of the Drew County Fair Board presented the Pace Family with a plaque last week honoring them for being chosen at the 2022 Drew County Homestead Family. Best known for their wide variety of vegetables grown and sold at the local farmers market, Green Hill grocery has become a household name among locals. The couple has three children, Cheyenne, Dayton and Samuel who all help in the garden in the summer.

Issue 4 generates more than \$460 Million in tax revenue for Arkansas over five years

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Responsible Growth Arkansas (RGA) commissioned economists at the Arkansas Economic Development Institute (AEDI) to conduct an economic analysis of the Arkansas Adult Use Cannabis Amendment (AAUCA) - a proposed constitutional amendment. The AEDI's report details the research findings, which covers a five-year forecast period from 2023 to 2027.

“The measurable economic impact of introducing an adult-use marijuana market, including economic activity diverted from illicit markets, is estimated to increase state gross domestic product (GDP) by up to \$2.36 billion over five years and increase employment of up to 6,400 jobs by 2027,” stated Michael R. Pakko, Ph.D., Chief Economist and State Economic Forecaster for AEDI.

In addition to increasing Arkansas' GDP and creating thousands of new jobs, the AAUCA generates over \$303.6 million in supplemental sales tax revenue. The AAUCA dedicates law \$45.5 million for enforcement, \$30.4 million for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), and \$15.2 million for drug courts. The remaining \$212.5 million is available for general revenue.

“Well-funded police departments are critical for our local

communities. As a former Sheriff, I am proud to support and vote for the Arkansas Adult Use Cannabis Amendment, aka Issue 4. Issue 4 will keep our communities and children safer by providing much-needed funding for law enforcement and drug courts,” said Lance Huey, RGA Vice Chairman and former law enforcement official.

“We are officially on the ballot and have a great story to tell the voters of Arkansas. Voters can create a new adult-use cannabis industry by voting FOR issue 4 on November 8th. Issue 4 will provide Arkansans with thousands of new good-paying jobs and hundreds of millions in new tax revenue,” said Eddie Armstrong, Responsible Growth Arkansas Chairman.

Executive Summary: An Economic Impact Analysis of the Proposed Arkansas Adult Use Cannabis Amendment

In late 2021, the organization known as Responsible Growth Arkansas launched an initiative to amend the Arkansas Constitution to permit adult use of cannabis. Supporters of the Arkansas Adult Use Cannabis Amendment (AAUCA) have successfully collected petition signatures for the measure to appear on the ballot in November 2022. Researchers at the Arkansas Economic De-

velopment Institute (AEDI) were commissioned to conduct an economic analysis of the AAUCA proposal. This report summarizes the findings of that research, which covers a five-year forecast period from 2023 to 2027.

Key Findings:

- Based on the experience of other states that have authorized adult-use cannabis sales, we expect combined sales of medical and adult-use marijuana to more than double in the first year after implementation of AAUCA, with total sales subsequently increasing from approximately \$665.6 million in 2023 to \$984 million by 2027.
- The measurable economic impact of introducing an adult-use marijuana market, including economic activity diverted from illicit markets is estimated to include:
 - An increase in state GDP of \$2.36 billion over the five-year

study period

- Increases in employment ranging from 4,900 jobs in 2023 to 6,400 jobs in 2027
- Recognizing that economic activity diverted from illicit markets does not represent the actual economic impact and adjusting accordingly, the true economic impact of the proposed changes remains substantial, with predictions of:
 - An increase in effective GDP of \$1.89 billion over the five-year study period.
 - Increases in employment ranging from 3,700 jobs in 2023 to 5,200 in 2027.
 - Fiscal impacts of the AAUCA depend on the measurable, rather than actual impacts. Over the five-year study period, these impacts are estimated to include:
 - State sales tax receipts of \$163.1 million plus an additional \$303.6 million from the proposed 10 percent supplemental sales tax

on adult-use cannabis, representing an increase of \$286.5 million in state sales tax revenue relative to the medical-only baseline scenario.

- Personal income tax collections increasing by \$30.8 million relative to the baseline.
- County and municipal tax collections totaling \$92.6 million, representing an increase of \$50.3 million over the baseline.
- Of the \$303.6 million in state revenue generated by the supplemental sales tax, earmarked transfers over the five-year period include:
 - The provision of \$45.5 million for annual stipends to law enforcement officers.
 - Funding for UAMS totaling

\$30.4 million.

- Support for drug courts of \$15.2 million.
- Much of the potential economic impact derives from purchases by out-of-state consumers, particularly new tourists who are attracted to vacation in Arkansas specifically because of the availability of adult-use cannabis. Discounting this source of demand to zero defines a low-impact scenario that provides a lower bound on our economic impact estimates. Even with this adjustment, economic and fiscal impacts remain significant, including a five-year increase in GDP of \$1.66 billion and sales tax receipts that are \$240 million above the baseline simulation.

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Phil Gazan Peacock

Phil Gazan Peacock, 68, of Monticello, passed away on September 29, 2022. He was born in Monticello, on October 11, 1953. He was preceded in death by his father, Neal Peacock and mother, Verla Bea Berry Peacock and brother-in-law, Bobby Wells.

He attended Calvary Baptist Church in Monticello. He had over 50 years in the Automotive Parts Industry and was considered an expert in his field. He was a former member of the Monticello Jaycees, Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts of America, coached both Little League and Babe Ruth baseball teams. Phil was an avid horseshoe player hosting tournaments at his home. He also collected Indian artifacts, was an Automobile Aficionado, and a Razor-



PEACOCK

Gazan Peacock, Jr (Glenda) and Jeremy Lee Peacock (Amanda); grandchildren, Philesa Elliott (Zach), Christian Peacock,

back fan. Phil also enjoyed the outdoors with hunting, fishing, and camping.

Phil is survived by his children, Phil

Kolton Peacock, Kayla Altman (Nick), Ana Peacock, and Daya Krueger; great grandchildren, Clayton Duncan, Lincoln Altman, and Matthew Altman; sisters, Nealie Leggett (Tom), Earline Wells, and Denice Coston (Randy) of Searcy; nephews, Ezekiel "Zeke" Coston, Thomas Leggett, Shawn Wells and Gerald Wells; niece, Sonya Ryburn, and six great nephews, two great nieces, three great-great neph-

ews, two great-great nieces, and a host of loved ones including long-time, best friend, and loyal canine companion, Bilbo Peacock, Bryan and Jennifer Breckenridge, Butch Yates, Bob Roberts, Larry Don Berry, Vincent Landrum, Bubba Laws, and Denise Thompson.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

A special thanks to the nurses and aides at Oakdale Nursing

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In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church and the Humane Society in Monticello.

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AG urges not to fall for student loan debt forgiveness scams

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The federal government recently announced plans to cancel up to \$20,000 in federal student loans per borrower and to extend the pause on federal student loan repayments through the end of the year. In addition, the federal government announced important changes to public service loan

forgiveness (PSLF) and income-driven repayment plans. With these major changes, Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge is warning consumers that these new policies will likely lead to an increase in con artists perpetrating student loan relief scams.

"Scammers and con artists will take advantage of the latest

news as a means to invade the wallets of hard-working Arkansans," said Attorney General Leslie Rutledge. "Be careful of those claiming they can assist you with your loans, especially when they are asking for money or your personal information to do so."

If an unknown individual asks for your personal infor-

mation, including your Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID), do not respond. Neither your loan servicer, nor the Department of Education (DOE) will ask for your personal information over the phone or in an email.

Never pay upfront for assistance with your student loan debt.

Be patient. The DOE will

need time to implement the new programs and get relief to borrowers. No company can help you speed up the process.

Contact your loan servicer directly with any questions. Your loan servicer can help you get access to qualifying programs, like debt relief or repayment options. Make sure you ask if you qualify for PSLF or in-

come-driven repayment.

Remember: Anyone promising instant debt relief or pressuring you to work with them is a scammer.

For more information about the Arkansas Attorney General's office, call (800) 482-8982, email consumer@ArkansasAG.gov or visit ArkansasAG.gov.

Dept. of Ed awards money to states for safer learning environments

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The U.S. Department of Education announced awards totaling nearly \$1 billion through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA). Arkansas to receive \$9,378,149.

The Stronger Connections grants will help schools provide all students with safe and supportive learning opportunities and environments that are critical for their success.

Through the BSCA, and under the leadership of President Biden, Congress provided \$1 billion in Title IV, Part A formula funding to state educational agencies (SEAs) to develop state grant programs to provide students with safer and healthier learning environments. Earlier today, Secretary Cardona informed chief state school officers of their allocations under the BSCA Stronger Connections grant program. SEAs must award these funds competitively to high-need local educational agencies (LEAs), as determined by the state, to fund activities allowable under section 4108 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Safe and supportive schools are proven by decades of rigorous research to be most effective in supporting academic success as well as meeting the social, emotional, physical, and mental wellbeing of students. These funds can also be used to support school and community partnerships that pursue multifaceted solutions to more effectively prevent and respond to acts of bullying, violence, and hate that impact members of our school communities at both individual and systemic levels.

As part of the Department's announcement, Secretary Cardona sent chief state school officers a Dear Colleague Letter outlining three principles that SEAs are strongly encouraged to consider when designing a competitive grant competition and providing LEAs with direction for how they use these funds:

(1) Implementing comprehensive, evidence-based strategies that meet student social, emotional, and mental well-being needs; create positive, inclusive, and supportive school environ-

ments; and increase access to place-based interventions and services (2) Engaging students, families, educators, staff, and community organizations in the selection and implementation of strategies and interventions to create safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environments (3) Designing and implementing policies and practices that are responsive to underserved students, protect student rights, and demonstrate respect for student dignity and potential. These policies are consistent with the Administration's previous position on these issues.

Funds can be used to provide all students with safe and supportive learning opportunities and environments that are critical for their success. For example, funds could support the kind of work underway in Santa Fe Public Schools in New Mexico where they are focusing on the mental health and wellness of students and staff. The district is using federal relief funds to expand the district's existing restorative justice program, hire additional school psychologists, and expand school counselor programming.

Summer honor lists released

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

South Arkansas Community College has released its President's Honor Roll and Dean's List for the summer 2022 terms.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must have at least a 3.75 grade-point average for the summer terms, and be classified as full-time. The students from Monticello are Ashley Michelle Marshall, John Ratliff, Veronica Regina Spencer, and Keyaira D. Williams.

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Arkansas hunters take 157 alligators during 2022 season

By Randy Zellers

Arkansans looking for one of the state’s most exciting hunts wrapped up their efforts last weekend with the conclusion of the 2022 alligator hunting season. When first light began to break Monday morning, signaling the end of the two-weekend night-hunting-only season, 157 alligators had been tagged and reported to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Mark Barbee, assistant regional manager in the AGFC’s Monticello Regional Office who coordinates the hunt, said the hunting went very smoothly, and that all successful hunters have been issued CITES tags to complete the federal require-

ments of their harvest. Alligator hunting is overseen by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the AGFC must follow survey and harvest protocols each year to maintain Arkansas’s alligator hunting season.

Alligator hunting is by permit only in Arkansas. The AGFC issued 43 public hunting permits, with hunting allowed only in designated areas of the Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois D’Arc WMA, Sulphur River WMA, Little River below Millwood Lake, Millwood Lake and the Lower Arkansas River Wetland Complex. All other public areas were closed to alligator hunting.

In addition to public hunting opportunities, hunters who

owned or had permission to hunt on private lands within the three Alligator Management Zones were able to hunt through a quota-based system similar to private land elk hunting and bear hunting in Arkansas. They were required to obtain a permit through the AGFC’s online licensing system. Harvested gators had to be reported as soon as possible to the AGFC.

In Zone 1, 64 total alligators were harvested. Thirteen of those animals came from public land. In Zone 2, six alligators were taken. No public land opportunities were available in Zone 2, so each of the six came from private land. Alligator Management Zone 3 saw the

highest harvest, with 87 alligators taken (11 of which came from public land).

Barbee said that although some public land tags were left unfilled by the end of the hunt, it was not for lack of opportunity.

“All of the public land hunters I’ve talked to pretty much saw gators,” Barbee said. “But they tend to hold out for a little larger one. Many have told me in the past that they passed on 8- and 9-foot gators, hoping for a 10-footer or better, and time ran out on them. But they always say they had a great experience and an opportunity to harvest.”



Courtesy photo
Matt Goetz killed the biggest alligator of the 2022 Arkansas hunting season. This 13-foot, 6-inch alligator was harvested from public water in the Lower Arkansas River Complex of southeast Arkansas.



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2 Lake Village at Drew Central



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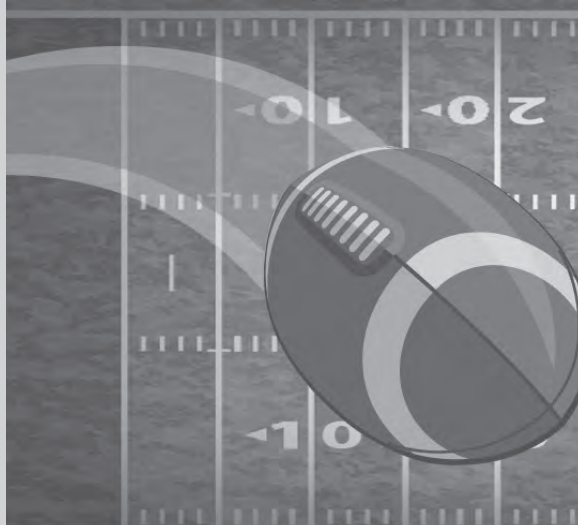
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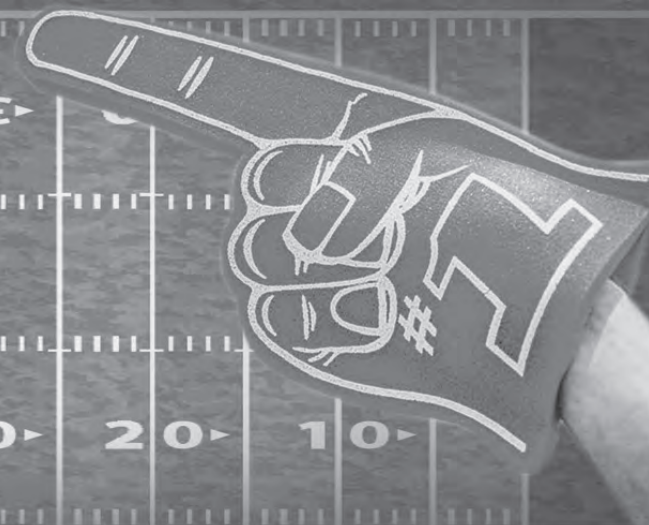

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Billies pull even in 8-4A Conference with a 28-3 win over Dumas



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EVAN BEALER goes up for a drive sustaining 11-yard catch. It would be Bealer's only reception of the contest.



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TEJON TINSLEY (13) and **TYE GUTHRIE (15)** converge on Dumas' Jaylyne Jones. Tinsley finished the contest with several tackles and one punt return for a touchdown that was called back on a penalty. Guthrie recorded several tackles in the contest including one for a loss and a fumble recovery.

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Billies were able to even their 8-4A Conference record on Friday night at home against the Dumas Bobcats.

Dumas would win the opening coin toss and would elect to defer to the second half.

In what may have been a sign to come, the opening Bobcat kick-off sailed out of bounds, drawing flags from the officials and allowing the Billies to begin the opening drive from their own 35-yard line.

On Monticello's first play from scrimmage, the Bobcats would get a look at Monticello running back Jon Lambert who took the first hand off for 19-yards into Dumas territory down to the Bobcat 46.

The Billies would drive down to the Bobcat one-yard line, however after several unsuccessful attempts at the end zone, the Billies would turn the ball over on a fumble with 7:48 remaining in the first quarter at the Bobcat 14-yard line.

Dumas could not get anything going offensively, having to punt the ball away from their own 18. The punt would not be returned with Monticello taking over at the Bobcat 47.

A holding penalty would stall the next Billie drive, forcing a punt, but Dumas would also have to punt the ball away in four plays.

Monticello's next drive would extend into the second quarter with the Billies turning the ball over on downs on the Bobcat 22-yard line.

Dumas drove into Billie territory but penalties would force a Bobcat punt, giving the billies possession at their own 14-yard line with 4:42 remaining in the half.

Lambert would bring the ball to the Monticello 31 and it looked as if the drive would stall at that point until Brooks Bowman connected with Jayshun Hunter for 15-yard gain to the Monticello 46.

Lambert took the ball to the Bobcat 49 but a personal foul-facemask penalty would move the ball to the 34.

After a false start penalty against Monticello moved the ball back to the 39, Lambert would advance the ball down to the 17 on the next three plays.

After an incomplete pass by Bowman, Lambert would move the ball to the Bobcat one with Bowman scoring the touchdown at the end of the half.

Landon Shaver added the extra point to give the Billies a 7-0 lead at the half.

Dumas would receive the ball to begin the second half and would begin the opening drive of the half on their own 40-yard line after a 20-yard return by Raylen Spratt.

Dumas would begin their march downfield, reaching the Monticello 47-yard line with

Monticello getting hit for a personal foul penalty, advancing the ball down to the Monticello 32-yard line.

Dumas advanced the ball down to the 13 before their drive would stall with Dumas having to attempt a 30-yard field goal. With 9:04 remaining in the third quarter, the Miguel Chavez kick went through the uprights to cut the Billie lead to 7-3.

Monticello would come back in their next possession to answer the Dumas score.

After an 11-yard kick return by Zavarious Johnson, the Billies would begin their drive at their own 41.

Six consecutive carries by Lambert would move the ball to the Bobcat 34 and with an added facemask penalty, that added 15 more yards, the Billies were sitting at the Bobcat 29.

Jeremaih Franklin would get the next two carries, bringing the ball down to the 15.

Another personal foul penalty would move the ball down to the Bobcat seven-yard line with Lambert reaching the end zone in three plays.

Shaver added the extra point to extend the Billie lead to 14-3.

The Billie defense would come through once more, forcing the Bobcats to punt the ball away with Monticello taking over at the Monticello 33.

The Billies would advance the ball down to the Bobcat 14-yard line after runs by Lambert and Franklin with the aid of a Dumas offsidess penalty and an unsportsmanlike penalty.

Franklin would get the call and would take the ball in from 14 yards out for the Billie touchdown as time expired in the third quarter.

Shaver added the extra point to extend the lead to 21-3.

Monticello's final score would come on a defense turnover after Blaine Hayden intercepted backup quarterback Bryce Clayton's pass, returning the ball 23 yards for the score.

Shaver added the extra point to set up the final score of 28-3.

Jon Lambert went over 100-yards rushing for the second consecutive week with 155 yards on the ground.

With the win, the Billies improve to 2-2 in conference play.

Entering the month of October, the conference standings are currently Warren on top with a 3-0 record, Star City at 3-1, DeWitt at 3-1, McGehee at 2-2, Monticello at 2-2, Crossett at 1-2, Hamburg 1-2, Central 1-2, and Dumas 0-3.

Monticello will return to Hyatt Field on Friday, October 7, celebrating Homecoming with the Hamburg Lions coming to town for a 7 pm kickoff.



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JEREMIAH FRANKLIN had six carries on Friday night against Dumas. Franklin gained 32 yards including a long run of 14 yards for a touchdown.



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JEREMIAH DANIELS tackles Jaylyne Jones to stop a Dumas drive. The Billie defense held the Bobcats to 139 total yards of offense. Dumas was held to 76 passing yards on 19 attempts and forcing an interception. The Billies allowed 63 rushing yards forcing two fumbles.

Fordyce Junior Redbugs bite the Drew Central Junior Pirates 40-8

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Junior Pirates continue to gain on the field experience despite the cards being stacked against the young team.

The Junior Pirates are made up of a majority of eighth grade and seventh grade players with only five ninth graders mixed in and those ninth grade players being fairly novices at the game.

Hosting the Fordyce Junior Redbugs on Thursday, September 29, at Mike Pennington Stadium.

Fordyce would win the coin toss and would elect to receive the ball to begin the contest.

Fordyce's Tramane Turner would take the opening kickoff from Marco Ambrocio 86 yards for a touchdown, but a block in the back penalty by the Redbugs would bring the ball back to the Fordyce 40.

Fordyce would score on the drive after a completed pass from Mathew Tanner to Jamartez Stroud for 14 yards.

Amahd Davidson added the two-point conversion to give Fordyce a 8-0 lead.

Fordyce added a second score in the quarter after beginning their drive on the Drew Central 36-yard line after the Junior Pirates punted the ball on their opening

possession.

Fordyce would advance the ball down field, scoring with five seconds remaining in the quarter. The Redbugs added the two-point play to take a 16-0 lead.

After a second punt by Drew Central, Fordyce would add another score and two-point play to increase the lead to 24-0 with 6:02 remaining in the half.

Fordyce would add one more score before the end of the half to go up 32-0.

Drew Central would have to punt the ball on their first possession of the second half and on the first play for the Junior Redbugs in the second half, the team would force the sportsmanship rule after a 54-yard touchdown run by Tyrell Harris and a two point play gave Fordyce a 40-0 lead.

The Junior Pirates would get on the board in the fourth quarter.

JaQuan Jacobs would get a 16-yard return on the kick to give Drew Central possession on their own 32-yard line.

Advancing the ball to the Fordyce 40, Jace Cruce would pitch the ball to Jacobs for a 40-yard touchdown run.

Cruce would add the two-point play for the 40-8 final score.

The Jr. Pirates will travel to Lake Village on Thursday.



JADEN JONES (8) and **JaQUAN JACOBS** are two of the promising young talents that are a part of the Junior Pirates this season. The team is comprised of a majority of eighth and seventh grade players that are generally undersized when facing most ninth grade player but at times have been competitive with the bigger players as well as being evenly matched against most teams they have faced when those ninth grade players are not on the field and they are facing their own age group.



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Weevils fall on the road at Southwestern Oklahoma State 37-27



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian
EDWIN KLEINPETER scored two touchdowns in Saturday's game against Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Boll Weevils took to the road to Weatherford, Oklahoma on Saturday, October 1, to face Southwestern Oklahoma State University in the fifth Great American Conference game of the season.

Coming into the game with a 3-1 record, the Weevils would win the opening coin toss and would defer to the second half and after a 60-yard kick by Marquise McKnight and a 35-yard return, the Bulldogs would begin their drive at their own 40-yard line.

UAM's Kaytron Allen would force a fumble on the drive and recover the ball to give UAM possession at the UAM 22-yard line.

UAM and SWOSU would each be forced to punt on their next possessions with the Weevils having their second possession beginning at the UAM 22-yard line for the second time.

Demilon Brown would connect with LeCedric Smith on the first play of the drive for a 78-yard pass and catch for a touchdown with 9:18 remaining in the first quarter.

McKnight added the extra point to take a 7-0 lead.

SWOSU would tie the contest on their next possession. The score would remain tied 7-7 for the remainder of the first quarter.

SWOSU would take the lead in the second quarter, scoring on a field goal and a touchdown to hold a 17-7 lead at the half.

UAM would pull within three with 2:19 remaining in the third on a nine-yard touchdown run by Brown and extra point by McKnight to make the score 17-14.

SWOSU would add six on their next possession to increase the lead to 23-14.

UAM would add 13 points in the fourth quarter, pulling within two points, 23-21, to begin the fourth, but SWOSU would also add two scores in the fourth quarter to take the 37-27 victory.

With the loss, UAM falls to 3-2 on the season in GAC play.

The Weevils will host Northwestern Oklahoma State University on Saturday, October 8, at Convoy-Leslie Cotton Bowl Stadium to cap off a week of Homecoming festivities on campus.

The Weevils and Rangers will kick off at 2 pm.



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian
LACEDRIC SMITH led the Weevils in receiving yards against Southwestern Oklahoma State. Smith finished the day with 133 yards and a touchdown on six receptions with the longest being for 78 yards.

UAM Volleyball Blossoms currently 3-4 in Great American Conference

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The UAM Volleyball Blossoms have already matched their win total in overall wins and conference wins from a season ago with nine regular season matches remaining on the schedule.

The Blossoms are currently 9-11 overall and 3-4 in Great American Conference play.

Officially starting the season on the road after two home exhibition wins at Steelman Fieldhouse, the Blossoms would travel to Union University in Jackson, Tennessee for a four game invitational in which they would leave after losing their first two matches and closing the

invitational with two wins.

After four losses at the Gorrilla Classic in Pittsburg, Kansas, the Blossoms would return to Steelman Fieldhouse to pick up an opening conference win over Ouachita Baptist.

The team would go 2-1 at the Harding Invitational before dropping their first conference match at Southern Arkansas University but would post two consecutive conference victories with a road win in Arkadelphia over Henderson State and a home win over Arkansas Tech before losing on the road at Harding.

The Blossoms would pick up two victories in a Tri-Match at Steelman Fieldhouse over Mis-

issippi University for Women and Lane College.

The Blossoms would go on the road for two GAC contests, first to Weatherford, Oklahoma with a 3-0 loss to Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a 3-0 loss to Northwestern, Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma.

The Blossoms will return to Steelman Fieldhouse on Thursday, October 6, for a GAC match against Southern Nazarene and will return for their second home match of the week on Friday, October 7, facing Oklahoma Baptist University.


Both matches are set to begin at 4 pm.



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian
ARIANA COMPEAN bumps the ball against Mississippi University for Women. Compean has one kill, five assists, one ace, and 19 digs on the season.



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian
STASHA ADAMS serves the ball against Mississippi University for Women. Adams has two kills, six assists, three aces, and 24 digs thus far this season.


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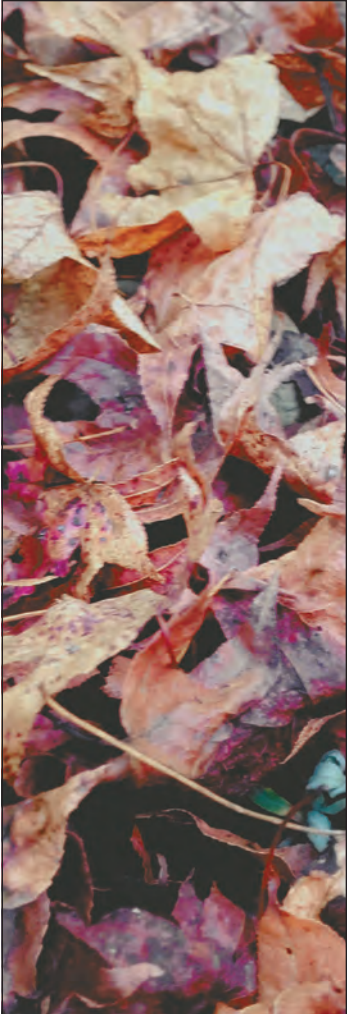


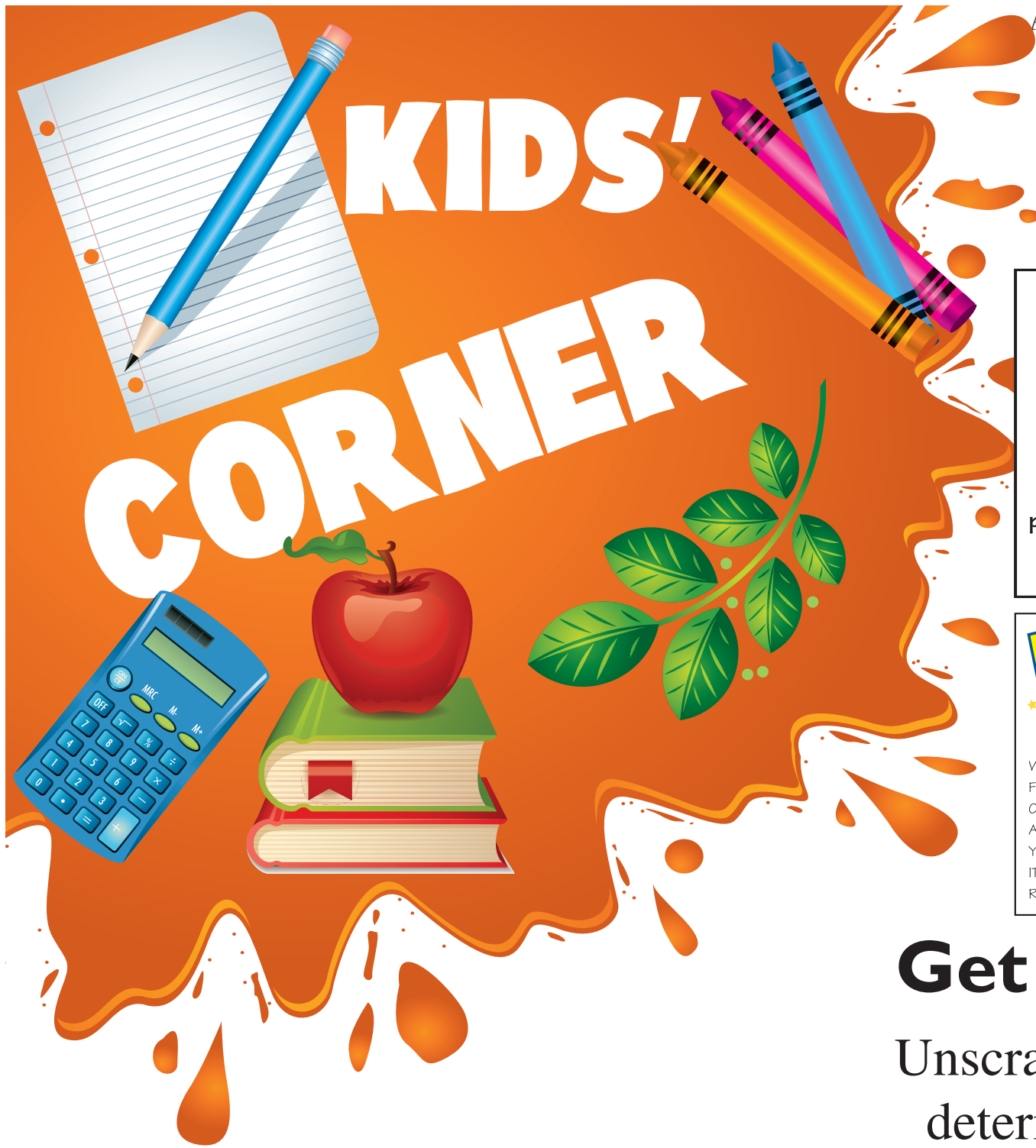
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Signs and sights of Fall are starting to show up in Drew County





Here are some fun activities for
our younger readers to enjoy!

New Word

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periodic maintenance
performed on a
vehicle

Did You Know?

VEHICLE BATTERIES DO NOT LAST FOREVER. THE AVERAGE BATTERY CAN BE USED FOR AROUND 3 TO 5 YEARS BEFORE IT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.

PEOPLE FACT:

THIS JOB TITLE REFERS TO PROFESSIONALS WHO REPAIR CARS AND TRUCKS.

ANSWER: A MECHANIC

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to
determine the phrase.

R C A R E C A

Math Blocks

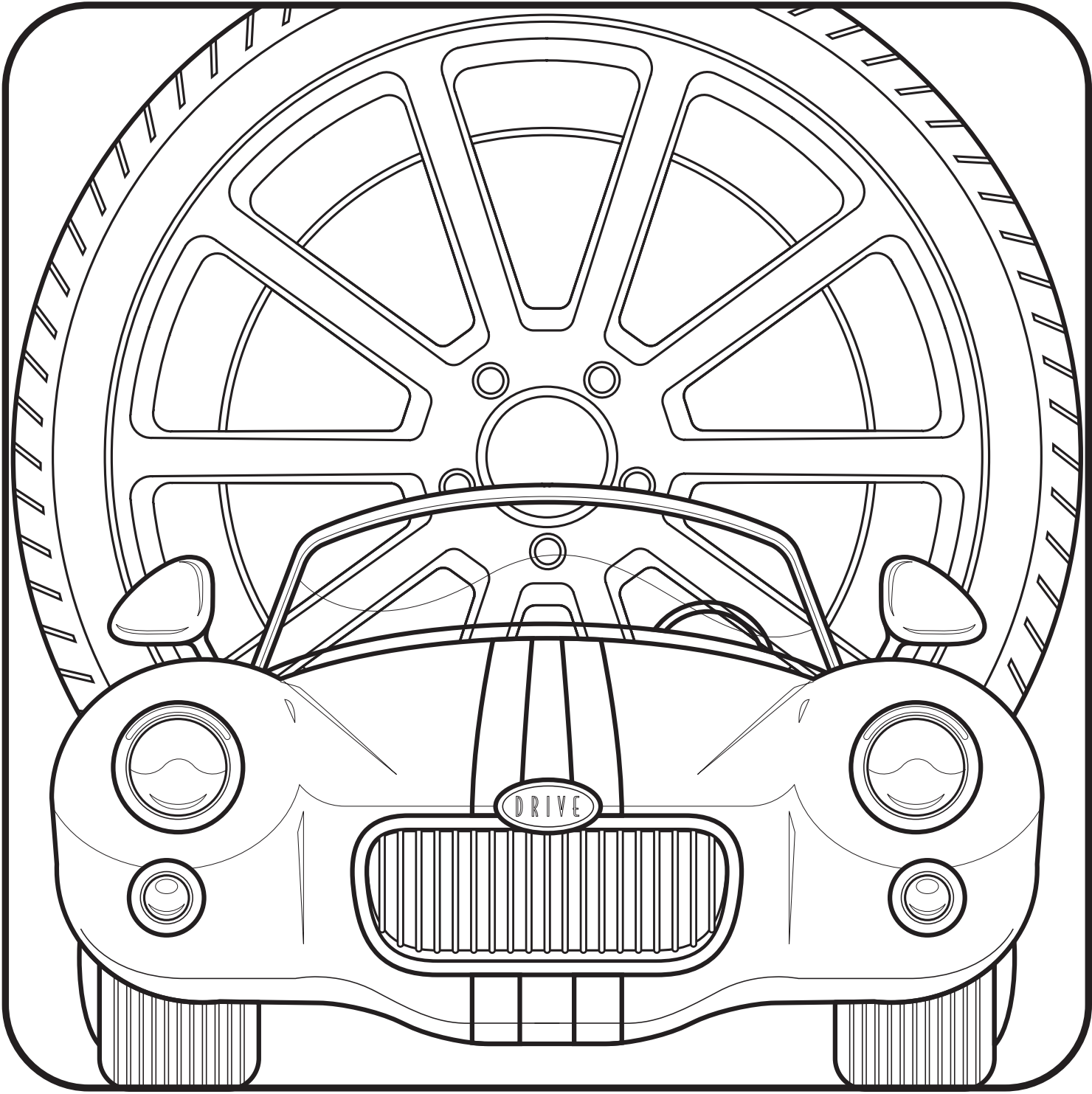
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9	1	3
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Solution

Answer: Car care



How they
SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Tire

SPANISH: Neumático

ITALIAN: Pneumatico

FRENCH: Pneu

GERMAN: Reifen

Puzzle answers

Page 6B Sudoku

ANSWER:

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Page 6B Word Search

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Page 6B Crossword

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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CHILDREN’S DEVOTIONAL

Carry your burdens and cares to Jesus and lay them at His feet

By Amy Becker

“When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”
Mark 2:5

In Mark chapter 2 we learn about some men that wanted to help their friend, but had to go through big obstacles along the way. This is, arguably, one of my favorite Bible stories of all time. Here’s what happened:

One day as Jesus was teaching in a town called Capernaum, something pretty unusual happened. There were some men that had heard Jesus was coming, so

they decided to bring their friend who was paralyzed to see him. Not only did they bring him, but they carried him on a mat to get there. They had faith that if they could make it to Jesus, that their friend would be healed. When they got to the house they couldn’t make their way through the crowd, but they didn’t give up. Here’s where the story gets really interesting. They could’ve just packed up and gone home. After all, they had already carried their friend all the way there. I’ll bet they were exhausted and discouraged, but guess what was bigger than all of that? Their faith!

So they went up to the top of the house, and lowered him through the roof tiles into the middle of the crowd and right before Jesus! Seeing their faith he said to the man, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” Boy did this make some of the religious men in the room mad! They didn’t believe Jesus had the power to say such things. Jesus knew exactly what they were thinking, so he told them that he wanted them to know that he had the authority on earth to forgive sins. He turned to the man and said, “Get up, pick up your mat, and walk” (John 5:8) and he did! This man who could not walk was

healed by words spoken by the Son of God! Let’s take a second to realize how incredible our God really is! Even in the midst of severe interruption he meets our needs. Our faith is so important and when we cannot carry ourselves, the faith of those around us is so important too!

Each time I read this story I get something new, but this morning that’s what God was talking to me about. Haven’t you ever been so low that you need to be carried on a mat by your friends? Don’t you know someone that needs to be picked up and laid at the feet of Jesus? May we be the

type of friends that are so faithful to carry the mat. May we know exactly where to run when the people we know are in need.

Sometimes this will look like bringing a friend a card or just giving an encouraging word to pick them up. You might bring them to church or invite them to a church activity. Maybe you need to tell your friend about Jesus. Whatever it is, pointing your friends to the one who really can make their life complete is carrying the mat! Remember, Jesus wants us to lay our burdens and cares at his feet, so let’s carry them to him today.



Melvin Rauls focuses on honesty, integrity

By: Kristie Nall
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Melvin Rauls, owner of Rauls Landscaping, Housepainting and Yardwork, has been around awhile. His business started out in 1996 in the Pine Bluff area, but he’s since moved to the Monticello area (around 2000). The business has two employees, Melvin and Aaron Rauls. Mr. Rauls’ business philosophy is short but sweet: “A job done is a job well done.” He attributes his company’s success to ‘staying with it.’ When life is sour or when life gives Mr. Rauls lemons he ‘makes lemonade.’

Melvin says that the greatest obstacle he’s had to overcome to make his business a success is not giving up and staying focused when money is low or business is slow. Mr. Rauls hopes to see his business grow in the future. In the next year, five years or ten years, he wants to go from a small



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

business to a large business covering the whole state. Melvin has a bit of advice for someone interested in starting their own business. He says, “Don’t give up. Keep the business dream alive.” We asked why customers should do business with Rauls

Landscaping, Housepainting and Yardwork, to which he said, “Honesty, integrity, compatible business rates and customer satisfaction.” Rauls Landscaping, Housepainting and Yardwork is located at 314 West Oakland in Monticello and is here to help you with all your lawn,

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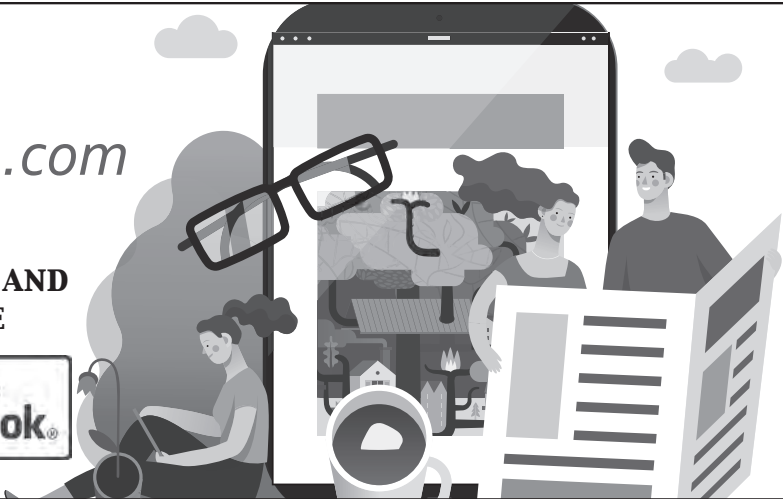


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BARKADA JANA WRIGHT

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

GREEN HILL WANDA PACE

Aunt May is in the hospital at Drew Memorial. Please pray for her. Daisy and Bobby Jo Pace visited with Aunt May and Aunt Pepe on Tuesday. And Paul Pace brought them some fall tomatoes from Triple M farms.

Congratulations Joanie! Little Miss Drew County 2022. Happy Birthday wishes go out to Beverly Flemister, Trent Brown, and Gay Pace. Please pray for the Dorcas Burton family, she passed away on Tuesday. Dorcas was loved by many and will be greatly missed. Verse of the week: "The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps." Proverbs 16:9 Have a safe and blessed week.

LACEY IVANELL HANDLEY

Readers, it's another week that we have been blessed to see; what a blessing! A blessed Sunday service was held at Promise Land Baptist Church, Lacey; we were few in number but the spirit was high. We missed our Mt. Olive family, pray all is well with everyone. Brother Charlie was in attendance. We were had a great Sunday School lesson taught by Pastor Johnson. The topic was "A Protective Family"; background scrip-

ture, Exodus 1:15-22. Key Verse "And the woman conceived and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months", (Exodus 2:2 KJV). Thank God For A Protective Family! We were blessed with a great sermon from our Pastor, his message was from 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If My people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land".

Prayers for Ardell Allen, he is still in the hospital; he's looking to come home in a few days. Please keep in mind and send up prayers for others that are not feeling well. Sympathy and prayers for families that loss a love one and those that are sick and shut in. Continued prayers for those families impacted by Hurricane Ian. Prayers for our brother Jerry Franklin and sister-in-law Dee Franklin, their home was damaged by a fire Saturday evening. Thanks to God no one was hurt. I called to check on my family in Florida, they are all doing well, but are experiencing heavy rain and strong winds. My nieces, Kim Stable and Tatiana stopped by to see Floyd and I on Saturday; Kim was in town for her High School reunion. Happy belated birthday wishes to: Ruthie Branch, September 22. Happy Birthday to: Brenda Franklin, October 10; Tyrone Franklin, October 10; and Margaret Grays, October 10. I hope you all had a wonderful day. Thought for the week: "Make today a very blessed day, have fun, make friends, use your time, and do great things, today is your day! (Author unknown)

Do you have any community tidbits?

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

Have a blessed day and by Gods grace I will see you next week!

POSSUM VALLEY KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK

Welcome back, y'all! The month of October has arrived and I have to admit it is one of my favorite months. For one thing, October has cooler temperatures, roads lined with yellow wildflowers, colorful leaves falling to the ground and lawn grass is finally dying. I thoroughly enjoy sitting out on the porch with a hot mug of coffee and wearing a warm jacket and fuzzy slippers. Fall, I've been waiting for you so long! But mostly, and my most important reason that October is my favorite month is that it is when my oldest child, my daughter, Meghann, was born. A pretty good reason, if I say so myself. October also signals when the hummingbirds are really beginning to leave. I've had feeders up since March and now I'm down to one feeder and two birds. One of these birds is so quiet I barely know when she's at the feeder. I am still going to leave a feeder up for another month in the event some stragglers visit in need of some fuel. The grands have been in and out this weekend. Rick

and I love that they want to come over to visit, to eat, to play or simply to sit and watch TV. Bo didn't have to play ball this weekend. They have one more away game then a game in Monticello then Fall Ball will be over for this season. The Drew County Fair is this week. I'm glad the fair board chose to postpone the fair this year. It's still very dry but the temperature should be much more pleasant for fair goers. I haven't been making my usual before work drive through Old 16th Section Rd. lately since the loggers have everything messed up and dusty. I'm hoping they'll be finished soon and that we'll receive some dust settling rain, too. Bethel enjoyed a wonderful service this week. Bro. Justin Hewitt filled the pulpit and presented a message, "Walking In The Light", from 1 John 1:1-10. Rick and I will host a family gathering this weekend in memory of my brother, Randy. Out of the sadness we will choose to celebrate him, his life and the strength and love of family. Corny joke time! "Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean? He knew there was something fishy about it!" That's my news for this week. Until next time, please, be safe and happy.

Life is short. Too short not to choose Jesus Christ. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2)

WILMAR CHRIS RILEY

When I think about the goodness of God and all He has done for me, my soul cries out, "Thank you Lord for taking care of me". We need to give thanks no matter the situation, God is our shepherd and we are his sheep, so let's follow Him. The homegoing for Terry Avery was held Saturday. Also graveside services for Annette Ragland Ridgell were held Saturday at Wilmar Cemetery. Our prayers for grace and strength for the families. So sorry to hear of the incident that happened to Tonya Taylor the weekend that resulted in her being hospitalized in JRMC Pine Bluff. Our prayers for her restoration. She's the daughter of Joyce Taylor and the late Earl L. Taylor. I don't know her married name. But God knows. We at 1st Baptist East Side were blessed with a dynamic sermon from Pastor James Simpson coming from 1 Peter 3:15, subject: "A Good Contender for the Lord". The spirit was high and very

present. Prayers for Dean Catherine Larent in the crossing over of your dad (don't know his name). Service will be held at Damascus Baptist in Pine Bluff Friday at 11 a.m. Happy birthday to Tonya Moore Douglas, October 2, and to Tina Riley Johnson and Wanda Reaves, October 7, and in memory of James D. Riley, October 9 and to Welton Green and Carolyn Taylor, October 10. God bless you on your special day and always. Be careful and stay safe, parents, make sure of this, as there's so much evil going on. The love of man has waxed cold. But God is still God, remember this. This is also the month for trick or treat (Halloween), let's stay with the Lord and he'll stay with us. Bible study and prayer each week at 6 p.m. at 1st Baptist East Side on Winchester Road, where Pastor James Simpson teaches and breaks it down. Come and be a part of this great teaching. Now until we meet again by paper and pen, let's stand up for Jesus and not fall for anything. Be blessed.

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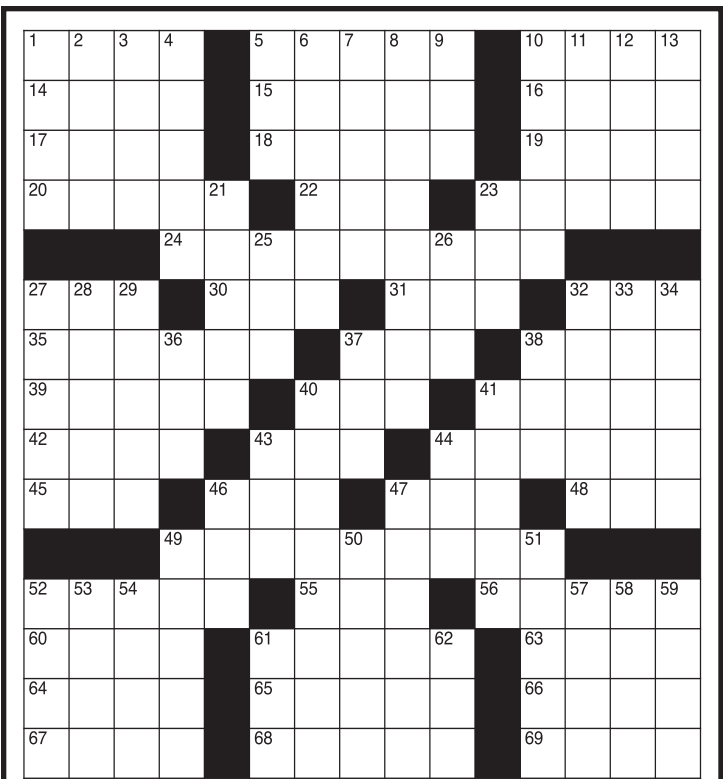


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CLUES ACROSS

1. Bay Area humorist

5. Hurt

10. Icelandic poems

14. A taro corm

15. Metaphorical use of a word

16. It fears the hammer

17. Excessively quaint (British)

18. Laid-back California county

19. Cook in a microwave oven

20. Not late

22. Go from one place to another

23. Peoples living in the Congo

24. Popular pasta

27. Available engine power (abbr.)

30. Popular musician Charles

31. Angry

32. Spelling is one type

35. One who makes a living

37. Indicates location

38. Imperial Chinese dynasty

39. Small water buffaloes

40. Hungarian city
41. Fabric

42. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

43. Precursor to the EU

44. Philly footballers

45. Female sibling

46. “When Harry Met Sally” actress

47. Magnetic tape of high quality

48. Insecticide

49. Apparatus to record and transmit

52. Some is considered “dog”

55. Israeli city ___ Aviv

56. Fencing sword

60. Ottoman military title

61. Wise people

63. Cold wind

64. Popular type of shoe

65. Administrative district

66. A way to reveal

67. Cooked meat cut into small pieces

68. Actress Zellweger

69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

1. Small town in Portugal

2. Site of famed Ethiopian battle

3. German river

4. Christmas carols

5. Cash machine

6. Rough and uneven

7. Rumanian round dance

8. Widespread occurrence of disease

9. A place to relax

10. Feeling of listlessness

11. Coat or smear a substance

12. Wild mango

13. Brews

21. Belgian city

23. Confined condition (abbr.)

25. Swiss river

26. Small amount

27. Part of buildings

28. Vietnamese capital

29. Sailboats

32. Shelter

33. Terminated
34. Discharge

36. Snag

37. Partner to cheese

38. A container for coffee

40. Spend time dully

41. Satisfies

43. Snakelike fish

44. Consume

46. Type of student

47. Erase

49. Instruct

50. Girl’s given name

51. Jewish spiritual leader

52. “To ___ his own”

53. North-central Indian city

54. Greek alphabet characters

57. Weapon

58. Amounts of time

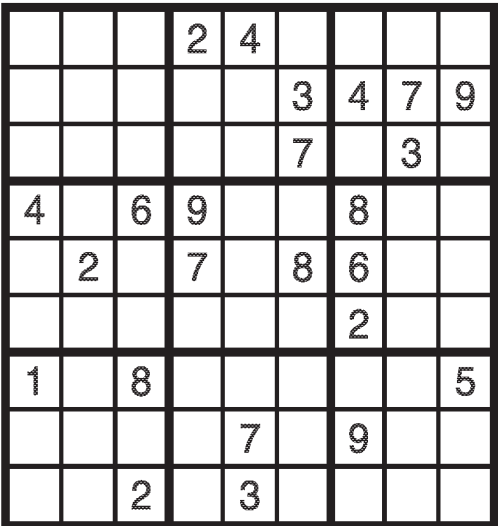
59. American Nobel physicist vital to MRIs

61. Soviet Socialist Republic

62. Witness

Answers can be found on Page 2B

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Spinach and Pumpkin Curry
Ingredients (Serves 6)

1 pie pumpkin, halved and seeded

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons vegan hard margarine

1 onion, chopped

2 carrots, peeled and chopped

1 green apple, chopped

1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger root

1 1/2 teaspoon curry powder

2 cups vegetable broth

2 cups plain hemp milk

3 cups packed spinach

Directions:

1. Place the steamer basket in a large saucepan and add water to about 1 inch below the bottom of the basket. Place the pumpkin halves in the basket, cover the pan and turn heat to medium-high. When the water boils, reduce heat to medium and cook until the pumpkins are tender, 10 to 15 minutes, adding hot water if necessary. Let cool. When cool enough to handle, scoop pulp from skins. Transfer to a food processor, add salt and pepper and puree until almost smooth. Set aside.

2. Place a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium heat and let pan get hot. Add oil and margarine and when melted, tip pan to coat. Add onion, carrots, apple, ginger, and curry powder and cook, stirring frequently, until softened, 6 to 8 minutes. Add pumpkin, vegetable broth, milk, and salt and pepper to taste, stirring well to thoroughly combine.

3. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until soup is slightly thickened, about 10 minutes. Stir in spinach. Taste and adjust seasonings and cook, stirring occasionally, until spinach is wilted, about 4 minutes.

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NOTICE

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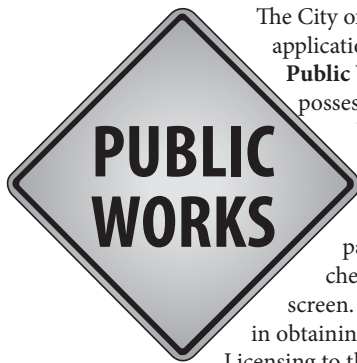
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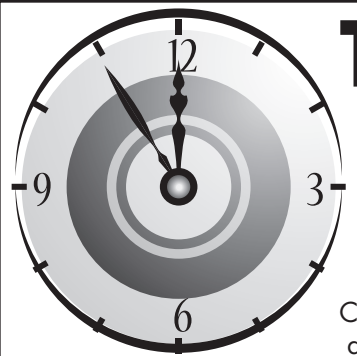
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Issue No. 1
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ISSUE NO. 1

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

Ballot Title
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT WRITTEN PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OR UPON THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION; PROVIDING THAT NO BUSINESS OTHER THAN THE PURPOSE SET FORTH IN THE JOINT WRITTEN PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OR THE WRITTEN PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION CONVENED UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; REQUIRING THE

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

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 5, is amended to read as follows: § 5. Regular and fiscal sessions — Extraordinary sessions.
(a) The General Assembly shall meet at the seat of government every year.
(b) The General Assembly shall meet in regular session on the second Monday in January of each odd-numbered year to consider any bill or resolution. The General Assembly may alter the time at which the regular session begins.
(c)(1) Beginning in 2010, the General Assembly shall meet in fiscal session on the second Monday in February of each even-numbered year to consider only appropriation bills. The General Assembly may alter the time at which the fiscal session begins.
(2) A bill other than an appropriation bill may be considered in a fiscal session if two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each house of the General Assembly approve consideration of the bill.
(d) The General Assembly, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly, may alter the dates of the regular session and fiscal session so that regular sessions occur in even numbered years and the fiscal sessions occur in odd-numbered years.
(e)(1) The General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session upon the:
(A)(i) Issuance of a joint written proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
(ii) The joint written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the purpose for which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session and the date on which the General Assembly shall convene; or
(B)(i) Submission of a written proclamation containing the signatures of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate to the Speaker of the House of Represen-

tatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary session.
(ii) The written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the purpose for which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session.
(iii) Upon the submission of a written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall specify a date on which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session.
(2) No business other than the purpose set forth in the joint written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section or the written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall be considered at an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section.
(3)(A) During each regular session, the General Assembly shall establish by joint rule procedures for an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section.
(B) Joint rules established under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section may include without limitation:
(i) A limitation on the duration of an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section;
(ii) The format and required content for a written proclamation requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section; and
(iii) A provision permitting the General Assembly, after having disposed of the purpose for which the extraordinary session was convened under subdivision (e)(1) of this section, to remain in session for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days if remaining in session is approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate and entered upon their journals.
(C) Rules established under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section may be amended by the General Assembly.
(4) This section does not restrict the authority of the Governor to convene an extraordinary session of the General Assembly under Arkansas Constitution, Article 6, § 19.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2022.



JOHN THURSTON
SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF ARKANSAS

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.; Northwesterly 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

NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a 310 foot Self-supporting lattice Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is a medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is 200 feet west of Highway 278 and 13th Street Intersection (33 37 15.42N / 91 56 44.2W). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A0843658.
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS – Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. HISTOR-

IC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: EBI Consulting, 6122009081-TC, 6876 Susquehanna Trail S., York, PA 17403, or tcubie@ebiconsulting.com or 339-234-2597.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH YOUNG
CATER, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-126

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:
190 Jose Chapel Cut Off Road
Monticello, AR 71655
Date of Death: February 19, 2022
The undersigned was appointed as Personal Representative of this estate on the 28th day of September, 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 the 5th day of October, 2022.
Deborah Wyckoff, Administrator
c/o Barton & Roper, PLLC
P.O. Box 507
Monticello, AR 71657
(870) 367-6288

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY I. PARKER,
DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-129

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:
529 S Gabbert St
Monticello, AR 71655
Date of Death: August 9, 2022
An instrument captioned “Last Will and Testament of Mary I. Parker” dated November 10, 1982, was on the 28th day of September, 2022, admitted to probate as the last will of the above-named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed Executrix 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 5th day of October, 2022.
Gwendolyn Maria Daniels, Executrix
c/o Barton & Roper, PLLC
P.O. Box 507
Monticello, AR 71657
(870) 367-6288

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY WAYNE
TATE, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-133

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:
722 Bowser
Monticello, AR 71655
Date of Death: March 22, 2019
An Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributees was filed on the 30th day of September, 2022. The estate to be collected contains real property, legally described as follows:
A parcel of land in the West one-half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (W1/2 of SE1/4 of SE1/4) of Section 9, Township 13 South, Range 7 West, bounded by line beginning at a point 370 feet West of the Southeast corner of said W1/2 of SE1/4 of SE1/4, and thence running North a distance of 312 feet, thence running West a distance of 160 feet, thence running South a distance of 312 feet to the South boundary of said W1/2 of SE1/4 of SE1/4, and thence running East along said boundary line a distance of 160 feet back to the point of beginning, containing 1.06 acres of land, more or less.
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 5th day of October, 2022.
Amanda Tate Prince, Distributee
Barton & Roper, PLLC
P.O. Box 507
Monticello, AR 71657
(870) 367-6288

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

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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

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Legals

NOTICE FOR AMENDMENTS REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Issue No. 2
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 93rd General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 8, 2022, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 2. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2021 Session by Representative Ray and filed as HJR 1005.

ISSUE NO. 2

Popular Name

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

Ballot Title
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND BALLOT INITIATIVE REFORM AMENDMENT”, CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES PRESENTED TO VOTERS; REQUIRING THAT INITIATIVES PROPOSED UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, § 1, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 19, § 22, AND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 70, § 2, SHALL BE APPROVED WHEN RECEIVING AT LEAST SIXTY PERCENT (60%) OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE OR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; AND REQUIRING THAT A MEASURE SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM SHALL BE REPEALED IF THE MEASURE IS REJECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING UPON THE MATTER.

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

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

SECTION 2. The subsection of Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1, titled “Majority”, is amended to read as follows: Majority Approval. Any measure submitted to the people as herein provided shall take effect and become a law when approved by a majority at least sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast upon such measure, and not otherwise, and shall not be required to receive a majority of the electors voting at such election. Such measures shall be operative on and after the thirtieth day after the election at which it is approved, unless otherwise specified in the Act measure. However, a measure subject to a referendum shall be repealed if it is rejected by a majority of the electors voting upon the matter.
This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the General Assembly of the right to introduce any measure, but no measure shall be submitted to the people by the General Assembly, except a proposed constitutional amendment or amendments as provided for in this Constitution.

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

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

§ 22. Constitutional amendments.

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

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

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

§ 2. Additional Constitutional amendments authorized.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HERE-UNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2022.



JOHN THURSTON
SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF ARKANSAS

CLASSIFIEDS

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MISCELLANEOUS

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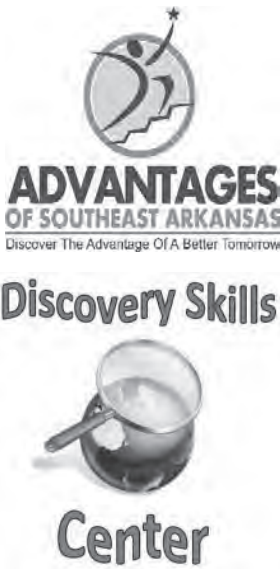
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OCTOBER



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

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Legals

NOTICE FOR AMENDMENTS REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY Issue No. 3 NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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

ISSUE NO. 3

Popular Name

A Constitutional Amendment to Create the “Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment”

Ballot Title

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CREATE THE “ARKANSAS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AMENDMENT”; AND TO PROVIDE THAT GOVERNMENT MAY NEVER BURDEN A PERSON’S FREEDOM OF RELIGION EXCEPT IN THE RARE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATES THAT APPLICATION OF THE BURDEN TO THE PERSON IS IN FURTHERANCE OF A COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST AND IS THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE MEANS OF FURTHERING THAT COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST.

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

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

SECTION 1. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the “Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment”.

SECTION 2. (a) The General Assembly finds:
(1) The framers of the United States Constitution, recognizing free exercise of religion as an unalienable right, secured its protection in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution;
(2) The framers of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, also recognizing the free exercise of religion as an unalienable right, secured the protection of

religious freedom in Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 24;

(3) Federal and state laws “neutral” toward religion may burden religious exercise as surely as laws intended to interfere with religious exercise;

(4) Governments should not burden religious exercise without compelling justification;

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

(6) The compelling interest test as set forth in prior court rulings is a workable test for striking sensible balances between religious liberty and competing government interests in areas ranging from public education (pedagogical interests and religious rights, including recognizing regulations necessary to alleviate interference with the educational process versus rights of religious freedom), national defense (conscription and conscientious objection, including the need to raise an army versus rights to object to individual participation), and other areas of important mutual concern; and
(7) The United States Congress passed the Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb, to establish the compelling interest test set forth in prior federal court rulings, but in City of Boerne v. Flores, 117 S.Ct. 2157 (1997), the United States Supreme Court held the act unconstitutional, stating that the right to regulate was retained by the states.

(b) The purpose of this amendment is to:
(1) Guarantee that the freedom of religion is not burdened by state and local law; and
(2) Provide a claim or defense to persons whose religious freedom is burdened by government.

SECTION 3. As used in this amendment:

(1) “Demonstrates” means meeting the burden of going forward with the evidence and of persuasion;

(2) “Freedom of religion” means the free exercise of religion under Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 24;

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

(B) A political subdivision of the state, including without limitation a county, municipality, township, or other unit of local government;

(C) An official acting on behalf of government; and

(D) A person acting under the color of law of the State of Arkansas; and

(4) “Rule” means a statement of Arkansas law, including without limitation a:

(A) Statute;

(B) Rule;

(C) Regulation;

(D) Ordinance;

(E) Administrative provision;

(F) Administrative ruling;

(G) Guideline; or

(H) Requirement.

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

(b) Government may burden a person’s freedom of religion only if the government demonstrates that application of the burden to the person:

(1) Is in furtherance of a compelling government interest; and

(2) Is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling government interest.

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

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

(1) Is statutory; or

(2) Was adopted prior to or after the effective date of this amendment.

(b) This amendment shall not be construed to:

(1) Authorize a government to burden a religious belief; or

(2) Affect, interpret, or in any way address:

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

(B) Article 2, § 24 of this constitution regarding religious liberty.

SECTION 6. (a) This amendment shall be liberally construed to effectuate its remedial and deterrent purposes.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2022.



JOHN THURSTON
SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF ARKANSAS

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE

Issue No. 4

(Popular Name)

An Amendment to Authorize the Possession, Personal Use, and Consumption of Cannabis by Adults, to Authorize the Cultivation and Sale of Cannabis by Licensed Commercial Facilities, and to Provide for the Regulation of those Facilities.

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING POSSESSION AND USE OF CANNABIS (I.E., MARIJUANA) BY ADULTS, BUT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT POSSESSION AND SALE OF CANNABIS REMAIN ILLEGAL UNDER FEDERAL LAW; AUTHORIZING LICENSED ADULT USE DISPENSARIES TO SELL ADULT USE CANNABIS PRODUCED BY LICENSED MEDICAL AND ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITIES, INCLUDING CANNABIS PRODUCED UNDER AMENDMENT 98, BEGINNING MARCH 8, 2023 AND AMENDING AMENDMENT 98 CONCERNING MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN PERTINENT PART, INCLUDING: AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 3(E) TO ALLOW LICENSED MEDICAL OR ADULT USE DISPENSARIES TO RECEIVE, TRANSFER, OR SELL MARIJUANA TO AND FROM MEDICAL AND ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITIES, OR OTHER MEDICAL OR ADULT USE DISPENSARIES, AND TO ACCEPT MARIJUANA SEEDS FROM INDIVIDUALS LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO POSSESS THEM; REPEALING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(C) REGARDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING AND REPLACING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 8(E)(5)(A)-(B) AND 8(E)(8)(A)-(F) WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD-PROOF PACKAGING AND RESTRICTIONS ON ADVERTISING THAT APPEALS TO CHILDREN; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(K) TO EXEMPT INDIVIDUALS OWNING LESS THAN 5% OF DISPENSARY OR CULTIVATION LICENSEES FROM CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(1)(A) TO REMOVE A PROHIBITION ON DISPENSARIES SUPPLYING, POSSESSING, MANUFACTURING, DELIVERING, TRANSFERRING, OR SELLING PARAPHERNALIA THAT REQUIRES THE COMBUSTION OF MARIJUANA; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(3)(A)(I) TO INCREASE THE MARIJUANA PLANTS THAT A DISPENSARY LICENSED UNDER THAT AMENDMENT MAY GROW OR POSSESS AT ONE TIME FROM 50 TO 100 PLUS SEEDLINGS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(4)(A)(II) TO ALLOW CULTIVATION FACILITIES TO SELL MARIJUANA TO DISPENSARIES, ADULT USE DISPENSARIES, PROCESSORS, OR OTHER CULTIVATION FACILITIES; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 10(B)(8)(A) AND 10(B)(8)(G) TO PROVIDE THAT LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSED SHALL NOT INCLUDE ADULT USE CANNABIS PURCHASES; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 12(A)(1) AND 12(B)(1) TO PROVIDE THAT DISPENSARIES AND DISPENSARY AGENTS MAY DISPENSE MARIJUANA FOR ADULT USE; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 13(A) TO ALLOW MEDICAL AND ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITIES TO SELL MARIJUANA TO ADULT USE DISPENSARIES; REPEALING AMENDMENT 98, § 17 AND PROHIBITING STATE OR LOCAL TAXES ON THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, SALE, USE, OR POSSESSION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA; REPEALING AMENDMENT 98, § 23 AND PROHIBITING LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT, ALTERATION, OR REPEAL OF AMENDMENT 98 WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 24(F)(1)(A)(I) TO ALLOW TRANSPORTERS OR DISTRIBUTORS LICENSED UNDER AMENDMENT 98 TO DELIVER MARIJUANA TO ADULT USE DISPENSARIES AND CULTIVATION FACILITIES LICENSED UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; REQUIRING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (“ABC”) TO REGULATE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES FOR CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND ADULT USE DISPENSARIES AND TO REGULATE LICENSEES; REQUIRING ADULT USE DISPENSARIES TO PURCHASE CANNABIS ONLY FROM LICENSED MEDICAL OR ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES; REQUIRING ISSUANCE OF TIER ONE ADULT USE

CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSES TO CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSEES UNDER AMENDMENT 98 AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022, TO OPERATE ON THE SAME PREMISES AS THEIR EXISTING FACILITIES AND FORBIDDING ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL TIER ONE ADULT USE CULTIVATION LICENSES; REQUIRING ISSUANCE OF ADULT USE DISPENSARY LICENSES TO DISPENSARY LICENSEES UNDER AMENDMENT 98 AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022, FOR DISPENSARIES ON THEIR EXISTING PREMISES AND AT ANOTHER LOCATION LICENSED ONLY FOR ADULT USE CANNABIS SALES; REQUIRING ISSUANCE BY LOTTERY OF 40 ADDITIONAL ADULT USE DISPENSARY LICENSES AND 12 TIER TWO ADULT USE CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSES; PROHIBITING CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES NEAR SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, DAY CARES, OR FACILITIES SERVING THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED THAT EXISTED BEFORE THE EARLIER OF THE INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION OR LICENSE ISSUANCE; REQUIRING ALL ADULT USE ONLY DISPENSARIES TO BE LOCATED AT LEAST FIVE MILES FROM DISPENSARIES LICENSED UNDER AMENDMENT 98; PROHIBITING INDIVIDUALS FROM HOLDING OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN MORE THAN 18 ADULT USE DISPENSARIES; REQUIRING ABC ADOPTION OF RULES GOVERNING LICENSING, RENEWAL, OWNERSHIP TRANSFERS, LOCATION, AND OPERATION OF CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND ADULT USE DISPENSARIES LICENSED UNDER THIS AMENDMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER RULES NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THIS AMENDMENT; PROHIBITING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM USING ZONING TO RESTRICT THE LOCATION OF CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES IN AREAS NOT ZONED RESIDENTIAL-USE ONLY WHEN THIS AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED; ALLOWING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO HOLD LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS TO PROHIBIT RETAIL SALES OF CANNABIS; ALLOWING A STATE SUPPLEMENTAL SALES TAX OF UP TO 10% ON RETAIL CANNABIS SALES FOR ADULT USE, DIRECTING A PORTION OF SUCH TAX PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR AN ANNUAL STIPEND FOR CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES AND DRUG COURT PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED BY THE ARKANSAS DRUG COURT ACT, § 16-98-301 WITH THE REMAINDER GOING INTO GENERAL REVENUES, AND REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM LICENSING FEES AND SALES TAXES ON CANNABIS TO FUND AGENCIES REGULATING CANNABIS; PROVIDING THAT CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND ADULT USE DISPENSARIES ARE OTHERWISE SUBJECT TO THE SAME TAXATION AS OTHER FOR-PROFIT BUSINESSES; PROHIBITING EXCISE OR PRIVILEGE TAXES ON RETAIL SALES OF CANNABIS FOR ADULT USE; PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT LIMIT EMPLOYER CANNABIS POLICIES, LIMIT RESTRICTIONS ON CANNABIS COMBUSTION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, AFFECT EXISTING LAWS REGARDING DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CANNABIS, PERMIT MINORS TO BUY, POSSESS, OR CONSUME CANNABIS, OR PERMIT CULTIVATION, PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, OR SALE OF CANNABIS NOT EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND PROHIBITING LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT, ALTERATION, OR REPEAL OF THIS AMENDMENT WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL.

☐ FOR ISSUE NO. 4
☐ AGAINST ISSUE NO. 4

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World Rabies Day reminds Arkansans about prevention, control

By RANDY ZELLERS

Each year since 2007, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention joins with many agencies throughout the United States to increase awareness of rabies prevention and control. Rabies is rarely a source of concern for people in the United States thanks to vaccinations of domestic animals, but the disease still persists in wildlife populations and is occasionally reported in Arkansas.

As of Sept. 9, 2022, 17 cases of rabies have been confirmed in The Natural State this year. Skunks made up the largest component of animal carriers reported, with 13 animals testing positive. Three bats and one domestic dog have been reported with the disease so far this year. Between 24 and 46 cases have been confirmed each year in the last five years, and skunks are the primary animal found with the disease in Arkansas. Any mammal, including humans, can contract rabies but skunks and bats are the primary reservoirs for the disease in Arkansas. Domestic animal cases of rabies in Arkansas have not exceeded single digits per year in the last decade, thanks to vigilant surveillance and vaccination protocols.

Worldwide, more than 55,000 humans die of rabies each year, primarily in developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Ninety-nine percent (99%) of such cases result from bites inflicted by rabid dogs. In the United States, transmission from dogs is becoming a rarity due to successful dog vaccination programs.

Vaccinations are required for all dogs and cats in Arkansas, which helps prevent spill-over from wildlife populations to humans. Any dog or cat 4 months or older must be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian, and those vaccinations must be kept up to date to remain effective.

Dr. Jenn Ballard, state wildlife veterinarian with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, says prevalence of rabies virus in wildlife populations is extremely low, but it does still occur at a high enough rate to remain vigilant.

“Our likelihood of detecting the disease in bats and skunks that are behaving abnormally is significantly higher than with other wildlife,” Ballard said. “Skunks being seen out during the daytime and bats found crawling on the ground tend to get attention quickly, so they are often reported.” Ballard says many positive

cases are not accompanied by the excessive salivation or aggressive nature people commonly associate with the virus.

“More often, infected animals appear lethargic or unaware of their surroundings,” Ballard said. “Or they may not be as fearful of humans or pets as they should be. The best practice is to always keep your domestic animals vaccinated and enjoy wildlife from a distance.”

Rabies in humans is preventable as long as treatment is started before symptoms develop, so it is important for people to seek medical attention quickly after potential exposures. Anyone who is bitten by or comes into contact with an animal acting abnormally should contact their healthcare provider. Visit www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/rabies for more information.

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