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City Council votes to raise solid waste and sewer rates

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All Monticello City Council members were present at the regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday night.

After some discussion and clarification, the council voted to raise solid waste rates to \$12.13 for residential customers and \$36.75 for commercial customers in a seven to one vote. Council woman Clarissa Pace voted “no” stating that a local business man had approached her with alternative ways to increase revenue without raising rates. Pace added that she invited the gentleman to visit

with the Mayor and attend the City Council meeting to discuss his ideas publicly. Mayor Paige Chase stated that no one had come to speak to her about alternative ideas.

In other unfinished business, a resolution to raise sewer rates was brought back up after it was tabled last month due to a typographical error. The Mayor explained that there is no meter to measure sewer usage so citizens bills are calculated on a six month average that is taken in the winter months. Sewer rates will increase from \$7.25 to \$9.72 for the first 2,000 gallons.

Both of these ordinances have clauses stating an annual re-

view will be performed by the sitting council, to assess rates since sewer rates have only been raised three times since they were established in 1949 and solid waste rates in 1974.

The Mayor also addressed the crowd stating that the residential trash truck was involved in an accident on Tuesday where another vehicle struck the truck and caused severe damage.

“I would like to thank the County for their quick cooperation in allowing us to use a County trash truck to finish picking up the scheduled trash route,” Chase stated.

An emergency rush order has been put on the trash truck that

was ordered earlier this year.

In new business, Ben Higginbotham, on behalf of Pauline Baptist Church, addressed the council regarding options for the closure or rerouting a portion of Barkada Road when the church decides to expand. Maps were presented to the council members and it was noted that this project is in its infancy stages and the church is interested in discussing feasibility options. Planning Commission Chair Dan Boice was addressed and suggested that engineers be contacted and that the Planning Commission would be happy to assist with this matter.

“Our main goal is to keep peo-

ple safe,” Higginbotham added.

The Advance-Monticellonian will follow this situation as it develops.

In reports from department heads, Water Operator Wayne Morphis was absent from the meeting because he was continuing to perform maintenance on the Country Club water tank. Mayor Chase stated that the process was running smoothly and water pressure should resume to normal in that area.

Police Chief Jason Akers told the council that the department now has the capacity to perform Blood Alcohol level tests at the department thanks to grant funding they received.

The A&P Commission hired Ryan Copico as their Executive Administrative Assistant and he spoke to the council members last night stating that his first few weeks on the job had been catching up and updating the Explore Monticello website. More information will be available soon from the commission regarding the holiday light festival.

Planning Commission Chair Dan Boice told the crowd that Requests for Proposals for the old armory building had been published and at their next meeting, they hope to finalize the comprehensive plan for the City.

EARLY VOTING BEGINS IN DREW COUNTY



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EARLY VOTING has begun at the Drew County Courthouse. Polls are open Monday through Saturday until Election Day, Nov. 8. At the close of business Tuesday, Oct. 25, the vote count was 582.

Drew Central Elementary selected to participate in annual Shade Trees on Playgrounds Program

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Forestry Division is pleased to announce the expansion of the Shade Trees on Playgrounds program to celebrate the program’s 20th anniversary. Twenty-three schools in 20 communities, more than double the number of schools in previous years, have been selected across the state to participate in this year’s program. The selected schools for 2022 are as follows:

- Drew Central Elementary – Monticello
- Park Avenue Elementary – Stuttgart
- Jimmy Brown Elementary – Star City
- Star City Middle School – Star City
- Star City High School – Star City
- Oscar Hamilton Elementary – Foreman
- Caddo Hills Elementary – Norman
- Bobby Barrett Elementary – Mount

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- East Side School Kindergarten Center – Magnolia
- East End Elementary – East End
- Arkansas Arts Academy Elementary – Rogers
- Berryville Intermediate School – Berryville
- Clarksville Intermediate School – Clarksville
- Butterfield Elementary – Fayetteville
- Heber Springs Middle School – Heber Springs
- Sacred Heart School – Morrilton
- Little Rock West High School of Innovation – Little Rock
- McRae Elementary – Searcy
- Southwest Middle School – Searcy
- Oak Grove Elementary – Paragould
- M.D. Williams Intermediate – Pocahontas

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MPD investigating shooting death related to domestic incident

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Monticello Police Department is investigating the Saturday shooting death of a Warren man that occurred at a trailer park on Winchester Road.

MPD Officers responded to a shots fired call Saturday and found Jkyron Marquis Hines, 25, deceased outside of a residence.

Three suspects have been arrested in this case, Brenisha Rayford, 24; Alouyius Robinson, 21; and Jarion Robinson, 19.

Rayford is charged with 1st Degree murder and hinder-

ing apprehension or prosecution and both Robinsons have been charged with 1st Degree Murder in connection with Saturday’s incident. Both are currently in jail awaiting a first appearance. Rayford was taken for a first appearance Monday and received a \$200,000 bond.

A fourth person was detained at the scene Saturday but was later released.

Detectives have executed multiple search warrants related to this case and are continuing to analyze physical and digital evidence as the investigation is still ongoing.

Arkansas Forestry Association names Beau and Tyler Jones Loggers of the Year

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Forestry association recognized Beau and Tyler Jones as Loggers of the Year at the 2022 AFA Annual Meeting held at the Double-Tree in Little Rock on Oct. 13.

Beau and Tyler Jones are fourth generation loggers from Fountain Hill, who set the standard for professional loggers and businessmen. As the leaders of R.D. Jones Logging, Inc., Beau and Tyler are building on the legacy set by their great-grandfather, R.D. Jones, Sr., grandfather, R.D. “Sonny” Jones, and father, R.D. “Rob” Jones, a former AFA Logger of the Year in 2007.

Beau and Tyler have adhered to a plan of success since they were young, learning the business in the summer, then on to college to earn their respective degrees in accounting, (Beau) and business (Tyler). Today, they operate four crews and a team of 36 employees. The operation includes 10 contract trucks and 10 of their own to haul logs to facilities across the region, primarily from Weyerhaeuser lands.

In addition to their dedication to the success of their business, Beau and Tyler are active inter church, Shady Grove Missionary Baptist, community, devoted husbands and fathers. Beau and his wife, Kohl, have

two sons, R.D. “Carter” Jones IV and Davis. Tyler and his wife, Korry have one daughter Evy Claire.

Fellow logger Mike Pennington nominated Beau and Tyler for the award noting “they epitomize the professional logger.”

Organized in 1947, AFA is the only private, non-profit organization representing the entire forestry community in Arkansas. AFA has over 1,200 members who join in AFA’s mission of advocating for the sustainable use and sound stewardship of Arkansas’s forests and related resources to benefit members of the state’s forestry community and all Arkansans today, and in the future.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Public meeting presented by Monticello Rotary Club and UAM

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

Christmas Open House

The Drew Memorial Gift Shop will host their annual Christmas Open House from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., October 27. There will be door prizes. Please make plans to come shop for Christmas at the Drew Memorial Gift Shop. The Gift Shop will be closed October 24-26 in preparation for the big event.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

NAACP Virtual Freedom Fund Gala

Beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, the Drew County Branch of the NAACP #6042 will host a Freedom Fund Gala via Zoom webinar, ID 875 8358 7660. The speaker will be Attorney Antwan Phillips. The event is free to join and the branch will accept donations at any time. For more information, contact Peggy Orr at 870-224-2416.

Veterans benefit services

A free veteran benefits event featuring accredited officers is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., Friday, Oct. 28 at the Stuttgart American Legion Post located at 1310 S. Park Ave. Walk ins are welcome. For more information, call Nick, 870-253-9767.

Pastor Appreciation

The 8th annual Pastor and wife appreciation for Sup. Rodney Henderson and Lady Lisa Henderson will be Friday, Oct. 28 at Holy Temple Church of God in Christ at 529 N. Main, St.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OCTOBER 28, 29 AND 30

Revival

First Free Will Baptist Church, located at 1351 Hwy 278 W., will host a revival beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 28. The speaker will be Bro. Justin Morphis. Services will be at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Gospel Band

Haley Creek Gospel Band at Florence Baptist Church, 1357 Hwy 277 North Monticello. Saturday, October 29 at 6 pm Soup and chili supper to follow.

Fall Festival

Enon Baptist Church will host a Fall Festival from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 located at 2927 Hwy 35 East. For transportation, call Mike at 870-723-9701.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Pastoral Anniversary

Revival Center Church of God in Christ will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Bishop Michael Jones and Lady Tiara Jones at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 30. Guest speakers will be Bishop C.E. Milton. Everyone is invited to attend.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AND 4

Revival

A revival will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3 and Friday, Nov. 4 at 111 East Briarcliff St. Guest Evangelist will be Supt. Earl Glass from Pine Bluff.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

NAACP Bullying and Mental Health presentation

The Drew County NAACP Youth Council will present a Bullying and Mental Health program beginning at 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5 at Holmes Chapel Life Center. Admission is \$10 and a meal is included. For more information, contact Stacey at 870-224-6368.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

FUMC Holiday Bazaar

Where: First Methodist Family Life Center, 317 South Main, Monticello. When: Saturday, November 12, 9-1. Forty vendors selling handmade items including food and casseroles. Proceeds will benefit church's mission projects. Soup lunch for \$5.00!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Rodney Block Collective with the UAM Jazz band

Seark Concert Association will present the Rodney Block Collective along with the UAM Jazz Band at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Fine Arts Center. For ticket information, visit www.searkconcert.org.

THROUGH DECEMBER 1

Christmas basket raffle

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

ONGOING

SEARK Miracle League Fall Ball Registration

Registration for fall ball is now open at www.searkmiracleleague.com. There is no fee to register this year. Games begin September 27 at 6 p.m.

City recycling guidelines

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

Drew County Quorum Court Meeting

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

Monticello City Council Meeting

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

Support for local schools

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

Borrow a book and hours

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library, Monticello Branch, 114 West Jefferson Avenue, is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Masks are required while entering, exiting or walking around the library. Masks may be removed while seated. Social distancing of 6 feet between individuals. Hand sanitizer is available upon entering the building and at the front desk. Call the library at 870-367-8583. Fax, copying and printing services are available. Public WiFi is available inside and from the parking lot. The password is books2015.

District Governor visits local rotary club

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Recently, Rotary District 6170 Governor Bill Fish attended the local meeting and discussed the District, National, and International initiatives of Rotary. Fish encouraged the club to continue its motto of "Service above Self" and told the club about the things that are happening with Rotary at the state and national levels. The club was told that this year's International Rotary President, Jennifer Jones, is the first woman to hold that office in the organization's history. Jennifer's presidency theme is "Imagine Rotary."

This year's logo represents some of the goals and visions that Rotary International has in store for 2023. The logo was designed by an Aboriginal Artist from Australia. The Purple color represents polio. Rotary International has led the world in the eradication of polio since 1979. In a joint effort with the Gates Foundation, Rotary has helped to virtually wipe the disease of polio from the face of the



earth. There have only been a handful of wild polio cases reported in Pakistan, and all indications are that the disease will be 100 percent eradicated within the next few years.

The color represents peace – a Rotary standard since its inception in 1905. The green color represents the environment

and the green stick represents the aboriginal "digging stick" and shows that Rotary is ready to work hard to accomplish its goals on a global scale.

The Purple circle represents Unity and the dots are a representation of our places at the table. The seven dots represents Rotary's global initiatives.

District Governor Fish said, "Creativity, imagination, and hard work will lead Rotary into the future. Imagine Rotary and imagine the great things we can all accomplish and work hard, together, to accomplish those things locally and across the globe."

The Monticello Rotary Club meets at noon on Thursday's in the Gibson Center at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. On Thursday, Oct. 27, a joint meeting with the University of Arkansas at Monticello will host special guest Robert Raines for a talk about gangster history in Arkansas.

Senior Center lunch menu: Oct. 26-Nov. 2

Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, lima beans, berry cobbler, roll

Thursday: Sweet & sour Pork, rice, egg roll, pineapple chunks

Friday: Chicken spaghetti, garlic toast, steamed broccoli, pumpkin cake

Monday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, green beans, tropical fruit, garlic toast

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, w/gravy, mashed

potatoes, black eye peas, JELLO cup, biscuit

Wednesday: BBQ baked chicken, baked beans, potato salad, banana pudding, roll

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

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UAM to host Arkansas philological association conference

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Philological Association will hold its 2022 annual conference at the University of Arkansas at Monticello from Thursday, October 27 through Saturday, October 29. This group of teachers and scholars shares an interest in words, languages, literature, criticism, film and teaching.

Conference presentations from many fields such as English, nursing, music, math and foreign languages will explore diverse views of this year's theme: Health is Wealth. Entertainment activities are scheduled throughout the event and are open to the public. Drew County Extension Homemakers Council will host

the Inaugural Delta Quilt Show in the Gibson University Center Capital Room on Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., displaying over 100 Arkansas quilts. Nick Newlin of 30 Minute Shakespeare will lead a "Let's Make a Scene" dramatic reading of his condensed version. See UAM Page 6A

Martin hired as Chief Medical Officer

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Monticello native, Robert H. Martin, Jr., MD, has recently been selected and hired to serve as Chief Medical Officer for Fredericksted Health Care, Inc in St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands. Fredericksted Health Care, Inc is a Federally Qualified Health Center in St. Croix that is composed of four medical clinics and dental clinics.

Dr. Martin was first introduced to Virgin Islands in 2018 when he served as an Emergency Room Physician at Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital in St. Croix and at Schneider Regional Medical Center in St. Thomas from December 2017 to May 2018. He was recruited from the Federal Indian Health Care

System to assist the islands to provide Emergency Health Care in the wake of Hurricane Maria and Irma as a part of the Federal and FEMA Hurricane Relief Effort.

He returned to St. Croix in May, 2021 after being granted a full medical license in The USVI and worked at Pro-Health Urgent Care and Family Practice for one year.

Celebrating his 30th year as a physician, Dr. Martin is a 1983 graduate of Monticello High School and received a B.S. in Biology from The University of Arkansas at Monticello in 1988. He attended and graduated from The UAMS College of Medicine in 1992. He completed a residency in Family Practice in 1995 at The UAMS-

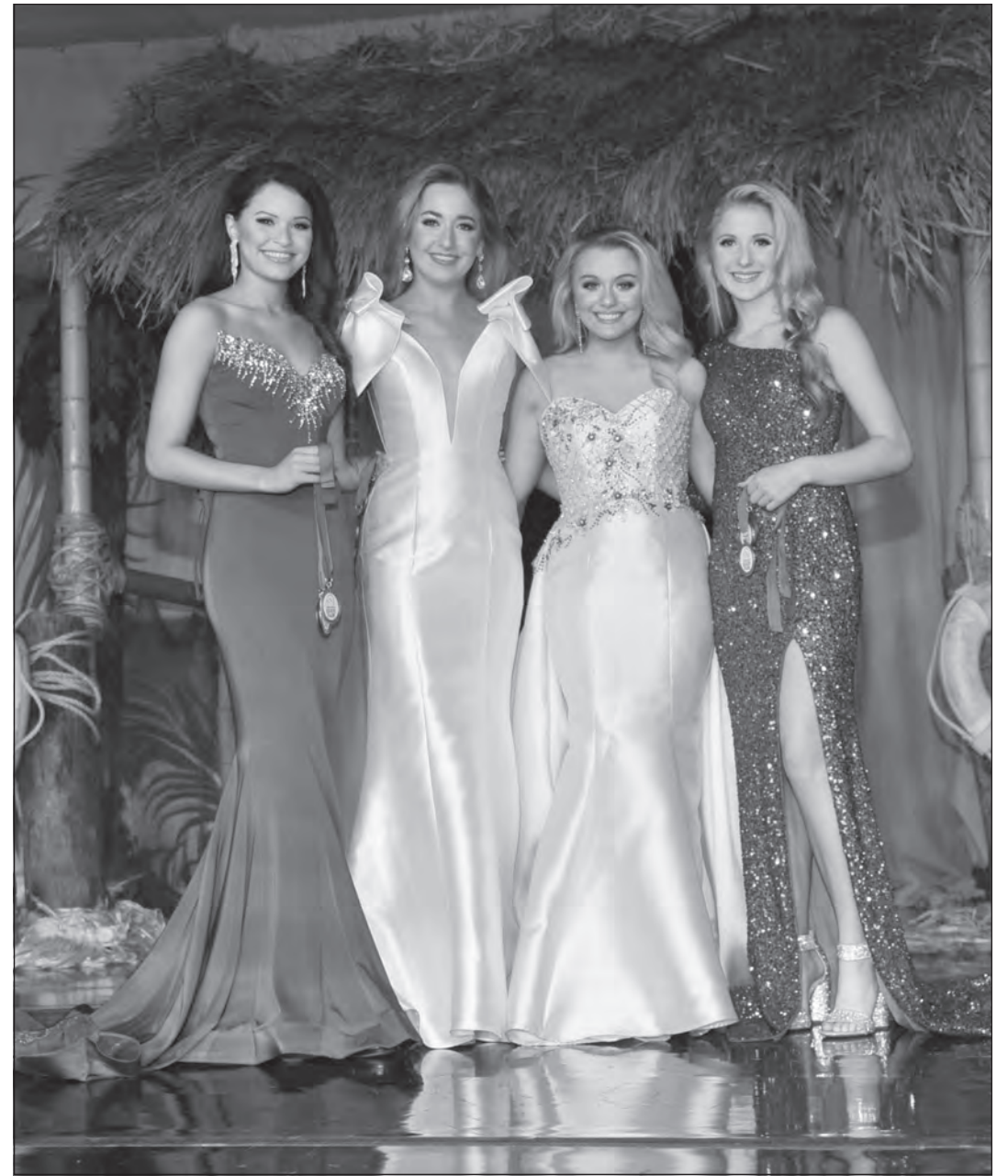
AHEC in Pine Bluff associated with Jefferson Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Martin was in private Family Practice in Hot Springs and Sheridan, while also serving for many years as an Emergency Room Physician in many hospital systems in the state of Arkansas. From 2014-2021, he served as an Emergency Room Physician and Family Practice Physician for Indian Health Services out west on many Native American Reservations.

Dr. Martin has three children, Sykes, Madeline, and JuJu.

Dr. Martin is the son of Robert H. Martin, Sr and the late Barbara Ann Martin, both of Monticello.

LOCAL SENIOR PARTICIPATES IN STATE FAIR COMPETITION



Courtesy photo
Kaïden Hale (left) was a finalist in the Southeast Regional Junior Fair Queen competition at the Arkansas State Fair last weekend. Hale is a Senior at Monticello High School.

CALENDAR

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Information and referral outreach office now open

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

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

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

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

VFW Auxiliary
Anyone interested in joining the VFW Auxiliary is asked to contact Wanda or Melvin

Veasey, VFW Commander, at mlvinj.veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-4993. Any relative of a veteran who served overseas in a foreign war is eligible for membership. Any past members who are still

interested in the Auxiliary are also asked to contact Wanda or Melvin if they are still interested in being a member. **Drew Co. Democratic Party meeting**
The Drew County Democrat-

ic Party is hosting monthly meeting on the fourth Monday of each month through November. The meeting location is the Wilmar Community Center 2506 Hwy 278 West. The venue is set up for social distancing

and mask recommended. The meeting starts at 6pm. All interested parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact President Peggy Orr 870-224-2416.

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- ✓ Never go inside a house - accept treats only at the door.
- ✓ Don't eat any candy until you get home, and be sure your parents check your candy before you eat it.
- ✓ Everybody should wear a highly-visible or reflective costume and carry a flashlight when trick-or-treating at night.
- ✓ Stay on sidewalks and walkways.
- ✓ Walk! Do not run in your costume, you might trip and injure yourself.
- ✓ Carry a cell phone in case of emergency.
- ✓ Always be sure to eat a good meal before going trick-or-treating.

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Should you own bonds when interest rates rise?

As you know, the stock market has attracted a lot of attention – and for good reason, as we’ve seen considerable volatility almost from the beginning of the year. But if you own bonds, or bond-based mutual funds, you might also have some concerns. However, it’s important to understand why bonds should continue to be an important part of your portfolio.

To begin with, let’s look at what’s happened with bond prices recently. Inflation has heated up, leading the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates to help “cool off” the economy. And rising interest rates typically raise bond yields – the total annual income that investors get from their “coupon” (interest) payments. Rising yields can cause a drop in the value of your existing bonds, because investors will want to buy the newly issued bonds that offer higher yields than yours.

And yet, despite this possible drop in their value, the bonds you own can still help you make progress toward your financial goals. Consider these benefits of bond ownership:

- **Income** – No matter what happens to the value of your bonds, they will continue to provide you with income, in the form of interest payments, until they mature, provided the issuer doesn’t default – and defaults are generally unlikely with investment-grade bonds (those rated BBB or higher). Your interest payments will remain the same throughout the life of your bond, which can help you plan for your cash

flow and spending.

- **Diversification** – As you’ve probably heard, diversification is a key to successful investing. If you only owned one type of asset, such as growth stocks, and the stock market went into a decline, as has happened this year, your portfolio likely would have taken a big hit – even bigger than the one you may have experienced. But bond prices don’t always move in the same direction as stocks, so the presence of bonds in your portfolio – along with other investments, such as government securities and certificates of deposit – can help reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings. (Keep in mind, though, that by itself, diversification can’t guarantee profits or protect against all losses in a declining market.)

- **Reinvestment opportunities** – As mentioned above, rising interest rates and higher yields may reduce the value of your current bonds, but this same development may also offer you some favorable reinvestment opportunities. If you own bonds of varying durations – short-, intermediate- and long-term – you should regularly have some bonds maturing. And in an environment such as the current one, you can reinvest the proceeds of your expiring short-term bonds into new ones issued at potentially higher interest rates. By doing so, you can potentially provide yourself with more income. Also, by owning a mix of bonds, you’ll still have the longer-term ones working for you,

and these bonds typically (but not always) pay a higher interest rate than the shorter-term ones.

It might not feel pleasant to see the current value of your bonds drop. But if you’re not selling them before they mature, and you take advantage of the opportunities afforded by higher yields, you’ll find that owning bonds can still be a valuable part of your investment strategy.

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Correct Craft recognized as on of marine industry’s most innovative companies

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Correct Craft is once again honored to be named one of the “Most Innovative Companies” in the marine industry. Correct Craft received this recognition today during a virtual awards presentation hosted by Soundings Trade Only Editor-in-Chief Gary Reich.

Reich stated, “The ability to innovate is a key component of any successful marine business. Companies with industry-leading innovations not only make life better for boaters but also inspire other companies to advance in all kinds of areas.”

Correct Craft CEO Bill Yeargin stated, “I am incredibly proud of our team. For each of the last four years, in a marine industry with 35,000 companies, our team has been recognized as either the number one or number two most innovative. This is a tribute to each of our 2,100 employees and the innovative culture they embrace.”

Yeargin added, “At Correct Craft, innovation runs much deeper than just technology. Our team embraces innovation in culture, technology, processes, and even how we serve our communities. I am honored to work with such a great group of people!”

Soundings Trade Only had a judging panel that consisted of editors, staff members, and outside industry experts. They reviewed company initiatives focusing on altruism/social awareness, development and technology, work culture, manufacturing process/supply chains, start-ups, and sustainability.

GILMORE

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The state is in relatively healthy financial condition, with about \$2.5 billion in various reserve funds and rainy day funds. The most recent forecast in May projected a budget surplus in fiscal 2023 of about \$900 million. The legislature met in special session to accelerate previously enacted tax reductions.

The tax cuts lowered the

amount of the estimated surplus to about \$400 million, but it has continued to grow since the special session. During the first three months of the current fiscal year revenue has exceeded the forecast by \$175 million.

Arkansas has traditionally adopted very conservative budgets. It also operates under a balanced budget law called the Revenue Stabilization Act, which reduces state agency spending if an economic downturn lowers revenue.

Overall, the challenge will be adequately paying for essential services while holding growth below the inflation rate, legislative leaders have said.

Medicaid is a government health care program that provides services for more than a million Arkansans. As of the first of September, 1.1 million Arkansas residents were enrolled.

Medicaid is administered by the state Human Services Department, which has a budget

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A free jazz concert in the Gibson University Center Green Room on Friday at 4:00 p.m. will be followed by the keynote address, "The Law of Help: John Ruskin's Moral Vision of Connection." Dr. Gabriel Meyer, the keynote speaker, is the executive director of the Ruskin Art Club of Los Angeles, California. His talk will focus on the importance of community service and commitment to sustain the vitality

of community life.

Poet-journalist Gabriel Meyer is an award-winning foreign correspondent who has lived and worked throughout the Middle East, the Balkans and East Africa. He was especially acclaimed for his coverage of the first Palestinian Intifada and the Bosnian War. He was awarded honorary doctorates in recognition of his work as a journalist by the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology at UC Berkeley in 2017 and by Lancaster University in the UK in 2022.

For more information about the conference, the Delta Quilt Show, the entertainment activities or the free concert and keynote address, please email the conference directors at apa2022monticello@gmail.com or call Dr. Kay Walter at 870-460-1578.

Spooktacular Trick-or-Treat safety tips

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Better Beginnings, a program of the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education focusing on giving children the best quality care, knows safety is a top priority of families, especially while trick-or-treating. Safety is also a priority for Better Beginnings no matter where children are.

"Keeping young children safe is a full-time job," said Better Beginnings Program Administrator Kelli Hilburn. "These tips can help minimize the stress that comes with all Halloween activities."

Safety doesn't have to get in the way of fun. Better Beginnings offers four safety tips to keep in mind while trick-or-

treating this Halloween.

- Dress children in bright or reflective clothing. It's important that drivers be able to see children so consider bright colored costumes this year. If your child's costume isn't bright, consider having them wear a reflective safety vest.

- Check the candy before children eat it. Throw out any candy that is not packaged or in an unsealed package.

- Accompany children when they visit a home. Walk children to the front door of a home to ensure they don't trip over anything on the property and that they don't enter the home.

- Consider using face paint or make-up instead of masks. Mask can obscure children's vision and make it difficult for

them to see obstacles or cars while walking.

Hilburn says these tips will help parents as they prepare for Halloween and the activities that occur around the holiday.

"Trick-or-treating is always a big event and a high point of childhood," Hilburn said. "Having a safety plan in place ahead of time can help parents enjoy this time with their children and ensure children are having fun."

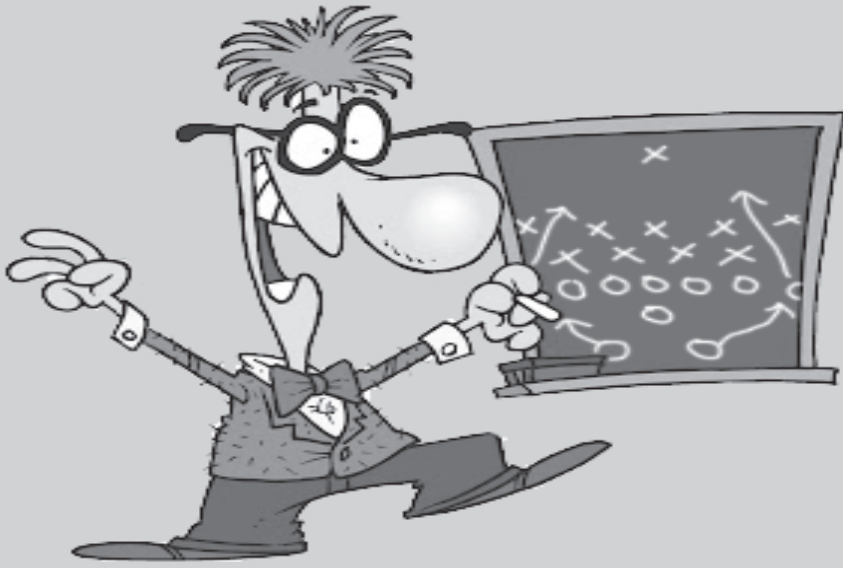
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About Arkansas Better Beginnings:

Better Beginnings is Arkansas's tiered quality rating and improvement system for child care, early education and school-age programs that have gone above and beyond the state minimum requirements. Better Beginnings is administered by the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education. Better Beginnings connects Arkansas families with the information and care that helps children experience a safe, happy and healthy childhood.



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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-25

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ARTICLE 1. The Twenty-second Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is dated October 17, 2022 and is filed with the County Clerk, is hereby adopted by reference and is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.

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

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

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

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

ADOPTED: October 17, 2022

APPROVED:

/s/Robert Akin

Robert Akin, Drew County Judge

ATTEST:

/s/Nancy White

Nancy White, Drew County Clerk

Sponsors: Joe Williams, Jr., Frank Appleberry

ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION

ORDINANCE 2022-25

The Twenty-second Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated October 17, 2022
Appropriation Ordinance 2022-25
Decrease Unappropriated General Fund (1000) \$ 15,000.00 and increase the following line item:

General Fund
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NOTICE

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There will be one group inspection tour at which the City will provide ample time and details for prospective proposers to obtain facts necessary for a successful submittal. Interested parties should gather at the subject property on Wednesday, November 16th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

All sealed proposals may be submitted to PO Box 505, Monticello, AR 71655 c/o Kirstin Garrison or brought by City Hall at 203 E Gaines St., Monticello, AR 71655.

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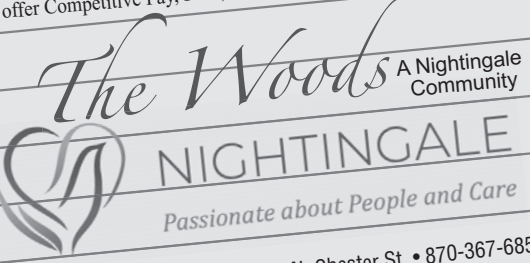
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Lumberjacks shutout Billies 34-0 in Union Bank Saline River Shootout

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

For the past 11 seasons, one of the longest running rivalries in the state has been recorded on the largest known rivalry trophy awarded in the state, The Union Bank Saline River Shootout trophy.

The trophy is presented at the end of each year's contest to the winning coach and team of that year's contest.

The rivalry between the Monticello Billies and the Warren Lumberjacks has spanned over many years and has included games that have had conference implications as well as games that were continued during periods when the two teams were not in the same conference.

Each year, fans crowd into the stadium, it does not matter which team hosts the contest, and usually generates large crowds, possibly the biggest attendance for each school for the number of fans sitting on the home and visitor side of the stadium.

For the past 11 seasons, Warren has dominated the rivalry contest, taking home the trophy nine times with both teams sharing the trophy in 2011 after a 6-6 tie. Each school would present the trophy throughout the year.

Monticello came close to overcoming the hurdle of the Warren Lumberjacks in 2015 after three large points victories by Warren with a 36-16 win in 2012, 42-0 in 2013, and 54-22 in 2014.

In 2015, Monticello held the lead but Warren came back to defeat the Billies 28-21 late in the game.

Monticello would fall to Warren in 2016 by two scores 28-14.

Warren would take the next three contests by a score of 37-0 in 2017, 36-14 in 2018, and 35-0 in 2019.

Monticello would finally get a hold of the trophy in 2020 with an 18-12 victory at Hyatt Field in a torrential rain storm and a game saving defensive play in the endzone to stop a possible Warren touchdown.

Monticello would only hold the trophy for the single year as Warren reclaimed the honor in 2021 with a 41-6 victory at Jim Hurley Stadium in Warren.

Hosting the 2022 Union Bank Saline River Shootout, the Billies would see the Lumberjacks the opening coin toss and elect to receive the ball to begin the contest.

Warren would move the ball into Monticello territory on their first possession, but would turn the ball over on downs at the Monticello 41.

The Billies would gain only four yards on their first possession of the contest, having to punt the ball back to the Lumberjacks who would take over possession on the Warren 35 after an 11-yard punt return.

Warren moved the ball to the Monticello 49 in two plays before a false start penalty against War-



The UNION BANK SALINE RIVER SHOOTOUT TROPHY was on the line Friday Night in the annual rivalry contest between the Monticello Billies and the Warren Lumberjacks.

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ZAVARIOUS JOHNSON (25) and JAGGER HINES (23) were two of the leading defensive players for the Billies on Friday night. Johnson finished the contest with seven tackles and Hines recorded eight tackles on the night.



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ren pushed the ball back to the Warren 46.

After an incomplete pass, Maddox Lassiter would run the ball down to the Monticello 46.

Another run by Lassiter would not yield any yards but he would connect with Dakamron Davis to advance the ball to the 28-yard line before being stopped by Zavarious Johnson.

Warren would advance down to the Monticello 13 before Landon Wolfe would cover the yardage for the score.

Jose Jacinto added the extra point to give Warren a 7-0 lead with 5:02 remaining in the quarter.

Starting their next possession

at their own 15-yard line, the Billies would get to the 17 on a two-yard run by Jontavion Lambert, but a false start penalty would put the ball back at the 12 and after two incomplete passes, the Billies would have to punt the ball away to the Lumberjacks for the second time in the contest.

Starting their next drive at the Monticello 40-yard line after the punt, Warren would move the ball to the Monticello eight in three plays.

Wolfe would get the call once more adding the score with 2:32 remaining in the first quarter. After the Jacinto kick the Lumberjacks extended the lead to 14-0.

Monticello would begin their

next drive at their own 23-yard line after a 12 yard return by Zavarious Johnson.

Lambert would move the Billies into Lumberjack territory in four plays, reaching the Warren 38-yard line.

After an incomplete pass, Brooks Bowman would connect with Tejon Tinsley to advance the ball down to the Warren 30 as the first quarter ended.

Monticello opened the second quarter with an incomplete pass that allowed the Lumberjacks to take over on downs at their own 30-yard line.

Lassiter would connect with Davis on the first pass of the drive to advance the ball down to

the Monticello six-yard line.

Davis would keep the ball on the next play to cover the six yards to extend the Lumberjack lead to 21-0 after the successful extra point attempt with 11:15 remaining in the half.

Lambert would take the Lumberjack kickoff after the score at the Monticello 12 and would advance it to the Monticello 36-yard line for the Billies next possession.

Bowman would run the ball to the 39 with Lambert gaining a yard on the next carry to the 40.

Bowman would keep the ball on the next three plays, running the ball down to the Warren 39 before Lambert advanced the

ball to the Warren 36.

Bowman's pass would be broken up by Lassiter on the next play and on the next pass, Warren's Neondre Thomas would intercept the pass in the endzone for a touchback on the first turnover of the contest.

Warren would advance the ball down to the Monticello 39 but the Billie defense would force the Lumberjacks to turn the ball over on downs with 4:57 remaining in the half.

Warren would force Monticello to punt on their next possession, but the billies would regain the football after a fumble recovery at the Warren 40-yard line.

The Billies would turn the ball over on downs with 38 seconds remaining in the half but would close out the half with an interception by Jeremiah Daniels at the eight-yard line, returning the ball 54-yards before being forced out of bounds to end the half.

Monticello would be forced to punt the ball away on their first possession of the second half and on Warren's first drive of the half, the Lumberjacks would extend their lead to 28-0 with 5:01 remaining in the quarter after a touchdown run by Davis and the extra point by Jacinto.

After another punt by the Billies, Monticello would get their third turnover of the game after Hayden Carter tackled Lassiter forcing a fumble that was recovered by Brett Birch.

Monticello would turn the ball over on their possession with Bowman's pass being intercepted at the Warren one-yard line, being returned to the Warren 31 with 11 seconds remaining in the quarter.

Warren would add their final score of the contest with 8:34 remaining in the contest to go up 34-0 after a two-yard touchdown run by Jalin Leeand a missed extra point.

It would be the final points of the contest.

Monticello would gain a total of 170 total yards of offense in the game compared to Warren who gained a total of 489 total offensive yards.

The Billies have two regular season contests remaining on the schedule.

Monticello will travel to Star City on Friday, October 28, to face the Bulldogs and will play their final contest on Thursday, November 3 in Crossett.

Crossett will play this Friday against Dumas and if successful, the final playoff spot out of the 4A-8 will be decided when the Billies and Eagles meet in Crossett.

If Monticello defeats Star City and Crossett loses to Dumas, the Billies will secure their playoff spot, but if both teams win or if both lose, the final spot will come down to the final game of the season.

Monticello and Star City will kick off at 7 pm.

Weevils fall at home to #23 ranked Harding University 56-43



DORIAN MANUEL gets past the Harding defense for positive yards in Saturday's contest against the nationally ranked Bison.

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Boll Weevils looked to halt their three game skid on Saturday, hosting the nationally ranked, Harding Bison, on Saturday, October 22.

The contest against Harding was the second consecutive contest that the Weevils have faced a nationally ranked team after falling to Ouachita Baptist the week before.

Harding was able to get on the board first in the first quarter after a four yard touchdown run and extra point for a 7-0 lead.

The Weevils came back on the next drive to even the contest, 7-7, after a 21-yard pass from Caleb Jacobs to Robert Iverson. Zach Grisotti added the extra point.

Harding would score on their first possession of the second quarter with UAM answering the score on a 73-yard pass from De-

milon Brown to LeCedric Smith. After the Grisotti kick, the score was tied at 14.

Harding would score twice more in the half with UAM scoring one more to make the half-time score 28-21.

Harding would go on the outscore UAM 14-7 in the third quarter to take a 42-28 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Weevils would score 15 points in the fourth but Harding would add 14 to take the 56-43 victory.

With the loss, UAM falls to 3-5 on the season and must win their final three contests to reach six wins to be postseason eligible.

The Weevils will return home on Saturday, October 29, to face Southeastern Oklahoma State University. The Savage Storm are currently 5-3 on the season and have won three consecutive contests.

Kickoff is set for 2pm on Saturday.



CALEB JACOBS (82) led the Weevils in receiving yards and touchdown receptions against Harding. Jacobs had two touchdowns and 147 yards.

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Junior Billies defeat the Warren Junior Jacks 28-6 on the road

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Junior Billies opened up rivalry week with a road win over the Warren Junior Lumberjacks on Thursday, October 20, with a 28-6 victory.

Warren would win the opening coin toss and elected to receive the football to begin the contest.

Joseph Rojas would get the contest started after kicking the ball off to the Warren 43-yard line where the Junior Jacks would begin their first drive of the game after no return.

The Junior Billie defense would only allow the Junior Jacks to gain seven yards on the drive out to the 50-yard line before turning the ball over on downs with 6:05 remaining in the quarter.

Joseph Accelus got the first car-

ry on offense for the Junior Billies, losing two yards on the play to the Monticello 48, but would gain the yards back to the 50 on the next play.

After a false start penalty placed the ball at the Monticello 45, Accelus would push the ball into Warren territory, down to the 46-yard line.

Quarterback Jackson Hines would connect with Rojas on fourth down to keep the drive alive with a completion down to the Warren 30.

Accelus moved the ball to the 26 and Hines would break free to the 12. A one-yard gain by Accelus put the ball at the 11-yard line where Hines would connect with Brayden Pharr for the Junior Billie touchdown with 2:31 remaining in the quarter.

The two-point conversion was

not successful with Warren foiling the attempt with an interception.

With the Junior Billies leading 6-0, Warren began their next drive on the 50-yard line and the drive would extend into the second quarter.

On the first play of the second quarter, Warren would gain 14 yards for a Junior Lumberjack touchdown.

Monticello stopped the two-point conversion as Warren tied the contest 6-6 with 7:52 remaining in the half.

Warren would force Monticello to punt on the next possession and would take over at their own 37-yard line and would advance the ball to the 50 on the next play.

Jalen Howell would stop the Warren drive on the next play after recovering a fumble at Warren 47 with 5:52 remaining in the half.

Monticello would cover the 47 yards in eight plays with Hines taking the ball in from 12 yards out for the Junior Billie touchdown with 1:21 remaining in the quarter.

The two-point conversion was not successful as the Junior Billies extended the lead to 12-6.

The score would remain 12-6 through the half after Monticello forced Warren to turn the ball over on downs with one second remaining in the half.

Neither team would reach the

endzone in the third quarter or for most of the fourth until Hines connected with Gavin Trotter on a three-yard score with 3:27 remaining in the contest. Accelus added the two-point play to extend the lead to 20-6.

Monticello forced the Junior Jacks to turn the ball over on downs with 2:25 remaining in the contest and would extend the lead to 28-6 on the Junior Billie final drive of the contest after a 37-yard run by Hines and the two-point conversion by Accelus for the final

score of the contest.

Accelus and Hines each broke the 100-yard mark on the ground with Accelus gaining 114 yards and Hines gaining 111.

The Monticello Junior Billies will return to Hyatt Field on Thursday, October 27, for the final contest of the 2022 football season, hosting the Star City Junior Bulldogs.

Kickoff is scheduled for 5:30 pm for the 7th grade contest and 7pm for the juniors.

Burton, Cooper capture 3A State Tennis title



By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

Drew Burton and Nate Cooper have captured the 3A State Doubles Tennis Championship, representing the Drew Central Pirates in a two-day state tournament held in Conway on October 11-12.

The duo participated in the 14 team field having defeated their first round opponents 6-3, 6-0.

The defeated their second round opponents from Tuckerman 6-2, 6-4 to advance to the semi-finals to face Brayden Olsen and Walter Patton from Bergman.

Cooper and Burton would defeat the pair from Bergman 7-5, 6-3 to advance to the finals to face Matthew New and Rhett Rabb from Central Arkansas Christian on Tuesday, October 11, defeating the duo in three sets with Burton, Cooper taking the first set 6-1, dropping the second set 2-6, and closing the match with a third set victory 6-0 to take the championship.

Drew Central's Wyatt Wood advanced to the state singles tournament, falling in the first round 2-6, 6-2, 6-0 and Caden Lane and Bailey Chapman also advancing to the girls state doubles tournament also falling in the first round of the tournament 6-1, 6-4.

Special to the Advance

DREW BURTON and **NATE COOPER** captured the 2022 3A State Tennis Doubles Championship after winning the winning the 14 team tournament on October 11 in Conway.

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Library celebrates 75th anniversary

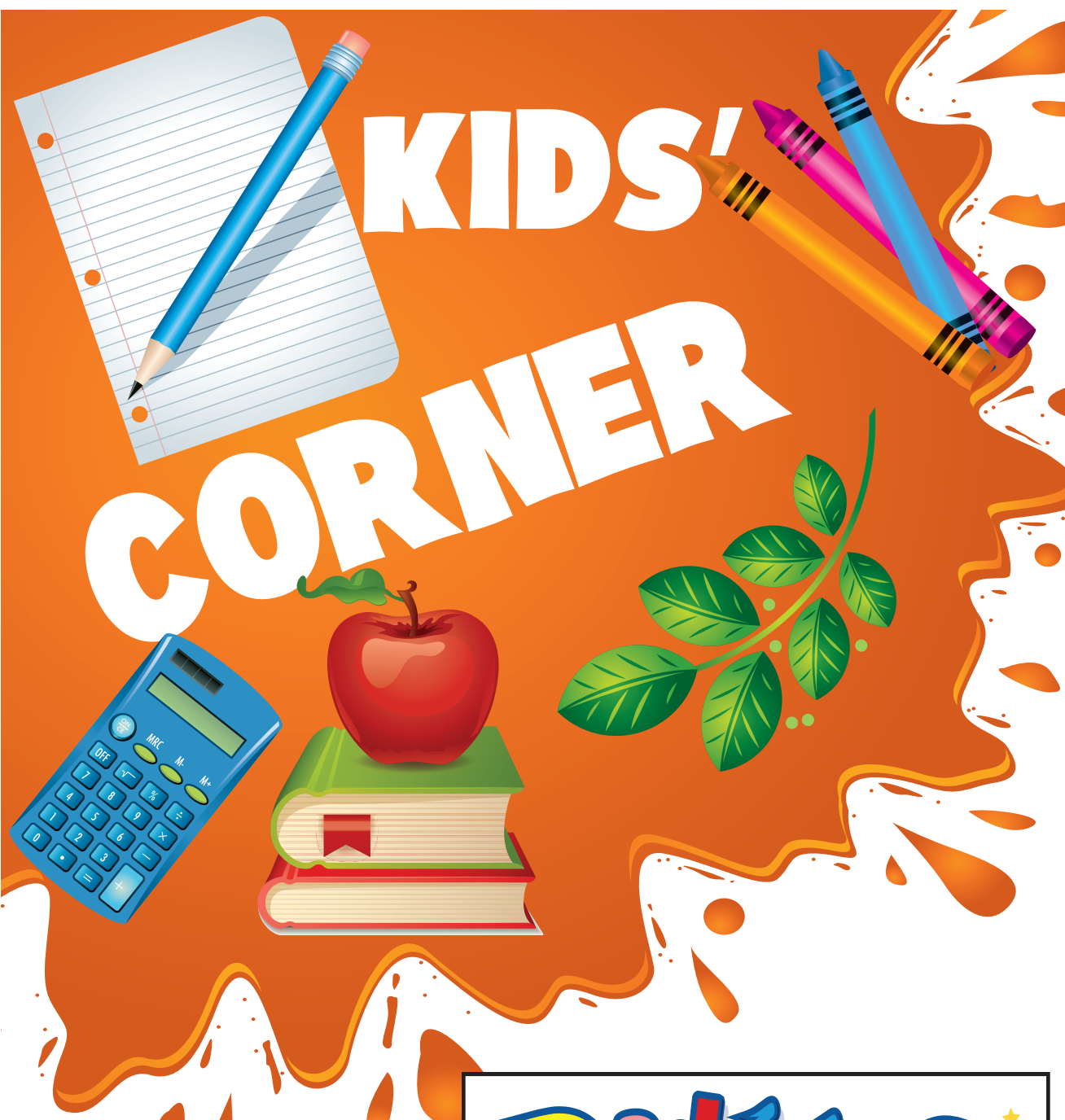
By **ASHLEY HOGG**
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The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library celebrated its 75th anniversary this weekend at the Monticello campus.

There were activities for all ages and current and former employees were recognized.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.searlibrary.org.





KIDS' CORNER

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

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Extra spider on right 2. No spider in center of pizza 3. No eyes on ghost 4. Pumpkin on middle left has bigger stem

New Word

PHANTOM

ghost or figment of the imagination

Did You Know?

TO HELP A JACK-O'-LANTERN LAST LONGER AFTER IT'S BEEN CARVED, LEAVE THE STEM INTACT AND CUT A HOLE TO INSERT A LIGHT IN THE BACK OR BOTTOM OF THE PUMPKIN, INSTEAD.

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Ghost
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CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

Remember that with Jesus, we are more than enough

By Amy Becker

"When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said,

"This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the peo-

ple to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, be-

sides women and children." *Matthew 24:13-21*

Have you ever had something come your way that you didn't feel like you could handle? Maybe something that seemed too big to accomplish alone or possibly something that right off the bat, you knew you didn't have everything you needed to be able to do it?

I know that's how the disciples felt when they wanted

to send the crowd Jesus was teaching home. They had nothing but five loaves of bread and two fish, but Jesus said do it anyway. To their amazement, they continued to hand out the food to over five thousand people! There was even twelve baskets of leftovers!

On their own, they were right, they did not have enough. With Jesus though, they had more than enough.

What are you struggling with that you need to ask for the Lord's help?

Write a list of the things that seem impossible to do on your own and talk to God daily about those. Share the list with a family member or friend so they can pray for you too. Remember, with Jesus we are more than enough!

Puzzle answers

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ANSWER:

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Melvin Rauls focuses on honesty, integrity

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

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

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

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

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



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Answers can be found on Page 3B

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to being vegetarian. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = A)

A. 20 16 6 16 13 3 15 23 16
Clue: Plant-based food

B. 9 16 3 23 13 9
Clue: Well-being

C. 3 21 2 4 3 23
Clue: Living organism

D. 3 20 8 2 19
Clue: Steer clear of

Answers: A. vegetable B. health C. animal D. avoid

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to vegetarianism.

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Answer: Legume

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POSSUM VALLEY KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK

Hello, and welcome back. I've made it known many times that Fall is my favorite season of all. But if this malady, cold, virus, ague...whatever form of illness Rick and I have been suffering with for the last two weeks can leave anytime now. The sooner the better, too. Rick was smart enough to go see a doctor and he is improving. But no, not me. I have to tough it out like the stubborn Glennon that I am. I know, from past experience, after rest, fluids, enumerable boxes of tissue, and doses of cold meds this will pass, eventually.

Birding is quite slow this time of year. The Wood Ducks I'd been seeing at the

creek, are now visiting the pond. I can only imagine that it's because the creek is almost dried up. Saturday morning, I managed to get out long enough to walk to the creek. Walks have always been good therapy for me. I was hoping some outdoor time would perk me up and clear my head. So, I thought, what could it hurt. Most of the wildflowers are gone, frostbitten. Thankfully, there are still a few hardy ones that the frost missed and are still looking lively. I even saw a few butterflies still flitting around Sunday afternoon in search of some nectar. Speaking of nectar. I finally gave in and took my hummingbird feeder down.

Rick and I stayed home from church in an effort at keeping this malady to ourselves and to hopefully get better.

Possum Valley Fun Day has finally here! Saturday, October 29 starting at 10 a.m. There will be beautiful

quilts on display in the Old Valley Methodist Church and chances on sale to win a quilt for yourself. If you would like to enter a quilt to display, bring it to the Old Valley Methodist Church on Friday, October 28 from 2-5 p.m. The schedule of entertainment is as follows: 10:30-11 a.m. Drew Central Choir; 11-12 Joe Burgess: 12-1 p.m. Halloween Costume Contest and pre-cut pumpkin contest; 1-1:30 Local artists; 1:30-2 Possum Race; 2-3 Haley Creek Boys; 3-4 Local artists; Auction from 4 p.m. until all items are sold. Delicious fried catfish dinners will be sold from 11 a.m. until it's all gone. Our kitchen will also be dishing out hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, homemade desserts and drinks. Also, there will be cakewalks held throughout the day for a chance to take home a yummy homemade cake. Y'all come on down, ya hear? Just in case you didn't know, this event is fundraiser to help

maintain the old church and the pavilion and grounds. The Covid pandemic put us on hiatus for a couple of years, so come help us make this Fun Day the best day yet. Rick will be emceeing this year and I will be in charge of the cakewalks. We hope to see you there.

That's my news for this week. Until next time, be happy, smile and pray for one another. There's a lot of sickness, loneliness and hurt in this old world. Jesus offers comfort, peace and healing. As the old hymn says, "Trust and Obey. For there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus. But to trust and obey."

WILMAR CHRIS RILEY

Another month has almost become history. Thank God for this day.

I attended the homegoing of Thed Oglby Saturday at Greater Shady Grove AME.

To the family, you have prayers and sympathy. Thed passed away in Texas but was a former resident of Wilmar where he grew up and attended school.

I was pleasantly surprised with a call from Sis. Finley of Sycamore, Ill., formerly of Wilmar where she and her husband were the leaders of Israel of God Church. She said she missed me, and others but was doing OK.

Pastor James Simpson brought a powerful and dynamic word Sunday at 11 a.m. Script: Luke 10:18, Subject: "The Truth of Satan Fall". Glad to have our visitors, Linda Simpson and company and Ephriam Franklin and others. In the afternoon at 3 p.m., 1st Baptist East Side were on a 20th year appreciation program for Minister Finceroy and wife at Sweet Home Church in Wilmot. It was awesome. They served a delicious meal (carry out). I was glad to see Bertha Dunlop (surprised);

it's been a number of years. We had to play Guess Up? It was nice. Pastor showed up and showed out in Jesus' name. That's my ex daughter-in-law's hometown and I met some of her relatives.

All who are bereaved, you have our prayers and sympathy. I don't know you by name, but the Harris family and others.

Happy birthday to Margaret Grays, October 15th. The girls hosted a party for her.

Happy birthday to Marlean Ackers of Little Rock, October 30th. A celebration will be held at her favorite restaurant. Wear your favorite team jersey. She is a member of In His Presence Worship Ministries.

Halloween is on the rise. Be careful. Trick or treaters be aware of you surroundings, etc.

Now until we meet again by paper and pen, always remember to do unto others as you wish them to do unto you.



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Yes, we must focus on drug dealers and try to put a stop to their criminal activity. The poison on the streets is taking over one person at a time but affecting everyone. We must also be out mentoring our youth and being involved, while also maintaining their innocence.


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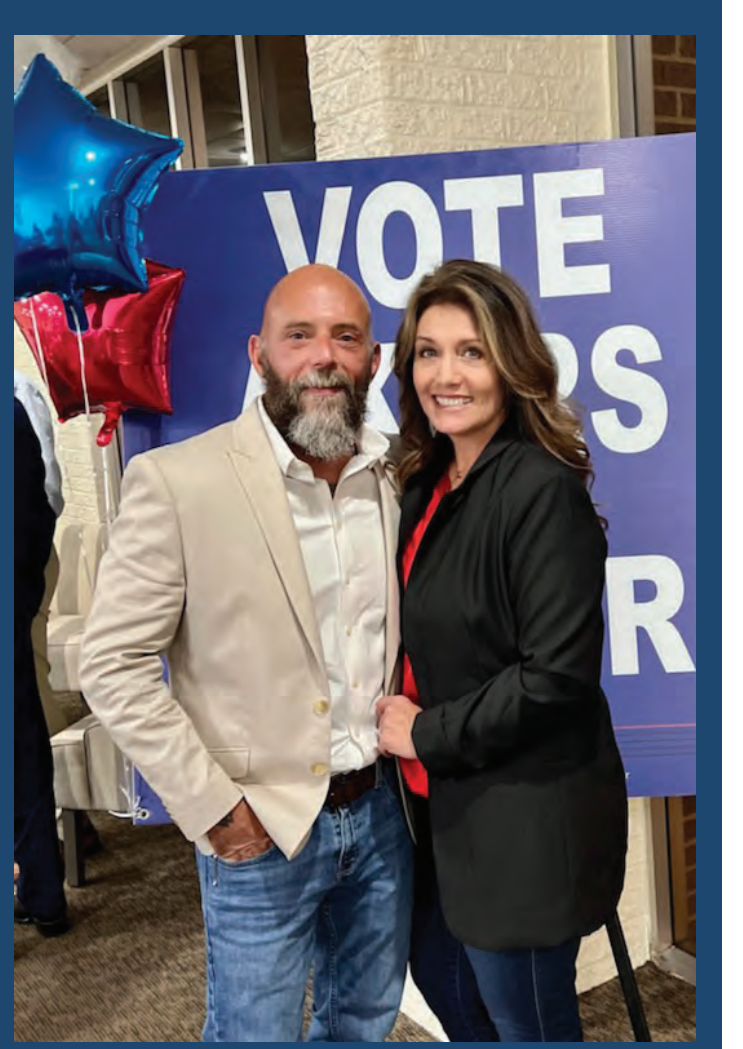
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