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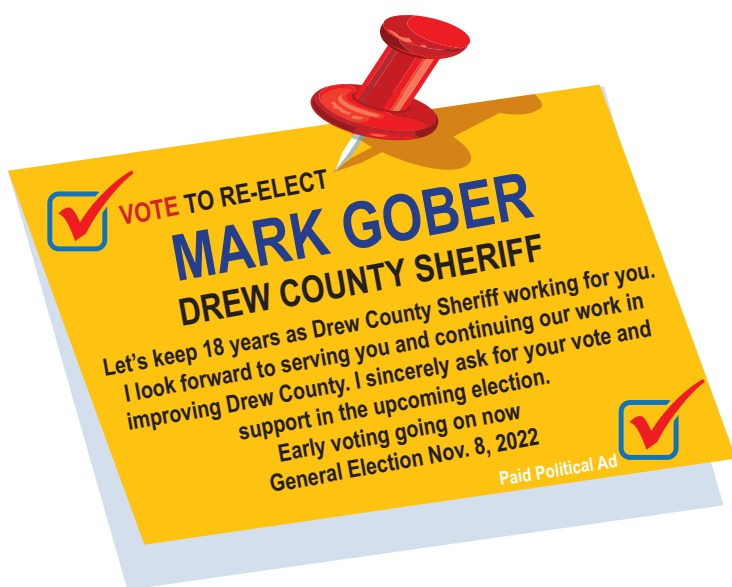
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## Local minister hikes to raise awareness

By ASHLEY HOGG

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Jeremy Woodall, minister at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry on the University of Arkansas at Monticello campus, will step out on the Ozark Highlands Trail Nov. 4, to raise awareness and funds for the Arkansas Baptist Children and Family ministry.

Funding obtained will go towards ensuring free and safe adoptions for qualifying families through Connected Adoptions, a division of Arkansas Baptist Children and Family Ministries.

This is not the first time Woodall has used his passions for nature and people to help a worthy cause.

In 2020, Woodall hiked the 223 mile Ouachita National Hiking Trail to help raise awareness and money for children in foster care.

This year's hike will start at the western terminus of the trail at Lake Fort Smith and conclude near the Buffalo National River.

Woodall stated that he believes this hike will take him approximately two weeks to complete.

"I was inspired to do this because I wanted to raise awareness and funds for the Arkansas Baptist Homes and Family ministry for foster care and to ensure safe and healthy adoptions in our state," Woodall said. "The children's home has served our community



WOODALL

in Monticello for such a long time. I want to play a small role in supporting that incredible ministry."

Woodall was first introduced to long distance hiking when he served as an Army Ranger attached to the first ranger battalion at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga.

"I have become more of a hiking enthusiast as I have gotten older," Woodall added. "Whether you support this ministry through this hike or by some other route, it is worthy of our time and support."

To donate to this project, visit [www.arkansasfamilies.org](http://www.arkansasfamilies.org).

## Planning Commission approves comprehensive plan for City

By ASHLEY HOGG

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The Monticello Planning Commission met Tuesday night to discuss the latest draft of the comprehensive plan for the City of Monticello.

Chairman Dan Boice opened the meeting thanking the members that were present, Lou Lambert, Jay Jones and Ray Ryburn.

The Commission has been working on a comprehensive plan for Monticello for many months. The draft includes plans and goals for infrastructure improvement, quality of life, recreation, transportation and more.

Boice also stated that the Planning Commission is an advisory commission and the comprehensive plan will be presented to the City Council for approval.

Over the past year, public forums, walk audits and strategic planning meetings were held in Monticello. Members of the community were invited to attend and let their concerns about the City of Monticello be known.

In an earlier meeting, Boice stated that he was interested to learn that so many citizens were concerned with the aging infrastructure in Monticello. Close behind infrastructure in the list of concerns brought up by cit-

izens, was the revitalization of the downtown square and lack of affordable housing.

After some discussion, the commission decided to approve the plan and present it to City Council.

The proposed plan will take Monticello 25 years into the future to the City's Bicentennial anniversary in 2047.

Commission member Lou Lambert stated that in the mean time, she would like to work on a short term project, to possibly help beautify the city, as a way to show a "win" for the commission. Ryburn agreed with Lambert.

Before adjourning, Boice mentioned that at the last City

Council meeting, Pauline Baptist Church was represented and approached the council members about a plan for additions to their campus and the potential feasibility of closing Barkada Road from Hyatt Street to Lemon Street.

At the City Council meeting, Boice suggested that the church consult a traffic engineer for a variety of suggestions.

The representative for the church stated that keeping people safe while crossing the road was their main priority and that this project is in its infancy stages.

## Silzell elected president of Arkansas Association of College History Teachers

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Dr. Sharon Silzell, associate professor of history at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, has been elected president of the Arkansas Association of College History Teachers (AACHT).

The AACHT was established in 1974 to advocate for and promote the professional interests of history teachers at all universities, colleges and community colleges throughout the state of Arkansas. The group also works to improve the teaching of his-

tory at all levels and to establish closer rapport among history teachers across the state. The AACHT works closely with the History Day community, as well as state agencies including the Arkansas History Commission, the Arkansas State Archives and Preserve Arkansas.

Dr. Silzell, a native of Colorado, earned her Ph.D. from the University of Texas in Austin and has been at UAM since 2015. She is the regional coordinator for National History Day in Southeast Arkansas and co-faculty advisor for Phi Alpha



SILZELL

Theta, the academic honors society for history students.

"I am really excited about leading AACHT in a post-pandemic world. This is a great group of people and not only do we enjoy each other's company, we learn a great deal from one another. I always return from our annual meetings with new teaching resources and innovative ideas for the classroom," Dr. Silzell said.

For more information, contact the UAM School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at 870-460-1047.

### Three \$1,000 scholarships awarded to UAM CFANR students



Courtesy photo

DR. MATTHEW PELKKI

College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources - University of Arkansas at Monticello

Each year the Groggins Tree Farm (G-Camp) holds an annual shotgun shoot / fundraiser each August and this year, the proceeds from the event were dedicated to scholarships in the UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources. Recipients were selected for their interest in forest man-

agement and forest health (Jovanny Martinez), Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management (Timothy Chapman), and Forest-based economic development (Patrick Phillips).

Martinez is a sophomore emphasizing forestry in his studies in the CFANR. He hails from Star City, Arkansas. His advisor is Dr. Nana Tian. Chapman is also a sophomore and is working on

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### HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS



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Bat girls Ayla and Ava were the winners of the Advance-Monticellonian Halloween Costume Contest. To enter the contest, contestants were asked to email a photo of themselves or a loved one dressed in their Halloween costume for a chance to win a prize. The Advance staff selected the winners and they will receive a \$50 gift card for placing first. Visit [www.advance-monticellonian.com](http://www.advance-monticellonian.com) for future contest opportunities like "Best Beard" for No Shave November.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

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 Metal 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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
Bowser Water Assoc. meeting

The Bowser Water Association will have its annual water meeting beginning at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 7 at Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

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.

Turkey Trot 5K

The annual Turkey Trot 5K is now open for registration. Visit [www.runsignup.com/vlturkeytrot](http://www.runsignup.com/vlturkeytrot).

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](http://www.searkconcert.org).

NAACP Officer Elections

The Drew County NAACP Branch #6042 will hold Officer elections via election Buddy from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. For more information, contact Brenda Binns at 870-723-0661.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
153rd Anniversary

First Missionary Baptist Church, located at 546 N. Bailey St., will host its 153rd anniversary at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 27. The Guest speaker will be Rev. Walter Witherspoon III.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
Christmas parade

The annual Carols of Christmas Parade will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 on the downtown square. To enter a float, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 870-367-6741 or email [monticellochamber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:monticellochamber@sbcglobal.net).

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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10  
5D Winter Benefit Barrel Run

Children's Advocacy Center of South Arkansas will host a Benefit Barrel Race beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 10 at Hogskin Arena in Hampton. To pre-enter, contact 870-862-222 EX. 103.

ONGOING  
City recycling guidelines

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

Drew County Quorum Court Meeting

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

Monticello City Council Meeting

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

Support for local schools

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

Borrow a book and hours

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

Information and referral outreach office now open

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

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

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

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

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LOCAL YOUTH COMPETES IN BATTLE OF THE MIDWEST MARTIAL ARTS TOURNAMENT



Photo courtesy of Rufus Henson

16 year old Jadon Henson competed in the Battle of the Midwest Martial Arts Tournament, held in Stafford, Mo. on Oct. 1. He placed first in Point Sparring, Traditional Weapons, and Traditional Forms in the 16-17 year old black belt division. Jadon is currently ranked first in Point Sparring and second in Traditional Forms and Traditional Weapons at the end of the tournament season for the ProMac Circuit. His next competition will be the National Championship in Destin, Fla. Nov. 18-19. Jadon is a student at Tribe Martial Arts in Monticello and is the son of Rufus and Tanya Henson of Monticello.

Senior Center lunch menu: Nov. 2-Nov. 9

**Wednesday:** *BBQ chicken, baked beans, potatoes salad, banana pudding, roll*

**Thursday:** *Roasted pork w/ gravy, potatoes, carrots, cake, roll*

**Friday:** *Tenders , mac & cheese, steamed broccoli, cookie*

**Monday:** *Pintos & sausage, turnip greens, cornbread, cake*

**Tuesday:** *Beef stroganoff, Italian blend vegetables,*

*mud pie*

**Wednesday:** *Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, blueberry cobbler*

**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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# Westerman spends the day with Forestry, Wildlife, and Geospatial Experts from UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources

By **LON TEGELS**  
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Duck migration, bottomland hardwood forests, and drone use for mapping were just some topics discussed during a round table discussion with U.S. Fourth District Congressman Bruce Westerman, Hot Springs. Westerman worked for 22 years as an engineer and forester by trade. He spent the better part of Friday, October 28, on the UAM Campus, speaking to faculty and students at the College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources. Most of the meeting was about the efforts made by the forestry, wildlife, and geospatial experts of the College to sustain the health of bottomland hardwood forests of Arkansas and the waterfowl that depend on them and to educate the next generation of wetlands and waterfowl managers.

Before the conversations about wetlands and wildlife began, Westerman made a presentation to Dr. Robert Ficklin, who was recently inducted as a Fellow to the Society of American Foresters (SAF), one of the highest honors of the profession. He presented a copy of the text he read into the Congressional Record earlier this month honoring Dr. Ficklin for receiving the SAF Fellow Award.

The working lunch at Gibson Hall provided an opportunity for the Congressman to have conversations with UAM faculty and students. The Director of the Five Oaks Ag Research and Education Center graduate certificate program, Dr. Douglas Osborne, explained the uniqueness of the public /private partnership of Five Oaks and the education its Graduate Certificate Program in Waterfowl Habitat and Recreation Management provides. Dr. Osborne talked about the beauty of being able to take students away from campus, put them out on the land, and let them get hands-on experience



Courtesy photo

with water, land, and waterfowl management issues.

Osborne said, “George’s foundation has provided us the ability to put about fifty transmitters on mallards around Five Oaks, and we’re trying to let the mallards tell us what forest conditions they desire”, said Osborne. He added, “What are the birds selecting, what are they avoiding, and what are the characteristics of the forests that they’re not using? We hope we can inform and move the restoration process forward.” Dr. Ben Babst and his research on oak seedling responses to flooding were other research areas discussed. Babst is studying how to manage flooding in Green Tree Reservoirs managed for waterfowl habitat. His research is focused on determining the climate and soil conditions that govern when seedlings go dormant, at which point it is safer for them to be flooded without damage or mortality.

Dr. Ficklin then told Westerman about his research of establishing the linkages between soil conditions and tree health at Five Oaks. Ficklin said, “We

have pulled more than 900 cores at one-meter depth in 12 green tree reservoirs,” said Ficklin. “We will be processing over 4500 samples for full chemical and physical characterization.” Dr. Hamdi Zurqani will then use these soil data with his geospatial models to develop soil physical and chemical maps more accurately than ever done with current methods. One potential management outcome of their research is determining which soil conditions enhance acorn production on species such as Nuttall oak, which is an important part of waterfowl diets.

After discussing the four scholarships funded for the graduate certificates, Osborne allowed each student to introduce themselves and explain their interest in water habitat and wetlands management. Osborne told Westerman that twenty-five people applied this year for the four scholarships. Osborne said, “there is a lot of interest in what we are doing here at Five Oaks.”

This year’s participants include Eli Stinson (Louisiana Tech), Samantha Spaulding (SUNY Cobleskill), Elijah Wo-

john (LSU), and Clayton Ernzen (Michigan State). The students shared with the Congressman what drew them to the Five Oaks graduate certificate program and how they benefit from the program’s hands-on approach to learning skills vital to waterfowl and waterfowl habitat management.

Westerman said after the informal discussion said, “It’s unique; I know that George Dunklin (owner and manager of Five Oaks) is happy with the research program. He wants to be able to leave a legacy not only about his Five Oaks facility but also with research and information where we can manage duck habitat long after all of us are gone.” Westerman added, “There will be people here with the tools, research, and knowledge to create the best duck habitat anywhere in the world.”

The Congressman also heard from Dr. Don White about his black bear research in eastern Arkansas. White has been using non-invasive DNA sampling approaches to estimate black bear populations. White said the number of black bears has increased to between 175-225 bears in southeastern Arkansas. The numbers have improved enough that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will allow 25 animals from the region to be harvested through hunting in December.

Before leaving campus, Westerman was given a briefing on how geospatial research is being conducted at UAM-CFANR by Dr. Hamdi Zurqani. They dis-

cussed the use of Geospatial Information Systems and how data can be used to protect forestry and wildlife. In addition, drones are developing many agricultural applications, such as applying insecticides and measuring drought conditions.

The day wrapped with Westerman receiving a brief pilot lesson. The Congressman flew the University’s DJI Matrice 300 drone. He put the unit up in the air for about ten minutes under the supervision of Zurqani. The drone flew primarily over the forestry building, cattle fields, and empty parking lots.

“I’m impressed with the research and innovation here at UAM,” said Westman. “You are doing things that matter to Arkansans and the rest of the country when you talk about wildlife programs, research being done with ducks and habitat,” said Westerman. “We’ve been flying a drone that can collect remote sensing data important to forestry and land management. It makes me proud that UAM is a leader in this area, not just in Arkansas but across the nation.”

Congressman Westerman also provided a political science

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Andrews Chapel Cemetery, please send any updated contact information to: Andrews Chapel Cemetery Association, C/O Cindy Ferrell, Secretary/Treasurer, 2968 Barkada Road, Wilmar, AR 71675. **VFW Auxiliary** Anyone interested in joining the VFW Auxiliary is asked to contact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at mlvinj.veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-4993.

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

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

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## Back the Blue

Law enforcement professionals at all levels, from local police forces to sheriff's departments, state police and federal law enforcement agencies, leave home each day not knowing what challenges they will encounter, but prepared to face danger head on. We are all grateful for the service and sacrifice of our officers and we have a responsibility to ensure they have the resources, equipment and training to do their job.

I recently had the opportunity to visit with law enforcement personnel from across the state at the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police executive development course to discuss public safety and the work they do every day to help in an emergency. Given the concerns about crime



JOHN BOOZMAN  
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across the country, their role is even more important.

A poll taken within the last few weeks by Politico/Morning Consult found public safety is a top concern for citizens nationwide. According to the findings, one solution to reduce crime rates is more funding for police departments.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding at the U.S. Department of Justice, I've championed federal initiatives supplying financial support for training, personnel, equipment upgrades and enhanced information sharing between all federal agencies.

Programs like the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) have been instrumental in helping Arkansas law enforcement agencies hire additional officers, purchase new gear and technology and facilitate multi-jurisdictional efforts such as drug task forces.

Coordination between local, state and federal law enforcement agencies allows us to better fight drug trafficking. As a result of the crisis at our southern border, there is an increasing flow of lethal fentanyl onto our streets. This synthetic opioid is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and it's having a direct impact in Arkansas as fentanyl is now the leading cause of overdose deaths in our state.

Arkansas law enforcement officers have successfully seized hundreds of thousands of fentanyl pills, but the challenge is only growing as the drug is being disguised in forms like prescription pills and candy.

We've all seen the news stories about the increase in crime in our state and across the country. With the surge in violent crime, we must hold criminals accountable and send a clear message to those who attack our brave officers that there will be consequences. This Congress I'm proud to support legislation to create federal penalties for individuals who deliberately target local, state or federal law enforcement officers with violence.

Fostering critical partnerships is vital to maintaining public safety. Police departments across the state have implemented citizens academies that are proving valuable in connecting with the community. Other law enforcement officials have discovered engaging community leaders, public interest entities and ordinary citizens on a regular basis to provide updates on police issues has strengthened trust and accountability.

We are grateful for the dedication, commitment and service of individuals who wear the badge and protect our streets. As a member of the Senate Law Enforcement Caucus, I am committed to supporting the heroes who come to our rescue and building on the work of ensuring they have everything they need to do their jobs with professionalism and integrity.

## We have entered the greatest month

As you are aware, or at least should be aware, November is now upon us and we are living in the best of the twelve months. My qualifications to make this decision are that I am a Scorpio and that is the superior sign in the zodiac.

Fred, Superman, and I all entered into the world in November and we will also celebrate our wedding anniversary on the 18th.



ASHLEY HOGG  
EDITOR

November, for sure, brings cooler weather and beautiful leaves outside. Which in turn means, I can use my fireplace and that brings me immense amounts of joy.

No more surprise Summer days with temperatures in the 90's; although, you may occasionally still see me wearing my flip flops while I stomp through the crunchy leaves. No, I don't really know why I love doing that so much. No, I do not care that I look weird doing it. Again, it's a simple thing that brings me immense joy.

Thanksgiving brings out my fat pants and at this point in the year, I don't even worry about

it. If you don't eat too much during the holiday season, I don't think you should be trusted. With back to back birthdays and seasonal holidays, there will be candy, cookies, cakes and all sorts of wonderful treats everywhere we go for coming weeks.

We will celebrate Fred full blown kid style. Her party this year is sure to be fueled by pure octane and sugary cupcakes. She is working on counting down the days to her party. She asks me every morning on our way to school how many days she has left to wait.

There is nothing magical about the number I will be turning this year, so a nice, quiet dinner with my people will suit me just fine. I will probably love the peaceful time after wrangling a bunch of kiddos with unlimited access to trampolines and obstacle courses.

Superman's day of birth is so close to Thanksgiving, we are usually running around the countryside seeing family. Don't worry, his celebration and present will come in December.

I am very much looking forward to celebrating our first year of being married. This has been the easiest, most peaceful year of my life

and I owe so much of that to him. It all happened pretty fast, but I am glad we decided on forever last November.

I do love everything about this time of year. WalMart has fully stocked shelves with Christmas candles and tree ornaments. Businesses will do open houses and show new products and most importantly, hand out yummy snacks.

The year is beginning to wind down and people take more time to prioritize the things that are really important.

If you have a blended family like me, try to remember that everyone wants to celebrate with you. Don't get bent out of shape when it comes to scheduling. You can celebrate holidays no matter what the number on the calendar says. It only matters who is around you.

If you like traditions, that is great. But please don't let "the way it has always been done" get in the way of having a great time with family and friends. Be a trend setter, start a brand new tradition.

Most of all, be thankful for the people you have around you. Next November is not promised.

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## The essence of our democracy

Today, I would like to talk about the essence of our democracy which is our right as citizens to vote.

Voting is a responsibility that we all share whether we are Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, or Independent.

There is no other way more direct and meaningful than voicing your opinion through voting, and the people we put in place with our votes are representing both us and our ideas.

An important principal to improve voting is the expansion of voting opportunities. Increasing participation at the polls

is the only way we can have a true representation of our opinions.

On July 1, 1971, the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution lowered the voting age to 18. Prior to this change, I

could not vote until I turned 21. My first time getting to vote was for the 1972 race for Arkansas Governor between Len Blaylock and former Governor Dale Bumpers. Just 14 years later in 1986, my first time running for a statewide public office matched me up against the same Dale Bumpers who was running for the U.S. Senate.

In the 2018 midterm elections, there was a voter turnout of just 41%. In the 2020 general election, Arkansas had a voter turnout of 56%. This means that Arkansas has a lot of room to increase the percent of Arkansans who vote.

Right now, nearly half of our eligible voters either believe their vote doesn't matter or they believe they are just too busy to vote. It is critical that we increase trust in our electoral process.

Trust in the vote starts with the integrity of the ballot, which is a critical element to keeping our democracy strong and fair. We want people to have increased access to vote, but we also must

assure the identity of the voter and be assured that each voter only votes once. That is the essence of democracy.

This week, the polls opened up for early voting in a pivotal election for Arkansas. At this point, the early voting numbers are encouraging. We get to vote on U.S. Senate seats, legislative seats, local races, and even for the next Governor of Arkansas.

It is also a time to vote on issues that the legislature has referred to the people and others that are on the ballot because of the initiative process. These issues will determine Arkansas's future, so please learn about them, and decide for yourself the direction we should go.

Voting is the best way we can assure that the government is a true reflection of the public's voice. Please take the time to go out and voice your opinion by voting now.

Early voting has started, and you can learn from your county clerk the easiest way for you to vote.

## Portions of lawsuit dropped over new maps

A panel of three federal judges dismissed portions of a lawsuit filed against state officials, in which plaintiffs

argue that the legislature violated the federal Voting Rights Act last year when it drew new maps for the state's four Congressional districts.

The lawsuit contends that the new map dilutes the strength of African-American voters by splitting Pulaski

County among three separate Congressional Districts.

Traditionally, Pulaski County has

been entirely within the Second Congressional District, along with several other counties in central Arkansas.

Every 10 years the state legislature draws a new map of Congressional district boundaries. They reflect population shifts as indicated by fresh data from the U.S. Census, which occurs every 10 years.

Arkansas continues to have four Congressional districts. New York and California lost one of their Congressional districts. North Carolina added a Congressional seat and Texas added two because of population gains.

Using the most recent census data, the legislature drew new Congressional district maps during last year's regular session. The map was debated vigorous-

ly, and soon after it was approved it was challenged in federal court. Plaintiffs are residents of Pulaski County and include an African-American senator and an African-American representative.

The legislature put areas of southeastern Pulaski County in the Fourth Congressional District, which includes most of southern and western Arkansas.

Legislators drew parts of eastern Pulaski County into the First Congressional District, which covers most of eastern Arkansas and much of northern Arkansas.

"What we can say at this stage is that the plaintiffs are a few specific factual allegations short of pleading a plausible

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## November is National Adoption Month

Did you know that out of the over 400,000 children and teens in foster care in the United States, over 100,000 of them are waiting to be adopted? Right now, there are 292 children in Arkansas whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and are currently seeking a forever family.

November is National Adoption Month. It is a time to increase awareness of adoption issues, bring attention to the need for adoptive families for teens in the foster care system, and emphasize the value of youth engagement. On November 3, the Arkansas Department of Human Services will be hosting a National Adoption Month Rally at the State Capitol. The event begins at noon.

In the 2021 Regular Session, the General Assembly passed Act 574, which directed the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs, and the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth to conduct a study of the best practices for reducing the number of children in foster care. Part of that study includes reviewing the length of time from termination of parental rights to adoption finalization for relative and foster parent adoptions. Significant progress has been made to shorten that time. The committee is scheduled to review a draft of the final report when they meet in November.

While we continue our study and work to reduce the number of children entering the foster care system, we encourage you to explore how your family may be able to help.

Last year, the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) launched the Every Day Counts campaign as a reminder for people that every day these children and teens spend in foster care is a day too long because every day counts!

After the launch of the program, Project Zero took on the challenge to give every waiting child a short film by the end of 2021. Project Zero is a non-profit organization whose mission is to diligently and

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Why Arkansans should vote against Issue 2

The state motto in Arkansas is *Regnat Populus*, meaning “the people rule.” One way that the people rule is through ballot initiatives or direct democracy.

Ballot initiatives allow citizens to directly propose and pass policies on issues that are important to them; they are a widely popular form of law-making and the only one that is meant to be truly by the people, for the people.

Issue 2, which would make it harder for Arkansans to pass citizen-initiated ballot measures, was placed on the ballot by politicians in Little Rock during the 2021 legislative session.

For more than 100 years, Arkansas voters from across the political spectrum have used ballot initiatives to enact the will of the majority, but in recent years there has been a national trend of politicians attempting to rewrite the rules of the ballot initiative process because they don’t like the decisions that voters have made. Issue 2 is a part of that trend.

Anyone who has proposed a citizen-initiated measure knows that Arkansas’ process is already plenty rigorous. You have to collect hundreds of thousands of signatures, and then the courts, the Secretary of State’s office, and the Board of Election Commissioners all review the petition signatures, and the ballot language before a measure is even placed on the ballot.

You have to ask yourself: why would politicians want to limit the public’s ability to make decisions? Don’t be fooled into giving away your power. Vote against Issue 2.

*Evelyn Thomas,  
Strong Community Leadership Alliance*

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vote-dilution claim,” the judges’ ruling said.

The panel of federal judges said that the plaintiffs’ case lacked enough evidence of racial motivation by legislators who drew the new map. They granted the plaintiffs 30 days in which to gather more evidence and file an amended complaint.

The judges dismissed the governor and the state of Arkansas as defendants in the legal challenge. The only defendant now is the Secretary of State, the top election official in Arkansas.

Lawyers for the state attorney general defended the new map before the three-judge panel. After the ruling, the attorney general told the media that she “is pleased the court recognized the lack of evidence and dismissed the suit in part.”

### Medicaid Fraud

During the federal fiscal year that just ended, the attorney general’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit made 51 arrests and secured 33 convictions of people who had attempted to defraud the Medicaid system.

The offenders had to pay back \$42.5 million in civil settlements,

finances and court-ordered restitution. Those figures are a record for Arkansas.

Medicaid is a government health care program that provides coverage for senior citizens in nursing homes, poor families and children in low-income families, and people with disabilities.

Fraud occurs when providers file false claims for reimbursement, in which they report to Medicaid that they have provided medical services that they did not actually provide.

The attorney general’s office also obtained \$159,000 in civil penalties from facilities that committed abuse or neglect of senior citizens.

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enthusiastically promote adoption through the foster care system with the ultimate goal of finding a forever family for every child who is waiting. These short films have been a critical piece in finding adoptive families for children in foster care. You can find the films and more information about each child in Project Zero’s Arkansas Heart Gallery at [www.projectzero.org](#).

# COLA is sweet for Social Security recipients

If you receive Social Security, you’ve probably already heard that your checks in 2023 will be bigger – considerably bigger, in fact. How can you make the best use of this extra money?

Here’s what’s happening: For 2023, there’s an 8.7% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Social Security benefits – the largest increase in 40 years. Also, the monthly Medicare Part B premiums are declining next year, to \$164.90/month from \$170.10/month, which will also modestly boost Social Security checks for those enrolled in Part B, as these premiums are automatically deducted.

Of course, the sizable COLA is due to the high inflation of 2022, as the Social Security Administration uses a formula based on increases in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). So, it’s certainly possible that you will need some, or perhaps all, of your larger checks to pay for the increased cost of goods and services. But if your cash flow is already relatively strong, you might want to consider these suggestions for using your bigger checks:

- Reduce withdrawals from your investment portfolio. When you’re retired, you will likely need to withdraw a certain amount from your portfolio each year to meet your expenses. A boost in your Social Security may enable you to withdraw less, at least for a year. This can be particularly advantageous when the markets are down, as you’d like to avoid, as much as possible, selling investments and withdrawing the money when investment prices are low. And the fewer investments you need to sell, the longer your portfolio may last during your retirement years.

- Help build your cash reserves. When you’re retired, it’s a good idea to maintain about a year’s worth of the amount you’ll spend from your portfolio in cash, while also keeping three months’ of your spending needs in an emergency fund, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Your higher Social Security checks could help you build these cash reserves. (Also, it’s helpful to keep another three to five years’ worth of spending from your portfolio in short-term, fixed-income investments, which now, due to higher interest rates, offer

better income opportunities.)

- Contribute to a 529 plan. You could use some of your extra Social Security money to contribute to a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan for your grandchildren or other family members.

- Contribute to charitable organizations. You might want to use some of your Social Security money to expand your charitable giving. Your generosity will help worthy groups and possibly bring you some tax benefits, too.

While it’s nice to have these possible options in 2023, you can’t count on future COLA increases being as large. The jump in inflation in 2022 was due to several unusual factors, including pandemic-related government spending, supply shortages and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It’s quite possible, perhaps even likely, that inflation will subside in 2023, which, in turn, would mean a smaller COLA bump in 2024.

Nonetheless, while you might not want to include large annual COLA increases as part of your long-term financial strategy, you may well choose to take advantage, in some of the ways described above, of the bigger Social Security checks you’ll receive in 2023. When opportunity knocks, you may want to open the door.

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Arkansas FireSMART App now available for prescribed burning

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The Arkansas Department of Agriculture and the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment are pleased to announce the launch of the Arkansas FireSMART mobile application. This app, created with funding from the Environmental Protection Agency, offers row crop producers and forest landowners a simple, easy way to check conditions and report prescribed burns.

With the new app, producers can select the area they plan to burn on a map and the application will generate real-time weather data, letting producers know if current conditions align with the state's Voluntary Smoke Management Guidelines. Under Voluntary Smoke Management Guidelines, producers and landowners report prescribed burns to the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Dispatch Center. The FireSMART app also streamlines this process, making the app a one-stop shop for reporting and information.

"The Arkansas Department of Agriculture encourages everyone within the agriculture industry to follow voluntary

smoke management guidelines," said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward. "The FireSMART app gives them a quick and easy tool to continue to be good neighbors to all Arkansans."

"We are pleased to partner with the Department of Agriculture, Arkansas Farm Bureau, Arkansas Rice Federation, and others in today's release of the FireSMART app. This publicly available tool, developed through collaborative efforts, will benefit communities across Arkansas by making smoke-management planning easy for agricultural producers and forestry prescribed fire practitioners," said Becky Keogh, Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment.

"Prescribed fire is a critically important tool in a farmer's toolbox and this newly-developed app is an additional resource to assist farmers in planning and using fire as we work to prepare for next season. Our community looks forward to working with other agricultural organizations to share and encourage the use of the FireSMART app," said David

Gairhan, Arkansas Rice Federation Chairman.

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

Prescribed burning provides many benefits to forest landowners including vegetation control, ecosystem restoration, and wildlife habitat improvement. Additionally, prescribed fire makes landscapes more resistant to wildfires by removing flammable debris and vegetation. It is one of the best tools for improving wildfire safety.

Access the Fire Smart app at [arkfiresmart.com/](http://arkfiresmart.com/). Read more about prescribed fire and its benefits at [bit.ly/presburn](http://bit.ly/presburn). Find the Voluntary Smoke Management Guidelines at [agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-voluntary-smoke-management-guidelines/](http://agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-voluntary-smoke-management-guidelines/).

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lecture while on campus. He spoke to the American National Government class taught by

Dr. John Davis. Westerman interacted with students about the basics of what he does in Washington, DC, for the Fourth District. He explained how the number of senators and members of Congress

is chosen for each state. He spoke about the minority-majority leadership, checks, and balances between the three branches of government, and the importance of the electoral college.

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a double emphasis in forestry and wildlife management at UAM. Chapman is from Monticello, Arkansas. His faculty advisor is Dr. Doug Osborne. Patrick Phillips is a native of Jackson, Mississippi and is the first graduate student in the Arkansas Center for Forest Business graduate program. His advisor is Dr. Matthew Pelkki. These students received the scholarships based on their interests in sustainable natural resource management, their devotion to service, and a desire to stay and work in Arkansas following graduation.

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## Timothy Lynn Wood

Timothy Lynn Wood, 60, of Hermitage, passed away Sunday, October 30, 2022, in Bradley County. He was born November 30, 1961, in Warren, to Joyce Anice Hamilton Wood and the late Thomas Edward Wood.

He was retired from the Arkansas Highway Department and was a Christian. Timothy loved spending time with his grandchildren, riding horses, hunting, fishing and telling stories.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Marie Gardner Wood of Hermitage; three



WOOD

(Misty) of Hermitage; three

sons, Jonathan Wood, Benny Wood and Jacob Wood (Cindy) all of Hermitage; one brother, Todd Wood

grandchildren, Lizzie Wood, Jacelynn Wood and Jake Wood; a special niece, Holly Wood; his dog, Roxie; sisters-in-law, Rebecca Perkins (Steve), Ramona Richardson (Jacky) and Wendy Belin (Michael); and a brother-in-law, William "Bubba" Gardner (Julie).

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. David Williams and Rev. Bobby Hall officiating. There was a visitation Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Union Hill

Cemetery in Ingalls.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Cowboy Church; 316 Smith Road Warren, 71671. You can sign Timothy's guestbook page at [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com). (Paid obituary)

# UAM and Monticello Rotary host first joint meeting



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(Left to right) Jeff Weaver, Bryan Diffie, Dr. Peggy Doss, Robert Raines, Brandon Hogg and Dan Allen.

## SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

In combined effort, The Monticello Rotary Club and University of Arkansas at Monticello, hosted their first joint meeting on Thursday, Oct. 27. The Director of the Gangster Museum of America, Robert Raines, addressed the crowd with stories of Hot Springs history and outlined some of the underworld activity that took place in the 20th Century in the Spa City.

Raines founded the Gangster Museum of America, located on Central Ave. in Hot Springs, in 2007. He spoke about the struggles of seeing something grow from an idea to fully functional museum. Those struggles put him in front of so many people that helped him on the museum's journey and allowed him to forge new friendships along the way. Robert said that early on, he had trouble getting any of his local banks to return his phone calls; after all, a venture like a

Gangster Museum had never been done before. After many attempts, Robert thought his dream would fade away. That's when he was gifted a book by Joel Osteen that encouraged Robert to never give up and keep pressing forward with his plan. He said the same week that he received the book, he met an officer with Union Bank who thought the idea for the museum could work. The rest is history.

For a few years, the museum saw mild interest, but things picked up during the summer months each year and the museum slowly saw growth. Following the pandemic, they found that the tourism industry in Hot Springs ceased to be seasonal and turned into a year-round venture.

Robert said the museum sees in excess of 50,000 visitors each year. They come for the great stories of some of America's most wanted criminal masterminds and gangsters who used

Hot Springs as a safe-haven and vacation spot from their usual life of crime. Visitors to the museum hear stories of the likes of Al Capone, O'neal Maddon, and Lucky Luciano. They learn the history of how many of those men, led by O'neal Maddon, set up illegal gambling halls in the downtown Hot Springs area that helped Hot Springs become the nation's most popular resort town east of the Mississippi River.

Guests also get a glimpse into the past of America's pastime, major league baseball. The Gangster Museum of America hosts an on-going exhibit that highlights some of the game's legends and their time spent in Hot Springs during the early days of spring training in the early 1900s. Players like Babe Ruth and Honus Wagner trained in Hot Springs and took in all the "extra" activities the town would provide.

# Pioneer Arkansas grape grower, winemaker Mathew Post leaves legacy with Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station

By JOHN LOVETT  
U of A System Division of Agriculture

Mathew Joseph Post Sr., a pioneer in the Arkansas grape-growing and winemaking industry who collaborated with the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station on numerous grape and wine research projects, has died at the age of 97.

Post was the first to introduce several varieties of grapes to Arkansas. He passed away Oct. 20 at his home in Altus surrounded by family.

"Mr. Post has been very important to the Arkansas grape growing and winemaking industry for decades and he was instrumental in developing new Arkansas cultivars in a public-private collaboration with the Division of Agriculture," said Jean-François Meullenet, director of the experiment station and senior associate vice president for agriculture-research. "We offer our deepest condolences to the Post family for their loss."

Among his many accomplishments, Post was recognized in 2016 by the Arkansas Association of Grape Growers with an Outstanding Achievement Award for his decades of work in propelling the grape and wine industry in Arkansas. In addition to introducing

the French-American hybrid Seyval Blanc and the native hybrid Steuben to Arkansas, Post worked closely with Third District Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt to establish the Altus Viticultural Area in 1984.

"Mathew Post was a pioneer for his family and the Arkansas grape and wine industry," Renee Threlfall, research scientist of enology and viticulture with the experiment station, the research arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. "He was a champion for fostering collaborations between Post Winery and the U of A System, and his willingness for innovation has greatly impacted the Arkansas grape and wine industry."

In 2004, Post was awarded the prize of Supreme Knight by the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine. The honor is bestowed on only a few individuals nationally and is reserved for those who are deemed to have made "monumental" contributions to the industry. He was also inducted into the Arkansas Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2012.

Threlfall said the name Post is synonymous with grape-growing and winemaking in Arkansas and across the

United States. The farm family has been growing grapes and making wine in Altus since Mathew Post's great-grandfather planted his first vineyard in 1872. Mathew and his father, James Post, purchased the Altus Cooperative Winery in 1947. Not long after the purchase, the younger Post was elected president of the co-op and served as head winemaker at Post Winery. During the following 60 years, Post worked closely with the Division of Agriculture on numerous grape and wine research projects, providing land, equipment, labor and grants.

In the late 1950s, Mathew Post worked closely with Philip Wagner, who is known as the "Father of the Hybrid Movement." Through their professional association, Mathew Post introduced the French-American and American-native hybrid varieties on a commercial scale to Arkansas. Though there are many, perhaps Post's greatest contribution to the industry was the introduction of muscadine grape production on a commercial scale in 1970.

Mathew Post was born March 15, 1925, in Altus and spent his childhood on Saint Mary's Mountain. He attended the nearby Subiaco Academy and shortly after graduating in 1943

served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps for three years in the Pacific arena. He pursued a medical degree like his brother, Dr. Jim Post, at St. Louis University but returned to the family winery in 1947 and became a lifetime grape grower and winemaker.

In November 1951, following the tragic loss of his father in an automobile accident, Post was left to run the winery. Less than two weeks later he married his wife of 70 years, Bett Duerr of Charleston. They had 12 children, added many acres to the farm and installed a state-of-the-art automatic bottling facility at 1700 S. Mary's Mountain Road. Post Winery went on to become the largest wine producer in the state in the 1990s and continues to produce table wines to this day.

As a community leader, Post was elected mayor of Altus for 12 years and served an additional 10 years as city water commissioner. He also served as an ordained deacon at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Altus, where he was buried on Monday, Oct. 24.

"My dad was, is, and will remain a hero and moral compass to me, our family and many others who have been so blessed to experience his God-given wisdom," Joseph Post said.

## Catfish tournament held despite low water levels

### SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Mega Bucs, a SeaArk Boats-sponsored event and one of the catfish tournament industry's largest prize-money payouts, was held this past month in Helena, on the Mississippi River.

Fifty of the nation's top catfish anglers competed for \$120,000 in prize money. The Mississippi River water levels are at a 100-year record low, but the fishing was great. Ten places were paid with the option for the top four teams to either split \$90,000 or have a Sunday fish-off and take a chance on a first through 4th payout as follows: 1st \$50,000, 2nd \$20,000, 3rd \$15,000, 4th \$10,000. They split the \$90,000 for a total of \$23,750 per team. The remaining fifth through tenth places received payout as follows: \$5,000, \$4,000, \$3,500, \$3,000, \$2,500, \$2,000 and biggest fish received \$5,000. SeaArk Boats Presi-

dent, Steve Henderson, stated that events such as Mega Bucs "help bring attention to the sport of catfishing and assists in its growth." Henderson added, "It is wonderful to have witnessed the rise in chasing trophy catfish over the past 20 years. Catfishing is the fastest growing segment in the fishing industry, and I am excited to be able to provide boats to assist in that growth."

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## Pirates keep playoff hopes alive with 60-8 win over Dollarway

**BY: JEFF YOUNG**  
Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Pirates came into Friday's contest needing to defeat the Dollarway Cardinals by 13 points and needed some help from other teams in the conference in order to keep their playoff hopes intact.

The Pirates hoped for an upset win between Barton and Rison at Barton. If Barton would have been successful it would have ensured the Pirates a playoff spot. However, Rison was able to score twice in the fourth quarter to overcome the Bears 29-16.

The Pirates also needed the Lakeside Beavers to lose to Camden Harmony Grove in Lake Village.

Lakeside played the Hornet's close through the first half, but Camden was able to walk out of Lake Village with a 64-41 win.

The Pirates would have to defeat Dollarway to maintain a three-way tie for the fourth and fifth playoff spots in the 6-3A.

Drew Central would win the coin toss and elected to receive the football.

Gabe Butcher received the Cardinal kick at the Pirate 15-yard line and advanced the ball into Cardinal territory to the Dollarway 48 to begin the first drive of the contest.

Kade Bodiford's first pass of the contest would fall incomplete.

Drew Central would go to the ground on the next several plays with Brayden Millett advancing to the 38, Ja'Corrian Love gaining to the 34, Millett to the 25, Tramond Miller to the seven, and Millett for the seven-yard score.

Bodiford connected with Millett for the two-point play to give the Pirates an 8-0 lead with 10:19 remaining in the first quarter.

Dollarway would begin their first drive of the game on their own 35 after a 15-yard kickoff return.

The Pirate defense would force Dollarway to punt on the drive with Drew Central starting their next drive on



**BODIFORD TO BODIFORD:** Senior Quarterback Kade Bodiford (1) connected with younger brother, sophomore, Jeremiah Bodiford (15) on a 10-yard touchdown pass with 11 seconds remaining in the first half. After the two-point conversion, the score gave the Pirates a 44-0 lead heading into the half.



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their own 34 after the punt.

Bodiford completed a pass to Luke Phillips for a 13-yard gain followed by an offsideline penalty against Dollarway that moved the ball across mid-field.

Collins would get the ball on the next two carries, advancing the ball to the 40 then to the 27. Bodiford connected with Tramond Miller to the nine-yard line.

Bodiford completed his next pass to Ashton Kelly in the back of the end zone for the touchdown at the 6:40 mark.

After the failed two-point play, the Pirates increased the lead to 14-0.

Drew Central's defense would halt the Cardinal offense on the next drive, forcing the Cardinals to turn the ball over on downs on their own 44.

The Pirates would get their final score of the first quarter after Bodiford broke free for a 34-yard touchdown run.

After the two-point run by Millett, the Pirates led 22-0.

Dollarway would advance the ball into Drew Central

territory on their next drive on a 42-yard pass, however Drew Central's Nick Bailey would recover a Cardinal fumble on the five-yard line on the next play to stop the Dollarway drive.

The Pirate drive would extend into the second quarter where the Pirates turned the ball over on a fumble but would regain possession after forcing Dollarway to punt with 6:03 remaining in the half.

Beginning their drive at their own 20-yard line, the Pirates would advance the ball into Dollarway territory in four plays to the Dollarway 43.

Love would take the ball down to the 20-yard line followed by Miller advancing the ball to the five.

Millett covered the five yard on the next carry for the Drew Central score with Collins adding the two-point conversion to extend the lead to 30-0 with 3:17 left in the half.

The Pirates would score with 2:06 remaining in the half after an interception re-

turn for 39-yards. The two-point play failed to give the Pirates a 36-0 lead.

The Pirate defense would force Dollarway to punt one final time in the first half with the snap going over the punters head giving Drew Central possession on the Dollarway 10-yard line with 17 seconds remaining in the half.

On the next play of the game, Kade Bodiford connected with his younger brother, Jeremiah Bodiford, on what was deemed by Pirate Head Coach Larry White as the "Bodiford to Bodiford connection" with 11 seconds remaining in the half. Millett added the two points to give Drew Central a 44-0 lead at the half, forcing a running clock to start the second half.

Beginning the second half under the sportsmanship rule, the Pirates would force a turnover on Dollarway's first drive of the second half after Luke Phillips recovered a fumble at the Pirate 39.

Going strictly with a running attack, Drew Central advanced the ball down to the Dollarway six-yard line in six

plays.

Luke Phillips would carry the ball the remainder of the way for the Pirate score with Dorian Harris adding the two-point conversion with 4:16 left in the third quarter, extending the lead to 52-0.

Drew Central recovered a fumble on the Dollarway eight on the next possession and with 10:20 remaining in the contest extended the lead to 60-0 after an eight-yard run by Dayton England and the conversion by Millett.

Dollarway would end the shutout with a 40-yard touchdown run by Dmarion Wallace and an added two-point play by Keonte Culclager made the score 60-8 which would be the final score of the contest.

Defensively, the Pirates were able to shut down the Dollarway offense, holding the Cardinals to 89 total offensive yards.

Offensively, the Pirates were able to gain a total of 400 offensive yards.

Kade Bodiford completed six of none passes for 72 yards and two touchdowns.

On the ground, Brayden Millett led the Pirates with 108 yards on 12 carries, scoring two touchdowns and three two-point conversions.

Bodiford added a rushing touchdown with 37 rushing yards, Kalani Collins gained 37, Ja'Corrian Love with 60. Tramond Miller with 42, Dorian Harris with 24, Ashton Kelly with 12, Dayton England with eight and a touchdown, and Luke Phillips with six and a touchdown.

Miller led the Pirates in receiving yards with 40 with Kelly having nine yards and a touchdown and Jeremiah Bodiford with 10 yards and a score.

### Playoff Implications

With the final games set for the regular season, Drew Central and the Monticello Billies are still in the playoff hunt.

For Monticello, the Billies lost to Star City this past Friday 56-21 after trailing the Bulldogs by seven, 28-21 at the half.

For Monticello the playoffs came down to one game, defeating Crossett in the final game of the season to claim the fifth and final playoff spot out of the 8-4A.

The Billies will travel to Crossett on Thursday, November 3, for a 7 pm kickoff.

For the Pirates, if they defeat Rison on Friday, they would fall into the fourth seed, however, Lake Village and Barton both win and the Pirates will be out. Barton will host Camden Harmony Grove and Lakeside will travel to Fordyce.

If all three teams lose to their opponents, it will result in a three way tie with all teams having a win over each other and will result in a coin toss to determine the fourth and fifth seeds.

Drew Central will travel to Rison to face the conference leading Rison Wildcats in the final game of the regular season.

If Lakeside defeats Fordyce then the Pirates are out as well.

Kickoff for Drew Central and Rison is set for 7 PM.



**JA'CORRIAN LOVE (6)** breaks free for positive yards against the Dollarway defense. Love would finish the contest with 60 yards on six carries and was responsible for three first downs. **KALANI COLLINS (7)** attempts to leap through the Cardinal defenders. Collins gained 37 yards on six carries with a two-point conversion and three first down runs. **LUKE PHILLIPS (4)** runs through a Dollarway defender on a six-yard touchdown run. It was Phillips only carry of the contest.



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## Junior Billies end season with 14-6 win over Star City at home

**BY: JEFF YOUNG**  
Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Junior Billies ended the 2022 Junior High Football Season with a 14-6 victory over the Star City Junior Bulldogs on Thursday, 27, at Hyatt Field.

For Monticello it was a clean sweep over Star City on Thursday night after the Seventh Grade Billies defeated the Seventh Grade Bulldogs before the Junior Billies took the field.

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

Monticello was penalized with a false start on the opening kickoff and after the second kickoff attempt, the Junior Bulldogs would begin their drive on their own 39-yard line.

Star City would move the ball into Monticello territory but the Junior Billies would force a Star City turnover after recovering a fumble at the

Monticello 33.

Jackson Hines would connect with Joseph Rojas on his only completed pass of the contest for a 46-yard gain to the Star City 21.

Hines would push the ball to the four-yard line but a holding call against Monticello would move the ball back to the Star City 29.

Monticello regained to the 22 and a pass interference call against Star City moved the ball to the 14.

Joseph Accelus gained three yards to the 11 with John Luke Brotherton covering the 11 yards for the score.

The two-point conversion was not successful as the Junior Billies took a 6-0 lead with 51 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Monticello forced Star City to punt on their next drive with Monticello beginning their first drive of the second quarter on their own 35.

Hines would add the next

Monticello score after a 49-yard run on the drive and added the two point conversion to give Monticello a 14-0 lead with 5:12 left in the half.

Neither team would reach the end zone in the remainder of the half with Monticello holding the 14-0 lead.

Monticello would receive the ball to start the second half with the Junior Bulldogs forcing the Junior Billies to turn the ball over on downs at the Star City 46.

Star City's drive would extend into the fourth quarter with the Junior Bulldogs cutting the lead to 14-6 with 7:12 remaining in the contest.

After recovering the on-side kick, the Junior Bulldogs would advance the ball down to the Monticello 16 but would fumble the ball at the 16 with Star City recovering then fumbling again with Hines recovering the fumble to stop the drive to give Monticello the win.



# Southeastern Savage Storm rumbles past UAM Boll Weevils 48-20

By: **JEFF YOUNG**  
Advance Correspondent

Needing a win to keep their post season goals intact, the University of Arkansas Boll Weevil looked to calm the Savage Storm of Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Convoy Leslie Cotton Bowl Stadium on Saturday, October 29.

Having to play without their starting quarterback, Demilon Brown and running

back, Jonero Scott, the Weevils would start junior quarterback Edwin Kleinpeter Jr. and would use several runners with Dorian Manuel and Hayden Thomas getting the majority of the carries.

After punting the ball on their first possession, UAM would regain possession after an interception by Greg Hooks gave the Weevils the ball at the Southeastern 43.

Manuel would gain down to

the 21-yard line on three carries with Thomas adding the 21 for the score for the UAM touchdown.

Zachary Gisotti added the extra point for the 7-0 lead.

South Eastern would even the score, 7-7, with 3:05 remaining in the first quarter, UAM would be forced to punt on their next drive, but the Grisotti punt would be blocked by Southeastern at the UAM 10 and returned for

a touchdown, regaining the lead 14-7 after the extra point.

Southeastern would score two more touchdowns before the end of the half with the first coming on a 35-yard pass with 11:47 remaining in the half and the next score on an 18-yard pass and extra point with 15 seconds remaining to take a 28-7 lead at the half.

Southeastern would extend the lead to 35-7 on the first drive of the second half after

an eight-yard run and extra point.

Southeastern added one more score in the third quarter to go up 41-7.

UAM would get the final score of the third quarter after a 31-yard pass from Kleinpeter to Jordan Mansfield. Grisotti added the extra point to cut the advantage to 41-14.

Southeastern and UAM would add one score apiece in the contest to set up the 48-20

final score.

With the loss, the Weevils fall to 3-6 on the season and will guarantee the third consecutive losing season for the Weevils.

UAM will travel to Ada, Oklahoma on Saturday, November 5, to face East Central.

The Tigers are currently 6-3 on the season.

East Central and UAM will kickoff at 2 PM.



**EDWIN KLEINPETER (0)** started his first game of the season against Southeastern Oklahoma. Kleinpeter came into the previous contest against Harding after an injury to Demilon Brown. **GREG HOOKS (2)** defends a pass in the end zone. Hooks got the first turnover of the contest after he intercepted a pass to stop the Savage Storm's first drive of the contest. **HAYDEN THOMAS (21)** third rushing touchdown of the season and added his first receiving touchdown of the season against Southeastern.

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Delta Quilt Show huge success

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The first Delta Quilt Show was held at the University of Arkansas at Monticello's Gibson Center with 112 quilts displayed on October 28-29, 2022. Proceeds from the Delta Quilt Show will be used to help fund the Drew County Extension Homemakers Club Scholarship to UAM.

Dr. Peggy Doss attended the show and remarked, "This is like going to an art show, with every quilt telling its own story." Everyone who came was delighted at the range and quantity of the quilts on display.

Viewers were asked to vote on the three quilts that they liked best in the show. When votes were tallied, the First Place Certificate was awarded to the Town and Country Quilters EHC of Drew County for their "Showering Stars" quilt that they made as a community service project for the Drew County Library as a fundraiser. The Showering Stars quilt will be presented at the Friends of the Library meeting, at 6 p.m., Monday, November 7.

Viewer's Choice Second Place Certificate was awarded to the Hope Quilt Guild for their "Comfort and Blessing – a Civil War Sampler" quilt.

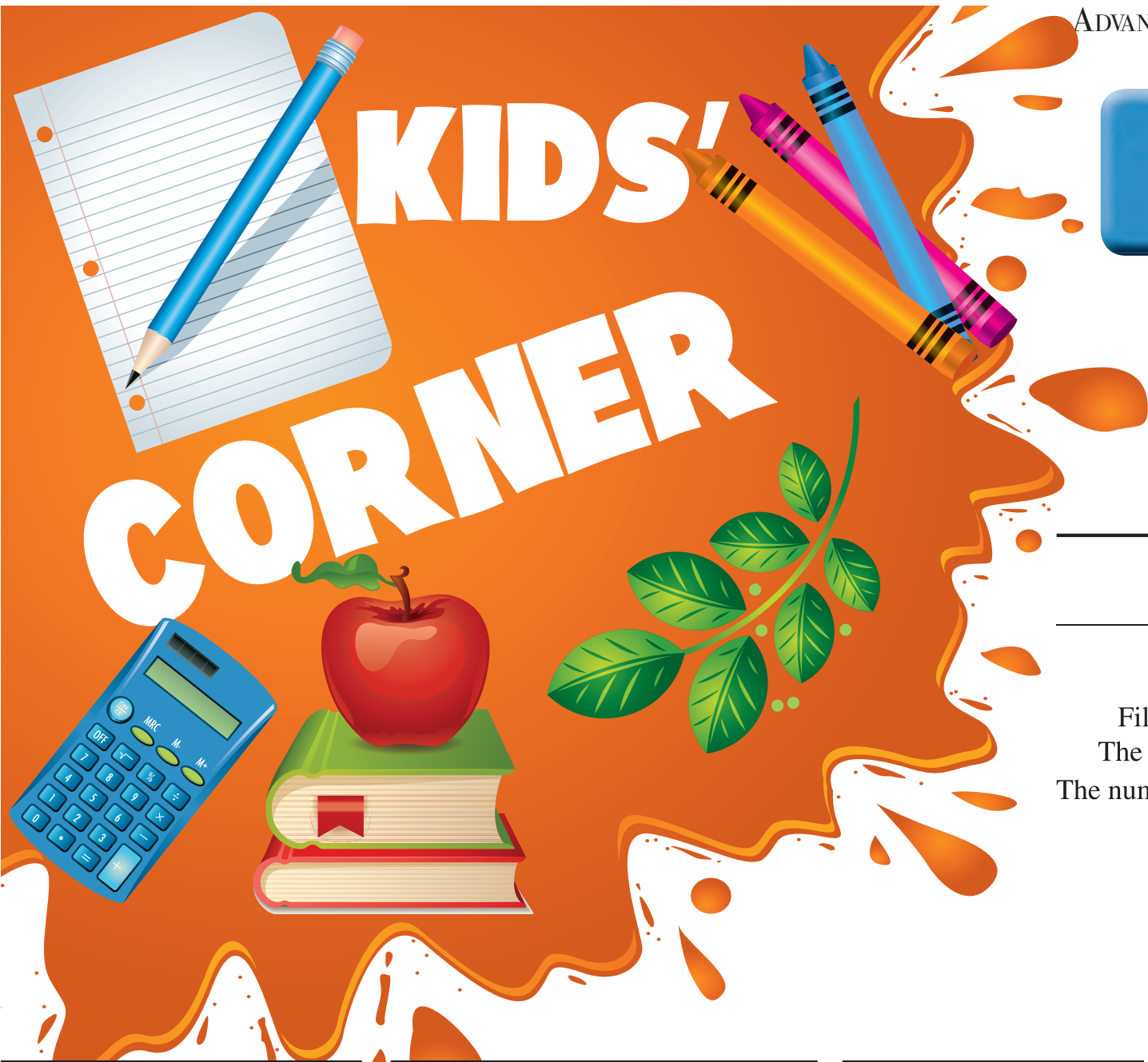
Viewer's Choice Third Place Certificate was awarded to Julie LaFleur of Monticello, for her "Reflections" quilt.

Many thanks to Joy Graham, Quilt Show Coordinator, and the members of the Town and Country quilters and friends that helped with the show.

For more information about the art of quilting or interest in joining the quilt club, please contact Judy Murphy at 870-367-2533, or Joy Graham at 870-723-1372.







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

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# This week’s recipe: The best pumpkins for pie (and other desserts)

Beginning in early fall, pumpkins begin to arrive at farmer’s markets, supermarkets, nurseries, and fall harvest festivals. Pumpkins are versatile in that they make colorful fall home decorations, but also can be utilized in all sorts of recipes. In fact, pumpkins are a type of winter squash.

While some people may be quick to think that the larger the pumpkin the better it is for baking up delicious treats, that’s actually not the case. According to the gardening resource Gardener’s Path, although most pumpkin cultivars are edible, the big pumpkins carved into jack-o-lanterns for Halloween tend to be pretty bland, watery and stringy. They’ve been hybridized to produce a large Halloween-friendly shape, not for flavor. Those traits are not ideal for a delicious pumpkin pie or pumpkin chocolate chip oatmeal cookies. The best pumpkins for purees used in recipes are those that were specially cultivated for cooking. When shopping for pumpkins for your next recipe (if you’re opting for fresh, rather than canned puree), select one of the following:

- Cinderella
- Baby Bear
- Early Sweet Sugar Pie
- Dickinson
- Jarrahdale
- Galeux d’Elsines
- Orange Smoothie
- Small Sugar, among others

Once you’ve selected your perfect cooking pumpkins, it’s time to whip up a pumpkin pie. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of McCormick, which can be served anytime from Halloween

## Classic Pumpkin Pie Ingredients (Serves 8)

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### Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 F. Line 9-inch pie plate with pie crust.  
Mix eggs, brown sugar, pumpkin pie spice, flour, and salt in medium bowl until smooth. Stir in pumpkin and vanilla. Gradually add evaporated milk, mixing well. Pour into pie crust.  
Bake 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 F. Bake 40 minutes longer or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.  
Serve warm or cold. Garnish with whipped cream and sprinkle with additional pumpkin pie spice, if desired. Store covered in refrigerator.



## Bonus recipe: Classic cookies get a fall makeover

There are plenty of reasons to enjoy oatmeal. This fiber-rich food is filling and can be part of a healthy eating plan that promotes weight loss. In addition, health experts say that oatmeal can be instrumental in helping to moderate cholesterol levels in the blood. Flavor and versatility are some additional reasons to enjoy oatmeal, especially when preparing baked goods like cookies. Oatmeal cookies are classics all on their own, but

home bakers can put a fall spin on this cookie jar staple with the introduction of a few seasonal ingredients. Enjoy “Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies” from “Live Well, Bake Cookies” (Rock Point) by Danielle Rye.

## Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies

### Ingredients (Makes 24)

1 cup all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled  
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats  
1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened  
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/3 cup pumpkin puree, squeeze out the excess moisture with paper towels  
1 large egg yolk, at room temperature  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside.  
2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, pumpkin pie spice, ground cinnamon, baking soda, and salt until well combined. Stir in the old-fashioned rolled oats and set aside.  
3. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or in a large mixing bowl using a handheld mixer, beat the butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar together for 1 to 2 minutes, or until well combined.  
4. Mix in the pumpkin puree, egg yolk, and vanilla extract until fully combined, making sure to stop and scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.

5. Mix in the dry ingredients until just combined, then mix in the chocolate chips on low speed until fully incorporated.  
6. Using a 1 1/2-tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one. Gently press each ball of cookie dough down to slightly flatten it.  
7. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes, or until the tops of the cookies are set. Remove from the oven, and allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheets for 5 to 10 minutes; then carefully transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.  
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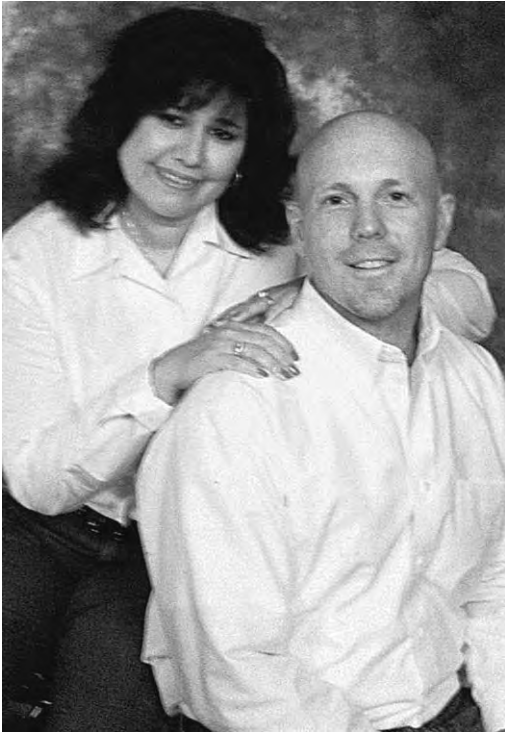
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## BARKADA

JANA WRIGHT

Sorry I did not have any news last week or the week before. I was on my way to recovering from my surgery and ended up with the flu and pneumonia. I can tell you; this strain of the flu is terrible!

Thank you Lord for the rain we received this past weekend. We needed it.

Love is in the air! Congratulations to Brice and Jaye Stafford. Jim and Amanda Stafford joined Brice and Jaye in Montana for a beautiful wedding! Jaye's parents joined them as well.

Also, congratulations to Isaac and Charlee Parke. They were wed a few weeks ago. Charlee is the daughter of Mark and Michelle Carter. The wedding was beautiful and Charlee looked gorgeous!

Logan and Abbie Gilliam were wed this past weekend. Logan is the son of Kevin Gilliam and Misty Johnson. I wish all of the newlyweds a lifetime of happiness! Always put the Lord first!

Mrs. Mary Lasiter sent some news last week. Ron and Janice Kulbeth Gneittin, James and Roger Kulbeth, children of the late Fred and Patricia Kulbeth, visited with her Sunday afternoon.

I would like to thank Jennifer and Jeremy Calhoun and Mrs. Bea Tucker for bringing me and Shawn supper one night. Janice Gneittin sent me a very nice get well card. Also a big thank you to James and Eddie Brown for bringing my groceries to me and some food. She has been a Godsend. Lisa Schmidt and Cindy Hicks have been invaluable to me as well! I cannot thank everyone enough for helping us! Of course, David and Kay Ozment have gone above and beyond for us as well. God sends angels disguised as people for sure!

Congratulations to Dane Loveless and Kailyn Davis on the birth of their son Davis Lake Loveless. He was born on September 21st. He weighed 6 lbs and 14 oz and was 21.5 inches long. He joins brother Canyon at home.

Happy anniversary to Raymond and Debbie Martin and Zach and Sarah Martin. I wish both couples many more happy years together.

I am glad to report that my uncle Robert Martin is home and doing well after bypass surgery. He had blockages in his legs. Keep him in your prayers please.

I was very sorry to read that my cousin Mike Anderson passed away. He was the son of the late Cecil and Helen Anderson. He had been battling cancer. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Happy birthday to Canyon Craig, Lisa Schmidt, Kim Caldwell, Kitty Augurson, Jade Ross, Amy Mayer, Monica Linely, Lynsey Hoover, Robbie Ryburn, Marty Baker, Michelle Moseley, Debbie Tenario, Clint Burris, Jason Pennington, Jed Wright, and Landon Grimes. I hope you all have or had happy birthdays.

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## GREEN HILL

WANDA PACE

Greenhill Community Baptist Church enjoyed a wonderful Sunday morning service. Brother Caleb's message titled "Reflect On The Greatness of God" from Psalm 86:4-15. Sunday School is at 9:30am, Children's Church & Worship service are at 10:30am. You are all invited to join us. The second Sunday singing will be on November 13th at 1:30pm.

Greenhill Community Baptist Church held a chili cook off and activities for the children on Sunday at 5pm. I didn't get to go but I had two of the cutest trick or treaters stop by after they left the church. My great niece, Gracee, was dressed up like a cowgirl riding a horse. And my great nephew, Maverick, was dressed up like Woody from Toy Story. They were super cute!

There will be a wedding shower for Jaye Lauren Pace Stafford on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at Scott Pace's home on Old Warren Road.

Happy Birthday Greg Loveless! I hope you enjoyed a blessed birthday.

If you have any news to share please call or message me on facebook.

Verse of the week: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

Have a safe and blessed week. Happy Halloween!

## LACEY

IVANELL HANDLEY

Hello Readers it's another day that the Lord has spared

### 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.

me; I'm grateful for each and every day He allows me to see!

The Sunday school topic this week was "The Heart of a Leader"; background scripture, 1 Samuel 16:1-13. The key verse 1 Samuel 16:7 KJV "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart".

I attend Holmes Chapel Presbyterian Church, Dr. Moses V. Goldmon is the Pastor. Pastor Goldmon's message was "Do not Remember", this was a series of three lessons, the series was entitled "God is Doing a New Thing". The first message was "God's People; the second was "Fear Not God is With You"; and message three was "Do Not Remember". The keyword from message No.1 was "Chosen", Isaiah 43:20; message No. 2 was "With Us"; and message No. 3 was "Remember". The message was wonderful and the choir great.

Thank God for the rain this past weekend! Julia Lambert of Portland, Ore. called to check on the family and my brother Jerry called to check on us all.

Continued prayers for Camala, Rowean and Ben who are sick. Prayers for others who are sick and shut-in

as well as those who have lost a loved one.

Revival to be held at Promise Land Baptist Church, Lacey, 15-17 November at 7 p.m. nightly. "Correction from last week" The speaker for the revival will be Pastor Rickey Daniel. Pastor Johnson and the Promise Land family invite you to come out and worship with us.

Happy Birthday wishes to: Henry Hardin, Nov. 7.

Thought for the week: "It's Monday! May my Family and Friends be blessed this new week with countless blessings, unlimited opportunities, peace of mind and the ability to get push past any trial life may bring". (Author, Mrs. Maria Herrera) Be Blessed!

## POSSUM VALLEY

KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK

Welcome back, everyone. By the time this column goes to print, the month of November will have arrived. And that means I have only two more months before I can retire! I've received differing opinions about retirement. Some folks hate it and tell me I will not like it. But there are those who say I will love it and those are the comments I am being encouraged by. I am so ready.

This past Saturday was Possum Valley Fun Day. The first we've had in two years. The weather was not

cooperative. But we've been praying for rain for so long, there was no way we'd let that get us down. It rained quite hard during the early hours of our festival. Country folks are well known for their perseverance and can-do attitudes. So, we slipped on our muck boots and rain jackets and worked right through the rain and puddles. Thankfully, the rain ended just in time for the fish dinners and the afternoon activities. Many times during the day I couldn't help but think of those who made Fun Day what it is today. Those who are no longer with us. The quilt show this year was held in memory of Marjorie Knowles Craig. She was the one who got this festival started and kept it going. The Knowles family is still very much involved thanks to Rene Knowles. I also found myself thinking of Daddy every time the Harley Creek Boys played a good ol' bluegrass tune. I wanted to go to the kitchen, grab a bag of cornmeal and scatter

some on that concrete floor. Daddy would do that before each dance to make it much easier to slide his feet during the two-step or a waltz. Not one single person got up and danced. One gentleman commented that we sure needed Shorty out there on the dance floor. Yes. Yes we did. Once the auction began, I couldn't help but remember when my big brother, Randy, would bid on and win items only to give them away to someone else. He would also be the first one out at the pavilion the next morning cleaning up all the trash. He was a kind and generous man. He loved Possum Valley. He is greatly missed. Little brother, Rusty, stepped up and helped in the kitchen and stayed for the auction, too. It took months of work and planning and the event was a success in spite of the early rain. I want to thank everyone who came together to make this an event to remember.

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Rick and I were very tired and sore by the time we got home that evening. I could barely move. Every joint and muscle in my body was hurting. Thanks to arthritis strength Tylenol, I slept well. I was still sore Sunday morning, but once I got moving around I was much better.

Bethel enjoyed a wonderful service this week. I was so tired, it would have been easy to stay home, but I found the strength to keep moving and made it. Bro. Lisenby brought our message this week from Isaiah 59:14,15. Bro. Lisenby is one of those old-fashioned, straight truth-shooting preachers. Very refreshing and convicting to hear. I received news that my

friends in Warren have seen the first White-throated Sparrows of the season. Now, I find myself looking out the kitchen window every chance I get hoping to see them or to hear their familiar call. They, along with the Juncos, will be here soon though.

That's my news for this week. Until next time, please, be safe, take care of yourself and remember to be thankful to God for His many blessings. Have a great week, y'all.

WILMAR  
CHRIS RILEY

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrow like sea billow rolls, whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say: it's well, it's well with my soul, is a

true saying, God is pleased when our soul is right. Bless his holy name. We witnessed an awesome time Saturday at In His Presence Worship Ministries, where a women's conference was held entitled "The Total Woman". There were three dynamic speakers, they were very transparent. The spirit of the Lord was high and there was a deliverance in the place. On Sunday after service a portion of us went to Buffalo Wild Wings where we joined with birthday honoree Marlean Ackers who celebrated her 66 year, along with her husband King David Ackers. Attend-

ing was Apostle Kevin Riley and wife Francez, Tina R. Johnson & Kieta, Corey Riley and wife KeKe and Claysha, Minister Melvin White and wife Ann, Chris Riley, Reggie Gilliam and Anjelica Ash. We had a ball. There were two other ladies whose names I didn't get. We were served German chocolate cake for dessert (mm mm good).

So sorry to hear of the transition of Christene Wimberly Benson of Detroit, formerly of Wilmar. Her family traveled there Monday for her last rites. Sympathy to the family. Also Georgine Green.

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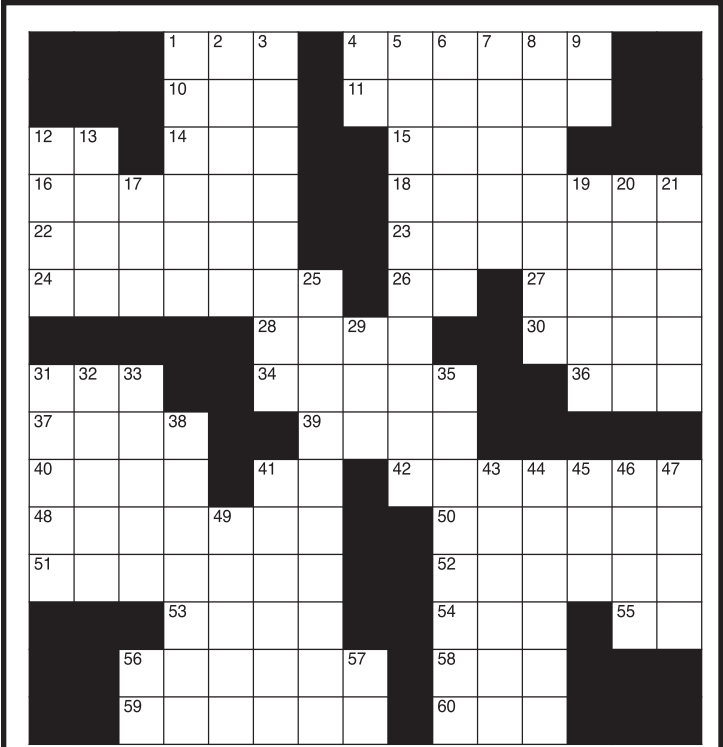
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CLUES ACROSS

1. The central bank of the US

4. Direct one's ambitions

10. Only

11. "Nothing ventured, nothing \_\_\_\_\_"

12. Lead

14. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

15. Indicates the pitch of notes

16. Set up to blame

18. States of rest

22. Complete

23. Be around longer than

24. Instructs

26. Childless (abbr.)

27. Coffee machines do it

28. Bowfin

30. A group separate from established Church

31. Soviet Socialist Republic

34. Mends with a needle
36. When you hope to get there

37. Popular 80's pop duo

39. Beloved Mexican dish

40. Extremely small amount

41. Special therapy

42. Cause to move slowly

48. A person's natural height

50. Elicited

51. Legislator

52. Baking ingredient

53. Sandwich store

54. Peyton's little brother

55. Southeast

56. Popular Mexican beer

58. Baglike structure in a plant or animal

59. Car body manufacturer

60. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Colorless volatile acid

2. A way to tangle

3. Jam rock band devotee

4. The nation's highest lawyer (abbr.)

5. Inviolable

6. Collision

7. Clumsy

8. Bends again

9. "Pollock" actor Harris

12. Flew off!

13. Soft creamy white cheese

17. Comedienne Gasteyer

19. Exclamation used for emphasis

20. Expel from one's property

21. Philly transit body

25. Small amount of something
29. Retirement account

31. Holey type of cheese

32. Young pig

33. Climbing palm

35. Discomfort

38. Bullfighter

41. High-level computer language

43. Fleshy extensions above the throat

44. Request

45. Equal to 10 meters (abbr.)

46. Bruce and Spike are two

47. Precipice

49. Wombs

56. A radio band

57. Emphasizes an amount

MEN'S HEALTH WORD SEARCH

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### Hope Place

Hope Place in Monticello is in need of newborn and size 6 diapers. We are open to receive donations Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday from 9:30am-4:30pm. Suggested items: Pasta, Peanut Butter, Rice, Beans, Soup, Canned Meats, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Mac&Cheese, Cereal, Juice and Boxed Meals. 224 South Main, Monticello. TFN

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amount will be greatly appreciated to keep the legacy alive and well. For more information on how to help preserve Enon's schoolhouse or to make a donation contact, Laura Whitaker, 870-460-5690. TFN

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#### GARAGE SALE

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#### HELP WANTED

Ferguson Grease Service Diesel mechanic wanted \$30 per hour Apply in person at 3965 Highway 82

See **CLASSIFIEDS** Page 3C

# Legals

### ORDINANCE NO. 839

**AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 356 OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, ORDINANCE NO. 735 AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED AND ORDINANCE NO. 826, ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF CHARGES TO BE MADE AND COLLECTED FOR FACILITIES AFFORDED AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Monticello, Arkansas as follows:

Section 1. That Section 2(c) of Ordinance No. 356 of the City of Monticello, adopted November 9, 1949, as previously amended including Ordinances No. 735 and No. 836, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“(c). Sewer service charges to be paid on account of each sewer consumer unit within the corporate limits of Monticello shall, except as hereinabove provided, be based on the average monthly consumption of water supplied to each consumer unit from the city water works system during the last receiving base period, in accordance with the following:

<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>Sewer Service Charge</u>
<u>Water Consumption Per Month</u>	
For the first 2,000 gallons	
or any portion thereof.....	\$9.72
For each 1000	
(or any portion thereof)	
in excess of 1,000 gallons .....	\$2.36

“For each consumer unit outside the corporate limits of Monticello the rate will be 150% of the rate applicable to sewer service within the corporate limits”

**Section 2. Annual Review.** The rates will be reviewed annually by the City Council on or before April 1 of each year. The review is to include a study and report from Arkansas Rural Water Association so long as to it is at no cost to the City.

**Section 3. Emergency.** That this ordinance is necessary for the provision of funds required for maintaining and improving the sanitary sewer system of the City of Monticello, which is urgently required for sanitary sewer purposes, to preserve the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Monticello and others served by this sewer system. Therefore an emergency is declared to exist; and this ordinance and protection of the public peace, health, welfare and safety, shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED on this 25th day of October, 2022.  
/s/Paige Chase  
Mayor

Attested By: /s/Kirstin Garrison  
City Clerk

APPROVED on this 25th day of October, 2022.

Paid for by the City of Monticello in the amount of \$111.16.

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Legals continued on Page 2C

### ADVANTAGES OF SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS, INC.

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## Immediate Employment – City of Dumas

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Deadline: Apply early; open until position is filled.

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157, Dumas 71639. If additional information is  
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ORDINANCE NO. 840

AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 522, 776 AND 825 OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, AND REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 838 FIXING RATES TO BE FURNISHED BY THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, by the City Council of Monticello, Arkansas as follows:

Ordinance No. 522 of the City of Monticello, adopted December 5, 1974 as previously amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Amendments to Ordinance No. 522, 776 and 825  
Ordinance No. 522 of the City of Monticello, adopted December 5, 1974, and Ordinance No. 776 adopted November 15, 2012, and Ordinance No. 825 as previously amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. That the following monthly rates shall be fixed to be charged for services to be furnished by the solid waste management system of the City of Monticello, which the council finds a reasonable and necessary rate to be charged:

A. \$13.77 for one (1) pickup per week from each single family residence, each unit of a duplex (charged per unit), each unit of an apartment house or complex (charged per unit);

B. \$41.16 per cart for one pickup per week from each commercial establishment, each industrial establishment; provided that if the consumer requires more than one pickup per week and/or where the weekly volume of solid waste of a unit is high enough to justify such action, the monthly rate will be adjusted upward to such an amount which is fair, reasonable and equitable under the circumstances; and

C. Every additional dump the week is \$20.44.

D. Dumpster service as follows:

\$41.16 per month for two pickups per week for four yard dumpster;  
\$62.72 per month for two pickups per week for six yard dumpsters;  
\$41.16 per month for one pickup per week for eight yard dumpsters;

Section 2. Repealer. That all ordinances, or parts thereof, currently in effect within the City of Monticello in conflict herewith shall be deemed to be amended or repealed by this ordinance to the extent of such conflict. In addition, Ordinance No. 838 is repealed and replaced by this ordinance.

Section 3. Annual Review. The rates will be reviewed annually by the City Council on or before April 1 of each year.

Section 4. Emergency Clause. The City Council hereby determines that the necessity for removal of solid waste from the City is essential to the preservation of the public health and safety of the citizens of Monticello; and that the immediate passage of this ordinance is necessary to serve the public good; therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

ORDAINED this 25th day of October, 2022.  
/s/Paige Chase Mayor  
Attested by:  
/s/Kirstin Garrison City Clerk  
APPROVED on this 25th day of October, 2022.

Paid for by the City of Monticello in the amount of \$141.96.

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ORDINANCE NO. 841

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT OF ADAM CAMERON AND/OR SYNERGY SERVICES TO PERFORM CERTAIN WORK AND SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF MONTICELLO WITH EMERGENCY CLAUSE

WHEREAS, Adam Cameron is an employee of the City of Monticello working for the Monticello Fire Department;

WHEREAS, Adam Cameron is the owner and operation of Synergy Services;

WHEREAS, the City of Monticello desires to employ Adam Cameron for the purpose of inspecting, cleaning and servicing duct work related to HVAC duct work in buildings owned by the City of Monticello;

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Mayor that Adam Cameron is the best qualified person to perform these services and that employment of Adam Cameron to perform these services will result in better service and at a better price for the City of Monticello than would otherwise be available.

IT IS, THEREFORE, by the City Council of Monticello, Arkansas, ordained as follows:

1. That the City of Monticello is authorized to employ Adam Cameron and/or Synergy Services for the purpose of inspecting, cleaning and servicing HVAC duct work for the City of Monticello.

2. An emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of Monticello shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

IT IS SO RESOLVED.

ADOPTED on this 25th day of October, 2022.  
/s/Paige Chase Mayor  
Attested:  
/s/Kirstin Garrison City Clerk

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

#106764 11/2

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MELBA JANE THOMASSON CULPEPPER, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-137

NOTICE

Last Known Address of Decedent:

158 Allis Road  
Wilmar, AR 71675

Date of Death: February 4, 2020

Instruments dated April 5th and 12th, 1995, were on October 19, 2022, admitted to probate as the Last Will of the above-named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed executor thereunder. A contest of the probate of the 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 October 26, 2022.

Bill Jay Culpepper  
10203 Plumas Dr.  
Converse, TX 78109  
His Registered Agent and Attorney For Estate  
C.C. “Cliff” Gibson, III  
GIBSON & KEITH, PLLC  
119 South Main Street  
Post Office Drawer 447  
Monticello, AR 71657  
Phone: 870-367-2438

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALENE MCCOY,  
DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-136

NOTICE

Last Known Address of Decedent:

404 East Jackson Ave, Monticello, Arkansas 71655

Date of Death: April 30, 2022

An instrument dated April 21st, 2016, was on October 13, 2022, admitted to probate as the last will of Alene McCoy, Deceased, and the undersigned has been appointed executor thereunder. A contest of the probate of the 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 the 26th day of October, 2022.

Deetra Lewis, Executor  
341 East Shelton,  
Monticello AR 71655  
Attorneys For Estate:  
GIBSON & KEITH, PLLC  
119 South Main Street  
Post Office Drawer 447  
Monticello, AR 71657  
Phone: 870/367-2438

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NOTICE

The City of Dumas, AR is taking Bids on a 2015 CASE Model Track Hoe. Air Condition Cab, 12” & 24” Bucket, Aux hydraulics, 4 Way Blade; up to 12,000 lbs. excavator. Good Condition & 1500 usage hours.

Can be seen at Dumas Maintenance Shop, 103 West Bowles.

Return bid to Mayor Simon, P O Box 157, Dumas 71639.

The City has the right to refuse or accept any bid of their choice. Bids taken until sold.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION

2022 GENERAL ELECTION

NON-PARTISAN JUDICIAL GENERAL RUNOFF  
ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE DREW COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, WE HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT THE GENERAL ELECTION AND NON-PARTISAN JUDICIAL GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 BETWEEN THE HOURS 7:30 A.M. – 7:30 P.M. AT THE FOLLOWING VOTE CENTERS:

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A list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found at the Drew County Clerk's Office, 210 South Main, Monticello, AR 71655 eight days before the first day of Early Voting. Any objections to Election officials must be in writing to the Drew County Board of Election Commissioners, 210 S. Main, Monticello, AR 71655 or emailed to [drewctyclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:drewctyclerk@yahoo.com) by 10/24/2022. Tabulation will begin at 7:30 pm on election day in the Court-house clubroom.

Deadline to register to vote in this General Election for new registrants & out of state registrants is October 11, 2022. Deadline to transfer from another county within the state is November 4, 2022

For questions call the County Clerk's office 870.460.6260 or email at [drewctyclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:drewctyclerk@yahoo.com)

THE PURPOSE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION AND NON-PARTISAN JUDICIAL GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION IS TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL CONTESTS AND FOR THE NON-PARTISAN JUDICIAL RUNOFF CANDIDATES, AND TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST ISSUES ON THE BALLOT

TO VIEW YOUR BALLOT ONLINE GO TO [www.voter-view.ar-nova.org](http://www.voter-view.ar-nova.org)

Sample ballots are also available in the County Clerk's office. Below is a list of the candidates for each ballot contest.

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Kenneth Cates- Libertarian

Natalie James- Democrat

U.S. Congress- District 4

Gregory Maxwell- Libertarian

U.S. Rep. Bruce Westerman- Republican

John White- Democrat

State

Governor

Ricky Dale Harrington Jr.- Libertarian

Sarah Huckabee Sanders- Republican

Chris Jones- Democrat

Write-In

Lt. Governor

Frank Gilbert- Libertarian

Kelly Krout- Democrat

Attorney General Leslie Rutledge- Republican

Attorney General

Jesse Gibson- Democrat

Lt. Gov. Tim Griffin- Republican

Secretary of State

Anna Beth Gorman- Democrat

Secretary of State John Thurston- Republican

State Treasurer

Rep. Mark Lowery- Republican

Pam Whitaker- Democrat

Auditor of State

Diamond Arnold-Johnson- Democrat

Treasurer Dennis Milligan- Republican

Simeon Snow- Libertarian

Commissioner of State Lands

Commissioner of State Lands- Tommy Land- Republican

Darlene Goldi Gaines- Democrat

State Supreme Court Associate Justice- Position 2

Judge Chris Carnahan- Independent

Justice Robin Wynne- Independent

Drew County

Justice of Peace

District 4

Heath Loveless- Republican

Sheila Maxwell- Independent

District 9

Rene Knowles, JP 9- Independent

Zachary Hill- Republican

County Circuit Clerk

Circuit Clerk Beverly Burks- Democrat

County Sheriff

Sheriff Mark Gober- Democrat

James Slaughter- Republican

Tim Nichols- Independent

City of Monticello

Mayor

Bart Gregory

Jason Akers

Joe Rogers

City of Wilmar

Mayor

Toni A. Perry- Democrat

City of Winchester

Mayor

LeVorn Cotton

Demetrous Trotter

City Council

Matilda Chaney- Position 3

Michael Haynes- Position 3

Unopposed Candidates

Justice of Peace: Dist. 1-Orlando Jones, Dist. 2-Ben Higginbotham, Dist. 3-Roger Harris, Dist. 5-Steven Pigott, Dist. 6-Donna Usry, Dist. 7-Joe Williams, Dist. 8-Frank Appleberry, Assessor-Cheri Adcock, County Clerk-Stephanie Chisom, Collector-Tax Collector

Tonya K. Loveless, Coroner-Charles F. “Chuck” Dearman, County Judge-Jessie Griffin, County Surveyor-Doug Harton, Treasurer-Treasurer Charles Searcy, Constable: Marion Township-David

Menotti, Veasey Township-Scott M. Chapman, Cominto Township-Michael Frisby, Collins Township-John W. Beatty, Saline Township-Steven Paul Sturgis, Clear Creek Township-Jessica

Moore, Springhill Township-Casey Walker, Monticello: City Attorney-Whit Barton, City Council: Ward 1, Pos. 1-Cedric Leonard, Ward 1, Pos. 2-Al Peer, Ward 2, Pos. 1-Craig McRae, Ward 2, Pos.

2-Claudia Hartness, Ward 3, Pos. 1-Michael James, Ward 3, Pos. 2-Clarissa Pace, Ward 4, Pos. 1-Mark Tiner, Ward 4, Pos. 2-Michael Wigley, Wilmar: City Council-Ward 1, Pos. 1-Deborah K. West,

Ward 1, Pos. 2-Charles Saffold, Ward 2, Pos. 1-Shirley McNeary, Ward 2, Pos. 2-Marvin Hopson Sr., Tillar: Recorder/Treasurer- Karen Robertson, City Council-Pos. 1-Angela Ethridge, Pos. 2-Joyce H.

Kimbro, Pos. 3-Donnie Robertson, Pos. 4-Joe M. Robertson, Pos. 5-Edward Plunkett, Winchester: City Council-Pos. 1-Anthony Horn, Pos. 2-Rosetta Racy, Pos. 4-Thomas Horn Jr., Pos. 5- David Haynes

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH BY JOINT RULE DURING EACH REGULAR SESSION PROCEDURES FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 6, § 19.

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.

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.

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

**JOB OPPORTUNITY IN SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS.**  
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The City of Dumas has an open fulltime position in the Sanitation Department. The position requires a person with a current CDL. Position open until filled. Applications are available at the Dumas City Hall 155 East Waterman; by mail P O Box 157, Dumas 71639, or online [dumas@centurytel.net](mailto:dumas@centurytel.net). Only complete application will be reviewed. Return a resume with application.

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**DREW COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**  
#106757 11/2

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**NOVEMBER**

**NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>** - Express  
Employment will be taking applications in **McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

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**NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>** - Express Employment will be taking applications in **Dumas at the Workforce Center and in McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

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# No Shave November raises awareness to support men’s health in Arkansas

**SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE**

Heading into “No Shave November”, the Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation (APCF) is calling on men across the state to grow out their beards with pride in order to raise awareness around men’s health issues like prostate cancer. This year, APCF is partnering with fire-fighters, police departments, high schools, and influential men across Arkansas to help communities understand that one in every eight men in Arkansas will face a diagnosis of prostate cancer in their lives, but that the disease is nearly 100 percent survivable if detected early. That’s why APCF is asking the men of Arkansas to

go 30 days without shaving for a good cause.

“No Shave November is a fun event every year, but it’s not just about growing your beard. It’s about making sure Arkansas families can have their fathers, uncles, brothers, and grand-fathers there at the table for a holiday dinner for many years to come,” said APCF Executive Director Chris Collier. “Prostate cancer is the most common cancer affecting men – and among men, it is the second leading cause of cancer deaths. By simply foregoing their morning shave and growing their beard, men across Arkansas can help raise funds to promote awareness in our state and support

prostate cancer survivors.”

Men of all ages across Arkansas are encouraged to take part in No Shave November either individually or as part of a competition in their workplaces, churches, teams, or other social groups. They can then donate to APCF as a group or find creative ways to encourage others to donate on behalf of them and their beard. All money raised remains right here in Arkansas to support APCF’s free awareness and educational programs, free prostate cancer screenings and free patient assistance programs.

The American Cancer Society estimates that 2,510 new cases of prostate cancer will be di-

agnosed in Arkansas this year, a 39 percent year over year increase. APCF believes that no Arkansan should face prostate cancer alone. Having a father or brother with prostate cancer more than doubles a man’s risk of developing the disease and the risk of prostate cancer rises rapidly after age 50. However, prostate cancer is nearly 100 percent survivable if detected early and screening can be as simple as getting blood drawn. To learn more about No Shave November, register to participate as an individual or team and support prostate cancer awareness in Arkansas, visit: <https://arprostatecancer.org/events/no-shave-november/>

## NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

No Shave November raises awareness for men’s health.

Submit your best beard photo to The Advance by Nov. 10. Voting will begin Nov. 14.

Visit [www.advancemonticellonian.com](http://www.advancemonticellonian.com) to vote for your favorite beard photo by Nov. 30.

Winner will be announced Dec. 2. Winner gets a \$50 gift card.



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