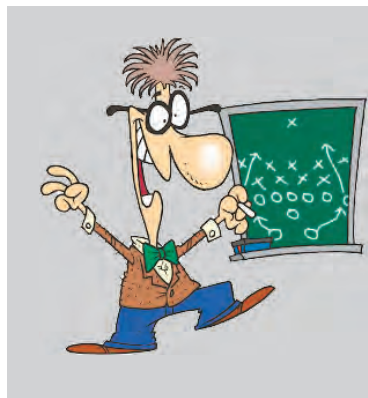


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2022 Election Day results are in

Akers to be next Mayor of Monticello; Drew Co. Sheriff runoff to occur Dec. 6

By ASHLEY HOGG
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Across the state, Election Day reportedly went smoothly at most polling sites, including in Drew County.

Capturing nearly 66 percent of the votes cast, Jason Akers will take the office of Monticello Mayor January 1, 2023.

"I thank God for his love, grace and protection through the campaign, and my wife Tess, my children and my friends and family," Akers said.

"I want to thank the citizens of the great city of Monticello for their love, support and prayers. Know that the safety, health and happiness of your children and mine is my top priority. I love our town and consider it an honor to serve all of its citizens. I understand the challenges our community faces. Be it organizationally, socially, economically or infrastructure related. As we move forward, we will confront each issue we face and leave our town better for the next generation. We will press the fight together. God Bless each of you and God Bless Monticello."

Akers currently serves as Chief of Police in Monticello and is a native of Southeast Arkansas.

Joe Rogers received approximately 18 percent of votes and Bart Gregory received approximately 15 percent of the votes. A total of 2,215 votes were

cast in the race for Mayor of Monticello.

A runoff election will be held Tuesday, Dec. 6 for the office of Drew County Sheriff.

Tim Nichols received 2,186 of the 5,290 votes cast within the county for an unofficial total of approximately 41.3 percent of the vote.

To win an election and avoid a runoff, a candidate must secure at least 50.1 percent of the votes cast.

"I want to give thanks to God, my family, friends and supporters," Tim Nichols stated. "I am humbled by the support that each of you have shown throughout the last year and the words of encouragement I have received. It sincerely means the world to me. With that being said, we have another obstacle to overcome and that is a runoff election on December 6. So please, let's keep the faith and momentum alive as we continue on this journey together in order to make Drew County a better and safer place to live, work, visit but most importantly, raise a family. Thank you and God Bless."

Incumbent Mark Gober received approximately 24.6 percent of the votes, bringing his 18 year term as Sheriff to an end.

James Slaughter will join Nichols in the runoff, capturing approximately 34 percent of the vote.

"I want to thank everyone that came out and voted for me," Slaughter said. "I encourage everyone to come out and vote in the runoff election. I am the right choice for this office because I will prioritize our children's safety, cleaning up drugs in the county and treating everyone with equal respect."

Early voting for the runoff election will begin Tuesday, Nov. 29 and will take place at the Drew County Courthouse from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and will resume on Monday, Dec. 5.

There are approximately 10,930 registered voters in Drew County.

Rep. Jeff Wardlaw was elected as State Representative for the newly formed District 94, which includes most of Drew County. Curly Jackson received 1,871 of the 5,062 votes cast.

In the Justice of the Peace District 4 race, Sheila Maxwell received 223 votes to opponent Heath Loveless' 189.

District 9 in Drew County will have a new Justice of the Peace as newcomer Zachary Hill defeated incumbent René Knowles with 53 percent of the vote.

In statewide elections, Arkansas re-elected Senator John Boozman with 65.7 percent of the votes and U.S. Rep. Bruce Westerman with 67.4 percent of the votes.

Capturing 62 percent of the vote, Sarah Huckabee Sanders will be the first female to serve as Governor of Arkansas.

Attorney General Leslie Rutledge will serve as Arkansas' new Lieutenant Governor and current Lt. Gov Tim Griffin will take the office of Attorney General.

Unopposed candidates were Circuit Clerk Beverly Burks, State Senator Ben Gilmore, and Mayor of Wilmar Toni Perry.

On statewide Issues, Arkansas voted against all four of the Issues on the ballot.

Issue 1, a Constitutional Amendment to allow the General Assembly to convene in extraordinary session failed with 60.95 percent of the state against.

Issue 2, a Constitutional Amendment to reform certain measures presented to voters, failed with 59.16 of the state against.

Issue 3, a Constitutional Amendment to create the "Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment" failed with 50.48 percent of the state against.

Issue 4, an Amendment to authorize the possession, personal use and consumption of cannabis, failed with 56.25 percent of the state against.



AKERS



NICHOLS



SLAUGHTER

DISC GOLF COURSE OPEN FOR PLAY



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian
Little Mountain Disc Golf Course officially opened Saturday, November 5. Located on Harris Road near Lake Monticello, the course offers 18 baskets for players to utilize. The Monticello Parks and Recreation Commission took over this project within the last 18 months and put Joe Carmical (left) in charge of making the course a reality. Pictured above is an enthusiastic disc golf player making his shot on opening day of Little Mountain Disc Golf Course. For more information about the course, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/littlemountaindiscgolfcourse.

UAM hosts Arkansas Philological Association Conference

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Philological Association (APA) held its 2022 annual conference at the University of Arkansas at Monticello on Thursday, October 27 through Saturday, October 29. Attendees included teachers and scholars who share an interest in words, languages, literature, criticism, film and teaching.

The nearly 70 conference presentations covered a variety of fields such as English, nursing, music, math and foreign languages, exploring diverse views of this year's theme: Health is Wealth. More than 30 UAM faculty, staff and students presented at the conference and were joined by presenters from universities in Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina and Oklahoma,

as well as international participants from India and Kosovo.

Dr. Adam Long, president of APA and executive director of Arkansas Heritage Sites at Arkansas State University, thanked UAM for its role as conference host. "The annual Arkansas Philological Association Conference is a great opportunity for literature and language scholars from Arkansas and surrounding states to gather, collaborate and return to their classrooms with new ideas," Dr. Long said. "This year we were very fortunate to be hosted by UAM, whose hospitality made the event memorable. We look forward to gathering again next fall in Little Rock."

The conference's keynote address, "The Law

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UPCOMING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Drew Central Musical

D.C.K.I.D.S Celebrating America the musical, will be performed at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11 at the Earl Willis Auditorium. Students in second grade will perform, along with the fifth and sixth grade choir. Veterans, families and guests are invited to attend.

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.

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.

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.

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. Its primary focus is Education, Housing, Health and Wellness, Economic Development, Community Development, Housing, Food Insecurity, and Financial Literacy. The office is located at Revival Center Church's Business office complex. For service, please use the front entrance at 311 South Pine in Monticello. For questions or to schedule an appointment, one may call Mrs. Linda Austin at (870) 740-1093.

AA meetings

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

Andrews Chapel Cemetery

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

VFW Auxiliary

Anyone interested in joining the VFW Auxiliary is asked to contact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at mlvinj.veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-4993.

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

Drew Co. Democratic Party meeting

The Drew County 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.

USDA funds Arkansas research on grain production greenhouse gas emissions

By JOHN LOVETT
U of A Division of Ag

Most greenhouse gas emissions in commercial poultry operations are linked to feed production, and methods to reduce those emissions are the focus of a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

The Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, the research arm of the Division of Agriculture, has been tapped to conduct measurements of greenhouse gas emissions on farms that grow the two main components of poultry feed — corn and soybean. The measurements will be used to quantify the differences in practices such as conventional tillage and conservation tillage to develop value-added, “climate-smart” products.

Kris Brye, University Professor of applied soil physics and pedology with the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, will lead the emissions measurements, and Mike Daniels, professor and soil and water conservation scientist with the Cooperative Extension Service, will lead an outreach and educational component of the grant.

The Division of Agriculture's program includes plans for a monitoring and verification system of greenhouse gases that include carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. It will also evaluate local market opportunities for direct sale and tracking of grain to broiler operations.

Arkansas is third in the nation for production of chicken broilers. The state harvested over 3 million acres in soybeans and 830,000 acres in corn for grain in 2021, according to the 2022 Arkansas Agriculture Profile. A 2020 life cycle assessment found that feed production contributed about 72 percent of greenhouse gas emissions associated with broiler production.

As part of the USDA's Partnership for Climate-SMART Commodities program, the Division of Agriculture will be funded for at least three years to demonstrate the viability of growing more climate-friendly grains for sale to poultry feed operations. SMART stands for “Scaling Mechanisms for Agriculture's Regenerative Transformation.”

Support for the project includes funding to create a companion education program with post-doctoral and graduate students, as well as a Climate-SMART in-

structor and a technician in the Division of Agriculture's crop, soil and environmental sciences department.

The project will take place on selected Arkansas Discovery Farms and other private landowners' fields that produce soybean and corn crops. The Division of Agriculture's Discovery Farms program engages farmers in conservation through collaborative research. There are about a dozen farms in Arkansas associated with the Discovery Farms program.

Mississippi State University is the lead partner in the grant titled “Developing Climate-Smart Grain Markets in the Mid-South through Diverse Partnerships and a Farming-Systems Approach to Practice Integration to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.” Other partners include Alcorn State University in Mississippi, Southern Ag Services Inc., and Conservation Solutions LLC.

The USDA states that the Climate-SMART program will reach across 28 states and aim to “catalyze a self-sustaining, market-based network to broaden farmer access, scale adoption of climate-smart practices, and sustainably

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Senior Center lunch menu: Nov. 9-Nov. 16

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

Thursday: *Chili w/ Fritos, cheese, whole kernel corn, sugar cookie*

Friday: *CLOSED for Veterans Day*

Monday: *Hamburger mac, whole kernel corn, garlic toast, pudding*

Tuesday: *Great northern bean soup, pimento cheese sandwich, cookie bar, pickled beets*

Wednesday: *Chicken & dumplings, Italian green beans, cake*

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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(We will be closed Friday November 11th in observance of Veterans Day)



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ARKANSAS WEATHERMAN READS TO DCE CLASS



Photo courtesy of Trudy Jackson, DCE Principal

Drew Central Elementary hosted THV11's Craig O'Neill as a guest reader on Wednesday, November 2. He was invited to be Ms. Susan Cossey's "Wednesday Reader", and he also read to the entire second grade class, as part of his mission to travel the state to read to every second grade student in Arkansas.

Lynde achieves sapphire life master rank

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Lowell F. Lynde, Jr. of Choudrant, La., attained the rank of sapphire life master in the American Contract Bridge League on Oct. 29.

He and his partner, Bodie Cobb, won the Open Pairs event in the Fall Foliage Sectional tournament in Hot Springs Village.

This rank is a recognition of

a player's winning 3500 master points in club, online, and tournament play.

Lynde was the director of the Town and Gown Duplicate Bridge Club in Monticello from 1979 to 2019. He is both an ACBL certified director and teacher.

In 2013, he retired as associate professor of mathematics from the University of Arkan-

sas at Monticello, where he had taught for 44 years.

Over his lifetime, he has had more than 200 different bridge partners. He thanks Peggy Ross, Joy Hudson, Jack Tidball, Joann Hawley, Bodie Cobb, Jane Lucky, Laura Battey, Paul Graham, Jim Farmer, Mark Shekter and Chuck Williams for being his tournament partners on multiple occasions.

GRAIN

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produce grain and dairy commodities with verified and quantified climate benefits."

The Division of Agriculture will also take part in these projects funded through the USDA Partnerships for Climate-SMART Commodities program:

- Climate-Smart Cotton through a Sustainable & Inno-

vative Supply Chain Approach, with Bill Robertson, professor and extension agronomist.

- Climate-Smart Grasslands: The Root of Agriculture Carbon Markets, with Dirk Philipp, associate professor of animal science

To learn more about the Division of Agriculture research, visit the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station website: <https://aaes.uada.edu>. Follow us on Twitter at @ArkAgRe-

search and Instagram at @ArkAgResearch.

To learn about Extension Programs in Arkansas, contact your local Cooperative Extension Service agent or visit <https://uaex.uada.edu/>. Follow us on Twitter at @AR_Extension.

To learn more about the Division of Agriculture, visit <https://uada.edu/>. Follow us on Twitter at @AgInArk.

Researchers receive \$550,000 USDA-NIFA grant to develop farmers market food safety game

By **BRITTANEY MANN**

U of A System Division of Agriculture

Food safety education for small producers will take on an interactive gaming form with the help of a collaborative \$550,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Kristen Gibson, department of food science professor of food safety for the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and director of the Center for Food Safety, will serve as lead investigator on this grant, aimed at providing easy-to-access educational resources about safe food production directed at small- and medium-sized farmers getting started with their market endeavors.

Citing research that indicates interactive multimedia learning tools can help audiences understand concepts better than traditional education practices can, Gibson said the research team decided a multimedia game format may help producers retain the information better. The multi-institution project is titled "GLEAN (game learning to educate and advance knowledge): Transformative food safety training for farmers market vendors."

"We want to be sure that they're providing safe food to their customers," Gibson said. "And so, in order to implement best practices related to the

production and the handling of fresh produce, you have to understand why that is important."

The Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station is the research arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

Farmers market vendors do not sell a large volume of produce, and therefore are not covered by the Food and Drug Administration Food Safety Modernization Act, Gibson said. Food safety requirements may vary in each market, even within the same state, because farmers market managers can set their own regulations.

Farmers market vendors have varying levels of food safety knowledge and training, Gibson said. Additionally, farmers market managers may not have access to farmers market specific training that can be distributed to the local producers.

The Arkansas Department of Health does not require farmers markets vendors to obtain permits to sell uncut fruit and vegetables or temperature-stable cottage foods.

The researchers want to be sure that everyone has access to resources to aid in the adoption of food safety best practices, and to make it easier to receive them.

"The idea is to be sure you're capturing those people who may be falling through the cracks," Gibson said.

The development of this food safety training game will take place over three years. The researchers will collect data from a sample of local food producers to understand what information is most relevant, assess the effectiveness of the game in knowledge retention and eventually release it to the public.

Vendors can find multiple answers to their questions on different media, like Google searches or YouTube, and by directing the necessary information into a game format, it may help growers feel confident in the validity of the information they consume, Gibson said.

They want the game to be realistic to the growers' specific situations so that food safety awareness can transfer into their practices. The game will include different risks and related regulations, allow the producers to get help from in-game organizations that mirror real-life support structures and allow them to understand the varying rules

of different markets, Gibson said. The strategies will also center on how to gain entry to local and regional food systems.

Jennifer Acuff, assistant professor of food safety and microbiology at the experiment station, will also participate in the project.

"I am very excited to work on the GLEAN project," Acuff said. "With farmers markets continuing to grow in size and types of products sold, we want to make sure all the vendors are provided with as much knowledge as possible about relevant regulations and are empowered to employ best practices to prioritize the safety of their consumers."

Acuff's research focuses on reducing pathogens from foods at the post-harvest level through prevention and intervention. She received a \$200,000 grant earlier this year from USDA-NIFA to investigate moisture levels that lead to bacterial survival in low-moisture foods.

"We will be collaborating with

colleagues from around the nation to address local and regional knowledge gaps by employing creative learning tools, such as educational gaming," Acuff said.

That nationwide team of researchers includes Barbara Chamberlin, Matheus Cezarotto and Pamela Martinez from New Mexico State University, and Sujata Sirsat from the University of Houston. New Mexico State University will develop the game through its Learning Games Lab, which has developed many educational games.

Gibson has received many grants that feed into her work on food safety knowledge. Many of her projects aim to characterize food safety risks for small producers. Earlier this year, she characterized the pathogen vulnerability of two popular micro-green varieties and their growing media.

She was also recently awarded a \$27,739 grant from the Center for Produce Safety to evaluate current food safety knowledge

for indoor leafy green production, with the goal of presenting evidence-based best practices and identifying knowledge gaps on microbial risks.

Gibson is excited to use a game approach to relay food safety information. She hopes to see an increase in confidence, knowledge and the implementation of best practices outside the game.

"To do the practice, you have to have the knowledge first," Gibson said.

To learn more about Division of Agriculture research, visit the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station website: <https://aaes.uada.edu>. Follow us on Twitter at @ArkAgResearch. To learn more about the Division of Agriculture, visit <https://uada.edu/>. Follow us on Twitter at @AgInArk. To learn about extension programs in Arkansas, contact your local Cooperative Extension Service agent or visit www.uaex.uada.edu.

November Students of the Month for Drew Central Middle School

5th grade

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6th grade

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Kordae Gonder

7th grade

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Aden Muniz

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Rising to the challenge to combat worldwide hunger

Agriculture is the cornerstone of Arkansas's economy. It's a way of life for families in rural communities across our state. For generations, men and women have proudly devoted their lives to producing the food and fiber that feeds and clothes the world. Their job is vital as we confront new global threats and we must ensure they have the tools and the resources to rise to the challenge.

The International Monetary Fund recently released a report detailing the global hunger crisis and warned food insecurity is on the rise. The organization reports this problem has been increasing since 2018, and now with the war in Ukraine as well as increased costs for food and fertilizer, the situation is even more dire.

It's a problem UN World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Director David Beasley has seen firsthand, and in early November he shared his solutions for tackling this emergency at an event on the Harding University campus.

As part of the school's distinguished lecture series, I was honored to join him on a panel about the future of global food security. Beasley and WFP staff visited Arkansas and discussed ongoing efforts to combat hunger. Beasley warned the next two years will be a challenge as millions of people are "marching to starvation" as a result of escalating conflicts, food inaccessibility and increased prices.

He understands the problem better than anyone. In 2020, under Beasley's leadership, the WFP was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its work to fight hunger, promote peace in conflict-affected areas and prevent the weaponization of food as part of war and hostilities.

As Beasley has noted, America's farmers, ranchers and rural communities are vital in helping the WFP achieve its mission. As the ranking member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I'm committed to providing our agricultural producers throughout the country with the safety nets and risk management tools they need to sustain production.

The U.S. agricultural industry is experiencing significant challenges with an increase in input costs. Fertilizer prices have nearly tripled since January 2021, and diesel prices have increased by nearly 150 percent over this same time period. The cost of borrowing is on the rise too as interest rates are rising at the fastest pace in nearly 40 years. These are some of the biggest expenses for farmers and the costs are going up because of labor shortages, supply chain disruptions, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and historic inflation.

We'll be working in the coming year to craft an updated farm bill that supports the current needs of the industry in order to continue producing the most abundant, affordable and safest food supply in the world.

Beasley acknowledged it's up to world leaders to help end hunger and U.S. leadership to alleviate food insecurity is indispensable. In Congress, we've taken steps to combat hunger and malnutrition by supporting the mission of the WFP.

Last month, the president signed into law the bipartisan Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act, legislation I championed to help fight food insecurity and improve coordination with our partners around the world to deliver help to children and families most in need.

We know we have more work to do. We can be grateful for the WFP and other public, private and charitable organizations helping deliver hope and nutritional provisions to those struggling. This is a humanitarian crisis, but it is also a matter of great national security importance.

As we write out our shopping lists for Thanksgiving dinner, it's important we think about those who don't have access to food. Arkansans have always been generous and willing to give back to people in need. Whether it's donating to a local food bank or volunteering time to help serve meals, there is a role for us all to play to help our neighbors in need.

A lifetime of love and happiness

On Saturday, my cousin and best friend for life, got married and it was beyond beautiful.

Seeing someone you've known for your entire life be so happy and so stunningly beautiful is one of the best feelings in the world. I can not wait to see what the future holds for their amazing little family.

Weddings can be stressful, there is no doubt about it. Planning can be a nightmare. Budgets can get blown. Feelings will undoubtedly get hurt before it's all said and done. Why do we put ourselves through this ancient process when it causes so much turmoil?

I believe the answer to that is, deep down, we all believe in love and we want to see it with our own eyes. We enjoy celebrating with people we care about and a wedding should be just that, a celebration.

Weddings are a symbol of an ever lasting bond. The weight of the decision to commit your entire life to someone is massive. I don't think anyone fully understands the gravity of the situation. I

know my mind can only scratch the surface.

When you decide to marry someone, you must be ready for the unexpected and you must be prepared to be vulnerable. These are probably the two most difficult things that I deal with in my marriage because I am as stubborn as an old barn mule.

I don't like surprises and I definitely don't like to be vulnerable. It is so important to have a partner that can stand beside you through any, and all surprises, because life will eventually throw you a curveball or two.

Being vulnerable is difficult for anyone I suppose. For a strong willed, determine female that always has a plan, it is extra difficult.

There is a certain level of fear that comes with being exposed and having another human being see the darkest parts of your past. I don't imagine anyone enjoys the feeling of vulnerability because it typically comes during times of unrest.

Having a spouse that eases your fears and doesn't judge you is one of the most liberating feelings I have ever experienced. I can not stress that enough to newly engaged couples.

Love is wonderful, and I am a life long fan of The Beatles, but as I have aged, I realized they were wrong. Love is not all you need.

Being in a successful and healthy relationship takes so much more than love.

Don't get me wrong, love is the foundation and without it, you have nothing. But, love alone will not ensure a happy life.

Marriage is partnership, and its not always 50/50. Some days, its 80/20 and you have to be prepared for that on any given day.

A good partner is ready and willing to carry the load on hard days. A good partner will offer to help in any capacity. A good partner will not judge you or make you feel like a second class citizen.

Even the most wonderful of unions take work. Life is hard, and joining two lives is an ongoing process.

I am in no shape, form or fashion a marriage expert. I just happen to be fortunate enough to know some of my strengths and weaknesses and know what I need in a partner. Being honest with yourself first is a good first step in selecting a life mate.

Life is too short to be unhappy. Find the one that makes you smile and understands your darkness and keep them close forever.

Congratulations Holly and Scott, I wish you all the happiness in the world!



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Remembering Veterans Day

Arkansas is home to more than 222,000 veterans. That equals close to 10 percent of our adult population.

Whether they served in times of war or peace, our veterans all share an unwavering belief in the cause of freedom.

As we approach Veterans Day, we want to extend our sincere appreciation to those who

despite the risk and sacrifice, raised their hand to serve and defend our country. We are also grateful to families of service members and veterans who

also serve this nation with their support and sacrifice.

The Arkansas General Assembly continually reviews ways to ensure our veterans and their families are well cared for and that our policies make life a little easier for those who call Arkansas home.

In 2017, we passed Act 141 which exempts military retirement benefits from state income tax. It is estimated that there are close to 25,000 military retirees living in Arkansas.

In the 2021 Regular Session, we passed Act 988 which allows dependents of certain veterans to receive tuition waivers to private, nonprofit institutions of higher education; and caps the amount of the tuition waiver for dependents of certain veterans.

We also passed Act 58 creates a veterans treatment specialty court program. This General Assembly passed Act 888 which waives the licensing fee for a license to carry a concealed handgun if the applicant is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces or is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. And we passed Act 640 which ensures that the Suicide Prevention Hotline employs individuals who have experience working with veterans.

We encourage Arkansans to consider ways they can support our veterans this Veterans Day and throughout the year.

There are numerous volunteer opportunities across the state. Medical facilities, VA hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics need volunteers to perform a wide range of duties.

You can find links to resources for our veterans at veterans.arkansas.gov.

Expanding health services with Life360 HOMES

Today I would like to talk about how Arkansas is expanding health services for several populations with greater health needs through the state's ARHOME program.

In 2013, the Arkansas General Assembly passed the Health Care Independence Act, which established the use of expanded Medicaid coverage. It was known as the "private option."

After I took office in 2015, we worked to put in place the Arkansas Works Act. This act continued the Private Option, but also added features such as including a work requirement.

On January 1, 2022, we introduced Arkansas Health & Opportunity for Me, or ARHOME. Like Arkansas Works, ARHOME offers health care coverage

for eligible Arkansans, using Medicaid dollars to buy health insurance coverage for clients. The difference is that ARHOME places a greater emphasis on improving health outcomes of those who use it by holding the insurance carriers accountable for meeting health improvement targets.

This week, I announced the newest expansion to the ARHOME program with the addition of Life360 HOMES. The General Assembly takes a lot of credit for the hard work in expanding these services.

These Life360 HOMES will be used to assist women with high-risk pregnancies, help people with mental illnesses gain access to services in our rural counties, and give young adults most at risk of long-term poverty a helping hand with opportunities and skills for improving their lives. They will also provide support for hospitals, especially those in rural areas.

The rural hospitals will offer services like home visits for eligible women

with high-risk pregnancies. Home visitation programs can improve maternal health outcomes and improve health for children.

Another function of the Life360 HOMES will be to coordinate services to individuals with serious mental illnesses or substance use disorders who are living in rural areas. They will be able to partner with our rural hospitals and provide clients with care for up to 24 months.

In 2021, nearly 52,000 ARHOME clients in rural counties were diagnosed with a serious mental illness or substance use disorder. This means our rural patients will be receiving more treatment with a closer focus on better health outcomes.

These Life360 HOMES are a critical part of the ARHOME initiative, and the additional services made available to Arkansans across this state have the potential to make a profound impact on the health of our citizens.

More help coming to women with high risk pregnancies

Arkansas received good news from federal regulators that allows the state Medicaid program to better help women during at-risk pregnancies and other at-risk populations.

Last year Medicaid provided medical services to 12,500 Arkansas women with high-risk pregnancies.

The availability of more benefits will extend also to veterans aged 19 through 30, and to people in rural areas who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness or

a substance abuse disorder.

Another group that will benefit are young people from 17 through 27 years of age who have been in foster care, young people 19 through 24 who have been incarcerated and young people aged 19 through 24 who have been in the custody of the state Youth Services Division.

State Medicaid officials had asked for permission from federal agencies to implement the new services, targeted at some of the state's most vulnerable people.

The permit came in the form of a waiver for the Arkansas Medicaid expansion program known as ARHOME. At the beginning of September ARHOME had 339,297 enrollees.



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Arkansas approved for FEMA high hazard potential dam grant funding

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The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that its Natural Resources Division has been approved for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) Grant in the amount of \$226,803. Arkansas is one of 19 total states to receive the grant this fiscal year.

FEMA's Rehabilitation of HHPD grant program provides technical, planning, design, and construction assistance for eligi-

ble rehabilitation activities that reduce dam risk and increase community preparedness. Eligible projects include repair, removal, or structural/nonstructural rehabilitation of eligible high hazard potential dams.

"The Natural Resources Division is excited to receive such a competitive grant award," said Director of Natural Resources Chris Colclasure. "This funding will better allow cities and communities to institute plans and strategies for dam rehabilitation while focusing on the safety of

Arkansans."

The Natural Resources Division plans to work with targeted communities to implement project scoping for high hazard dams. The period of performance for the grant is September 15, 2022, to September 14, 2025.

Additional information on the Rehabilitation of HHPD Grant program can be found at www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/dam-safety/rehabilitation-high-hazard-potential-dams.

Arkansas Dept. of Ag accepting applications for Farm to School Program grants

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the annual Arkansas School Garden Grant Program and Arkansas Taste Test Grant Program to help schools start or expand farm to school activities. Applications will be accepted through December 15, 2022.

The Arkansas School Garden Grant Program is available to help schools start or expand gardens on school grounds. The Department will award \$500 grants to 50 schools to purchase soil, specialty crop seeds and plants, and gardening equipment.

The Arkansas Taste Test Grant Program is available to help schools lead cafeteria taste tests of locally grown specialty crops. The Department will award \$250 grants to 20 schools to purchase kitchen equipment and utensils,

servicing materials, and specialty crop seeds and plants.

"School gardens and taste tests have proven to be valuable tools in teaching children about agriculture, nutrition, and a variety of skills," said Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward. "The lessons learned through these programs can have a lasting impact on children, their families, and entire communities."

The grant programs are available to public and private K-12 schools, early childhood education facilities, and alternative learning environments. All eligible schools are encouraged to apply, whether they already have existing farm to school activities or they are just getting started with school gardens and local procurement. Technical assistance is available to all grantees.

The application for both pro-

grams can be found at <https://bit.ly/3TLLT7d>. Applicants are welcome to apply for one or both grant opportunities within the same application.

Both grant programs were developed with funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program to increase the production and consumption of specialty crops in schools. Specialty crops as defined by the USDA are fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, floriculture, and nursery crops.

More information about the Arkansas School Garden Grant Program and Arkansas Taste Test Grant Program can be found at agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-department-of-agriculture/farm-to-school/ or by contacting Erica Benoit at erica.benoit@agriculture.arkansas.gov.

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ample, they will provide a nurse to visit the homes of pregnant women, during their pregnancies and for up to 24 months after the baby is born. They will get funding for counselors to help people with mental illness, and to set up acute crisis units.

Acute care hospitals can contract with local organizations that have experience working with young people at risk of leading a life of poverty. Those youths typically go through foster care and the juvenile justice system.

People receiving services under the Life360 may be referred to homeless shelters, churches or faith-based organizations.

The state's Medicaid expansion program has had several names since its initial creation. It was called the private option when the legislature first approved it in 2013.

Unlike the traditional Medicaid program, the private option and subsequent versions uses government funds to subsidize private health insurance for eligible people.

The second version of Medicaid expansion was called Arkansas Works, because it first had a requirement that in order to

receive services an enrollee must either work or look for work.

An individual with income of more than \$12,888 a year must pay a \$13 monthly premium to help cover the cost of ARHOME health insurance. Medicaid pays the rest. Also, enrollees must pay up to \$60 a quarter in co-pays.

Co-pays are generally \$4.70 for a doctor visit. Generic medications are \$4.70, and specialty drugs are \$9.40. There are no costs for some services, such as preventive care and vaccines.

When should you adjust your investment mix?

There are no shortcuts to investment success – you need to establish a long-term strategy and stick with it. This means that you'll want to create an investment mix based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon – and then regularly review this mix to ensure it's still meeting your needs.

In fact, investing for the long term doesn't necessarily mean you should lock your investments in forever. Throughout your life, you'll likely need to make some changes.

Of course, everyone's situation is different and there's no prescribed formula of when and how you should adjust your investments. But some possibilities may be worth considering.

For example, a few years before you retire, you may want to re-evaluate your risk exposure and consider moving part of your portfolio into a more risk-averse position. When you were decades away from retiring, you may have felt more comfortable with a more aggressive positioning because you had time to "bounce back" from any market downturns. But as you near retirement, it may make sense to lower your risk level. And as part of a move toward a reduced-risk approach, you also may want to evaluate the "cash" positions in your portfolio. When the market has gone through a decline, as has been the case in 2022, you may not want to tap into your portfolio to meet short-term and emergency needs, so having sufficient cash on hand is important. Keep in mind, though, that having too much cash on the "sidelines" may affect your ability to reach your long-term goals.

Even if you decide to adopt a more risk-averse investment position before you retire, though, you may still benefit from some growth-oriented investments in your portfolio to help you keep ahead of – or at least keep pace with – inflation. As you know, inflation has surged in 2022, but even when it's been relatively mild, it can still erode your purchasing power significantly over time.

Changes in your own goals or circumstances may also lead you to modify your investment mix. You might decide to retire earlier or later than you originally planned. You might even change your plans for the type of retirement you want, choosing to work part-time for a few years. Your family situation may change – perhaps you have another child for whom you'd like to save and invest for college. Any of these events could lead you to review your portfolio to find new op-

portunities or to adjust your risk level – or both.

You might wonder if you should also consider changing your investment mix in response to external forces, such as higher interest rates or the rise in inflation this year. It's certainly true that these types of events can affect parts of your portfolio, but it may not be advisable to react by shuffling your investment mix. In the first place, nobody can really predict how long these forces will keep their momentum – it's quite possible, for instance, that inflation will have subsided noticeably within a year. But more importantly, you should make investment moves based on the factors we've already discussed: your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon and individual circumstances.

By reviewing your portfolio regularly, possibly with the assistance of a financial professional, you can help ensure that your investment mix will always be appropriate for your needs and goals.

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2022 State, Federal Accountability Reports for schools released

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The Arkansas Department of Education's Division of Elementary and Secondary Education released today the 2022 state and federal accountability reports for Arkansas public schools. The reports include information about student achievement and growth, graduation rates, and other indicators that measure student learning.

The state and federal reports, available on the My School Info website (<https://myschoolinfo.arkansas.gov>), mirror each other in many ways, with the state report including a letter grade for each school. This year marks the first time in three years that schools have received letter grades. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, statewide assessments were not administered in 2020, and accountability reports were not released. Assessments were given in 2021, and accountability reports, including ESSA School Index Scores, were released; however, the Arkansas Legislature granted a pause on issuing letter grades for 2020 and 2021 because of pandemic disruptions on student learning.

While the number of schools receiving A and B letter grades

decreased in 2022 compared to 2019, nearly 60 percent of schools' ESSA School Index Scores (explained in more detail below) increased when compared to 2021 scores.

"As expected, this year's reports do not reflect a complete recovery from the pandemic's effects on student learning; however, the results do suggest a rebound from the previous year," ADE Secretary Johnny Key said. "Since the height of the pandemic, districts and the state have used federal ESSER funds to implement programs designed to accelerate learning. The impact of these programs is promising; however, it is essential that the state and local school communities stay focused and continue best practices that will accelerate learning."

Additional 2022 Report Highlights

The bullets below reflect additional highlights from this year's reports.

- On average, schools' 2022 ESSA School Index scores are relatively stable for elementary and middle schools and increased at the high school level when compared to 2021 scores.

- A total of 59.9 percent of

schools' ESSA School Index scores improved from 2021, compared to 11.79 percent from 2019 to 2021.

- Average Weighted Achievement scores increased for all grade spans in 2022 compared to 2021, demonstrating the early rebound noted in 2022 assessment results released in August 2022.

- Average Value-Added Growth scores were relatively stable in 2022 compared to 2021 and 2019.

- Average Graduation Rates for 2021 increased from 2020.

- Gains in Weighted Achievement were offset to some degree by lower School Quality and Student Success scores. This reflects a lagging impact of pandemic disruptions on student learning.

- The number of schools receiving A and B letter grades decreased, while the number receiving C, D, and F grades increased.

The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 required states to develop their own accountability systems to determine how well students are learning. Arkansas stakeholders, which included teachers, students, administrators, parents, legislators, and the

community, developed Arkansas' system, which was approved by the U.S. Department of Education in January 2018.

In 2013, the Arkansas Legislature passed legislation that requires the state to implement an A-F grading scale for schools. At the request of Arkansas stakeholders, ADE aligned the state's accountability system, including the School Rating System, with the approved Arkansas Every Student Succeeds Act federal accountability plan.

The reports released today include numerous measures of student learning for multiple years. Trend data provide schools a sense of how students perform academically over time and whether schools are improving access and opportunity for success. Districts should review each measure closely and use the data to make informed decisions about student learning. Parents are encouraged to have conversations with their child's school to discuss the results.

ESSA School Index Scores are comprised of four main weighted indicators: Weighted Achievement, Value-Added Growth, School Quality and Student Success, and Graduation

Rate (where applicable).

- Weighted Achievement scores reflect student academic attainment in English Language Arts and Mathematics across four levels: In Need of Support, Close, Ready, and Exceeds. The levels are weighted in the calculations. As a result, over time, schools can increase their Weighted Achievement scores by moving more students from lower to higher achievement levels.

- Students are expected to learn and grow academically each year based on their own test score history. Value-Added Growth scores separate the effects of non-school related factors (for example, poverty) on the student's change in achievement so that the student's growth expectation is more precise. This indicator includes English learner progress toward English language proficiency.

- The SQSS indicator combines measures of engagement, access, readiness, completion, and success criteria. Each measure focuses on the extent to which students are meeting important educational milestones (such as reading proficiently), important readiness criteria

(based on ACT scores), and important postsecondary success indicators (attainment of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or concurrent credits).

- In high school calculations, the school's four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and the five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate are calculated into the ESSA School Index scores. Students will be assigned to an adjusted cohort group the year the student is first enrolled as a ninth-grade student. Graduation Rates are lagging indicators, meaning the data are delayed by one year.

School Ratings

For state accountability purposes, each school receives an A-F letter grade based on the school's ESSA School Index score. When comparing 2022 scores to 2019 scores — a three-year gap — it is not surprising that more schools at all grade spans are clustered in the lower letter grades. It is important to keep in mind that the 2022 grades are reflective of many factors that include learning loss and other potentially lagging impacts of the pandemic.

Hold off the heating bill: Study reveals 441k Arkansans wait until temperatures reach freezing before turning on the heaters

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Winter is coming, in the inimitable words from Game of Thrones, and that means only one thing: it's about to get colder. With energy prices, inflation and therefore the cost of living on the rise, it is no surprise that many Americans are tightening their belts and cutting their spending. Usually when this happens, it is purchases of non-essential items that are reduced — perhaps trips to the movies, dining out and gym memberships. It appears, however, that millions of Americans will also be cutting back on essential things in life such as heating, in order to save some money.

ServiceMaster Restoration by Zaba surveyed 3,000 respondents to find out how many say

they only plan on turning on their heating when average temperatures reach freezing (or the lowest temperature where they live). The survey revealed that 441k Arkansans (19 percent) will only turn their heating on when average outdoor temperatures reach 34°F.

The company analyzed historical weather data (30 years) from Weatherspark.com to identify the precise date that average temperatures fall to 34°F which in Arkansas is on January 16th. Using absolute numbers of adults in each state, they could therefore identify how many in each state will endure cold indoor temperatures for financial reasons.

Those savers across the country will turn on their heating

on different dates, based on local average temperatures. Over 166,000 North Dakotans (29 percent), for example, admit they already turned their heating on as temperatures dropped to 32°F on October 24th. And over 1 million hardy Tennesseans will wait until January 7th next year when temperatures reach 32°F before they turn on the heating.

Interactive map showing which temperature and date Americans in each state wait until before they turn their heating on.

Some lucky states, however, never reach freezing point at all; the coldest it will get in Louisiana for example is 35°F. Here, 1 in 3 locals will wait until January 23rd, when it falls to that temperature, before warming their

homes.

It is no wonder people are trying to hold off as long as possible; according to figures from the US Energy Information Administration (EIA), US consumers can expect to pay up to 28% more to heat their homes this winter compared to last year, due to surging fuel costs and slightly colder weather.

But why should you have it on at all? Well, apart from staying warm and comfortable, it also helps to protect your home. One big risk with not turning on the heating is that pipes can burst (caused when the water in them freezes due to not being heated up, expands, and then breaks the pipe itself, causing the thawed water to escape). This can cause your home to flood, leading to

thousands of dollars in restoration costs. Having the heating on can also prevent mold from forming in your home, as it will warm the cold air which otherwise would form as condensation and coat walls and windows.

So, how can we keep costs down this winter? ServiceMaster Restoration by Zaba has provided the following tips:

1. Service your appliances to make sure they are working effectively.
2. Clean your heating system to ensure nothing is blocked and/or there are no leaks.
3. Seal all potential leaks/openings against drafts coming into the house.
4. Keep windows covered by curtains - about 30% of a home's heating energy is lost via win-

dows.

5. Lower your thermostat by a few degrees - this can help save up to 10% on your energy bill.

6. Keep the heating on at the lowest bearable level at night, while out at work, or on vacation, to avoid pipes freezing, thawing and flooding your home. Insulate pipes beforehand, if possible.

7. Don't block space heaters or heating vents so warm air can circulate effectively. This also prevents fires from starting.

"We all want to stay warm, dry and safe this winter," says Diana Rodriguez from ServiceMaster Restoration by Zaba. "Just a few simple tips can help ensure you're not left shivering or paying a ton for damage that could have been prevented."

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of Help: John Ruskin's Moral Vision of Connection," was delivered by Dr. Gabriel Meyer, the executive director of the Ruskin Art Club of Los Angeles, California. His talk focused on the importance of community service and commitment to sustain the vitality of community life. He is a poet-journalist and an award-winning foreign correspondent who has lived and worked throughout the Middle

East, the Balkans and East Africa. He was especially acclaimed for his coverage of the first Palestinian Intifada and the Bosnian War and was awarded honorary doctorates in recognition of his work as a journalist by the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology at UC Berkeley in 2017 and by Lancaster University in the UK in 2022.

Entertainment activities were open to the public throughout the conference. Drew County Extension Homemakers Council hosted the Inaugural Delta Quilt Show in the Gibson Uni-

versity Center on October 28 and 29, displaying over 100 Arkansas quilts. On October 28, Nick Newlin of 30 Minute Shakespeare led a "Let's Make a Scene" dramatic reading of his condensed version of "Twelfth Night" and UAM's jazz combo held a concert. On October 29, Michael Blazier, dean of UAM's

School of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources, led an indoor nature walk.

Dr. Kay Walter, program chair of the 2022 APA conference and professor of English at UAM, stated, "The feedback I'm getting about the 2022 APA Conference is universally positive and covers a wide variety

of aspects: individual presentations, the food, harmony within sessions, the quilt show, the indoor nature walk, the keynote address, the Shakespeare reading, the preprofessional presentations by undergraduates, the friendliness of our members and the UAM campus itself. In all, I think this was a success-

ful building year for the Arkansas Philological Association, and I'm grateful for the part I played."

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Timothy Walton Beckham

Our loving husband and father Timothy Walton Beckham entered into God's Kingdom on October 31 surrounded by his family, after a difficult battle with cancer.

Tim was born to Rosa and Robert Beckham on November 5, 1939, in Jacksonville, Fla., and he grew up in Coral Gables, Fla.

After serving in the US Air Force, Tim attended Florida State University on the GI Bill, graduating with a degree in Business Administration in 1968. He was inducted into Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity. It was at Florida State that he met his beloved wife of 53 years, Betty Ann. They went on to have three children, Teresa, Richard, and Ruth. Tim worked as Human Resource Manager and Labor Relations Manager for Burlington Industries for thirty-three years, which eventually brought him to Monticello, twenty-five years ago.

After his retirement from Burlington Industries in 2001, Tim and Betty Ann had time together to fish and travel around the country visiting family in their RV. He and Betty Ann worked together to establish and grow their computer consulting business, Beckham Squared, LLC. Tim was an active member of Rotary International for much of his life. He was an ardent supporter of the Monticello-Drew Chamber of Commerce. He served as a Chamber Board Member.

Tim and Betty Ann were members of St. Mark Catholic Church. His love for his wife, children, and grandchildren motivated his every action. Although his loss is mourned, his life and his reunion with the Lord are causes for celebration and joy.

Tim was preceded in death by his daughter Ruth. He is survived by his dearest wife, Betty Ann, his children Teresa (Marshall) and Richard (Jingyi), his grandchildren, Caroline, William, and Joshua, and his sister, Bobbie Ann Shomaker. Services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 at St. Mark Catholic Church in Monticello.

(Paid obituary)

Tommye Irene Boyd

Tommye Irene Boyd, 83, of Broken Arrow, Okla., formerly of Monticello, passed away Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Hillcrest South Hospital in Tulsa.

She was born August 20, 1939, in Duncan, Okla. to the late Thomas Franklin Darnell and Hilda Irene Brock Darnell.

She was a retired registered nurse and member of Enon Baptist Church of Monticello. Ms. Tommye was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a former alumni member of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Survivors include a son, Jerry (Jay) William Boyd, Jr. (Theresa) of Broken Arrow, Okla.; a daughter, Sandra (Sandy) Carol Hughes (Russell) of Columbus, Miss.; four

grandchildren, Robert Michael Boyd and Emily Elizabeth Boyd both of Broken Arrow, Okla., Christopher Jay Hughes (Courtney) of Arcadia, Fla. and Joshua Alan Hughes (Tiffany Proctor) of Steens, Miss.; six great grandchildren, Jace Michael Hert, Bentley Ray Hughes, Ava Lane Hughes, Cameron Alan Hughes, Raymond Wayne Hughes and Jaxston Eric Hughes; along with cousins, Ann Rice, Pat Wade, Jan Nieminen, Cheryl Calhoun Rice, Jim Mitchell, Mary Jo Mitchell, Bill Bishop, Charles Calhoun and Robert Mitchell.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 12, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Kevin Dunn officiating. There will be a visitation preceding the funeral service from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery in Monticello. You can sign Ms. Tommye's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

Shirley Bernice McKinstry Burks

Shirley Bernice McKinstry Burks, 93, of Wilmar, died November 3, 2022, at her home. She was born October 18, 1929, in Drew County, to the late Bernice Wright and Dorothy Daniel McKinstry.

She was a graduate of Wilmar High School and attended Arkansas A&M College before completing courses at Draughon School of Business in Little Rock. She worked at both Commercial and Union Banks, as well as doing the payroll and bookkeeping for the family logging and cattle operations. In later years, she volunteered with the Drew Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She was a lifelong member of Wilmar United Methodist Church and served on the board of the Wilmar Cemetery Association.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband of more than 50 years, James H. Burks; two brothers, Dan McKinstry and Hardy McKinstry; and a daughter-in-law, Fran Burks.

Survivors include a son, J.R. Burks of Warren; a daughter, Beverly Burks of Wilmar; two granddaughters, Shelley Lewis of Hot Springs and Rachel Seach (Jay) of Wilmar; three great-granddaughters, Sadie Nordeck (Ken) and Anna Lewis both of North Little Rock, and Ella Seach of Wilmar; and three great-great-grandchildren, Andi, Archer and Payton Nordeck all of North Little Rock.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Ab Pevey officiating. Burial was in Wilmar Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Monticello Senior Citizens Meal Program, 203 Henley Drive, Monticello, 71655; the Drew Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, % Barbara Brown, P.O. Box 764, Monticello, 71657; or the Wilmar Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 132, Wilmar, 71675. You can sign Mrs. Shirley's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

Barbara Ann David

Barbara Ann (Sista) David, 73, of Pine Bluff, was born September 19, 1949, in Monticello, to the late Willis White and Rebie Folk.

She went to be with her Lord and Savior Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at her home.

Barbara loved the Lord and confessed her hope in Christ at an early age. She was a faithful member of Mt. Harmony Missionary Baptist Church for over 40 years, under the Leadership of Reverend Robert Handley. She was an active member of the church and was involved in the Nettie Walker Circle and active in the District, State, and National conference. Barbara was a National Educator and Baptist Leader. She relished her role as a Sunday school teacher and inspired many students, one of which wrote a book that featured a Sunday school teacher she named, "Mrs. David."

She attended Drew Elementary and Drew High School. She worked for Fisher Body in Flint, Mich. for 10 years.

In addition, she was a G.I. Lab Tech for Dr. O.T. Gordon and a Physical Therapist Assistant for JRMC. She was the proud owner of Sunshine Cleaning Services, LLC and an outstanding Caregiver for the elderly and sick. Barbara was proud to be from "Vinegar Hill". In her free time, she enjoyed talking on the phone, shopping, and spending time with her family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her three brothers, Willie White, James White, and Terry Binns, Sr.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories her husband, John David of Pine Bluff; two sons, Gregory David of Pine Bluff; and Anthony David of Seattle, Wash.; six grandchildren, Zaria David, TayAnna David, Lala David, Toni David, Omari David, Zhoe Thomas; one great-granddaughter, Raegan Dillard; eight brothers, Jerry (Jerline) Binns of Milwaukee, Wis.; Percy White, Larry White, Curtis White, and Herman Folk all of Monticello; Kenneth White, Russell White, and Ronnie Johnson all of Los Angeles, Calif.; five sisters, Janice Ridgell, Faye Jenkins, Joyce (Fred) Lewis all of Monticello; Connie White and Lisa White both of Los Angeles, Calif.; two sister in laws, Dorothy Lawson and Robizine Sawyer; three brother in laws, Ricky David, Gregory (Audra) David, and Thomas David; her best friends, Joyce Gold, Judy Ferrell, Calla Woodard Fisher, Carolyn Nelson; two special Caregivers Margaret McMiller and Carolyn Briggs of Pine Bluff, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 5, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. There was a wake from 5-7 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery. You can sign Barbara's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

Martha Faye Huff Davis

Martha Faye Huff Davis, 89, of

Cabot, went to be with her Lord and Savior Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at her home.

She was born August 12, 1933, in Lincoln County, to the late Joseph Lee Huff and Annie Mae Belin Huff.

She was a homemaker and entrepreneur that wore many hats and ran several businesses and was the textbook minister's wife.

Mrs. Martha enjoyed cooking and serving others in any capacity. She loved her family, her church and supporting her husband's ministry. She also had a servant's heart with a passion for serving others.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by three brothers, Virgil Huff, Joseph Huff and Claude Huff; three sisters, Addie Mae Schradler, Mardell Harris and Betty Ray Rodgers; two sons, Joseph David Davis and Gregory Scott Davis; and a grandson, Brendan Nash. She is survived by her husband, Bishop Albert Thomas Davis

of Cabot; two daughters, Brenda Nash of Cabot and Sherry Middleton (Chuck) of Bryant; one son, Bishop Albert Randall Davis (Janice) of Cabot; her siblings, Joann Smart of Mesquite, Texas, Marlene Barnes of McGehee, Linda Smith of Dumas, Bishop James Baker of Conway, Rev. Mark Huff of Brooklyn, Charlie Baker of Board Camp and Curtis Baker of Jacksonville; nine grandchildren, twenty-five great grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren with two more on the way.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, November 7, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Bishop Jeff Cole, Rev. Mark Haston and Rev. Larry Swiger officiating. There was a visitation from 1-2 p.m. preceding the funeral service at the funeral home. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Monticello.

Memorials may be made to the Church of God Retired Minister's Fund; PO Box 2650; Benton, 72018. You can sign Mrs. Martha's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

Warren Bradley Grissom

Warren Bradley Grissom, 70, of Monticello, went to be with his Lord and Savior Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at Drew Memorial Hospital in Monticello. He was born December 30, 1951, in Malvern, to the late Percy Grissom and Mary Griswold Grissom.

He was retired from Wal Mart and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Brad was a socializer. He loved visiting, laughing, and joking with anyone no matter who it was, and always had a smile on his face and a

heart of gold. Another passion of his was having his grandkids over and spending quality time with them. He also loved reading his Bible, shopping at Wal Mart and worshipped the ground his wife walked on. He was a Weevil and Pirate fan, he listened to the ball-games every chance he got.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy Grissom.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Kay Marlar Grissom of Monticello; his children, Jessica Henry (Ruel) of Green Hill, Tori Childres and Brian Duffy both of Monticello; a Goddaughter, Misti Hall; grandchildren, Kailee McKay and fiancé Nick Barnard, Cody McKay, Bailey Childres, Amber Carpenter; a very close friend, Kim East; a nephew, Caleb Grissom; and a cousin, Jimmy Grissom.

Funeral services were held at 6 p.m. Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Gary Carter officiating. There was a visitation from 5-6 p.m. preceding the funeral service at the funeral home. You can sign Brad's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

Kennon Ray Worthington

Rev. Kennon "Kenny" Ray Worthington, 75, of Monticello, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock, surrounded by his two daughters. He was born February 13, 1947, in Monticello, to the late Rev.

Joe and Alpha Worthington. He was a retired insurance agent for American General Life Insurance Agency for over 30 years.

He surrendered to the ministry on January 31, 1988 at Calvary Baptist Church in Monticello, and was called for his first pastorate at Parkdale Baptist Church in May of that year. He then went on to pastor at Wilmar Baptist Church in 1993, Ladelle Baptist Church in 2001 and Collins Baptist Church in May 2015, until he retired in September 2020. Many lives were touched and great things took place through these years of ministry and Kenny always said "To God be the glory, great things He has done." He loved the Lord and was a faithful servant for many years.

Kenny loved sports and in his younger years he was a very good left handed baseball and softball player. In high school, he loved to

play basketball at Wilmar High School and was a free-throw champ. He also loved being outdoors, hunting and fishing, dirt track races, Sunday afternoon watching Nascar and he loved to tell stories about drag racing from his younger years.

Kenny's greatest joy was his family. He loved his girls and grandkids and if there is one thing they never had to question, it was his love for them. His love will live on through them for many years to come. Every time they said "I love you" his reply was always "I love you more".

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his in-laws, Dub and Fay McClain, his three sisters, Genella Henry, Mavis Barnes, and Julia Worthington, along with three nephews. He leaves to cherish his memory his two daughters, Melanie Calhoun (Buddy Joe) and Heather Lowe (Joey Norton), along with their mother, Kay Worthington. Kenny is also survived by his two grandchildren. He was known as "Poppy" to his grandson, Jarrett Hartness whom Kenny always called his "little buddy" and he was known as "Bop Pop" to his granddaughter, Alex Lowe whom Kenny always called his "baby doll". Survivors also include Alex's dad, Tillman Lowe, along with a step-grandson, Justin Calhoun (Kennedy) and step-great-granddaughter, Selah Calhoun. He also had one niece and numerous nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Kenny is also survived by a special cousin who was like a brother, Paul Adcock. Kenny and Paul hunted together for the last 50 years. The duo was known as "Ollie and Fred". They had many adventures together and their stories will live on in the hearts of their family. Killing a deer was just the cherry on top to the laughter, food and tall tales and memories they shared.

Kenny was blessed with many friends over the years. He and his close friend Bill Jones spent many days in the last few years having coffee and laughing together.

Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Calvary Baptist Church with his nephew, Bro. Kevin Henry officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery. There was a visitation Sunday from 1 - 3 p.m. prior to the service at Calvary Baptist Church.

The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Michael Fakouri and Dr. David Jones and their staff and P&M Medical for the care given during Kenny's illness.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM KEITH THURMAN, DECEASED

CASE NO. 22PR-22-143

NOTICE

Name of Decedent: William Keith Thurman
Last Known Address: 3663 Highway 425 South, Fountain Hill, Arkansas 71642
Date of Death: August 29, 2022

On November 2, 2022, an affidavit for collection of small estate by distributee was filed with respect to the estate of William Keith Thurman, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the circuit court of Drew County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

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

The name, mailing address and telephone number of the distributee or distributee's attorney is:

William Anthony Thurman
212 Waterside Court
Austin, AR 72007
Phone: (501) 413-8182
This notice first published November 9, 2022.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS – Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

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Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Advance-Monticellonian will be CLOSED November 24-25. The deadline for the classifieds, garage sales, legal notices and country news for the November 23 paper will be Friday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m., and all other paper ads will be Monday, November 21 at noon.

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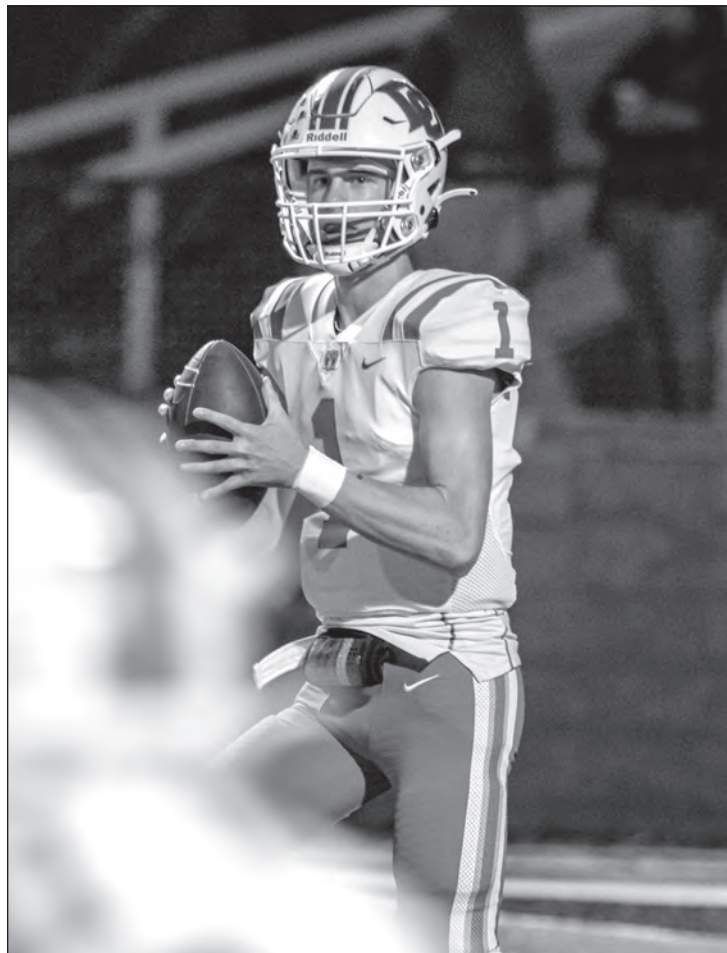
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Pirates qualify for 3A State Playoffs despite 48-20 loss at Rison



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KADE BODIFORD looks for an open receiver against Rison Friday night in Rison. The Pirates kept pace with the Wildcats for most of the first quarter of play, before Rison went up two scores early in the second quarter.

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

Entering Friday night's contest with the Rison Wildcats, the Drew Central Pirates had to have help from two other conference contests in order to keep their playoff hopes alive.

For the Pirates to have a chance, there were three possible scenarios that would give the Pirates a shot at the playoffs.

First, was that a victory over the Wildcats would put the Pirates in the playoffs outright. The next scenario was that if Fordyce beat Lakeside and Barton defeated Camden Harmony Grove then the Pirates would enter as the fifth seed.

The final scenario was that Barton, Drew Central, and Lakeside all lost, then the final two spots would be determined by a coin flip.

Entering into their contest with Rison, the Pirates would enter with a 5-4 overall record, guaranteeing Drew Central with at least a .500 regular season record and the best start for a first year head coach since football was restarted at the school.

Drew Central would win the opening coin toss and elected to receive the football and would start their opening drive at their own 20-yard line after the Rison kick went into the end zone for a touchback.

Kade Bodiford would run the ball on the first play of the game for a three yard pickup followed by another three yard run by Tramond Miller.

On third and four, Bodiford connected with Brayden Millett for a six yard gain and a first down.

Bodiford connected with Miller on the next pass to gain out to the Rison 37, but after two incomplete passes, the Pirates were hit with a holding penalty to move the ball back to the Pirate 49.

A reception by Ja'Corrian Love brought the ball back into Rison territory to the 45-yard line.

After an incomplete pass, Bodiford connected with Miller for a 45-yard touchdown pass with 8:45 remaining in the first quarter.

The two-point play was not successful as the Pirates took a 6-0 lead.

The Wildcats would begin their drive at their own 41-yard line and would move the ball down to the Pirate 38 in seven plays, all on the ground.

With 4:53 remaining in the quarter, Kelven Hadley would break free for the 38-yard touchdown run. Hadley added the two-point conversion to give Rison an 8-6 lead.

The Pirates would begin their next drive at their own 16-yard line.

Bodiford hit Love for a 30-yard gain to the Pirate 46, however a holding penalty at the 16 negated the gain and moved the ball back to the Pirate six.

The next two plays resulted in two consecutive incomplete passes to bring up a third and 20.

A pass to Miller advanced the

ball to Pirate 44 for a first down and would connect again with Miller to move the ball to the Rison 35 two plays later.

A completed pass to Ashton Kelly gained the Pirates four yards and a run by Bodiford advanced the ball to the Rison 12-yard line.

After an incomplete pass, Bodiford connected with Love on the left side of the end zone for a Pirate touchdown with 3:07 left in the first quarter.

After an unsuccessful two-point attempt, the Pirates retook the lead 12-8.

Beginning their second drive of the contest on their own 36-yard line, the Wildcats would go back to the ground attack, advancing the ball down to the Pirate 20-yard line with seconds remaining in the contest.

As time expired in the quarter, the clock would expire before the Wildcats were able to snap the ball, however with the majority of the Pirate defense standing up to end the quarter, the Wildcats snapped the ball gaining 14 yards on the run before being tackled at the six-yard line.

Drew Central Head Coach Larry White addressed the officials that time had expired before the Wildcats were able to snap the ball, however the plea fell on deaf ears as the officials ruled that the play would stand.

The Wildcats would score three plays later with Bradyn Dupuy taking the ball in from one yard for the score.

Roger Boswell added the two-point conversion to give the Wildcats a 16-12 advantage with 10:36 remaining in the half.

Drew Central would turn the ball over on downs on their next drive with 8:39 remaining in the half.

Starting with the ball on their own 48-yard line, Hadley would break free to extend the Wildcat lead to 24-12 after the two-point play with 8:28 left in the half.

Rison's defense forced the Pirates to punt, giving Rison possession on the Rison 41.

Rison would reach the end zone with 3:01 remaining in the half after a two-yard run by Dupuy and a reception by Za'Kyler Walker for the two point play to extend the lead to 32-12.

Rison would get one more score in the half after Avery Hopson recovered a fumble by Bodiford at the Rison 47-yard line, returning the ball for a touchdown with 49 seconds remaining in the half. Dupuy added the conversion to make the halftime score 40-12.

After the halftime break, the Pirates learned that Barton had upset Camden Harmony Grove 42-40 and the Fordyce had defeated Lakeside by a score of 57-47 to give the Pirates the fifth

playoff spot no matter the result of the current contest.

Rison would score on their first possession of the second half to put the "Sportsmanship Rule" into play with 10:31 remaining in the third quarter.

With the storms in the area starting to roll in, and leading 48-12, the Pirates would get the final score of the contest after Bodiford connected with Miller with 11:18 remaining in the contest.

Bodiford connected with Ashton Kelly on the two-point attempt to set up the final score of 48-20.

With the win, the Pirates finished the regular season with a 5-5 overall record and a 2-4 conference record, an improvement from 0-10.

Drew Central Pirate Head Coach becomes the first coach to take his Pirate team to the playoffs in his first year as the head coach of the program and the 5-5 record marks the best start for a first year head coach with the program.

Rison will enter the 3A State Playoffs as the number one seed out of the 6-3A and will have a first round bye.

Camden Harmony Grove enters as the second seed from the conference and will face the fifth seed out of the 3-3A, the Corning Bobcats who enter the playoffs with an overall record of 3-7 and a conference record of 2-4. Camden will be the host team.

Fordyce will enter as the third seed and will face the fourth seed from the 1-3A, hosting the Mansfield Tigers who enter the playoffs with a 4-3 conference record and a 7-3 overall record.

Barton will enter as the fourth seed and will travel to Smackover to face the Buckaroos who enter as the seed seed from the 5-3A and have an overall record of 6-4 and a 3-2 conference record.

For the Drew Central Pirates, the Pirates will travel to Prescott on Friday, November 11, to face the number one seed from the 5-3A, the Prescott Curley Wolves.

Prescott enters with an undefeated record of 9-0 and 5-0 in conference.

This will mark the third time the Pirates have qualified for the state playoffs in school history.

The Pirates lost their first playoff contest to Hoxie in 2019 and was scheduled to play Prescott in the 2020 playoffs, but a positive Covid exposure cancelled the contest about two hours before kickoff.

The Drew Central Pirates and Prescott Curley Wolves will kickoff at 7 pm on Friday in Prescott.



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TRAMOND MILLER was responsible for two touchdowns in Fridays contest against Rison. Miller had touchdown receptions of 45 and 22 yards.



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ASHTON KELLY makes the stop on the Rison runningback. Kelly scored the final points of the contest after a reception on a two-point conversion.



BRAYDEN MILLETT (left) takes a handoff from Kade Bodiford on Friday night. The Pirates used a limited running game against Rison with the passing offense being fairly successful against the Wildcat defense.



JA'CORRIAN LOVE looks for the ball in the end zone on his 12 yard touchdown reception.



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JOEL BRAN (center) makes a move to hit the Rison runningback.

Weevils drop sixth straight contest with 16-0 loss to East Central

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello traveled to Ada, Oklahoma on Saturday, November 5, to face Great American Conference opponent the East Central Tigers.

The Weevils would win the coin toss and would defer to the sec-

ond half.

The Weevils were able to end the first Tiger drive after an interception by Greg Hooks gave the Weevils possession at the 20-yard line after intercepting the ball in the end zone for touchback.

Neither team could get anything going offensively as the score remained 0-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Each team continued to end their drives with punts with UAM missing a 48-yard field goal attempt with 8:52 remaining in the half.

ECU would get on the board with 3:03 remaining in the half after a successful 38-yard field goal to give the Tigers a 3-0 lead.

East Central would add a second field goal as time expired to

end half from 35 yards out to take a 6-0 halftime lead.

The Tigers added their third field goal of the contest, connecting on a 53-yard attempt to take a 9-0 lead with 10:50 remaining in the third quarter.

East Central added the final score of the contest with 7:07 remaining in the contest after scoring a touchdown on a 15-yard run.

After adding the extra point, the Tigers led 16-0, the final score of the game.

With the loss, UAM falls to 3-7 and drops their sixth consecutive contest.

UAM will return to Convoy Leslie Cotton Bowl Stadium on Saturday, November 12 in the final contest of the season to take on Southern Arkansas University

in the annual Battle of the Timberlands.

UAM currently holds the Timberland trophy after a 73-37 victory last season in Magnolia.

SAU currently has a record of 4-6, dropping their last contest 49-44 to Southern Nazarene.

UAM and SAU are scheduled to kickoff at 2 pm on Saturday.

UAM basketball season tips off Friday on the road for Weevils and Blossoms

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas Monticello Weevils and Blossoms will tip off the 2022-23 basketball season on the road this coming weekend.

For the Weevils, the team will

travel to Kansas City, MO for a two game set in the Central Region Challenge.

UAM will begin the season on Friday, November 11, with a 3 pm tip off against Augustana University Vikings.

The team from South Dakota finished last season with a 26-4

record advancing to the third round of the NCAA Central Regional Tournament.

The Weevils will tip off Saturday, November 12, in their second contest against the St. Cloud State University Huskies from Minnesota at 1 pm.

The Weevils begin their sec-

ond season under head coach Chad Tapp.

The Weevils finished with a 10-18 last season.

The Blossoms will tip off their season under new head coach David Midlick

The Blossoms will travel to Fayette, Iowa to compete in the

Upper Iowa Tournament.

The Blossoms will face Lincoln University of Missouri on Friday, November 11, with a 5:30 pm tip.

Returning on Saturday, November 12, with a 7:30 pm tip facing Upper Iowa University.

The Blossoms will play their

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Billies football season comes to an end with 31-24 loss at Crossett

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

It came down to one game to determine the fifth and final playoff spot out of the 8-4A with the Monticello Billies travelling to Crossett to face the Eagles in the final game of the regular season on Thursday, November 3.

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

Beginning their drive at their own 40-yard line, Hayden Carter, who got the start at quarterback, gained nine yards on the first carry of the contest.

A false start pushed the Billies back to the 44 followed by a four-yard loss to put the ball back at the starting position at the 40.

Jontavion Lambert would gain six yards to the Monticello 46 on his first carry and would break free on the next play for a

54-yard touchdown run for the first score of the contest.

Landon Shaver added the extra point to give Monticello a 7-0 lead with 9:47 showing on the clock.

Crossett began their first drive of the contest at their own 48-yard line and advanced the ball into Monticello territory, but the Billie defense would get the first turnover of the contest after Tejon Tensley intercepted the Max Brooks pass at the Monticello 22.

Crossett would force Monticello to punt after the turnover with Jackson Hines' kick being downed at the Crossett one-yard line.

Brooks would run the ball on consecutive plays to get the ball out to the seven, but Reid Case would sack Brooks on the next play for a safety to extend the Monticello lead to 9-0.

Monticello's next possession

would extend into the second quarter, but the Crossett defense would force the Billies to turn the ball over on downs at the Crossett 39.

After exchanging punts, the Eagles would get on the scoreboard with 1:44 remaining in the half.

Beginning the drive at their own 40-yard line, Brooks would scramble out to the Monticello 49 on the first run of the drive.

After gaining down to the Monticello 10 in seven plays, Brooks connected with Max Taunton for the 10-yard score.

Chris Mondragon added the extra point to cut the Billies lead to 9-7.

After forcing the Billies to punt, Crossett would advance the ball down to the Monticello 18-yard line where Mondragon kicked a field goal to give the Eagles a 10-9 halftime lead.

Receiving the ball to start the second half, Crossett would add to their lead with 9:43 remaining in the quarter after a 21-yard pass from Brooks to Taylin Paskel.

Mondragon added the extra point to give the Eagles a 17-9 advantage.

Monticello began their first drive of the second half on their own 35-yard line.

Lambert would get the first four carries of the drive to advance the ball into Crossett territory down to the 39-yard line.

Brooks Bowman would connect on a pass to Quay Rhodes to the 33 with Lambert taking the next carries to the 24 before Bowman hit Rhodes once more to the Crossett 17.

Lambert advanced the ball to the 10-yard line on the next three carries and with 3:47 remaining Bowman hit Evan Bealer for the touchdown then connected with Luke Frost to tie the game at 17.

Crossett's next possession carried over into the fourth quarter with the Eagles scoring with Tayshawn Paskel scoring from 12-yards out.

After the Mondragon extra point, the Eagles retook the lead 24-17 with 11:34 remaining in the contest.

The Crossett defense would force Monticello to turn the ball over on downs with 9:30 remaining in the contest at the Crossett 36-yard line, but Monticello would force the Eagles to punt the ball away to the Monticello 22 with 5:54 showing on the clock.

Monticello would punt the ball away with 5:01 remaining and Crossett would be forced to punt at the 3:05 mark.

Beginning the next drive at their own 20-yard line, Bowman connected with Tinsley for a five yard gain.

On the next play, Bowman

would hit Bealer for the second time on the night for a 75-yard touchdown pass with 2:22 remaining in the game.

Landon Shaver added the extra-point to tie the contest at 24. Shaver was able to pin the Eagles deep in their own territory at the Crossett 14-yard line.

Crossett gained 13 yards in three plays to the Crossett 27.

With time clicking down, Brooks dropped back to pass and connected with a receiver who made a Monticello defender miss a tackle to score the touchdown with 59 seconds remaining

in the contest.

Mondragon added the extra point to take the 31-24 lead.

Monticello would begin their drive on their own 30-yard line after a five-yard return by Zavarious Johnson,

After two incomplete passes, Bowman's next pass would be intercepted by Tayshawn Paskel at the Crossett 27-yard line with 32 seconds remaining.

With the loss Monticello finishes the season with an overall record of 4-6 record and a 3-5 conference mark.



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NO PENALTY: Monticello's Quay Rhodes is pushed to the ground by the Crossett defender. Many Monticello fans were up in arms at the non-pass interference call as the Crossett defender never turned to play the ball, shoving Rhodes to the ground.



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Local school hosts Halloween "Boo-Thru"

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Drew Central Parent Teacher Organization hosted their annual "Boo-Thru" at the Drew Central campus on Monday, October 31, as a family engagement event.

PTO members, preschool teachers and staff, and various other volunteers, dressed up for Halloween and decorated their vehicles. Nearly 600 parents and children attended the "Boo-Thru", receiving candy and other treats from each vehicle.

For more information about upcoming events, find Drew Central PTO on Facebook.





KIDS' CORNER

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

How they SAY that in...
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ANSWER: VEGAN

Did You Know?

VEGETABLES, FRUITS, WHOLE GRAINS, AND BEANS MAKE UP MUCH OF VEGAN DINING.



Puzzle answers

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CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

Let us be thankful for the great things God has given us

By Amy Becker

One day as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem he was met by ten men who had leprosy. When they saw Jesus, they stood at a distance but called out to him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priests, and as they went they were cleansed of their leprosy! No more spots, no

more itching, no more staying away from their families.

"One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Rise and go; your faith has

made you well." Luke 17:15-19

Ten men were healed of an incredibly painful and contagious disease. One that if you had, would make you have to separate from all friends, family, and anyone else for the matter because of how easy it was to pass along to others. One out of those ten returned to tell Jesus thank you. Does that bother you a little? It does me! I get so upset thinking of their ungratefulness that they

came to Jesus to be healed and got just that, yet never bothered to come back and say thank you! I read this story and I cannot believe they would just come back to Jesus and praise him for what he'd done, but then I remember how much I see myself in the nine that didn't return.

Every day, I (and you I'll bet) receive showers of blessings. I do not lack for food, clothing, or shelter. My family is healthy and

happy. We've seen God heal people we love and care about and work things out in ways that only he can, and in that time I have found myself being both the one who showed Jesus thankfulness and the ones who never came back. Sometimes I act as though I realize what I've been given, and sometimes I go along my merry way.

What about you? What has God given you that you can go

to him and tell him how thankful you are? What can you shout from the rooftops that Jesus has done for you? We are entering into a month that is set aside for Thanksgiving, so what better time to focus on this than now?

God has given us great things! Let's shout for joy so others will know and show him our love and thankfulness!

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starting a business. His advice is to work for a high quality, professional company and learn the business. When asked why customers should do business with Kiefhaber's, he said, "We have high quality technicians and large truck inventory. We are constantly sending our technicians to continuing education. We are working to make you comfortable in your home." Kiefhaber's Heating and Air is located at 6236 State Highway 114 West in Star City, and Kiefhaber's Mobile Home Parts is located at 117 Greenfield Drive in Monticello. The office phone number is (870)-628-4900.

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BARKADA JANA WRIGHT

I am beginning to think that fall is never coming. Shawn said he hopes it cools down before deer season this coming weekend. I did appreciate the rain we got, and I was very glad it did not get as bad as the anchor-men predicted.

Jamie Martin, Jakob Bayliss, and I visited with Robert Owens yesterday. He is doing well!

I forgot to mention last week that annual Barkada Halloween party was held October 23. Several people were in attendance, and they had some really cool looking costumes. River and Emily Zipperer were the hosts of the event. My nephew Seth Wilson attended. He had a blast!

Cameron Harris, son of C.J. and Kari Harris's competed in the Swan Mx. He earned 1st overall in the night series, 4th overall in open for the night series, and two 3rd place overall in day series. Awesome job!

Crayton Harris, son of Dustin and Laci Harris, also competed in the Swan Mx this past weekend. His mom said he should the Championship in both day and night series for all 3 classes. I have not heard any updates since then.

Mrs. Ruth Hunter's son-in-law Randy Castleberry came by and did some yard manicuring for her. She greatly appreciated it!

Debbie Tenario celebrated her birthday with a steak and baked potato dinner. It looked delicious!

Prayers that my best friend Cindy and her husband Kevin Hicks are doing better. She was sick and Kevin had to have surgery.

Shawn and I heard a great message at Wilmar Baptist Church on Sunday. I have not been in a while due to Covid and other events. It was great to hear the Word.

I was very sorry to read that Bro. Kenny Worthington passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I was also very saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Shirley Burks. She was always such a sweet lady

NOTICE

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Advance-Monticellonian will be CLOSED November 24-25. The deadline for the classifieds, garage sales, legal notices and country news for the November 23 paper will be Friday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m., and all other paper ads will be Monday, November 21 at noon.

and a very strong lady. My thoughts and prayers are with her family as well.

Happy birthday to Aunt Carla Martin, Rocky Lindsey, Tony Carter, Amber Beard, Lasonya Pimson, Gary Ozment, Mrs. Ruth Kulbeth, Ashley Fenton, Jennifer Arrington, my brother-in-law Bill Gilliam, Pam Berryman, Hannah Anthony, Darla Barnett, and Monica Sims. I hope you all have or had happy birthdays.

Happy belated anniversary to my sister Kelly and brother-in-law Bill Gilliam. They celebrated 35 years this past weekend. In addition, happy belated anniversary to Carroll and Helen Ross. They celebrated 63 years together. I wish both couples many more happy years together.

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GREEN HILL WANDA PAGE

Greenhill Community Baptist Church welcomes you to join us for Sunday School at 9:30am and Worship service at 10:30am. Brother Caleb's message was titled "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus" from Matthew 14:22-33. Second Sunday singing will be on November 13, 2022 at 1:30pm.

Happy Birthday to David Lane and Rickie Bratton! I hope you both enjoyed a blessed birthday,

Aunt May and Aunt Pepe enjoyed all of their trick or treaters on Halloween night.

Happy Anniversary Mickey & Raelynn Macon! I hope you enjoy many more years of good health and happiness.

Modern gun deer season opens on Saturday, Novem-

ber 12th. There will be a lot of happy hunters and deer harvested. Good luck to you all.

Verse of the week: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8

Have a safe and blessed week. Happy Hunting!

JORDAN PARK TRILISA MARSHALL

I want to thank you all that are still texting and seeing how I am doing or if I need anything, or just to say hello and give a word of prayer. Mrs. Pearline Bealer, Missionary Lou Lambert, Missionary Amanda Glass, Patrice Harris, Aunt Myrtle Burks, Gwen White and to my husband/Pastor Robert Marshall Sr., and all of Pentecostal members, and all of my family, I love you all and thank you all for the encouraging words you give me each and every day. And thank you for all the prayers

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.

9; Bishop Michael Jones, November 10; Melanie Rawls, Debbie Dunlap, Debbie Wright and Pamla Lucas, November 12. Happy birthday everyone, enjoy your special day.

Sunday School was awesome and our lesson was on: "Paul Before King Agrippa" coming from Acts 26:19-32 (KJV). Stand up for what you believe about Jesus Christ. In this lesson we understood why Paul stood up for what he believed; feel confident in sharing our faith; and examine ways to defend our faith, even in the face of rejection. Pastor Robert Marshall Sr.'s message was on: "Praying for the Impossible" coming from Luke 1:37 (KJV). And our Tuesday Bible Study lesson was on: "The Lord's Prayer" coming from Luke 18:1; 11:1-4; Matthew 6:4; Galatians 4:6; Mark 14:36; Romans 8:15; and Leviticus 22:32 (KJV). Remember that prayer is the key to the heart of God.

Everyone be blessed and
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Mrs. Barbra Ann Davis' funeral was held Saturday, November 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Stephenson Dearman Chapel and interment was at Oakland Cemetery. I was not able to attend but my husband and I send our condolences, love and prayers to all the families. Much love to you all and may God comfort and strengthen each and every one of you at this difficult time.

Happy birthday shout outs this week go to: Shaytrese Byers and Mr. Sam Wherry, November 7; Claudell Reed and Byron Owens, November 8; Lynette Scott and Stephanie Miller, November

Is Hope Church of God In Christ of Pine Bluff ran a two night revival November 3 and 4. We had a packed house and I was so glad to see his beautiful wife Missionary Amanda Glass and his members, his praise team and choir are so awesome. I was glad to see our dear friend Mrs. Rosemary Britton. Her son Josh was here from Mississippi and wow, he went to town on playing the trumpet, and Elder Helum on the keyboard and his family. The Holy Spirit moved those two nights. Pastor Robert Marshall Sr., myself and the members of Pentecostal Faith COGIC thank everyone that came out. Also it was so good to see our dear friends Elder Byers, Elder Deshazer, Cindy Ross and her mother-in-law Mrs. Ross, Brenda Freeman, Dorothy Foster, Laquinta Winston and all her family. There were others but I didn't get their names. But thank each and every one that attended or just came by to give an offering. God bless you all.

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Seed time and harvest

2 Corinthians 9:6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

I love fall weather. It's always been my favorite. Probably because I have a November birthday and Thanksgiving is the second best holiday all year (right behind Christmas!) Fall, or autumn, as some people call it, though I've never met anyone who actually calls it "autumn", has always been associated with harvest time. This is the time of year that farmers bring in their hard earned crops and head to market.

In our part of the world, this is an especially important time. Farmers work long hours trying to meet their deadlines and outrun weather interruptions. I've spoken to some farmers who have told me that planting is easy, it's the harvest where all the work happens. That makes sense. A farmer will typically harvest more product than the number of seeds that were planted. Hence the old adage of you can count the number seeds in an apple but you can't count the number of apples in a seed.

As you read the Bible, especially some of the parables that Jesus taught, many of them

used illustrations and metaphors regarding farming and agriculture. That was the main economy of the day so people understood the use of that type of language. Sowing and reaping. A natural principle that illustrates a spiritual law. When a farmer sows corn seed, should he water, fertilize and give it time, he will reap...you guessed it...corn! Pick any other fruit or vegetable and the principle is the same.

The Apostle Paul explains in the verse above that if we sow a little bit, we'll get a small return but should we sow a lot we'll receive a big harvest. This amazing principle is applicable in every area of our life. We wouldn't expect a bank to give us any interest unless we make a deposit.

In life if we are consistently coming up short then maybe we should start to examine our investment. Do you need to see more kindness and compassion in your life? Start sowing some. Do you need more fulfillment and joy in your life? Start giving some away! I Only in the Kingdom of God do we actually receive more when we give away!

*By: Timothy Parke, Lead Pastor
New Life Assembly of God*

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stay warm. We will be getting some cold weather now, but stay warm. Love you all and thanks for reading and liking my column. I don't get out unless it's to the doctor or church, but I just let God lead me. If anyone has any news in the Jordan Park area, just let me know. My email is trilisamarshall12@yahoo.com or you can text or call me, 870-281-4840. I was glad to hear from my cousin Gracie Steward. She is doing well and let's please keep her husband Donnie Steward in our prayers. He was still in the hospital at the time she called me. Be blessed everyone, and the scripture for the week is: 1 John 5:13-14 (KJV), "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us". Blessings!

Prayers for Sara, Camala, Angelia, Rowena and others that are sick and shut-in. I pray you all will be up and able to get around real soon

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

Happy Birthday wishes to: my brother-in-law, Felton Handley, he will celebrate his 90th birthday on the November 13, what a blessing! Happy Birthday to: Tonya Franklin, November 8; DJ Franklin, November 13; Felicia Matthew, November 15; Graylin Wilson, November 15; Patrick Miller, November 18; and Mary Franklin, November 19. I hope you all enjoy your day.

Happy anniversary to Julues and Natisha Winston, November 12.

Thought for the week: "Do something today that yourself will thank you for". (Author Unknown). Be blessed and by Gods grace, I'll see you next week!

POSSUM VALLEY KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK

My, oh my! What a wonderful day. Yes, Fall weather brings out the zippity do dah in me. Well, in my mind at least. In my mind I want to skip and run through the yard and go jumping into piles of leaves. In reality, those things are no longer doable. But through my grandchildren I can relive the carefree days of my youth and smile and I watch them laugh and play. Rick and I were blessed to be invited to join Addie and her Monticello Elementary classmates at the Old Milo Pumpkin Patch last Friday. The weather began with overcast skies but soon cleared into sunny skies with cooling breezes. Addie led me from one ride, play area, farm animal and activity to another for about three hours. Hundreds of running, laughing, crying, screaming and playing children only solidified my belief that teachers, especially elementary teachers, are angels with the patience of the saints. Through it all I did manage to take pictures to send to Leigha and to commemorate the day. Finally, time came to leave and we were allowed to take Addie home with us. Rick and I had fun and were honored to be asked to take part in this special day. Alas, 'wore slap out'.

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to role models. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 19 = E)	
A.	3 10 4 20 6 19 <i>Clue: Have a goal to reach</i>
B.	9 19 3 7 19 6 <i>Clue: One in charge</i>
C.	25 17 20 7 19 <i>Clue: Show the way</i>
D.	20 22 10 14 6 17 5 14 <i>Clue: Direct</i>

Answers: A. aspire B. leader C. guide D. instruct

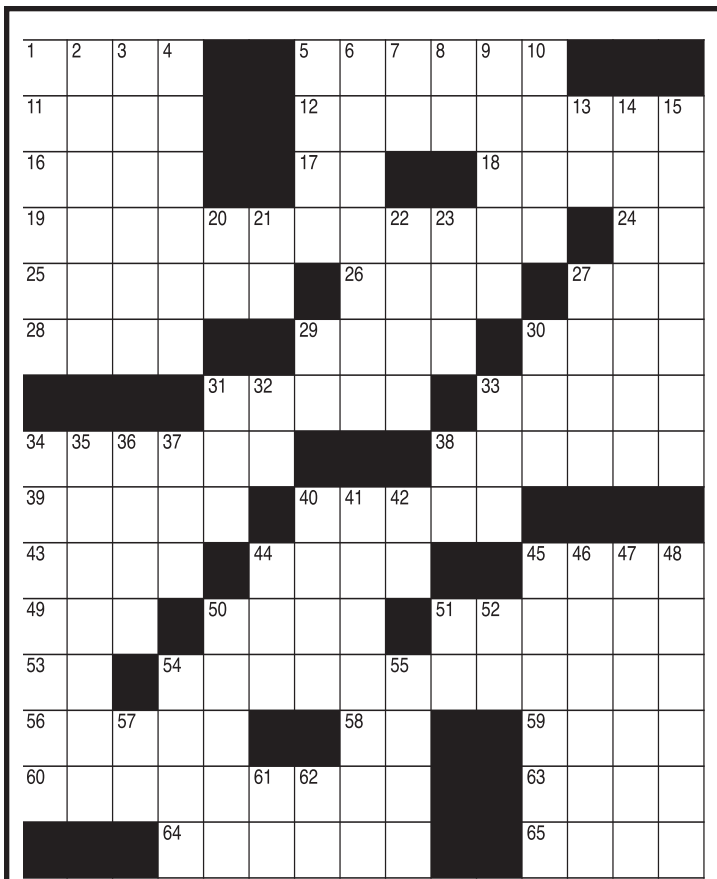
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Clip a small piece
- 5. Enter forcibly
- 11. Southwestern Native American tribe
- 12. Helps you smell better
- 16. Sun or solar disk
- 17. Low frequency
- 18. Former Houston football player
- 19. Federal crime
- 24. Home to Boston (abbr.)
- 25. Approval
- 26. Those who fight an establishment (abbr.)
- 27. ___ student, learns healing
- 28. Indian groomer of horses
- 29. Line where two pieces meet
- 30. One might be brief
- 31. Type of sword
- 33. Knife for fruits or vegetables
- 34. Stinkhorns
- 38. Stroke
- 39. Industrial process for producing ammonia
- 40. Sir ___ Newton
- 43. Wild goat
- 44. Muslim ruler
- 45. Scottish ancestor
- 49. Hat
- 50. Horse mackerel
- 51. Alcoholic accompaniment
- 53. Tech department
- 54. Manifesting approval
- 56. Upper bract of grass
- 58. Of I
- 59. Large wading bird
- 60. Military prisons
- 63. Famed American cartoonist
- 64. Rise
- 65. Greek God of war and courage

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sewing needles
- 2. Functionary
- 3. Induces vomiting
- 4. The finger farthest from the thumb
- 5. Not moving
- 6. Sports official
- 7. Water purification process (abbr.)
- 8. University of Dayton
- 9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens
- 10. High schoolers' math course
- 13. Yankovic is a weird one
- 14. Adversaries
- 15. Merchandisers
- 20. Radioactive metal (abbr.)
- 21. Atomic #52
- 22. The back
- 23. One-time computer giant
- 27. Female of a horse
- 29. Football's big game (abbr.)
- 30. Vehicle
- 31. Single Lens Reflex
- 32. It's becoming more prevalent
- 33. Political action committee
- 34. Makes lightbulbs
- 35. Natural home of an animal
- 36. In bed
- 37. Superman villain
- 38. The Golden State
- 40. One who leads prayers in a mosque
- 41. They accompany a leader
- 42. Atomic #18
- 44. Electronic countermeasures
- 45. The appearance of something
- 46. Connecting line on a map
- 47. Deep red color
- 48. Secret affairs
- 50. Drenches
- 51. Contains music
- 52. Expression of surprise
- 54. Intestinal pouches
- 55. Where birds are born
- 57. ___ and behold
- 61. Cools your home
- 62. The First State

Answers can be found on Page 2B

SUDOKU

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COUNTRY

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only begins to describe how tired we were. It was a good tired though. These days with Addie and Bo will sweep by all too quickly and we want to enjoy them while we can.

Bird activity is picking up quite nicely. The Juncos, White-throated Sparrows, Phoebes, Kinglets and Nuthatches are becoming more numerous and active each day, which make this birder very happy.

Sunday morning started quite early and, because of the time change, the time between rising and church seemed interminable. It seems, next to politics, time change is cause for more discussion and disagreements. I've never known a life without 'spring forward' and 'fall back' of daylight savings time. Therefore, I'm not sure what life without it would be like without it. There are proponents for keeping it sprung forward and for falling back. There are benefits to both. I love the early daylight hours of falling back and I especially enjoy the later sunsets of springing forward. I used to think I'd prefer to stay one way or the other. But in order to enjoy both early sunrises and late sunsets I would like things to remain as they always have.

Justin Hewitt filled our pulpit this week and I must say that this young man has grown leaps and bounds in his knowledge of God's Word. His message this week was from 1 John 2:1-6. We will be holding our final Operation Christmas Child packing party on Sunday, November 13 complete with burgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. Our annual wild game potluck lunch will be on Sunday, November 20. The youth leaders are also planning a Christmas play to be presented on Christmas morning. The next couple of months will be filled with shopping, activities and family gatherings, which can be stressful. Don't forget to find the joy in each day and be thankful for God's blessings.

That's my news for this column. I hope and pray that this coming week will be pleasant, productive and packed with opportunity. Thanks for reading. See you next week.

WILMAR
CHRIS RILEY

A new month (November).

God is good, for he allows me to continue bringing you the news.

Sunday was a blessed day at 1st Baptist East Side, as our Sunday School lesson was well expounded. Title "Chosen" and we're chosen. What are we doing with our choice? God is expecting our worship and praise at 11 a.m. Pastor Simpson brought the word, taken from Luke 5:12-14, subject: "A Courageous

God". It was a powerful word. Communion was served. We all witnessed a glorious time in the Lord.

In the afternoon, I attended the Last Rites of Shirley McKinstry Burks at Stephenson Dearman Chapel. Her daughter Beverly was the eulogist. Others attending were Hazelene McCray, Mary Ann, Nancy Washington, Janice Corneal and Zae. Bev has been my friend since I be-

gan my journey as a Country News Reporter in 1976 (long time, huh?).

I visited with Vivian Clifton when she was home.

Remember, God has no respect of color, he made us all. Prayers for the sick and shut in. This goes for Stephen Ridgell. Now until we meet again by paper and pen, be a doer of the word and not a hearer only.



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