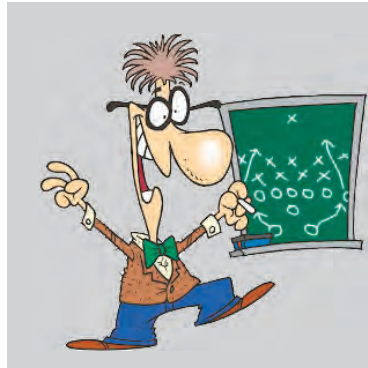


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Hatchery staff and biologists from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service worked together to load more than one-quarter of a million forage fish into the rising waters of Lake Monticello in October.

Approximately 180,000 fat-head minnows, 111,900 golden shiners, 78,840 bluegill, and 82,056 redear sunfish were stocked. The effort was to re-establish a flourishing forage base in the newly renovat-

ed lake before predatory gamefish are introduced.

According to Kris Nault, fisheries supervisor at the AGFC's Monticello regional office, the water level is still too low to stock directly by truck, so staff had to add an extra step to ensure some of the forage base has the opportunity to become established according to the initial timeline for the lake renovation.

"The fish were placed in a hog trough on a trailer that was

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37 year City Council member passes at 92

By ASHLEY HOGG
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Raymond Hubbard was the longest sitting Monticello City Council member in the town's history. Born in 1928, Hubbard passed away Monday, Nov. 14, just weeks shy of his 93rd birthday.

He began his service on the council in 1965 and served as an alderman for three years. After a break, he was re-elected to serve on the council from 1982 until his retirement in 2016. Hubbard served a total of 37 years on the Monticello City Council.

In addition to his service to the city, Hubbard was also the director of the Office of Emergency Management, formerly the office of Civil Defense, and an Air Force Veteran.

Hubbard can not be described as anything but loyal.

He was employed by Curry's Pest Control for 73 years and was a loving husband and father.

He began his career with Curry's on March 1, 1949 and only

retired in March of this year.

"Raymond was always a faithful public servant and always steadfast," Monticello City Council member Claudia Hartness stated. "It was my privilege to serve with him. I admired his common sense and wisdom. He was always careful to think through a decision. Raymond Hubbard was a good and faithful public servant for Monticello."

"Raymond was an excellent businessman and public servant," former Alderman Joe Meeks stated. "While serving on the council, I considered him a mentor, confidant and friend. May his memory and dedication to public service continue to be a blessing to his family, friends and the City of Monticello."

"He was a good man and a humble civil servant who gave much of his life to Monticello," Mayor Paige Chase said.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Stephenson Dearman Funeral Home. See next week's edition of the Advance newspaper for the full obituary.



HUBBARD

City Council hears budget talks during quick monthly meeting



Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian

The Monticello City council discussed the over all budget for the coming year at Tuesday night's meeting.

By ASHLEY HOGG
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Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Monticello city council met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 15.

The council heard budget discussions presented by city finance director Vicki Norris for each department in the city.

Normal monthly reports finished quickly due to the absence of representatives from the Senior Citizen Center, Fire Dept., Water Operator, Parks Dept., and A&P Commission.

The council heard from John

Daves with the Public Works Department about water treatment certifications among employees.

The Mayor and council complimented the employees that have taken initiative in furthering their training. It was a first day initiative for Mayor Paige Chase to get employees cross trained and certified to allow the City to be in a better hiring position in the future.

Monticello Police Chief and Mayor elect Jason Akers stated that the police department had a quiet month and that they are working with the schools on im-

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Quorum Court approves end of the year stipend for County employees

By: MELISSA ORRELL

A little extra money for County employees in time for the holidays was on the Drew County Quorum Court agenda Monday, Nov. 14, for the regularly scheduled meeting, along with an appropriation ordinance to levy county taxes for 2022, a bid for the renovation of the Drew County Courthouse HVAC and discussion of the Drew County run-off election for Drew County Sheriff.

The stipend for County employees was approved for current, full-time employees, with a year or more of employment, to receive \$750 and currently employed part-time employees, with at least a year of service under their belt, to receive \$250. All employees with less than a year of service will receive a pro-rated amount based on their length of current employment with the County. With Drew County Judge Robert Akin stating to the court he believes in taking care of our employees and this is one way to do that.

With the County preparing for the run-off election for Drew County Sheriff between Tim Nichols and James Slaughter, County Clerk Nancy White announced the dates and times for early voting as Tuesday, Nov. 29 through Friday, Dec. 2 and Monday, Dec. 5 in the Drew County Courthouse Club Room from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the election being held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, with

all polling locations open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Justice of the Peace Ustry reminded absentee voters to make sure they were filling out the ballots correctly and signing them, stating that during a Republican Party meeting it was announced absentee ballots not filled out correctly or signed are not able to be counted.

An appropriation ordinance was also approved to levy taxes for 2022. The taxes levied are as follows for all real and all personal property:

- County General: 1.8 mills
- County Road: 1.1 mills
- County Library: 1 mill
- County Hospital (Bond): 1.8 mills
- Monticello City Tax: 2.2 mills
- Tillar City Tax: 1.6 mills
- Wilmar City Tax: 1.7 mills
- Winchester City Tax: 1.5 mills
- School District Tax for all real and personal property:
 - District 51 Hamburg: 39.5 mills
 - District 5 Drew Central: 39.9 mills
 - District 6 Dumas: 42 mills
 - District 17 McGehee Special: 40.46 mills
 - District 18 Monticello: 39.9 mills
 - District 22 Dermott Special: 41.81 mills
- Improvement district taxes for 2022 on real

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Town & Country Quilt Club Members (L to R): Joy Graham, Evelyn Lawson, Constance Burch, Judy Murphy, and (masked) Dr Kay Walter. Not pictured: Bettye Kellum, Louise Godwin, Judy Person, Julie LeFleur, Peggy Moffatt, Susie Chadwick, Claudia Horton, and Melissa Benefield

By: DR KAY J. WALTER

Every year, Town and Country Quilters Extension Homemakers Club select a project to fulfill their responsibility to community service. This year, Evelyn Lawson suggested the club direct a

project to supporting the local library because the COVID-19 pandemic precluded the possibility of the former Chocolate Extravaganza. The club

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 THROUGH THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 Revival

Promise Land Church in Lacey, will host a nightly revival service beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. Rev. Daryle Daniels will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

THROUGH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21**Operation Christmas Child**

Shady Grove Baptist Church is a drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child. Packed shoe boxes may be dropped off any time before close of business Monday, Nov. 21.

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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**Brucellosis vaccinations**

Brian Gibson, Livestock and Poultry Commission Inspector, will be conducting Brucellosis vaccinations on Friday, Dec. 2. Please contact 870-460-6270 with the number of heifers from 4-12 months old that need to be vaccinated. The deadline to sign up in Wednesday, Nov. 30.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**5D Winter Benefit Barrel Run**

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

ONGOING

City recycling guidelines

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

Drew County Quorum Court Meeting

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

Monticello City Council Meeting

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

Support for local schools

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

Borrow a book and hours

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

Information and referral outreach office now open

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

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

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

AA meetings

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

Andrews Chapel Cemetery

To all concerned that have family or cemetery plots in the 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

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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.

Celebrate 'Troutsgiving' with the AGFC

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Stores and shopping centers may try to coax everyone with low prices for Black Friday the day after Thanksgiving, but the AGFC has an even better opportunity to enjoy some fast action, and it will only cost you the price of a fishing license and trout stamp. AGFC hatcheries and the Family and Community Fishing Program are gearing up for "Troutsgiving," the agency's annual kickoff to fall stockings of rainbow trout in program ponds.

Each year, rainbow trout raised at the Jim Hinkle Spring River State Fish Hatchery in Mammoth Springs are delivered to community ponds in Arkansas once the water temperature has cooled enough to accommodate these cold-water fish. This normally occurs during the third week in November. According to Maurice Jackson, AGFC Family and Community Fishing Program coordinator, the timing is right on track to begin running trout Wednesday, Nov. 16.

"The cold weather gives us the opportunity to bring these fish to some of our anglers who can't venture up to Arkansas's famous trout tailwaters," Jackson said. "We've added these stockings to our program for more than a decade, and many of our anglers get excited to see the switch."

Jackson says specially tagged trout also will be released in program ponds later in



December to offer even more incentives for anglers to get out and enjoy a day by the pond during winter.

Anglers 16 and older must have a fishing license to fish in FCFP locations, and if trout are kept, a trout stamp also is required. The limit for trout in these ponds is three fish per angler per day. Licenses are available at sporting goods stores or online at www.agfc.com/license.

Visit www.agfc.com/familyfishing to

learn more about the Family and Community Fishing Program and to find a pond near you participating in the winter trout stocking schedule. And, if you're looking for ways to cook up a few of these fish for a nontraditional holiday supper, there are more than a few recipes to try in the digital version of the AGFC's "A Celebration of Conservation – 100 AGFC Recipes Cookbook."

Senior Center lunch menu: Nov. 16-Nov. 23

Wednesday: Chicken and dumplings, Italian green beans and cake

Thursday: Smothered pork chops, mashed potatoes, squash, mixed berry cobbler and roll

Friday: Sloppy Joe's, tater tots, stewed tomatoes with okra and a cookie

Monday: Hot dog/sausage, tater tots and pudding

Tuesday: Hamburger and gravy over biscuit, glazed carrots and a brownie

Wednesday: Dressing with gravy, turkey, yams,

pecan pie and cranberry sauce

The Senior Center will be closed Nov. 24 and Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving.

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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Blue & You Fitness Challenge Enters its 20th Year

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Over the past two decades, more than 100,000 people around the country have teamed up for better health. In 2023, the Blue and You Fitness Challenge turns 20, and it promises to be better than ever. Group registration is under way now!

Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the Arkansas Department of Health and the Arkansas Department of Human Services host the free, friendly competition with a goal to not only improve participants' fitness levels but also improve their overall well-being. Teams are encouraged to be more active and take part in healthy behaviors, including:

- Getting plenty of sleep
- Drinking 8 glasses of water each day
- Stretching
- Volunteering
- Meditating/Relaxing

Any group can form a team — businesses, schools, book clubs, community and municipal organizations, even your local PTA. Groups can register their team at <https://blueandyoufitnesschallenge-ark.com/> through January 25. Then February 1-28, friends and co-workers can sign up to join your team. The Challenge runs

March 1 through May 31.

Participating is easy using our wellness platform powered by Wellable. Just log your daily activity through the Wellable app to earn points for your team or sync your fitness device and allow it upload your data for you. The app also gives participants access to free on-demand fitness classes, meal planning and educational webinars. The Blue & You Fitness Challenge is open to everyone.

"A lot of times, people think being healthy means hitting the gym and restrictive diets, but we want to change that perception," said Blue and You Fitness Challenge administrator Kristen Lippencott. "The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines health as the condition of being sound in body, mind or spirit, and that's what we are encouraging people to do."

People who are healthy are shown to:

- Have a lower risk of disease
- Have more energy
- Experience increased happiness/less depression
- Experience Increased feelings of self-worth
- Save money

"It's a great way to build camaradery and create a healthier, happier workforce and commu-

nity," Lippencott added.

Last year, 95 percent of survey respondents said the Challenge motivated them to increase their physical activity and lead a healthier life. More than 86 percent said it helped them create or maintain healthy behaviors, and those who said they would participate again — 100 percent.

About the Blue & You Fitness Challenge

The Blue & You Fitness Challenge is a free, three-month competition in which participants are encouraged to exercise, make healthy choices and log those activities to earn points. The Challenge is held from March 1 through May 31. Companies and organizations participate in the event as part of their wellness programs, while friends and family use the contest to focus on health goals, infuse new energy into their routines, remain connected and have fun! Points gained from logging activity leads to contest recognition and rewards, but the best bonuses are better health and fitness. The Challenge was founded in 2004 and is hosted by Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the Arkansas Department of Health and the Arkansas Department of Human Services.



Motorists, be on the lookout for deer on highways

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Deer are on the move in the Natural State. That means hunters and motorists in Arkansas should keep a watchful eye out, particularly at dawn and dusk.

In addition to the increased deer activity, the shortened days place rush hour during the peak times of day when deer are on the move.

One way to increase safety is simply slowing down. Giving yourself a split-second longer to see and react to deer along the side of the road often can be the difference between a safe braking job and a dangerous situation. Give yourself a few extra minutes in the morning and at night to get where you're going and arrive safely.

When it is dark, use your high beams whenever the road is free of oncoming traffic. This will allow a deer's eyes to shine, even when along the side of the

road, so that you are prepared if one starts making its way toward you.

While jokes abound about deer crossing signs and the Arkansas Department of Transportation simply moving them to a crosswalk to let deer cross in those areas, the signs are there for a reason. These signs are placed at areas where they have been requested by people observing multiple instances of animals crossing the road and where vehicle collisions have occurred.

Never swerve to avoid a deer in the road. Swerving can confuse the deer on where to run. Swerving can also cause a head-on collision with oncoming vehicles, take you off the roadway into a tree or a ditch, and greatly increase the chances of serious injuries. If a deer does move into your path, maintain control and do your best to brake and give the deer

time to get out of your way.

If you do collide with a deer or other large animal, call emergency services at once if injuries are involved, or local law enforcement if no one is injured but damage has been caused to your vehicle. Also give the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission a call at 833-356-0824 to report the road kill. Report the incident to your insurance company as soon as possible.

A frequent question to the Game and Fish Commission is, "If I hit and kill a deer on a road, can I keep the deer for meat?" The answer is yes, and it does not count on a hunter's season limit. But be sure to report it. The AGFC will issue you a confirmation for the vehicle collision so wildlife officers will know where the deer came from.

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property:
Canal Number 1 Drainage District: .75 percent of the assessed value upon all acreage, town lots and right of ways within the district for maintenance and operation
Chicot-Desha and Drew Wa-

tershed District: 65 cents per rural acre and \$5 per city or town lot

Dermott Drainage District: 40 cents per rural acre or \$5 per city or town lot

Voluntary Animal Tax for 2022 per statement less escrows: \$10

Also on the agenda was the bid for the HVAC renovation

for the courthouse. The County received one bid in the amount of \$1,896,950. The court decided to bring the appropriations ordinance to the December meeting in order to get the work started. The contractor Curtis Stout Inc. out of Little Rock gave a completion date of April 28, 2023 in the bid.

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mediate response resources that will be housed at the school campuses.

Planning Commission Chair Dan Boice reminded the crowd that the request for proposals for the old armory are due by December 1. At the next council meeting, he hopes to have more information to present on that topic. He also stated that at De-

ember's Council meeting, the Planning Commission will present their Comprehensive Plan that takes Monticello 25 years into the future, with infrastructure being the foundation of the plan. Transportation, physical health and quality of life are also top priorities in the plan.

Bennie F. Ryburn III presented the Monticello Economic Development Commission report. He stated that within the first day to apply, all the open

SNAP applications were filled. The SNAP program helps low income, elderly citizens make necessary home repairs and the City of Monticello has participated in this program since 2014. MEDC partners with local banks to get this program completed.

City Inspector Brian Rodgers stated that contractors are now

working on estimates for the repairs to the SNAP applicants and will have their portion of the paperwork to the local banks before Christmas.

The only item on the agenda under Unfinished Business was the lease agreement renewal with Drew Memorial.

The agreement presented is a month to month lease, with 30

days notice to vacate. Because this resolution was not received in City Hall until Monday, Nov. 14, the Mayor and Council discussed approving the resolution at the meeting and stated that it could be changed next month if they run into any counter issues.

The first item under New Business was permission to

bid for exterior cleaning and re-coating of the Lacey-Ladelle and Conrad water towers. The council unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Resolutions to accept HVAC systems for the Senior Center and the Water Office passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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in the Auxiliary are also asked to contact Wanda or Melvin if they are still interested in being a member.

Drew Co. Democratic Party meeting

The Drew County Democratic Party is hosting monthly

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

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Remembering the Sultana Disaster and engaging with Arkansas history

There's an event in our nation's past that, though catastrophic and heartbreaking, hasn't ever received the attention it truly deserves. For Arkansans, it should be something we learn about thoroughly and feel connected to perhaps more than most of the other dates and milestones we read in textbooks and hear about from educators.

The affair, commonly referred to as the Sultana disaster, happened on the Mississippi River in the shadow of the end of the Civil War. It is often referred to as the "forgotten tragedy" and Congress has officially recognized it as the worst disaster in U.S. maritime history, including the sinking of the Titanic.

On April 27, 1865, just weeks after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, a 260-foot-long wooden steamboat with thousands of passengers aboard exploded, burned and sank into the Mississippi River just miles from Memphis on the Arkansas side of the river.

The vessel was overcrowded to begin with since it was only rated to carry about 376 people. Many of those onboard were recently released Union prisoners headed home. An estimated 1,200 people died as a result of this mishap.

In 1982, archeologists uncovered the Sultana's remains under a soybean field. Ever since, there have been efforts to bring this incident and its repercussions back to the forefront after so many years of languishing in relative obscurity.

The Sultana Historical Preservation Society has worked tirelessly to see to that. In 2011, the first public exhibit of Sultana-related artefacts was held at Arkansas State University. A few short years later, a small museum opened in Marion, to help tell the harrowing story and invite further research.

With each step forward, the benefactors and champions of this cause have made significant progress toward ensuring the Sultana's fate is forgotten no more.

Now, an even larger goal is within sight and stands ready to formalize that mission by creating an institution that will last for generations and go a long way toward helping future young Arkansans learn of and remember what happened on a Civil War-era steamboat traveling through our backyard.

This month, the Sultana Disaster Museum will break ground on a new, permanent and modern home that will afford all visitors – from school groups to Civil War enthusiasts and others – the opportunity to intimately grasp the scope and magnitude of the Sultana's demise and the human cost it carried.

It's been an honor and pleasure to work alongside the supporters of this endeavor leveraging funding and expertise from all levels of government, including federal and state agencies and partners alongside the private sector because we know it is the successful formula to create investments that serve our communities, our economy and the public good.


This facility will do so much to ensure the full story of the Sultana never stops being told while also deepening the appreciation and reverence for it among those who interact with its exhibits and artefacts for years to come.

Not only that, but it will appropriately create the space needed to place this tragedy in our nation's history and memory where it belongs rather than as an historical footnote. Doing so honors the victims and helps push their legacies forward.

Celebrating this next exciting chapter in the effort to help the Sultana disaster receive the attention and acknowledgement it is due is so important for many reasons, including the fellowship it has fostered in the community and the economic benefits it can offer.

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Birthdays are the best when shared

As many of you know, Fred entered this world the day before my birthday. I was very adamant about her having her own birthday and my stubbornness paid off. She was born on Friday the 13th and praise the Lord, on the 14th, I was a year older with a healthy baby, and most importantly, I was no longer pregnant!



ASHLEY HOGG
EDITOR

Our family had a wonderful time this weekend celebrating Fred. She is so full of life and there is no greater joy than seeing her happy and being loved by our people.

I absolutely must give a shout out to Urban Air in Benton. They are worth every penny. The staff there was so nice and helpful and the best part was, the kids got to run around and jump and play and I didn't have to clean up my house. It was like an extra birthday gift for me.

If you find yourself on Military Road in Benton anytime soon with kiddos, give that place a try. You will not regret it.

For some reason, completely unknown to me, Fred has an outgoing personality and is a people person. She was surrounded by her closest people on Saturday and the child never stopped smiling.

There were a lot of things happening and it was a bit of sensory overload and controlled chaos but, my baby was happy and that is all that mattered to me.

I know I say this every year, but the thought really does astound me. I have been given the responsibility of another human life and I have managed to keep her alive and mostly thriving for seven years now. When I think about that, it reminds me of how tough babies are and how resilient children can be.

Lord knows Fred ate enough sand her first trip to the beach as a toddler to have worried poison control. And then, there was the time she got ink in her mouth and all over her face and hands. Superman would look at the bright side and tell me, at least she has a strong immune system.

Being a parent of a child that has so many similarities to you is exciting and draining all at once. I know so many of the frustrations she will face and I know she will learn

many lessons the hard way, just like her mother did.

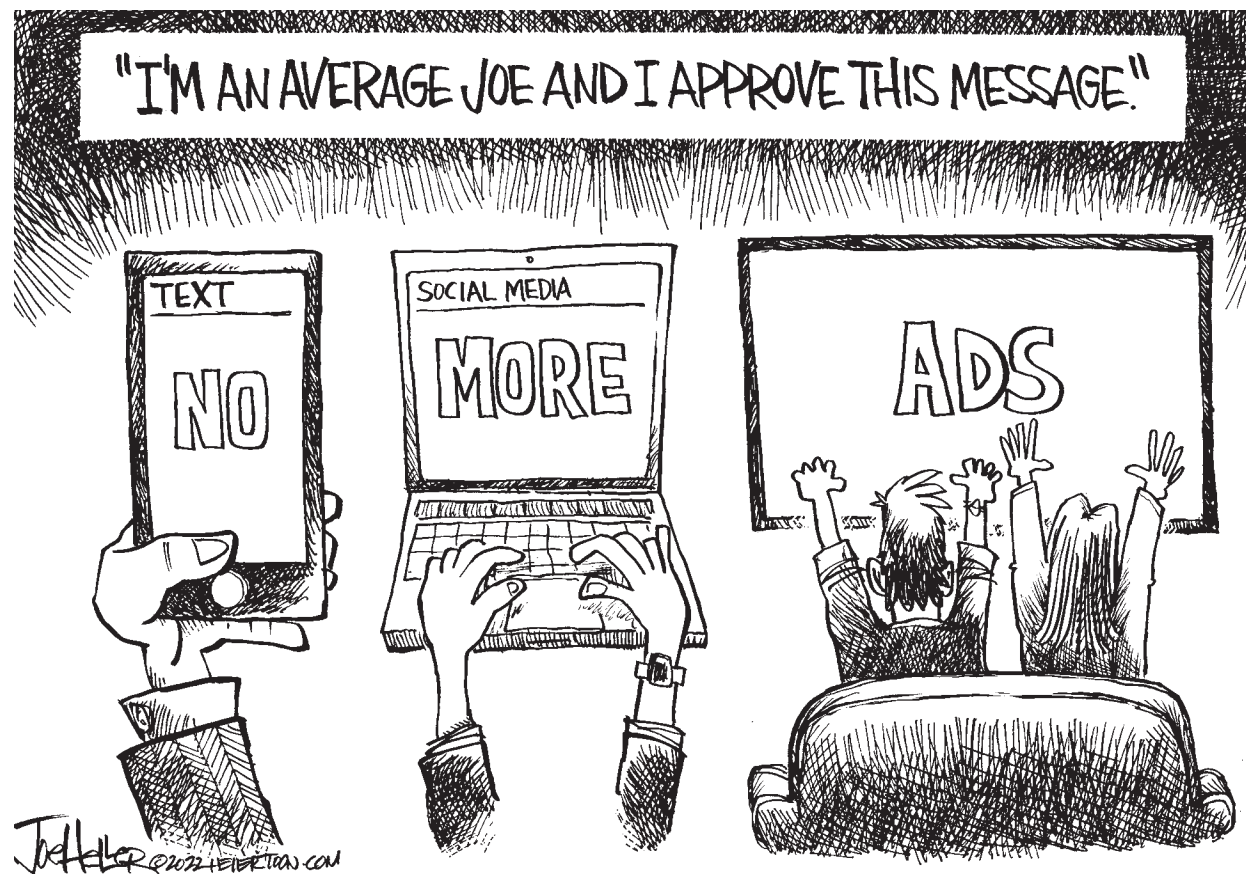
So many of Fred's traits will serve her well later in life. As a child, it is sometimes difficult to watch her navigate this world where not every communicates like we do. The interesting thing about Fred is, she has a sweet spirit and a love for animals that I never had. She is giving and very loving and her little heart can be so sensitive. I figure she will be the girl that brings home all the stray dogs she finds on the side of the road once she becomes mobile. I'll probably have to farm that one out to Superman to handle. He shares that sweet spirit.

She has some tough days in her future but I know she will be stronger for it. Who knows, she could rule the world one day.

Birthdays in your thirties are pretty humbling. There is a lack of wanting to go out and party all night long with a sense of you are still young, have fun while you can.

I guess your perception of a good time changes every five years or so. I had a great birthday meal with friends and family. I have delicious coffee at my beckon call and

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Legislative process runs on committees

Committees are an essential part of the legislative process. While in committee, a bill is reviewed, researched, and sometime revised. Committee meetings also provide an opportunity for public comment.

Committee selection is one of the first orders of business for newly elected members and returning members of the House. A House Caucus is currently scheduled for 9 a.m. on



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November 17.

During the caucus, newly elected members will draw for seniority and all members will select their seats for the 94th General Assembly. After seat selection, the committee selection process will begin.

The vast majority of legislation considered during a legislative session begins in a standing committee.

There are 10 standing committees in the House. These include 5 class "A" committees and 5 class "B" committees.

Each member serves on 1 "A" committee and 1 "B" committee.

Class "A" committees include:

- Education
- Judiciary
- Public Health, Welfare and Labor
- Public Transportation
- Revenue and Taxation

Class "B" Committees include:

- Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs
- Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development
- City, County and Local Affairs
- Insurance and Commerce
- State Agencies and Governmental Affairs

Each standing committee consists of 20 members including 5 members from each of the 4 House district caucuses.

Pursuant to a House Rules, the most senior member of the House of Representatives will select first and will choose a position on a Class "A" standing committee. The

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Thank you, Veterans

Today, I would like to talk about celebrating our veterans and recognizing the sacrifices they have made for our freedoms.

Veterans have a special place for me. My father was a veteran of World War II, and I am humbled by the privilege to lead a state that honors those who serve or have served in the military. When I have the opportunity to honor veterans or to improve life for them, I try to take advantage of that. In the budget I presented this week to the General Assembly, I asked for increased funding for specific veterans assistance programs.



ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR'S REPORT

One hundred three years ago today, "Armistice Day" was created to celebrate the first anniversary of the end of World War I. At the time, World War I was named the war to end all wars. But in hindsight, we know that isn't true, and our brave men and women have been called upon several of times since.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day, and with it the focus of the holiday shifted to pay tribute to all American veterans.

Today, we can honor them by supporting our military institutions within the state and equipping them with the best tools to complete their missions. Our military must be second to none, and we have the ability to make sure that happens.

We also must honor them by giving them opportunities to use their skills in a good job where they are able to showcase their leadership and experience.

No one day of observation is equal to the sacrifice of those who put their lives on the line to defend the freedoms that we sometimes take for granted. While we celebrate this Veterans Day, we can look back to just earlier this week when we were able to practice one of our special freedoms.

Election Day is a critical time in our democracy that decides the coming future of our country. We are free today to have a say in our democracy because of the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have stood against dark times.

As Governor, it is important to say thank you, and God bless our men and women who have served and those who continue to serve. We are forever in your debt.

Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership now has website

Funds are now available from the settlement of a massive lawsuit against opioid distributors, and will be awarded to projects that have demonstrated effectiveness in combating the abuse of painkillers.

The Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership has set up a website with information about how to apply. It has an advisory board that will review applications. The



BEN GILMORE
ARKANSAS SENATE REPORT

Partnership's director previously served as state Drug Director for five years.

The Partnership is a combined effort of the Arkansas Association of Counties and the Arkansas Municipal League, which joined in the litigation against opioid distributors.

Arkansas was awarded \$216 million in the settlement. That money will be divided evenly between cities, counties and the state and will be gradually paid out over the next 18 years. The settlement was announced a year ago, after four years of litigation that resulted in a \$26 billion set-

tlement that will be distributed nationally.

So far, Arkansas has received about \$10 million from the first stage of the settlement. At a recent news conference the Partnership director said that more settlements with other pharmaceutical companies may increase the total amount Arkansas gets from lawsuits over opioid sales.

The dispensing rate for opioids is very high in Arkansas. In Arkansas in 2022, for every 100 people in the state more than 80 prescriptions were filled. That is

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Help protect your family's future with an estate plan

Home ownership is an exciting dream for a lot of people. While estate planning may not be a dream, like home ownership, it is something very valuable for you and your family.

Surprisingly, there are many parallels between home ownership and the estate-planning process – beyond the fact they're both major milestones for individuals and their families. With that in mind, we see three common steps with the estate-planning process.

Build a strong foundation – Just like your home, make sure your estate plan has a strong foundation. Your foundation is the starting point for all activity and must be carefully designed and built.

Customize to fit your needs – No one wants a cookie-cutter home – or estate plan. Personalize your estate plan to your individual situation just as you would when you decorate your home. You want to match your plan (and your home) to your family's lifestyle.

Update and maintain – You update and maintain your home

to keep it current and avoid unwanted problems. The same applies to your estate plan. Ignoring required maintenance or reviews has the potential to create future problems in both scenarios.

Build a strong foundation

Putting a set of core estate-planning documents in place is essential to protecting yourself and your family. So, what does a strong foundation look like? It's more than just a will or a will and trust. A strong foundation encompasses putting multiple documents in place that go beyond how your assets will pass and naming who would care for your children. It also addresses who can make medical and financial decisions on your behalf, if needed, incapacity planning, and it also defines health care directives.

You'll need to work with your attorney to ensure you have a combination of a will or a will and trust, a medical and financial power of attorney, and medical directives/living will. This core set of documents can define:

- How you would like your as-

sets distributed at death

- Who you would like to be the guardian of your children and dependents

- Who could make decisions on your behalf, should you not be able to do so or become incapacitated

- Your desires related to medical and end-of-life care

If you are a business owner, you will also want to discuss what additional documents are appropriate based on your individual situation. As each state is different, work with a qualified estate-planning attorney to draft and execute those documents most appropriate for your situation.

Customize your plan and incorporate your specific wishes

When you're establishing your documents, there are a number of decisions related to how you can customize your estate plan for your family's specific situation. A well-thought-out estate plan incorporates your specific wishes and directives based on the known facts.

- Who do you want to name in-

your documents as your executor or trustee? Who would you like to act on your behalf if you are no longer able to do so (e.g., make medical decisions)?

Naming individuals in your documents is an important consideration as well as a serious responsibility. Carefully consider who you appoint in each role and discuss their responsibilities to ensure they are comfortable with what you are asking them to do. Consider these issues:

- What is the age of those you have named in your documents to perform duties? Are they mature enough to handle the decisions that may need to be made? Could their age or knowledge/maturity impact their ability to fulfill their duties?

- Where do those named reside? If you have named someone out of state to be a guardian, does that meet your family's needs? Would they be able to accomplish their required duties if they do not live locally?

- Will your selections create conflict with other family members? This is a very delicate subject. It's important to name in-

dividuals you trust and that you know could fulfill the role. However, be aware that without communicating your thought process, there could potentially be hurt feelings, unintended consequences and misunderstanding.

Be sure to discuss these responsibilities with those you've named in your documents. It's equally vital to share the location of these documents – and any relevant passwords – so the paperwork is accessible. Providing insight into why these individuals were selected and what you are hoping to achieve will allow them an opportunity to ask questions and clarify your wishes.

When leaving assets to heirs, there are a number of considerations as each situation is unique.

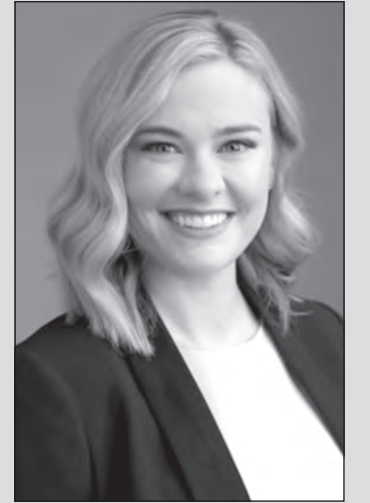
Do you want to leave assets outright or in trust?

One consideration when passing assets to heirs is how the assets will be distributed. You'll need to think about not only the specific dollar amount and who receives what, but also if you want to pass the assets outright with no restrictions or you

would like to place the assets in a trust. A trust will allow a greater amount of flexibility and may also be needed to execute some tax-planning strategies.

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an improvement over 2018, when more than 93 prescriptions for painkillers were prescribed for every 100 Arkansas residents.

The dispensing rate was even higher in some counties. In 2018, in Garland County 126 prescriptions were dispensed for every 100 residents.

The number of people who have died from an overdose increased from 180 in 2019 to 261 in 2020 and 371 in 2021.

The fatal overdoses are not caused just by abuse of illegal drugs, but are commonly from abuse of legal prescriptions. Arkansas is

second in the nation, behind Alabama, in the over-prescribing of prescription opioids.

After states and local governments joined in lawsuits against major drug companies, the prescribing of opioids tapered off between 2012 and 2020, when dispensing rates fell to the lowest level in 15 years.

However, even after the decline, 3.6 percent of all counties in the United States had a dispensing rate of more than one prescription of painkiller for each resident in the county.

Nationwide, the dispensing rate has gone down from a peak in 2012 of 81.3 prescriptions for every 100 people. In 2020 the national rate was 43.3 prescrip-

tions for every 100 people.

One announced goal of the Partnership is to make Naloxone more available among first responders and groups that work to abate opioid abuse. It is a drug that reverses the effects of an overdose.

The 12-member advisory board includes a school board president, a county judge, a mayor, a physician whose specialty is pain medicine, a retired police chief, sheriff, a grant writer, staff and former staff of opioid abatement projects and an attorney knowledgeable about the settlement of the opioid lawsuit.

The board also has representatives from the Municipal League and the Association of Arkansas Counties.

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seniority rotation procedure will continue until the member with the least seniority makes his or her selection. After the member with the least seniority makes his or her Class "A" standing committee selection, the most senior member will select his or her Class "B" standing committee. The seniority

rotation will continue until the member with the least seniority selects his or her Class "B" standing committee.

Selection for the House Budget Committee, Arkansas Legislative Council, and Legislative Joint Auditing will take place after standing committee selection.

You can watch the committee selection process live at arkansashouse.org.

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a wonderful spouse who is happy to brew it for me. I have a child that is obviously going places, location to be determined. I have health, love and light in my life. Another great year to be alive. Thanks for indulging in my adventures with me. I do love this job.

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Arkansas youth hunters take more than 9,000 deer in two-day hunt

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According to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's online harvest totals, hunters aged 6 to 15 checked 9,153 deer during last weekend's annual youth modern gun deer hunt.

Ralph Meeker, AGFC deer program coordinator, says the first youth weekend typically results in a harvest between 8,000 and 11,000 deer statewide.

"This year's harvest falls right in line with those historical numbers," Meeker said. "It's right on par with the 2020-21 season. There may be a few more deer

show up in the system as some of the remaining data points are cleaned up, but I wouldn't expect it to change by more than 100 deer."

Meeker says the success of the youth hunt is largely influenced by weather conditions because it is only two days.

"We had significant storms roll through on Friday night, right before the hunt," Meeker said. "I'm sure a few hunters who had set up pop-up blinds may have had to go find them in the dark that first morning from the wind having blown them away, but overall it was great weather

during the hunt," Meeker said.

Acorns and other hard mast also can impact many hunters' success on private land, as heavy acorn crops can entice deer away from feeders and make them harder to pattern. Although this year's drought conditions caused many oaks in some parts of Arkansas to drop their acorns early, other areas fared much better.

"The acorn crop really is highly variable around the state. Some areas have acorns and other areas are spotty at best," Meeker said. Even though the first youth hunt has concluded, Meeker reminds hunters that there are still

plenty of opportunities to take a youth hunter along.

"Traditionally about 12 percent of our annual harvest comes from hunters younger than 16," Meeker said. "That includes the special youth hunts, as well as all of the other hunting seasons. The second youth hunt, which is at the end of the year (Jan. 7-8, 2023), will only account for a few hundred deer, but we'll see plenty of youth hunters checking deer this weekend during the regular modern gun deer season opener, too."

The overall deer harvest looks to be on track with recent years

as well, with nearly 44,000 deer being checked leading into the big weekend. According to annual deer harvest reports, roughly 60 percent of Arkansas's deer harvest occurs in November, and the opening weekend of modern gun season posts more deer in two days than the annual archery harvest.

Going into opening day, Meeker stresses that safety is extremely important — firearms safety as well as treestand safety.

"We still had several treestand falls while deer hunting last year that resulted in injuries, four of which were fatal," Meeker said.

"Always use a safety harness, and no matter what sort of stand or saddle you use, give it a thorough inspection for worn straps and bolts before you ever take it to the woods to hang it."

It's also critical to make sure you tag your deer if you cannot check it before moving it. If for some reason you don't have it checked, you need to make your own tag or use one from the AGFC Hunting Guidebook so a wildlife officer can verify the deer is yours and can follow up to make sure it is checked within 12 hours of harvest.

Twenty-six hunters fill their elk tag during Arkansas's 2022 season

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Acorn or "akern," no matter which way you pronounce it, those little nuts falling from oaks during the 2022 Arkansas elk hunt played a pivotal role in hunters fulfilling a lifelong dream last month. According to Wes Wright, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Elk Program coordinator, a heavy crop of acorns kept most elk in the woods and away from the traditional fields during the hunt, resulting in 26 elk during the scheduled elk season.

Of 21 hunters drawn for public land elk-hunting permits this season, only 10 were successful. Four bulls and six antlerless elk were taken on Gene Rush WMA, Bearcat Hollow WMA and public land along the Buffalo National River.

Wright says the single youth hunter who drew a permit this year found success.

"Justin Sanford of Greenbrier was our only youth," Wright said.

"He hunted Gene Rush WMA and scored on an antlerless elk."

Private land hunters fared better than their public land counterparts, with 14 (10 bulls and four antlerless) elk harvested. They did fall well short of the 27 elk quota set for this season, but Wright says that's not uncommon once the bull quota is reached.

"They actually passed the zone's nine bull quota by one elk because the quota had not been filled at the beginning of a hunt day and multiple hunters bagged an elk during that day's hunt," Wright explained. "Most of our private land hunters are after a bull and don't pursue the elk as hard once the bull quota is reached, so it's not uncommon for that antlerless quota to remain unfilled at the end of the hunt."

Wright says the private land harvest may even have a new state record, a 7 x 8 elk taken in Searcy County by Billy Harris.

"We rough scored it at the check station and it came up to 378 inches of antler, and Mr. Harris's taxidermist green-scored it at 392 inches," Wright said. "It has to have 60 days of drying time and will be scored officially after that, but it's going to be close to the current record, which is 355 inches."

The remaining two elk were taken from the Statewide Elk Zone, both in Pope County. According to AGFC regulations, any elk outside of the Core Elk Zone may be taken during an open deer season with weapons legal for that season.

"We may still have another elk or two taken in the statewide elk zone, but it's pretty rare," Wright said. "We'll confirm the final harvest at the end of deer seasons to make sure all elk harvested are accounted for in the final harvest report."

Visit www.agfc.com/elk for more information on elk in Arkansas.

Click it or ticket: Ramped-up enforcement of seat belt law set for Thanksgiving week

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Arkansas law enforcement officers plan to bolster their patrol assignments aimed at violators who are not buckled-up while traveling on local streets and state highways during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday period.

State troopers, local police and sheriff's deputies are following the lead of the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) high visibility Click It or Ticket seat belt awareness campaign which is intended to reduce the number of fatalities that occur when motorists fail to buckle-up. The concerted campaign by law enforcement begins next Monday, November 21 and continues through Sunday night, November 27.

During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend of 2020, there were 333 passenger vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes across the nation. More than half the victims were not wearing a seatbelt.

Additionally, nighttime has proven to be more deadly than daytime, with 67 percent of Thanksgiving weekend fatal crashes occurring at night. The deaths were needless tragedies for families across America that may have been prevented with the simple click of a seat belt.

"Properly using a seat belt in a moving vehicle isn't just a suggestion, it's the law," said Colonel Bill Bryant, Director of the Arkansas State Police, and the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "Wherever you travel, short distances or long, you must wear a seat belt. It's your best defense if involved in a crash and may mean the difference between life and death. This Thanksgiving, and every day of the year, remember, Click It or Ticket."

For more information about highway safety during this Thanksgiving holiday, please visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/seat-belts> or contact the Arkansas Highway Safety Office at (501) 618-8136.

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pulled by a UTV," Nault said. "They were transported approximately 220 yards from the boat ramp to the water's edge. It took several trips back and forth to the hatchery trucks to stock the fish this way."

Nault says the lower-than-expected water is a result of drought conditions during the lake's refilling after the lake was drained by the City of Monticello to repair the lake's levee.

"The water in Lake Monticello currently covers approximately 470 acres, and has only increased about 20 acres since May," Nault said. "At full pool, the lake covers 1,520 acres. It took about five years to reach that pool level when the lake was originally flooded, and that included two drought years."

The drought postponed the stocking of shad into the lake, as these fish are much more delicate and susceptible to injury from the added handling the transportation required. With

luck and rain, there still may be an opportunity to start this forage base soon.

"We plan on stocking threadfin shad this fall as well, if there is surplus Threadfin Shad available," Nault said. "Florida largemouth bass will be stocked during the summer of 2023. The forage and bream species already mentioned will be stocked again in the fall of 2023, along with black crappie."

The use of "hog troughs" is hopefully an ironic bit of foreshadowing, as Lake Monticello

was once known as one of the top destinations for trophy-size bass in Arkansas. As the lake aged and some undesirable species became established, the potential for memorable-size catches began to wane. With staff hav-

ing the opportunity to renovate the lake's habitat and reset the fish population, the hope is that many anglers will begin to see "hog-quality" fish after the lake refills and the soon-to-be stocked Florida largemouth bass

have had at least a few years to grow.

Visit www.agfc.com/en/news/tag/lake-monticello for more information on the rebuilding of the lake's levee and intensive habitat revitalization.

QUILT

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decided to design and create a quilt to donate to the library for fundraising. The club voted on a Showering Stars pattern to adapt for the project and then designed additions to enlarge the finished quilt to an appropriate size for a queen size bed cover.

Several monthly workdays were devoted to creating the quilt top, and additional hours spent quilting, binding, and attaching a sleeve to the back of the quilt to provide an opportunity for displaying the quilt vertically. The quilt was on display in the recent Delta Quilt Show held at UAM and took the

first-place prize in the Viewers' Choice Awards.

On 7 November, club members attended the Friends of the Library board meeting to present the board with the results of their efforts. Club Treasurer, Judy Murphy, provided an introduction explaining the organization of Arkansas EHC, their goals, and their local efforts.

For more information about Town & Country Quilters EHC, email Dr Kay Walter, the club president, at walter@uamont.edu or phone Judy Murphy at 870-367-2533. For information about the library quilt and donating to the Friends fundraising efforts, contact Dr Terry Nugent at nugenttl@uamont.edu.

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The Monticello Airport Commission is seeking Statements of Qualifications from experienced airport engineering consultants to perform services for the next five (5) years at the Monticello Municipal Airport. Professional services may consist of the preparation of applications for federal and state funding; environmental services; airport layout plans; facilities justification; land acquisitions and relocation services; engineering design of runways; taxiways, aprons, auto parking areas, and access and circulation roads; lighting; NAVAIDS; hangars and building improvements; and other engineering services as the commission may direct.

Five (5) copies of the Statement of Qualifications must be delivered to Michelle Anthony, c/o Monticello Municipal Airport, 390 Airport Road, Monticello, AR 71655 on or before December 14, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Page count is limited to 25 pages or less. Cover letter, covers, tabs, and table of contents will not count toward page count. Experience and qualification data relating to the project should be submitted with the Statement of Qualifications. The envelope containing the submittals must be plainly marked "Proposal for Airport Services."

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7. Evaluation of the firm's EEO policy.

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The Monticello Airport Commission, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 41 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination of Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all proposers that it will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or handicap in consideration for an award.

For details of the project and specific requirements relative to the proposal process interested firms are requested to contact: Bennie Ryburn, Chairman 870-367-4450

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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.

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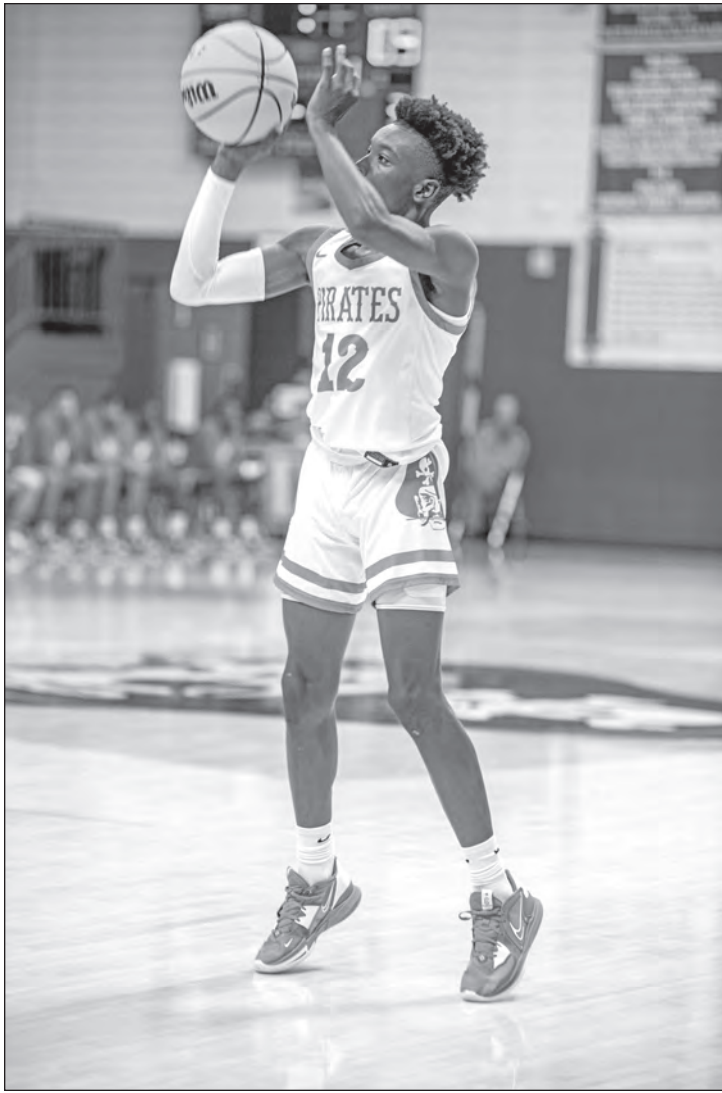
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Pirates open 2022-23 basketball season with 75-48 win over Crossett



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JACORRIAN LOVE connected on his first four three-point attempts. Love would finish the contest with 16 total points.



KADE BODIFORD (left) takes a jumper in the lane. Bodiford led the Pirates in scoring with 18 points. **TRAMOND MILLER** (center) was the fourth Pirate player to reach double-digits against Crossett on Tuesday night. Miller finished the contest with 12 points. **NICK BAILEY** (right) looks to lay it in in the lane. Bailey scored three points in the contest starting the contest securing the opening tip for the Pirates.

BY: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Pirates hosted the Crossett Eagles on Tuesday night to begin the 2022-23 basketball season.

Crossett would score the first points of the contest with Kade Bodiford scoring the first points of the season for the Pirates to tie the contest at two.

For the first several minutes, both teams played evenly as it seemed that it may take some time for the Pirates to get in the groove for basketball having the majority of their players just finishing up the 2022 Football season the Friday previous.

Drew Burton connected on a three-pointer with 4:22 remaining in the first quarter that sparked the Pirates to go on the offensive to outscore the Eagles 24-11 in the first quarter.

In that first quarter, freshman, Ja'Corrian Love would connect on two consecutive three-pointers followed by a three by Bodiford to take a 22-11 lead.

Tramond Miller added the final points of the quarter with five seconds remaining.

Love would begin the second quarter, connecting on two consecutive three-pointers. Love connected on his first for attempted shots, all four were three-point shots.

Burton would score a two-point basket to give the Pirates a 32-13 lead with 4:23 remaining in the half.

Tramond Miller would once again score the final points of the

quarter to give the Pirates a 34-19 lead at the half.

The Pirates would outscore Crossett 16-11 in the third quarter with Miller leading the way for the Pirates in the quarter with six points and Bodiford adding five.

Crossett would outscore the Pirates in the fourth quarter, outscoring Drew Central 18-15 with the majority of the Eagle scoring coming after head coach CJ Watson began to substitute in his bench players to give them some game time experience.

Drew Central added the final basket of the contest by Blake Gibson to give the Pirates the 75-48 victory.

Kade Bodiford led the way for the Pirates with 18 points, followed by Ja'Corrian Love with 16. Drew Burton scored 13 and Tramond Miller added 12.

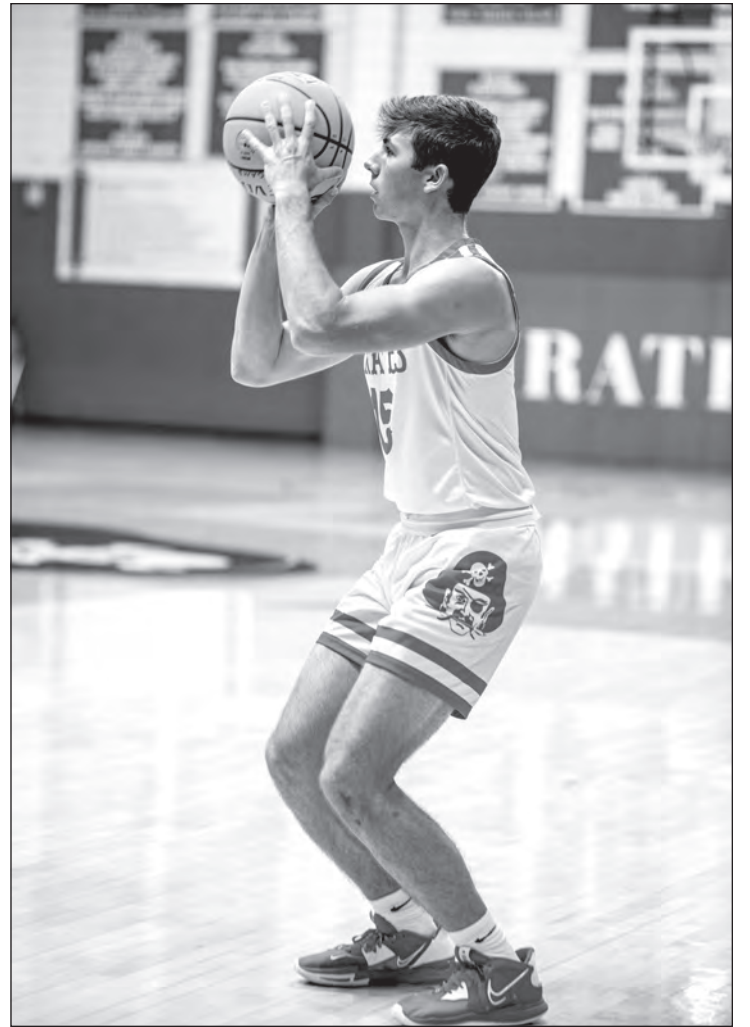
Tre'Bennett Fuller scored five points with Nick Bailey scoring three.

Tralon Miller, Alex Preddy, Torian Struggs, and Blake Gibson finished the contest with two points each.

The Pirates will travel to Parkers Chapel on Thursday, November 17 with the senior boys scheduled to tip after the conclusion of the senior girls contest.

The Pirates will return to Drew Central on Friday night to face Dermott with the games tipping off at 4:30 pm.

Drew Central will travel to Fountain Lake to play in the Fountain Lake Classic on Monday, November 21, and Tuesday, November 22.



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DREW BURTON was one of four Pirate players to reach double-digits in Tuesday nights season opening win over Crossett. Burton finished with 13.



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Lady Pirates invoke "sportsmanship rule" against Crossett



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SAYVEIONA DURDEN scored the Lady Pirates first 10 points in their opening season contest against Crossett. Durden would lead the Lady Pirates in scoring with 17.

BY: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Lady Pirates became the first team to play under the newly installed shot clock at Drew Central Gymnasium on Tuesday night against Crossett.

The 35-second shot clock was approved for use by the Arkansas Activities Association in 2020 to be implemented in the 2022-23 season.

The shot clock is to be used in both the senior high girls and boys basketball contests and will be used across all six classifications.

In agreement with Crossett, the first half of the contest would be played without the shot clock, but the shot clock would be initiated at the start of the second half.

The Lady Pirates got things going after a two-point basket by Sayveiona Durden and a free throw gave Drew Central a 3-0 lead.

Crossett would score with 7:26 showing on the clock, but would not score another basket until hitting a pair of free throws with 18 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

As for Drew Central, Durden would score the first 10 points of the contest for Drew Central with the team going on to score 20 points in the quarter, outscoring Crossett 20-4.

Edriana Hunter scored the first points of the second quarter, connecting on one of two from the freethrow line.

Crossett would have a better scoring performance in the second quarter, scoring 10 points in the quarter, but was outscored by Drew Central 14-10 to give the Lady Pirates a 24-14 lead at the half.

Hannah Meeks and Hunter would lead the Lady Pirates with four points each in the second quarter.

The Lady Pirates defense would hold Crossett to two points in the third quarter, giving up the single basket with 1:03 remaining in the quarter.

Drew Central would score 10 points in the third with Lana Boykin scoring five points in the quarter.

Drew Central led 34-16 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Lady Pirate defense continued to keep Crossett from producing an effective offense, not allowing a basket until seconds remaining in the game.

Durden would score the first basket, a three-pointer, to invoke the sportsmanship rule for the remainder of the contest.

Drew Central would go on to defeat Crossett 56-20.

Durden led the way for the Lady Pirates with 17 points followed by Boykin with eight.



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EDRIANA HUNTER looks to take a three-point shot against Crossett on Tuesday night. Hunter would score six points in the contest.

SAU reclaims Battle of the Timberlands Trophy 20-7 over UAM



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JORDAN MANSFIELD (left) catches a pass for a first down for the Weevils for a 43-yard gain. **EDWIN KLEINPETER (center)** throws a pass for a 28-yard touchdown to **ISAIAH CROSS (right)** in the right corner of the endzone to tie the contest at 7-7. SAU would score 13 points in the second half to reclaim the Battle of the Timberlands Trophy with a 20-7 victory.

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

After beginning the season with a 3-1 start, the University of Arkansas at Monticello Boll Weevils ended their 2022 Season, dropping their seventh consecutive contest to Southern Arkansas University in the Battle of the Timberlands to finish the season with a 3-8 record.

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

After a 35-yard return by De-Shawn Jackson, the Weevils would begin the opening drive at their own 27-yard line after a holding penalty moved the ball back from the 37.

UAM would be forced to punt the ball away on the drive with SAU taking over at their own 16-yard line.

The Muleriders would cover the 84 yards in 10 plays, scoring the touchdown with 9:19 remaining in the first quarter to take an early 7-0 lead after the extra point.

SAU would maintain their lead throughout the first quarter.

UAM would record a turnover with 4:14 remaining in the half after Brycen LeBlanc recovered the Mulerider fumble at the UAM 26-yard line.

UAM would move the ball into SAU territory on the second play of the drive after Edwin Kleinpeter connected with Jordan Mansfield for a 43-yard gain to the SAU 31-yard line.

Hayden Thomas would carry the ball down to the 25 on the next two plays, but the Weevils would lose three yard to the 28 after Kleinpeter was sacked by SAU's Dawson Scott.

Kleinpeter would connect with Isaiah Cross on the next pass for a 28-yard touchdown pass in the right corner of the endzone for the Weevil touchdown.

After the extra point, the score

was 7-7 with 1:20 remaining in the half.

SAU would receive the ball to begin the second half, returning the ball to the SAU 31 after the 43-yard kick by Zachary Grisotti.

The Muleriders would advance the ball to the UAM one-yard line but the Weevil defense was able to force the Muleriders to turn the ball over on downs at the one.

The Weevils were able to advance the ball out to the UAM 25, but were forced to punt to give possession back to SAU.

Both defenses were able to make stops throughout the third quarter, holding each other to zero points in the quarter to enter the fourth tied 7-7.

SAU would retake the lead with 6:04 remaining in the contest.

Beginning their drive on their own 10-yard line, the Muleriders would cover the 90 yards in 13 plays, capping off the drive with a 20-yard run by OB Jones.

SAU would miss the kick to take a 13-7 lead.

UAM would turn the ball over on their next possession after Xavier Branch intercepted Kleinpeter's pass, returning the ball 34 yards to the UAM 44.

SAU would seal the contest and claim the Battle of the Timberlands Trophy after the turnover, covering 34 yards in four plays.

After the extra point, SAU led 20-7 with 1:32 remaining in the contest.

UAM's season would come to an end on the SAU 21-yard line after a seven-yard sack by Damon

LeGrande and Garrett Roberts to Edwin Kleinpeter.

UAM used two quarterbacks in the contest with Hunter Watson completing one of three passes for three yards, but led the team in rushing with 34 yards.

Kleinpeter led in passing with 231 yards, with a touchdown and an interception going 17 of 27 and being sacked four times.

With the loss, the Weevils finished the season with a 3-8 record, placing 10th in the Great American Conference ahead of Northwestern Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma Baptist who each finished the season with 1-10 records.

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Curley Wolves shut out Pirates in first round of 3A State Tournament

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Pirates 2022 Football Season came to an end Friday night in the first round of the 3A State Football Championship Tournament.

The Pirates advanced to the playoffs for the first time since the 2020 season after having to forfeit the contest hours before kickoff at Prescott.

Two years later the Pirates would improve on an 0-10 season to finish the 2022 season at 5-5 and a 2-4 6-3A Conference record, qualifying for the playoffs after Lakeside was defeated by the Fordyce Redbugs.

Entering as the fifth seed out of the conference, the Pirates would have to travel to Prescott to face the Curley Wolves who finished with an undefeated regular season, and as the number one seed out of the 5-3A.

With rain in the forecast and the temperature dropping, the Prescott Curley Wolves would



PIRATE CAPTAINS: Luke Phillips (4), Brayden Millett (8), Kade Bodiford (1), and Tramond Miller (2) represented the Drew Central Pirates as the game captains for the 3A State Football Championship first round game against Prescott.

win the coin toss and elected to receive the football.

Prescott would begin their drive at their own 32 and two plays later would score the first touchdown of the contest.

Prescott would score on their first three possessions for a 21-0 lead and would extend the lead to 35-0 before the buzzer sounded to end the half.

The Pirates offense could never gain any momentum, accounting for three punts, one fumble, and three interceptions.

Prescott had scoring plays of 56, 23, 22, two, and seven yards.

Prescott would advance to the second round of the playoffs with a 35-0 victory, eliminating the Pirates from the playoffs.



Drew Central finishes the season with a 5-6 overall record.

Prescott will next face the Salem Greyhounds at home in the second round of the.

Kickoff for the second round matchup is set for 7 pm.



LUKE PHILLIPS and HUNTER PHILLIPS (left) combine for a tackle against the Prescott runner. The Phillips brothers were two of the leading defensive players for the Pirates this season. KALANI COLLINS and GABE BUTCHER (center) tackle the Prescott runner Friday night. Butcher handled the majority of kick returns for the Pirates Friday with Collins being a go to from the running back position. JA'CORRIAN LOVE (right) attempts to get to the outside on one of his runs on Friday night.

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-Jason Akers

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Busy weekend in Drew County

By **ASHLEY HOGG**
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With last Friday being Veterans Day, the annual recognition celebration was held at the Drew County Court House at 10 a.m.

Glenn Kellebrew with the local American Legion opened the ceremony by thanking the guests in attendance and welcomed the speakers.

Tommy King gave the invocation and Larry Gragg and Allen Edwards folded the flag as Kellebrew explained to the crowd what each of the 13 folds represented.

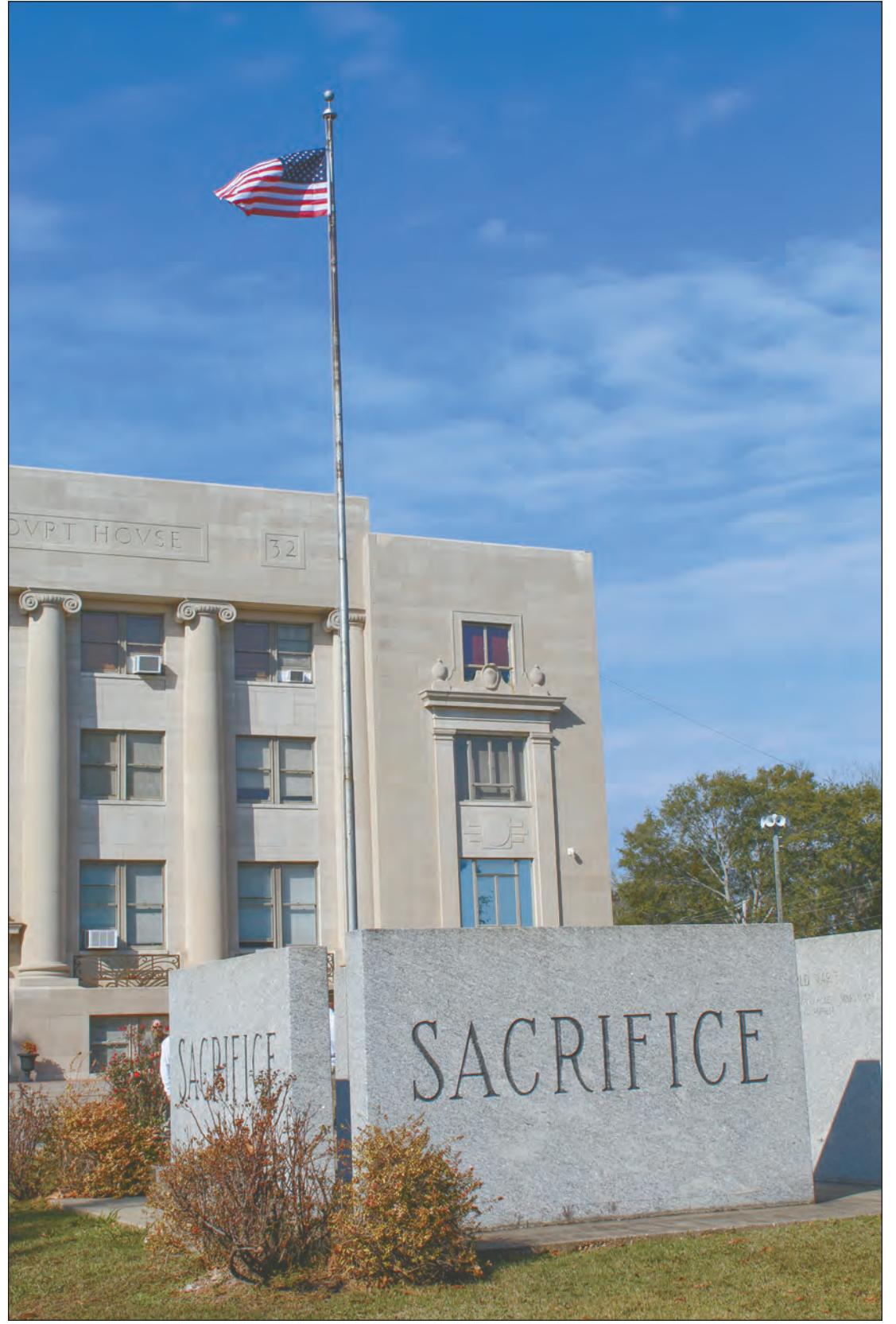
Guest speakers for the day included Arkansas State Representative, Jeff Wardlaw, Senator Ben Gilmore, Mayor of Monticello elect Jason Akers, and Drew County Judge elect Jesse Griffin.

On Saturday, many residents took advantage of the cool temperatures on the opening day of deer season.

The annual Turkey Trot 5K was held at the Vera Lloyd campus in Monticello. Runners of all ages braved the chilly weather to raise money for the students of Vera Lloyd with subjects like budgeting, household management, car maintenance and more.

The annual craft bazaar was held at First United Methodist Church. Local vendors set up across the church to display handmade items just in time for the holiday season.

To stay updated on what is going on in Drew County, see the Advance-Monticellonian Community Calendar on page of each week's edition of the newspaper.

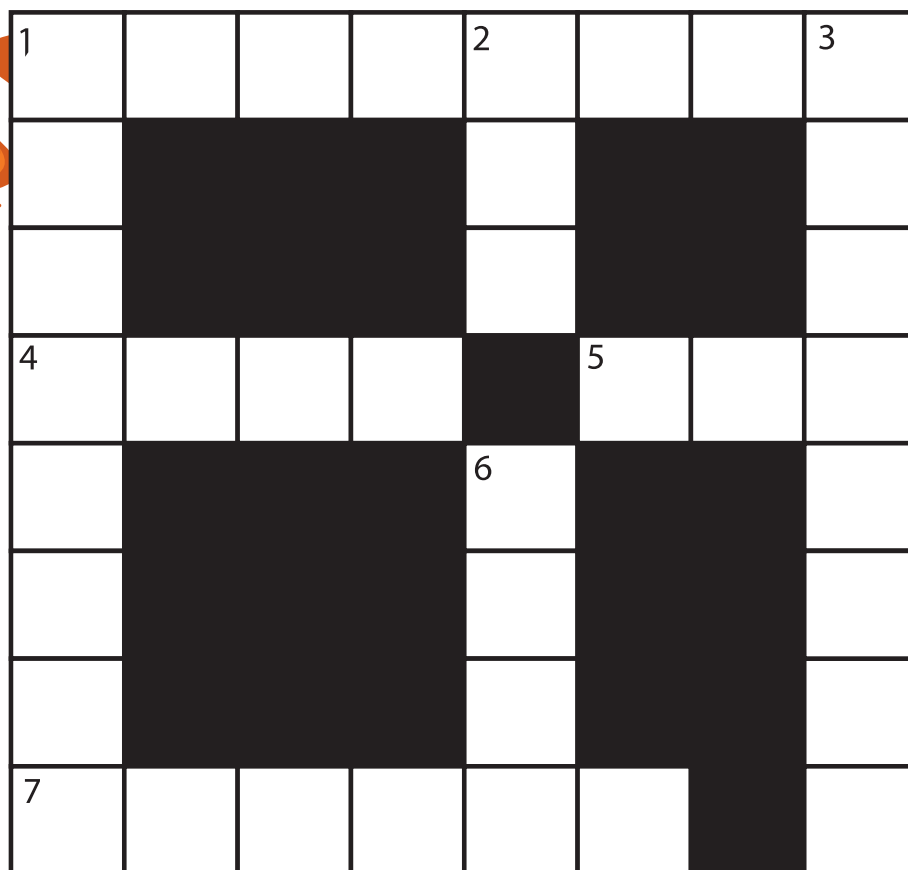




KIDS' CORNER

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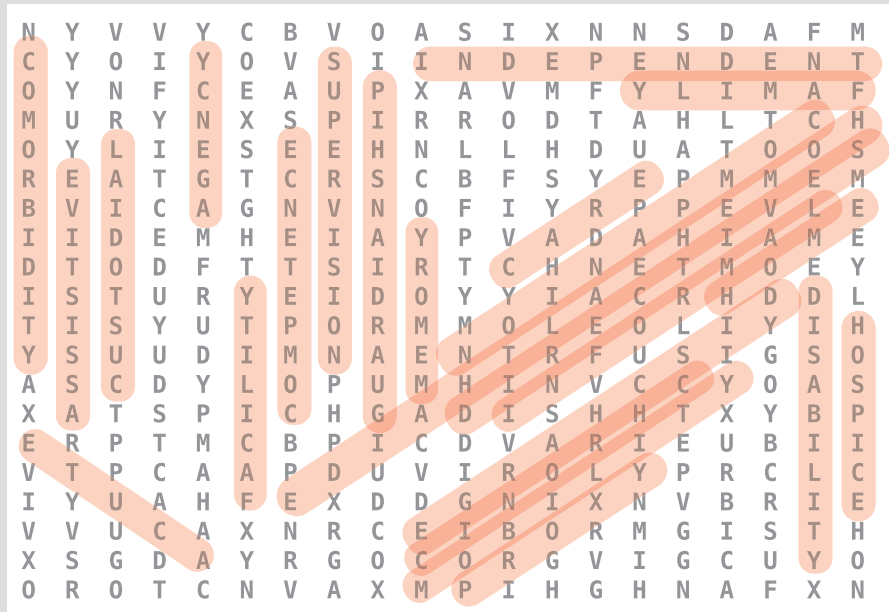
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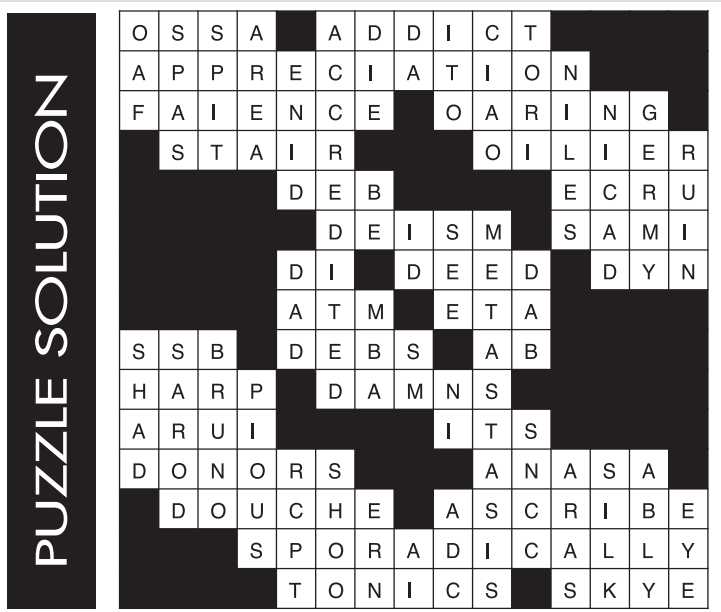
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CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

Slow down and think of all you have to be thankful for

By Amy Becker

"Let the whole earth sing to the LORD, Proclaim his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his wondrous works among all the peoples." 1 Chronicles 16:23

I bet you've been hearing a lot about Thanksgiving lately. If you're a kid, you've probably been learning about the history of the first Thanksgiving or maybe you've had a party or two. If you're an adult, you've probably been preparing for your very own Thanksgiving. This time of year can get really hectic with family gatherings and activities that sometimes we forget to slow

down and really focus on being thankful.

I woke up this morning with a song in my heart.

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice. To worship You. Oh, my soul, rejoice! Take joy my King in what You hear. Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

As I sang that song to myself this morning and enjoyed the heat of my home on this cold morning, I was so thankful for the joy of just having some quiet time with God to tell him thank you for all that He's done in my life. The busier things get, the less I'm able to do that. The less I do that, the less I remember all the things He has done

in my life. So I'm making it up in my mind to carve out time with the Lord during this busy season no matter what. I don't want Thanksgiving to pass me by without really deciding in my heart all of the many things I have to be thankful for.

So what about you? How can you make an effort to slow down and really take note of what God has done for you? Can you wake up a little early to read your Bi-

ble or Pray? Is it saying no to just one activity to spend more time with family? What about going outside and enjoying His creation instead of spending time on technology? We have so much to be thankful for, let's take the time to really enjoy it and show God our thankfulness!

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his faithful love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34

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

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



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

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BARKADA JANA WRIGHT

What a difference a week makes in Arkansas weather. Last week I was complaining because it was too hot; this morning we had a heavy frost. I promise I am not complaining! This is my kind of weather, as most of you know.

Saturday we celebrated Jakob Bayliss's 16th birthday. His actual birthday is October 26th, but due to family illnesses, we postponed his celebration until this past weekend. Those attending were Jamie Martin, J.J., Koby, and Jakob Bayliss; Bradley, Brittany, and Sawyer Sears, Ethan and Kelly Gilliam, Rebecca and Zeffery Harlow. We had a great time visiting!

Shawn stopped by to see Steve and Sara Hartness one day last week. He and Steve were reminiscing about their Kansas turkey hunts. They have had some good hunts out there. Both of them are avid turkey hunters. We all enjoy eating at a restaurant called True Lies that is in El Dorado, Kansas. They have the best chicken fried steak.

The Wilmar Daytimers had their monthly gathering last Saturday. One day I am going to attend. It seems like every time they have one, I have something else I have to do. Mrs. Sandy Lanehart and Mrs. Kim Barnes presented to the group. They also had special music by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnes. The group had a traditional Thanksgiving meal complete with chicken and dressing, candied yams, corn with butter sauce, cranberry salad, broccoli salad, and rolls. They had 27 in attendance. They gave a big thanks to Mrs. Aggie Grant and Mrs. Linda Ferguson for the food preparation.

Sheena Tucker made banana nut bread and pumpkin bread for her deer hunting crew. Later, she and Jaxson Tucker spent time together while the others hunted.

Mrs. Bea Tucker and Mrs. Debra Free spent some time in Branson last week. Mrs. Debra said that they ate a lot, shopped until they dropped, saw a great 60's show, and were surprised by they light

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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.

dusting of snow. They also did some sightseeing with all the Christmas lights and decorations.

I have been meaning to post, but I did not have news a few weeks. Please keep Mr. James Andrews and his family in your prayers. He was diagnosed with liver cancer in October. Please pray for strength and healing for him.

Happy birthday to Mr. Carlis Johns, Drew Bayird, Cheyenne Lane, Helen King, Nancy Nicholson, Monisha Watkins, Leslie Smith, Danny Burnett, Jack Schiesser, Shelly Berg, Elizabeth Gober, Kane Zeno, Molly Moss, Darlene Savage, and Carl Cunningham. I hope you all have or had happy birthdays.

Happy belated anniversary to Kanyon and Amanda Calhoun. They celebrated 23 years this past weekend. I wish them many more happy years together.

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GREEN HILL WANDA PACE

Greenhill Community Baptist church welcomes you to join us for Sunday School at 9:30am, Childrens Church and Worship service at 10:30am.

Aunt May had a doctor's appointment in Pine Bluff on Thursday. Aunt Pepe drove her to the appointment and they stopped for lunch in Star City. Harry Wayne Pace called his aunts to check on them and catch up on how everyone is doing.

Roger Dondaldson had back surgery last week. Praying for a full and speedy recovery.

Leighanne Tucker is in the hospital at Little Rock. Yall keep her in your prayers.

Happy Birthday Blaine Caldwell! I hope you enjoyed a blessed birthday.

Verse of the week: "Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord." Romans 12:11

Have a safe and blessed week! Happy Hunting!

JORDAN PARK TRILISA MARSHALL

Wow! There's only a month and a half left in 2022. This year is going by fast. So many of our family members and friends have passed on, and this past Sunday made one year that my dad passed away. It's still heartbreaking for my family and I but we all have got to depart this earthly world sooner or later. But we have to make sure that our life is pleasing to our Heavenly Father before we can enter into eternal life with our Heavenly Father. Matthew 5:48 (KJV) says, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect". God is good every time and all the time.

Sending a happy birthday shout out this week to: Jermaine Walton, November 14; Gwen Rogers, Lady Tina Jones, Irene Walton and Rev. Graylin Wilson, November 15; Joe Britton, Christina Deyon ,and Sher-

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.

LACEY IVANELL HANDLEY

Hello readers! I hope everyone had a great week and that you all stayed warm this past weekend. I am thankful to be here to see another day!

Another blessed Sunday Service was held at Mt. Olive AME Church, Lacey. Bro. Darron Spencer lead the class. The title of the lesson was "Christ Is Wisdom"; focus scripture was Ephesians 1:15-23, the key verse was from Ephesians 1:18 (NRSV) "So that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he (God) has called you". Pastor Washington delivered a blessed word; his thought was from Ecclesiastes 3:1-5 and the title was "What Time Is It". Mr. Fredrick Hardin was the guest.

Prayers and sympathy to families that lost a love one. Get well wishes to the sick and shut-in: Betty Hardin, Camila Wilson, Margaret Grays, Sarah Walls, Ruby Miller, Toronsa Spencer, Pastor Louise Miller and others that are not feeling well.

I was happy to see my classmate, Margaret Ridgell Friday, I also visited with Matilda Jordan for a little while.

To all the deer hunters, be careful out there and enjoy the hunting season.

Revival to be held at Promise Land Baptist Church, Lacey, at 7 p.m. nightly, November 15-17. 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.

Thought for the week: "Good morning, this is God. I will be handling all your problems today, I will not need your help so relax and have a nice day! (Author Unknown).

Be blessed and by Gods grace I'll see you next week!

POSSUM VALLEY KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK

Welcome to this week's edition of the Possum Valley news. I hope y'all have had a wonderful week.

Jerline and Leo McCarty enjoyed a visit from Dwylla, Douglas and Denise this past week. Friday, I think it was. Our ladies bible study was not so well attended this week, but those of us who did attend, received a blessing. Thanks to Tonya Rawls for putting in the time and work to help our group, and our church, grow.

Just before dark on the first day of gun deer season, Jason got one. Rick and I had just finished supper when I heard the shot. I texted Jason asking if he'd gotten one. His reply was, "I sure did!". I could hear him come in and when I looked out the window, I could see he had it hanging. I told Rick I was going to over there to see what he'd gotten. There was no one to help him with the skinning process, but he had it all figured out. He'd had to skin alone for quite some time and had a system. He said, "I might be slow, but I get it done." Now, this

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Happy birthday

Birthdays are a big deal in our family. Especially in the month of July. My wife, two of our kids and our granddaughter all celebrate theirs within a just a few days of each other. July is a very exciting, busy and expensive month. But we have a great time celebrating one another.

I recently celebrated a birthday. Someone sent me a message wishing me the best birthday yet. As I pondered that sentiment I thought your best birthday has to be the most recent one you have had. Meaning, should God see fit to give me another birthday then it must be better than the last. Life is the best gift I could have received.

When you were younger the closer to your birthday the more anxious and excited you became. The parties, the special day at school and the presents! As we grow older our birthday loses the same excitement and anticipation they once had. Along with the extra candles on the cake also comes the extra pounds and new wrinkles. Those are just the gifts

that time just keeps on giving. But the true gift of age, which I did not have in my youth, is appreciation. Age gives us perspective. Rather than regret what is lost or what could have been we can choose to see what you truly have been given. Yes, age can be an indicator of time left but time can become a friend rather than our arch enemy.

Age and experience gives us the unique ability to appreciate what was and value everything that is. Memories, family and friends. So time no longer has to be a memorial to what we've missed or lost but rather an encouragement of what's to come and who we get to share it with.

Because on this side of eternity this is all that truly matters. This is the true reason to celebrate. Not just another trip around the sun.

*Psalm 90:12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

*By: Timothy Parke, Lead Pastor
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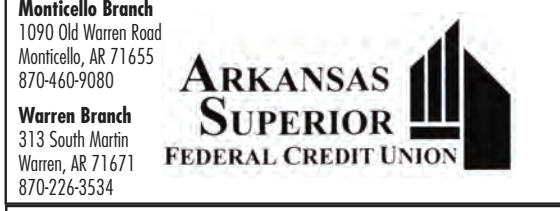
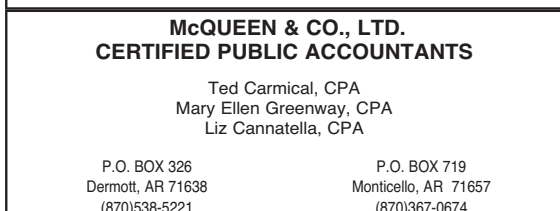
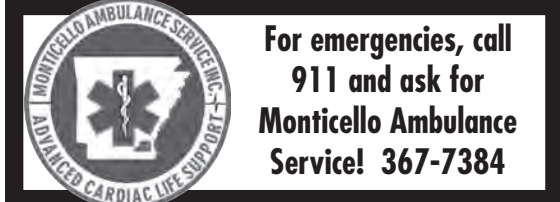
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C. 3 5 13 19 20 8
Clue: *Sensitive*

D. 5 7 7 15 20 7 19 25 20
Clue: *Focus*

Answers: A. supervise B. support C. caring D. attention

This week's recipe: A can't-miss holiday side dish

Side dishes are just as important to a holiday meal as the main course. It's perfectly acceptable to offer a few new and unique dishes on your holiday table, but guests likely will be expecting some tried-and-true classics as well.

Green bean casserole is a staple of many holiday dining tables. Alongside mashed potatoes and candied sweet potatoes, green bean casserole is a beloved holiday recipe — and it's easy to make as well. This recipe for traditional "Green Bean Casserole," courtesy of Campbell's®, can hit the right tone for guests who want a taste of holidays past this year.



Directions:

Heat the oven to 350 F. Stir the soup, milk, soy sauce, beans and 2/3 cup onions in a 1 1/2-quart casserole. Season the mixture with salt and pepper. Bake for 25 minutes or until hot. Stir the bean mixture. Sprinkle with the remaining 2/3 cup onions. Bake for another 5 minutes or until the onions are golden brown. Variations: This recipe can be customized as one sees fit. Double up the amount of condensed soup if you desire a wetter casserole, or change the flavor by selecting a different flavor soup variety, such as Cream of Asparagus. You can add grated Parmesan

cheese or shredded cheddar if you want a cheesy option. Some people prefer to use French-style green beans instead of the thicker cut variety. Alternate cooking method: The traditional recipe has you cooking the casserole in the oven. However, if you have a large enough toaster oven, you can cook it in there to free up oven space; otherwise, prepare the casserole as directed in a slow cooker and cook on low for around 3 to 4 hours, until tender. Then add the remaining onions and transfer the casserole to the oven to crisp up for 5 minutes. (Check that the slow cooker crock is oven-safe; otherwise, spoon the mixture into an oven-safe dish for the final baking and serving.)

Green Bean Casserole Ingredients (Serves 6)

- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Mushroom soup or 98% Fat Free Cream of Mushroom soup or Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 4 cups cooked cut green beans
- 1 1/3 cups French's® Fried Onions (divided)

Bonus holiday recipe: Chocolate cookies are a sweet finale to Thanksgiving dinners

Holiday entertaining season begins on Thanksgiving. Anyone who has been tasked with hosting Thanksgiving understands the commitment required to prepare a delicious meal for guests, which often encompasses appetizers, several side dishes and, of course, turkey as the centerpiece. Guests attending a Thanksgiving dinner can give holiday hosts and hostesses a break by providing dessert. Cookies are a popular treat. Thanks to their flavor, portability and relatively short preparation and cooking times, cookies are a smart choice when bringing dessert to a holiday gathering. This recipe for "Flourless Chocolate Cookies" from Danielle Rye's "Live Well Bake Cookies: 75 Classic Cookie Recipes for Every Occasion" (Rock Point) offers the added benefit of being flourless. That means that even those with gluten allergies or intolerances can indulge.



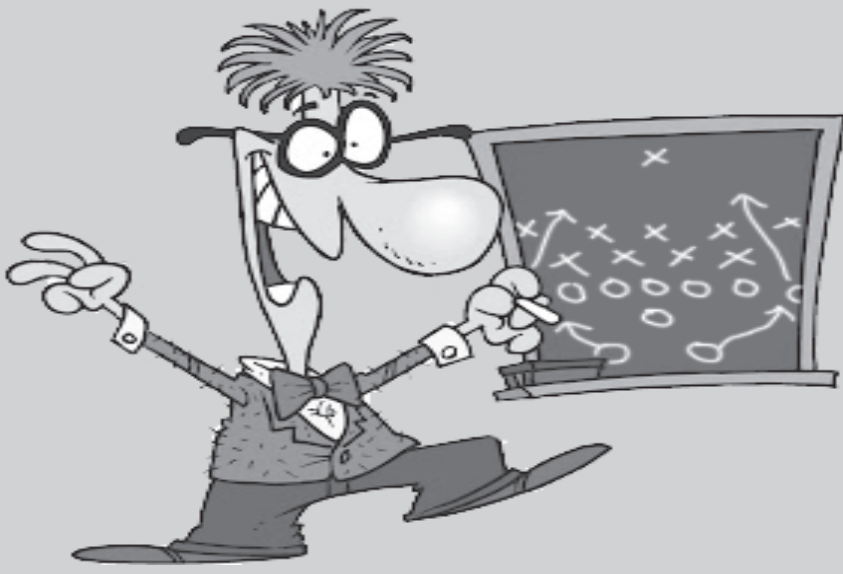
Cookies Ingredients (Makes 24 to 36 cookies)

- 3 cups powdered sugar

- 3/4 natural unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 teaspoon espresso powder (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 large egg whites, at room temperature
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Flourless Chocolate

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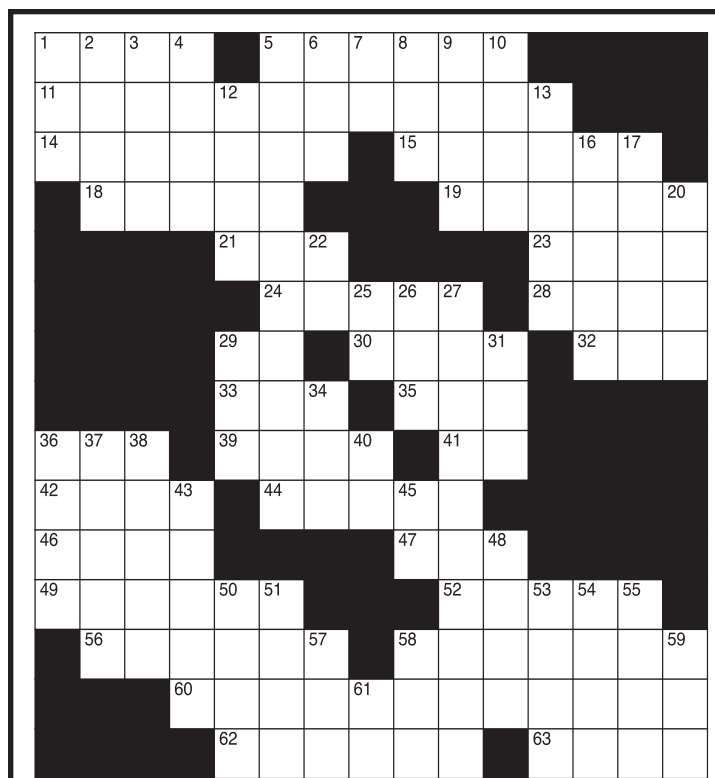
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Greek mountain
- 5. One dependent on something
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. Glazed ceramic ware
- 15. Paddling
- 18. Step
- 19. More greasy
- 21. Upper-class young woman
- 23. Light beige
- 24. Belief in a supreme being
- 28. Indigenous people of Scandinavia
- 29. A beloved princess
- 30. Transfer property
- 32. Field force unit
- 33. Automated teller
- 35. When you hope to get there
- 36. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 39. Politicians Fischer and Conroy are two
- 41. Blood type
- 42. Stringed instrument
- 44. Curses
- 46. Barbary sheep
- 47. Belonging to a thing
- 49. Supporters
- 52. Leaf-footed bug
- 56. A shower of water
- 58. Attribute to
- 60. Intermittent
- 62. Soda waters
- 63. Scottish island

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Klutz
- 2. Relaxing places
- 3. Expel saliva
- 4. The extended location of something
- 5. Certified
- 6. Cease to exist
- 7. Powerful legal pro
- 8. The OJ trial judge
- 9. Popular greeting
- 10. "90210" actress Spelling
- 12. ___ Blyton, children's author
- 13. "This Is Us" star Fitch
- 16. Battery cell with a nickel alode
- 17. Full of bacteria
- 20. Remains of an old building
- 22. Exist
- 25. It gets you into places
- 26. Witness
- 27. The spreading of a disease to another part of the body
- 29. Father
- 31. Touch gently
- 34. Licensed for Wall Street
- 36. Herring-like fish
- 37. Lute used in N. Indian music
- 38. Mirabel shouldn't talk about him
- 40. Atomic #62
- 43. Religious
- 45. Silvery-white metal (abbr.)
- 48. Influential civil rights organization
- 50. Acknowledgment (abbr.)
- 51. Turn away
- 53. Kidney disease (abbr.)
- 54. Smooth-feeling fabric
- 55. Competently
- 57. Sea eagle
- 58. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 59. It helps you see
- 61. Emerging technology

COUNTRY

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was not his first deer but I think it was the first deer skinning I had watched in quite some time. As I stood there, Jason asked if I recognized the knife he was using. It was his daddy's knife. He said he only used that knife when he killed a deer. Then he pointed up to the aluminum piece the deer was hanging from. David had made it. I smiled recalling the banter between David and Daddy when they skinned a deer together. Jason and I had just been laughing about how he would have to be careful when his Papaw was wielding the knife, which I totally understood because I had held the legs of many a squirrel while Daddy skinned it.

The weather this week has been delightful. And is forecasted to turn frightful within the next few days. Alas, Fall never seems to last as long as Summer and Winter. On Friday, I had been remarking to myself how the weather was almost perfect. Temps in the sixties, sunny with a soft breeze blowing. The Juncos are back in full force in our backyard and the brush pile in front of the old barn has become a fave spot for Song sparrows. I put on a hunter orange cap and vest and went for a walk near the house. I didn't think anyone other than Jason was hunting anywhere nearby, but one can't be too careful during the frenzy of

deer season.

Sunday, Bethel enjoyed a wonderful message from Bro. Joe Williams. His message, "What Is Controlling You?", was very timely. His message was taken, primarily, from Exodus 32. That evening, Justin and Stephanie took the youth on a final shopping trip for Operation Christmas Child. They, and several other church folk, met back at the church for a final packing and some grub. Rick and I got to try out the new Blackstone to grill burgers and dogs for them. We ended up with 57 boxes for the Operation Christmas Child mission project. As I told them, even small churches can do great things when we work together in God's will. Please, help us in praying that children and their families will be reached with God's Word. Thanks to everyone who helped us this year.

After last week's column, Rick said that he missed my corny jokes. So here ya go... Why do we say 'Amen' at the end of a prayer instead of 'Awomen'? For the same reason we sing Hymns instead of Hers!

That's my news for this week. Until next time, please, be kind, stay safe, stay warm and always be thankful to God for his many blessings. I'll leave you with something I read in the study notes of my bible related to Exodus 32:14. God uses your prayers combined with his own determination to make His will come to pass.

WILMAR

CHRIS RILEY

Another day's journey and I'm glad about it. Sorry to hear of the transition of Denon Weaver's mom. Family, you have my prayers and sympathy.

Sunday was a blessed day at 1st Baptist East Side as Sunday school was well taught and well comprehended. At 11 a.m. Pastor Simpson brought the word. It was a dynamic message coming from Luke 5. We were happy to have Sis. Lorra McQuay worship with us as her husband Minister Olden McQuay is a member.

I conversed with my cousin Pat Thompson Fraizer of Saint Louis, Mo., who along with two of her three daughters came to Maumelle to visit her granddaughter Tosha and daughter. She said she had a nice visit. Melvin Shipp and family met the trio there. It was an enjoyable weekend.

I went to Chapel Woods to see Helen Bradley Rowlett.

Sorry to hear of the tragic mishap which resulted in the death of two of Hellen Stilwell's grandsons in Denver. Helen went there for their last rites (Saturday).

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Get ready for some good eating, but don't overdo it.

Pauline Wade is spending Thanksgiving with her two daughters in California. Don't have details of my day, but I thank God for it.

Happy birthday to my friend Helen Stilwell, November 25. Belated wish to Debbie Wright, November 12 and to Rashana Brie Goldsmith, November 17.

Lisa Marshall, I'm glad you are better and back n the country now. I didn't know you were ill. But we know Jehovah Rapha is a healer. Through Christ Jesus if only we have faith and trust him. Again, thank God for his healing power.

Now until we meet again by paper and pen, keep Christ in all you say and do.

Answers can be found on Page 3B

SUDOKU

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RECIPE

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Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside. In a large mixing bowl, sift the powdered sugar and unsweetened cocoa powder together, then whisk in the instant espresso powder (if using) and salt until well combined. Set aside. In a separate mixing bowl, whisk together

the egg whites, egg, and vanilla extract until fully combined. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients, and stir until the mixture is fully combined and smooth.

Using a 1-tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one. Bake for 11 to 14 minutes, or until the tops of the cookies are set. Remove from the oven, and allow the cookies to cool completely on the baking sheets. Store the cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 5 days.

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