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# DMHS hears status update on Baptist Health merger

BY JEFF McDonald editor@monticellonews.net

The Drew Memorial Health Systems Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Monday, May 22, with all members except Lagarrian Cross and Robin McClendon in attendance. Chairman Mike Akin heard motions to approve credentials and previous minutes before asking DMHS Chief Executive Officer Scott Barrilleaux to give an update on the status of the merger with Baptist Health.

Barrilleaux stated that conversations between DMHS and Baptist are continuing, but noted that some of the details of the merger plan have changed. The initial merger date of July 1 has been pushed back to December 3. DMHS will instead enter into a management agreement with Baptist that will begin on July 1 and be in effect until the December 3 merger date. Baptist would take full financial responsibility at the signing of the management agreement. This plan will also allow Baptist time to implement their Electronic Medical Records System so that everything would be in place and ready to go on the December 3 merger date. Baptist feels that with their system in place DMHS would see tremendous improvement in the revenue cycle process, which has been and continues to be an issue. The attorney for DMHS is working with the attorney for Baptist to draw up the paper work for the management agreement with hopes of having something to present at the June meeting. Board member Carl Lucky made a motion to move forward with this plan, with a second from Wayne Owen. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Financial Officer, Melodie Colwell, stated that the month of April saw an overall cash increase of just under \$300,000 while giving the financial report. The month of April saw a net loss of \$195,000 which is considerably less than the \$1.7 million that was lost last April. Colwell also indicated that there is currently not a budget, as it has been hard to set a budget with so many unknown variables at play.

Barrilleaux stated in his CEO's report that the hospital is trying to recruit another general surgeon. The hospital is also working with Mainline Health to try to extend OB coverage.

### **City Council members introduce numerous ordinances**

#### BY JEFF MCDONALD

editor@monticellonews.net

Monticello's City Council held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 23. All council members were present with the exception of Al Peer. The council members voted to approve last month's minutes and financial report.

The council heard the second reading of an ordinance regarding Quality Growth and a Pre-Annexation agreement. This ordinance is in regards to property developers who are outside of city limits, but wish to tie into the city's water and sewer infrastructure. There was discussion about how large apartment complexes should be charged. It was suggested that the apartments would pay the same fee that any residential lot would be charged, which is \$650, up to five units, and then they would pay \$150 for all units over five. The council members elected to wait until next month before any action is taken to allow for edits that would make the ordinance and pre-annexation agreement match.

The second reading of the ordinance regarding food trucks was also heard. The committee that Mayor Jason Akers appointed last month has met and ironed out all of the details at this point. One item that was discussed but not included in the ordinance was how to repurpose permitting fees that the vendors pay each year. The current idea is to take the total amount of money raised through these fees and budget that amount for the next year, which would be designated for paying for and maintaining designated food truck areas. This ordinance was also held over to next month's meeting.



See **CC** Page 6A City Council members discussing ordinances at Tuesday's meeting.

#### MES HAS FUN WITH LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS



# **Monticello Schools help** teach kids to bike, get jobs, and more

Monticello Elementary Students participating in First Responder's Day with Monticello Police Officers.

Photo Courtesy of Jason Akers

#### **OFF THE SOUARE BAKERY HAS GRAND OPENING**



On Tuesday, May 23, the City Drug Store Cafe opened up a bakery in the cafe. They celebrated the opening with a ceremonial ribbon cutting that day at 11 A.M

BY HALEN MURPHY reporter@monticellonews.net

At the Monticello School Board meeting held Tuesday, May 23, multiple purchases were approved for the school. The first of these was approval of the All Kids Bike curriculum for kindergarten.

All Kids Bike is a program presented by the non-profit organization, Trail Organization of the Arkansas Delta. TOAD is also the group currently working with the Lake Monticello Trails. The program was presented by LR Tyson, the president of TOAD, and Jeff Newton, the vice president.

All Kids Bike is a program created to teach young kids how to ride a bike. This is done by purchasing 24 balance-to-pedal conversion bikes to teach kids how to balance before they ever ride the bike. Also included in this package is two metal storage racks, a teacher instruction bike, 24 helmets, and an eight lesson curriculum.

The school board went on to purchase equipment all around the school district including Occupational Education Center computers, a virtual welding training set, a new security system, and a laser alignment system.

The laser alignment system was purchased because Clearwater Paper Corporation is planning to hire high school graduates that know how to use the equipment.

The new security system is going to have a camera system at the front door that takes a



picture of the guest and prints a pass explaining why they are there. The security system also includes an alarm for when the doors are propped open.

The school board also approved purchase of Strategos training, IReady, and employment needed for their summer academic camps.

Strategos is a company that works with schools on intruder protocols. Strategos will be training school faculty members as well as writing a plan for children to leave the school in an emergency situation.

IReady is a data analysis tool that is used for the Intermediate Schools that uses statistics to see which areas children need more help with.

The summer academic camps are scheduled for June 5 through June 22. The camps will be held from Monday to Thursday throughout this time and children will be fed breakfast and lunch. Monticello schools currently have 98 kids planned to come to the summer camps.

Also in the meeting, all hourly wage staff got a \$1 an hour raise as well as classified staff getting a 3% raise. The meeting ended with the next meeting being scheduled for Thursday, June 22.



#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### UPCOMING

### SUNDAY, MAY 28

#### Homecoming service

Pleasant Springs Baptist Church will hold a homecoming service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 28. The guest speaker will be Bro. Ben Leonard, and special music will be provided by Bill and Beverly Burchfield. Everyone is invited to attend, and dinner will be after the service. For more information contact Linda Hooks at 870-224-5241.

#### Union and Enon Cemetery Decoration Day

The annual Memorial Day/Decoration Day for the Union Cemetery and Enon Cemetery will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 28, at the Union Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to participate in memory of their friends and family members who have served in the military.

#### Friends and Family day

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church will have a Friends and Family event at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 28. The guest speaker is Rev. David Simpson of Devine Deliverance Church in Taylor, Mich. Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located at 312 E Oakland St, Monticello.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

#### **Belleview Estates Supply Drive**

In an effort to give back to the community, Belleview Estates is taking donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, and fans. These items will be dispersed to the elderly population in Monticello. You may drop off your donations at the front office. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. For further info contact

Samantha Hewitt at 870-367-0044.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3** 

#### Winner's Group Hamburger Cookout

The Monticello Winner's Group of Alcoholics Anonymous will be hosting a hamburger cookout starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 836 N. Hyatt Street. There will be a speaker at 7 p.m. There is no cost and everyone is invited to attend.

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

#### **June Dinner Pageant**

The 2023 June Dinner Pageant will take place at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 11. The pageant will be held in the Wilmar Community Center. Registration is \$15 for ages one month to 12 years old and \$20 for ages 13-19. To pay registration and submit an application contact Dionne (870) 723-8284, Sandra (870) 723-8038, Sasha (870) 224-3298, or Seneca (870) 224-2779.

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 13**

#### Monticello/Drew Co. rotary Banquet

At 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 13 the Rotary Club of Monticello will host a 100th anniversary banquet with guest speaker former Razorback football coach Houston Nutt. Tickets are available for purchase by contacting 870-818-0714, 870-723-9881, or 870-723-5338. **ONGOING** 

#### Head Start sign up

Save the Children is offering Head Start and Early Head Start services to low income families with children getting ready to start Kindergarten. To apply in Monticello, call 870-224-8045 or visit 175

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**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 pa-

#### **TROTTER CHOSEN AS RECIPIENT OF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



Courtesy photo

Congratulations to Kamauri Trotter on being chosen as the 2023 recipient of the Sherry Vincent Lambert Memorial Scholarship. Kamauri is a graduate of Monticello High School and plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. The scholarship was created in 2002 by Lambert's sister, Barbara Benton, who is an educator and employed with the Arkansas Correctional School system.

# Senior Center lunch menu: May 24-May 31

**Wednesday:** Chicken fried steak, stewed potatoes, yellow squash, banana pudding, biscuit

**Thursday:** *Meatloaf, tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, cake, roll* 

**Friday:** *BBQ* pulled pork, baked beans, Cole slaw, dessert

#### Monday: CLOSED

**Tuesday:** Hamburger gravy over biscuit, purple hull peas, sliced peaches

**Wednesday:** Herbed baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, Cali blend veggies, Mississippi mud pie, biscuit

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.



per—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 City Hall. 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.

#### 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 12 noon on Tuesdays and Fridays and at 7 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 melvinj.veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-4993.

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

#### Drew Co. Democratic Party meeting

The Drew County Democratic Party will host it monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month, with the exception of June and July. The meeting will be in the Wilmar Community Center located at 2506 Hwy 278 West. The venue is set up for social distancing. All interested persons and members are invited to attend. For more information contact 870 224-2416.

# NOTICE

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, The Advance will be CLOSED Monday, May 29. The deadline for classifieds, garage sales, legal notices and country/church news for the May 31 paper will be Friday, May 26 at 5:00 p.m., and all other paper ads will be Tuesday, May 30 at 11am. On Memorial Day, we honor the uniformed men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.

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# Finance Committee discusses city projects; plans to repurpose the armory

#### BY JEFF MCDONALD editor@monticellonews.net

The city's Finance Committee met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, with several items to cover on the agenda. Cedric Leonard and Mike Wigley were not able to attend, but all other members were present.

Monticello Mayor Jason Akers began the meeting by addressing concerns from citizens that there need to be speed bumps in Jordan Park to help make the Splash Pad a safer area. Akers said that several movable speed bumps have been purchased. He stated that these speed bumps will require the city to drill holes in the street and anchor the apparatus in place. Once the Splash Pad is closed, the speed bumps could then be removed unless the citizens in the neighborhood wanted to leave them.

The next project discussed was Phase II of the Lakewoods Trails project. The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) has awarded \$100,000 through a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant. Once the city council approves the use of grant funds, the bidding process will open on this phase of the project.

Mayor Akers also informed the committee of an opportunity to apply for an Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) Grant in the amount of \$300,000. This grant would be a 80/20 split with Monticello being The grant funds can be used to repair critical infrastructure and make retrofits to reduce natural hazard risks. This could be used to replace low bridges with raised bridges, implement ditch bank stabilization, upsize culverts in high volume areas, or any other project that would help offset any risks associated with water or weather issues. It was agreed upon that the application should be filled out, and the projects could be decided if the city is ap-

proved for the grant. The Bowser Road pump station project also went out for bid and K.J. Parker Construction Company, Inc. was selected to work on this project.

The aeration project at the West Wastewater Plant was also bid on recently with ETI Services, Inc. being selected to do the work on this project. There is also a \$30,000-\$40,000 expense of supplying the 3-phase power that will be required to run the submersible aerators. This part of the project is on hold while waiting for Entergy to send the required paperwork to move the project forward.

The Headworks project at the West Wastewater Plant was also discussed. This project was initially estimated at \$1.2 million. Mayor Akers said that after doing some research and asking questions of the engineers, there is a cheaper alternative that the city should explore. Rather than

responsible for the 20 percent. replacing the current screw style pumps with the same type, at a price of \$300,000 each, there is a non-clogging submersible pump that has been used in other plants with great results. The engineers say that these pumps are good and have caused no issues. Akers stated that they are "significantly cheaper" as well.

Mayor Akers also addressed the armory building. He stated that if it isn't used it will begin to fall apart and become unusable. There was discussion of moving the City Warehouse from it's current location on the east side of town to the armory. Akers said that if we have the facility and we are going to maintain it, we should use it for something. The current warehouse is in disrepair, and it sits in the middle of a neighborhood.

"I think it is incumbent upon all of us to realize that we've got some parts of town that deserve a little bit of cleaning up and some effort from the city," Akers said. The move would get the city's

equipment moved to a location that is out of the way and out of sight. The move would also allow for the neighborhood where the current facility is located to begin some revitalization. Akers also asked all who were present at the meeting to think about ideas for the site of the current warehouse.

The committee was also informed that \$11,500 was transferred to cover the employer portion of the Local Police and Fire



Retirement (LOPFI). The budget transfer. is currently set at \$1000 for this With no further business, the item so this will not be a one time meeting was adjourned until 6

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p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, when the Monticello City Council meets.



# **A&P Commission discusses signage** for lake trail and disc golf course

#### BY JEFF McDonald editor@monticellonews.net

The Monticello Advertising and Promotions Commission held their monthly meeting on Monday, May 22. Shannon Herman, Mike Wigley, Al Peer, and Annette Taylor were present for the meeting.

The meeting opened with the approval of last months minutes and financial reports.

Herman stated that she received an email from Mayor Jason Akers asking that all commission members be contacted

Signage for the Lakewoods Trails was discussed. Taylor stated that the commission needed to check on upgrading the signs on U.S. Highway 425 that show where to turn to go to Lake Monticello. It was discussed that the signs need to be bigger to draw more attention and be more prominent. Waypoint signs for the trail were discussed and it was suggested that the Parks Commission get a design and price to present to A&P at a future date.

The signage for the disc golf course was also mentioned. There are plans to have a sign at the beginning of the course, but Planning Commission member Taylor James mentioned that each hole will need a sign that shows the distance and hole location much like would be seen on an actual golf course. The A&P commissioners recommended that the Parks Commission get a design and price for the total number of signs they would need and present it for further discussion.

James also made mention that the Master Gardners would like to have signs for the Pollinator Gardens that are located at Jordan Park and the Monticello Sports Complex. They would like to have something educational and something that lets the public know that these aren't just patches of weeds that weren't mowed.

After the warm reception to the Spring on the Square event it was discussed that the city consider doing the event again in the fall.

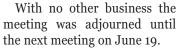
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to make sure that they are able to meet their obligations as commissioner as well as meeting the regular day to day obligations they have. Akers stressed that the commissioners need to commit to attending so that the commissions can effectively handle business as needed. Herman said that A&P commissioners should expect an email from her by the end of the week regarding this situation.



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### *Letter to the Editor:* property maintenance is important

I was encouraged to read in your last week's edition about Mayor Akers' efforts to clean up Monticello. Monticello has a reputation of being trashy and a history of passing ordinances and then forgetting about them. A recent example is the Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance that was passed in 2019. It was greatly needed then and even more so now, however, the city is littered with not only abandoned and inoperable vehicles, but campers, travel trailers, ATVs, boats, trailers, and more.

The urgent need is for a comprehensive property maintenance ordinance. Currently, we have one or more ordinances that allow the city to condemn a building, residential or commercial, when it is past being repaired, but no ordinance that would require a property owner to keep his or her property in a condition that would not cause their neighbor's property to decline in value. Owning a property is a fundamental right, but every right and privilege has a corresponding responsibility, in this case, the responsibility to maintain property so it doesn't degrade a neighbor's property, neighborhood, or eventually the city.

Most cities our size have an office of code enforcement that work every day to enforce all ordinances. After all, if the ordinance exists, it should be enforced. If it is not needed, it should be repealed. I commend Mayor Akers and the city council members for their efforts to clean up the city and I'm sure the vast majority of Monticello citizens are encouraged by their efforts.

Ron Echols

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# Take me out to the ball game

By the time the newspaper comes out this week, I will be on the ground in Wrigleyville in Chicago preparing to see my favorite baseball team take batting practice.

This trip has been planned since before Christmas and it couldn't be coming at a better time.

Last year, Superman and I saw his favorite baseball team, the Chicago Cubs, play four times but they were all away games. We did end



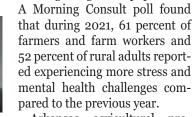
up at Wrigley Field last July, but it was to see a concert, not a ball game. I told him that since we had

seen four games with his team that we would not be seeing another Cubs game until we got to see the New York Mets play. Much to my surprise, I opened an envelope at Christmas that had tickets to a Mets game in it. Upon further looking, I saw that they

# **Expanding access to mental health services**

According to findings from a Kaiser Family Foundation/CNN poll in October 2022, 90 percent of adults think there is a mental health crisis in the United States. That makes investing in mental health care more important than ever.

In rural America, the challenge is greater. According to the National Rural Health Association, the rate of suicide among farmers is three and a half times higher than among the general population.



Arkansas agricultural producers help feed and clothe the world. This responsibility creates unique stresses as they manage operations and face challenges that are often be-

yond their control. It's critical individuals in less populated areas have access to mental health services. We're working to strengthen these connections by promoting cooperation between behavioral health professionals and farm advocates in rural America so there is an open line of communication,

should medical services be needed.

The 2018 Farm Bill expanded access to stress reduction strategies and suicide prevention programs for farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers. Earlier this month, I joined a bipartisan effort to continue delivering resources to rural communities with the introduction of the Farmers First Act of 2023.

The legislation reauthorizes the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN), a program that connects farmers, ranchers and other agriculture workers to stress assistance programs and resources. Through FRSAN, state departments of agriculture, state extension services and nonprofits receive funding to establish helplines, provide suicide prevention training for farm advocates and create support groups for farmers and farm workers.

I'm also championing legislation to help rural populations gain better access to tele-mental health services. The Home-Based Telemental Health Care Act of 2023 would establish a grant program for health providers to expand tele-mental health services in rural areas and for individuals working in the farming, forestry and fishing industries.

There is a comprehensive effort from the public and private sectors to improve services designed to confront the challenges of mental illness and de-

ploy support tools for those at risk of suicide. Nearly a year ago the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline launched establishing a quick and convenient way to get individuals experiencing emotional distress the help they need.

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) also implemented new strategies for outreach by coordinating with successful veteran-serving organizations. We're taking the next step to modernize how we reach and serve veterans who struggle to get mental health care with a new legislative effort. The Not Just a Number Act would ensure the VA is looking at a range of factors to help save the lives of veterans experiencing mental health challenges and help us make better data-driven policy decisions which can translate into real-world success preventing suicide and saving lives.

Improving suicide prevention initiatives remains a priority for Congress and I'm committed to making even more progress on this front. May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month and serves as an important time to raise awareness, fight the stigma and pledge support for initiatives to help people experiencing mental illness. Expanding access to critical care is essential to getting individuals the help they need, no matter where they live.



#### Unemployment is down; strive for economic growth

Employment in Arkansas has increased for seven consecutive months. The latest report from the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services shows the unemployment rate at 2.8%. By comparison, the national unemployment rate is 3.4%.

Compared to this time last year, there are 12,869 additional employed

Arkansans. While low unemployment rates are indicative of a healthy and growing economy, our efforts for economic development don't end

there.

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The General Assembly is continuing to work on ways to foster innovation, encourage technological advances, and increase wages across the state. In the 2023 Regular Session, we passed several pieces of legislation designed to continue increasing economic growth. Act 746 creates the Rural Economic Development Initiative. The Rural Economic Development Initiative is established to provide funds to planning and development districts for distribution to projects in rural areas to further rural economic development and revitalization. If funding permits, a planning and development district may apply to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for funds. The 94th General Assembly also passed Act 485, an Act to Enhance Economic Competitiveness by Phasing Out the Throwback Rule. A throwback rule mandates that sales into other states or to the federal government that are not taxable will be "thrown back" into the state of origin for tax purposes. The Arkansas Tax Reform and Relief Legislative Task Force recommended the repeal of the throwback rule as it harmed economic competitiveness with other states that did not impose the rule. The General Assembly also passed the following acts concerning economic development during the recent session:

ASHLEY HOGG EDITOR

were for Chicago. I appreciate his ability to get me what I want and still manage to get what he wants

I have been lucky enough to see many baseball games in my life. I have vivid memories of watching Mark McGwire smash home runs out of Busch Stadium when I was a child.

In my brief tenure as a young softball player, I found my stride in the position of Catcher. I was average at best, but I did enjoy playing the few seasons I took the field. Through my interest in that position, my favorite Major League Baseball player became hall of famer Mike Piazza. At the time, he was playing for the Mets, so I have gravitated to that team ever sense.

I can remember the beautiful American moment when Piazza hit the first home run in New York after September 11, 2001. What should have been just another day of adding to his batting average, turned out to be a moment that New Yorkers and Americans found a little hope in.

Of all the cool things I have been able to do in my three decades, this will be my first time seeing the Mets play and I am beside myself with excitement. All my gear is packed, and I plan to be in the minority when I step into Wrigley wearing blue and orange.

We are seeing two games and my biggest wish is to see Polar Bear Pete Alonso hit a glorious home run deep into Wrigley stands.

This trip means a lot to me for many reasons. With our recent loss, I am reminded to not waste a single moment of life because it can be short.

Buy the peanuts, eat the crackerjacks and go do things your enjoy while you can.



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# House Republicans present Pro Law Enforcement Legislation

Every day, law enforcement officers their backs on the brave men and put on their uniforms, say goodbye to their families, and leave their homes to risk their lives to

ensure the safety of their communities. National During Police Week, we commemorated the unsung heroes in our communities the men and women in blue.

Violent crime is increasing in many parts of the country, in communities large and small. Lo-

cal police officers play a critical role in protecting us and our families. It's frustrating that amid the crime crisis, some people are continuing to turn

women at the forefront of keeping us safe.

In the past three years, the number of officers shot in the line of duty has increased by 57%, according to the National Fraternal Order of Police. In 2023 alone, over 99 officers have been shot, 10 of whom have lost their lives.

With the rising support for anti-police legislation coupled with skyrocketing crime against police officers, it's become increasingly important we back the blue and stand with law enforcement.

In honor of National Police Week, House Republicans brought several bills to the floor that honor America's law enforcement heroes. One was a resolution I cosponsored to express

unwavering support for law enforcement officers and recognize the sacrifices of families who lost loved ones who gave their lives while serving their communities. The resolution passed with broad support and recognized the law enforcement communitv for their acts of sacrifice and heroism, while also memorializing those killed in the line of duty.

Before the passage of the resolution, I joined Speaker Kevin McCarthy in the Third Annual Back the Blue Bike Tour to pay tribute to the sacrifices law enforcement officers make in the pursuit of preserving safe and secure communities. I rode alongside other House Republicans and law enforcement officers on a bike ride

See WESTERMAN Page 5A

# **Arkansas Medicaid reviewing eligiblity**

The Arkansas Medicaid program is re-examining the cases of hundreds of thousands of recipients to deter-

mine whether or not they remain eligible for services.

By the end of April 72,802 cases were closed. People who no longer are eligible for Medicaid can get health coverage through the federal market Informaplace. tion is available at

Services (DHS) administers Medicaid, which is funded primarily with federal dollars.

Since 2013, until the national public health emergency caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, federal dollars paid for almost 71 percent of standard Medicaid spending in Arkansas and state government provided the remaining 29 percent. Individual programs within Medicaid can vary in how much the state matches federal funding.

Federal authorities increased the percentage of federal Medicaid funding by 6.2 percent during the designated health emergency. However, as a condition for accepting the in-

creased funding states had to pledge to keep their Medicaid rolls intact.

Now that the national emergency has been declared over, states can review their rolls and determine who is no longer eligible. In Arkansas the process began in April.

While DHS dropped 72,000 people from Medicaid in April, the department also renewed the cases of 61,236 people who remained eligible after a review.

Three years ago about 921,000 people in Arkansas were enrolled in Medicaid. The rolls increased by 230,000 people during the pandemic. Medic-

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#### Act 34

This act eliminates the requirement for municipalities to collect a gross receipts tax on food or hotel stays to create an entertainment district. Act 477

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# Are your goals 'must have' or 'nice to have'?

Like everyone, you may have a lot of financial goals. But are they all of equal importance? Probably not. And do they share a similar timeline? Again, it's unlikely. So, your first step may be to prioritize your goals - and then follow a process that can help you achieve them. This process should include the following steps: • Identify your goals as "must have" or "nice to have." Making sure you can retire comfortably and won't outlive your resources is a "must have" goal. For this goal, you can't compromise – you need to be certain of achieving it, or at least as certain as possible. But if you want to someday own a vacation home by the beach, and you can't ever quite afford it, you might find an acceptable substitute, such as renting. So, it seems fair to say that achieving this goal would be "nice to have." • Prioritize your investment dollars. Unless you have unlimited sums to invest - and very few of us have that luxury – you'll probably need to prioritize where your investment dollars are going. For your main "must have" goal

- retirement - you'll be helped by the ability to automatically invest through your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you're on track toward this goal, and you budget carefully and potentially receive salary increases over the years, you may also find space to keep contributing toward the "nice to have" goals. • Put "price tags" on your goals. You need to know what your goals will cost. Of course, you may need to estimate the costs for some goals based on different factors. For example, when you think about your goal of retiring comfortably without outliving your money, you'll need to consider some key questions, including these: When do you want to retire? What sort of retirement lifestyle do you envision? Do you see yourself downsizing your living arrangements? For other goals, though, such as purchasing a vacation home, you could get more specific on how much money you'll need. • Follow an appropriate strategy. The nature of your goals, and their estimated cost, along with your appetite for risk, should

drive your investment strategy - but another key factor is time. So, for a long-term goal like retirement, you'll likely need a reasonable amount of quality growth-oriented investments in your portfolio. While these investments - such as stocks and stock-based mutual funds – will fluctuate in value over shorter periods of time, your hope is that, over several decades, they will ultimately provide the growth you need to meet vour retirement goal. However, to achieve a goal you want to meet in a year or so perhaps you're paying for a wedding or planning a long vacation - you may want to consider more stable investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), short-term bonds or even cash or cash equivalents. They may not provide much in the way of growth, but you can essentially count on them to provide the amount you need when you need it. You'll need to regularly review the performance of your investment strategy for each goal to assess your progress. Achieving any goals – whether they're "must

have" or "nice to have" - can be challenging. But by identifying and prioritizing these goals, following an appropriate strategy to meet them, and consistently reviewing your approach, you can help yourself get to where you want to go.

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# Drew Central principals hired, elementary renovations ahead

#### BY HALEN MURPHY reporter@monticellonews.net

At the special called Drew Central School Board meeting held Thursday, May 18, the school board discussed renovations they are required to do at the elementary school.

Due to increased enrollment, the elementary school now has more students than classroom space required by fire ordinance. Because of this, Drew

Central is adding elementary school classrooms and accepted a bid at the meeting by Carpenter and Son, or Shawn Carpenter and Rusty Densmore. Carpenter and Son are a general contracting company.

It was estimated at the meeting that the total cost of adding the classrooms could be approximately \$1.3 million.

The bid acceptance was voted on and approved with Curly

Jackson being the only one voting against. Jackson voted against due to concerns with the use of sheetrock.

Drew Central also hired two principals in the April board session with plans to hire another assistant principal soon. Hiring action was taken due to the fact that the current principal, Trudy Jackson, is retiring after this school year.

The hires made were D.J.

Vincent as co-principal in the middle school and Nancy Chapman, current assistant principal in the elementary, to be the principal of the elementary.

The new principals are scheduled to start this upcoming school year, though they are not yet on contract.

Drew Central School Board's regularly scheduled meeting is set for Thursday, May 25.

## The Desha/Drew Cattlemen's Association hold meeting

Special to the Advance

The Desha/Drew Cattlemen's Association met for the monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on May 18, 2023, in the parking lot at the

consider.

ter opened the meeting and in Pine Bluff/Whitehall, they asked Jason Meier to bless the are the only Kubota dealership

ment for us to examine and Kubota parts in stock and will also work on other tractors as Vice President Nita Carpen- well. Located at Exit 36 on 530 in Southeast Arkansas and would be glad to help us with our equipment needs.

ing on June 11, 2023. These antibiotics may still be available at farm stores, but can only be purchased with a prescription from a veterinarian

### **GILMORE**

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aid officials expect the numbers to continue going down as DHS continues to review the eligibility of everyone in the program.

People on Medicaid should take care to respond to questionnaires and letters from DHS. Some people have been dropped from the rolls because their income has gone up, but some people have been dropped because they failed to fill out paperwork required by DHS.

Anyone on Medicaid who needs help with the process can call 855-372-1084 or visit the website at this Internet address: ar.gov/accessanywhere

A federal program to help Arkansas homeowners impacted by the pandemic will end soon, according to state officials who administer the grant program.

Aid is available through the Arkansas Homeowner Assistance Fund to people who are behind in their mortgage payments due to hardships caused by the pandemic.

### WARDLAW

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This act requires the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of developing a spaceport by 2024 if funding become available.

Act 517

This act increases the tax incentive for production and postproduction costs for a state-certified film project. Act 196

This act reduces the maximum potential unemployment

## WESTERMAN

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through DC, starting at the Capitol and finishing at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. At the conclusion of the bike ride, members dedicated wreaths and honored law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

I will always back the blue and stand with law enforcement officers. This includes supporting legislation that em-

The Arkansas Development Finance Authority runs the program, which has helped more than 2,749 Arkansas households. The program has paid out \$30,131,864 million and committed another \$5,351,910.

Eligible homeowners must have a total annual household income below 150 percent of the Area Median Income or 100 percent of the United States Median Income, whichever is greater.

Participants must prove that the pandemic caused financial hardships after January 21, 2020. They must be past due on two or more consecutive mortgage or utility payments.

Hardships include job loss, income reduction or increased family expenses due for healthcare or the need to care for a family member. People may use the grants to prevent delinquent mortgages, to prevent home loss of their home due to foreclosure or to prevent the cutting off of utilities, including Internet access.

For more information and to apply, go to ArkansasHAF.com.

compensation benefits from 4 months to 3 months and reduces unemployment insurance tax rates for employers.

#### Act 106

This act disqualifies a person from collecting unemployment compensation for any week he or she fails to respond to a job offer or fails to appear for a job interview.

We will continue researching ways to improve the economy in every area of our state. You can find more information about economic development in our state by visiting arkansasedc. com.

defund and dismantle local law enforcement. I'm working diligently with my House Republican colleagues, many of whom have worn a badge themselves, to advance legislation that strengthens our laws to cut back on violent crime and support law enforcement.

As National Police Week comes to an end, please join me in praying for the men and women who risk their lives to keep the 4th District safe and for the families who have tragi-

Forestry Building on the University of Arkansas at Monticello campus. River Valley Tractor, a Kubota dealership located in White Hall, had transported a tractor, hay mower, rake, and baler for us to view. We appreciate them bringing their equip-

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meal. River Valley also provided the delicious BBQ meal including dessert.

Carpenter introduced Greg Bolin, manager of River Valley Tractor, who invited everyone to come see them for repairs and equipment. They have

Our next speaker, Mark Lambert, with Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, was there to help us understand the new regulations on antibiotics start-

Our membership drive is coming to a close at the end of June, so if you haven't renewed or you wish to become a member call Nita Carpenter 870-460-0806. The next meeting

will be June 15.



the unprecedented efforts to line of duty.

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### **MEMORIAL DAY CLOSINGS AND TRASH SCHEDULE**

Drew County Courthouse, Road Department, Landfill and Solid Waste will be **CLOSED** in observance of Memorial Day on Friday, May 26th and Monday, May 29th. Thursday's and Friday's trash will be picked up on Thursday, May 25th. Monday's and Tuesday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, May 30th.

Thank you and Happy Memorial Day



# Long-time UAM professor returns to the classroom; funds scholarship

#### SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The 2022-2023 academic year saw a familiar face return to the classroom full-time at the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM). Dr. Morris Bramlett, professor of chemistry at UAM, stepped down from his position as dean of the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences in July 2022 after serving in the role since 2007 so that he could return to his love of teaching.

Dr. Bramlett's career at UAM began in 1991, when he served as a one-year visiting professor. He returned to UAM during the 1993-1994 academic year and has been a fixture of the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences ever since.

Upon completing the 2023 spring semester, Dr. Bramlett reflected on the experience, statright decision to go back to the classroom full-time. I love being able to devote a lot of time to things that will help my students learn. I'm not sure they appreciated the long homework sets at first, but by the end, they were on board and asking for more. They've grown a tremendous amount this year. I look forward to watching my students from this year moving on to their professional careers. I'm sure they will be successful, and I'm thankful to have been directly involved with their growth to reach that point. I feel very energized. I love teaching organic chemistry. I teach it from the basics up, and UAM has a lot of really sharp students. They don't always realize, when they get to UAM, just

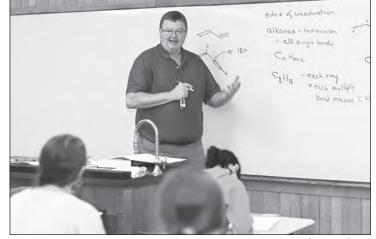
ing, "Without a doubt, it was the them see that. Our students have an outstanding acceptance rate into pharmacy, medical and other professional programs."

> Dr. Bramlett relates to his students and their experiences. "I think I'm like a lot of UAM students. People talk a lot about first-generation college students. I was a first-generation high school student. Neither of my parents went to high school, but it was always understood that I would go to college. My mom was determined to see me go to college, and my dad was encouraging, too."

Dr. Bramlett is dedicated to helping students outside his classroom, too. In 2007, when he became a dean, he began donating \$25 from each paycheck to the UAM Foundation. In November 2020, his scholarship

reached \$15,000 and became endowed. The Bramlett Endowed Scholarship benefits chemistry or pre-pharmacy students with at least a 3.4 GPA. "I knew if I donated a little every month, it would eventually make it. When I became dean, it was financially feasible for me to do it. With interest, and a few other people's donations, it reached endowed status in 13 years."

"My background made me care about creating a scholarship to help make it a little easier for a student to go to college. It's good to give back to the university and help the students. One of the reasons that I donated was because I thought it would be easier to convince other people to give if I was already giving," Dr. Bramlett explained. He continues to donate to his scholarship from



Courtesy Photo

Dr. Morris Bramlett teaching a chemistry class at UAM.

#### each paycheck.

"The joy that teaching brings me, I don't know if you get that in any other profession. I've taught over 5000 students in

my career," Dr. Bramlett said. "I can't imagine doing anything else. When I think about my students' accomplishments, I go home happy."

# UAM Rodeo Team members head to College National Finals Rodeo

#### BY LON TEGELS

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

The College National Finals Rodeo is held each year in Casper, Wyo., and it's the "Super Bowl" of collegiate rodeo.

Each cowboy and cowgirl start their season with a goal, to make the college finals. The University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) rodeo coach Rusty Jones has taken his teams to Wyoming for 11 of the last 13 years.

"It's kind of what all the kids are trying to achieve throughout the year," Jones said. "So once you finally get that last rodeo over with, and you know you made it, you just want to practice as much as you can."

UAM has two athletes heading to Casper June 11-17. Qualifying for the finals is a third-year student from Hamburg, Cole Skender, in bull riding. The other competitor is breakaway roper Aubrey Lee, a third-year student from Mount Vernon. Cole Skender is a UAM junior majoring in electronics at the Crossett campus.

Skender competed at the high school level through the Arkansas High School Rodeo Association.

how sharp they are. I get to help

Cole says nobody in his family rides horses, but his dad was a bull rider before injuries cut his career short.

Cole was first introduced to bull-riding by his dad one day after baseball practice. Cole rode his first bull in shorts, tennis shoes, and a ball cap. Skender remembers being scared to death. He kept asking why he couldn't hold the rope with both hands. He was told, "You can't, those are the rules."

Cole credits his uncle, Chuck White, from near Hamburg, for getting him started. White is a 2005 inductee into the Arkansas Cowboy Association Hall of Fame and a former member of the Professional Bull Riders Association. White has a practice facility near Hamburg where Skender and others practice bull riding. Skender made the national high school finals in all four years and won the championship in his junior year.

Skender attended Initially,



Photo courtesy of Lon Tegels/UAM

UAM Rodeo Team members Cole Skender (left) and Aubrey Lee (right) with team coach Rusty Jones.

college in Popular Bluff, Mo., at Three Rivers College on a rodeo scholarship. While at Popular Bluff, Skender qualified to compete at the College National Finals Rodeo both years. He finished second one year and third the other.

Skender says that when he finished general education there, he transferred to UAM's Crossett campus, where he is working on getting his electrical certificate.

Skender says the 2022-23 season has been good. He's enjoyed returning to Hamburg, where he still practices with family and friends at their pens. Skender has qualified for the Collegiate

National Finals Rodeo again this year, winning the Ozarks Region Championship. Skender said, "I don't worry about injuries; I guess you just got to put that out of your head and try and handle your business." He said, "It's a dance. You could sit there and drink a Dr. Pepper on top of the bull if you're in the right position. It's that easy. But if you're not, it goes south pretty quickly." Skender said bull riding is a mental thing. "When you're in the bucking chute, you see some people get jacked up, but I think what works best for me is trying to stay cool, keep breathing, and slow everything down."

When asked about what goes

The council members also approved an ordinance that would approve a contract with the Area

through his mind just before a ride, Skender said, "I've had my mind go completely elsewhere before a ride." Skender said getting settled into your spot on the back of the bull is important. "You want him standing decent and just kind of get up in your spot because, I mean, if you're off on your rope by one inch, that's a big deal."

Skender couldn't let the interview end without thanking the bullfighters." Oh, I love bullfighters. I shake all of their hands before and after every rodeo. I love those guys. When I hit the ground, they go in there and grab the bulls by the head. That's a relief."

Aubrey Lee will be heading to Casper for the second time in three years. Aubrey qualified in breakaway roping as a freshman and placed nationally in the top 10 competitors. The Mount Vernon native comes from a rodeo family. "I'm actually like a third-generation rodeo competitor. My family has been putting on rodeos for, I think, this is the 64th year that we've done it." said Lee. "So, I was born into it. I didn't have much of an option." She said rodeo was in

the solid waste department from

going in the hole every month. It

was decided to revisit the ordi-

her blood. She has an older brother who also made it to the rodeo finals and is now a regional coach. She has an older sister who also rode for UAM Coach Rusty Jones. But she credits her dad with being the most significant influence.

Lee describes breakaway roping as an individual sport more than a team sport. She says she travels to rodeos with another girl and shares road expenses, but her coach provides the encouragement and technical knowledge of the sport and helps her get her form to where it needs to be to compete. Lee said she is also thankful for all the support from her mom and dad.

While not specific to any rodeo competitor, Coach Jones said it's easy to spend between four and five thousand dollars on a rodeo season when you figure up the fuel, travel, equipment, and feed. That doesn't include a stable and food for the horses for the rest of the year. Rodeo scholarships offset some of that, but for the most part team members do it because

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ther research to be conducted. With no further business, the City Council adjourned until next

price for the eight speed bumps was \$1,200. The ordinance to enact this was introduced and

chasing generators. This grant is a 80/20 split reimbursement.

The council approved several ordinances that dealt with contractors who have bid on some of the city's ongoing projects. K.J. Parker Construction Company, Inc. was approved to begin working on the Bowser Road Pump Station project. ETI Services, Inc. were approved to begin work on the West Wastewater Plant aeration project. McClelland Engineers have also been approved to complete work order No. 14 which is the headworks project at the West Plant.

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The council revisited a property that had previously been declared a nuisance. City Property Inspector Brian Rodgers informed the council that the property has been cleaned up to the point that it looks like nothing was there. He recommended that the council drop any further action against this property.

Mayor Akers said that he has received many complaints from parents at the Jordan Park Splash Pad regarding speeding vehicles and overall safety. The city has purchased eight movable speed bumps to address issues not only at Jordan Park but also at Mc-Cloy Park. The total purchase

approved by the members of the council.

An ordinance regarding Phase II of the Lakewoods Trails project was introduced. The ordinance was to have the city approve the use of funds provided by a TAP grant that would cover 80 percent of the estimated \$125,000 needed to complete the trail milage for Phase II. The member also passed this ordinance.

The council also approved an ordinance that would allow the city to apply for a \$300,000 grant from the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management. This grant can be used to deal with any emergency situation from drainage issues to pur-

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Agency on Aging. This contract is their yearly contract which runs from July 1 until the following June 30.

The council heard an ordinance to increase the monthly price of Solid Waste services. The ordinance would change the price of all garbage carts to \$18 per month and all dumpster to \$70 per month. The council members will also be able to do a yearly review to determine if fees need to be adjusted to prevent

nance next month to allow fur- month's meeting.





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# UAM holds spring commencement exercises, announces 2023 Hornaday Faculty Award Winner and 61st Distinguished Alumnus

#### SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) held its spring commencement exercises on Friday, May 12, in the Steelman Field House. Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, recognized graduates completing associate, baccalaureate and master's degrees during the ceremonies.

Commencement was split into two ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The 10 a.m. ceremony included the School of Arts and Humanities (undergraduate and graduate), the School of Business, the School of Computer Information Systems and the School of Education (undergraduate and graduate). The 2 p.m. ceremony included the College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources (undergraduate and graduate), the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences, the School of Nursing, the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Division of General Studies.

#### the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and a 2023 graduate of the School of Computer Information Systems gave the invocation at the 10 a.m. ceremony, and Courtney Moss, a member of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and a 2023 graduate of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences gave the invocation at the 2 p.m. ceremony. Scott Bearden, assistant professor of Music, sang the national anthem and alma mater at both ceremonies.

Dr. Donald Bobbitt, president of the University of Arkansas System, spoke during the ceremonies.

UAM Board of Visitors members Roger George, of Warren, and Michael Jones, of Little Rock, were in attendance at the 10 a.m. ceremony, and Michael Jones, Gregg Reep, of Warren, and Scott Saffold, of Monticello, were in attendance at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

Dr. Doss congratulated the graduates and their families and Jerry Earnest, a member of friends, stating, "We share your



joy and pride over the achievements of these hardworking students-our newest University of Arkansas at Monticello graduates." She also made special acknowledgments of graduates who were first-generation students, parents, active in campus organizations or members of the

The Monticello Police Depart-

ment is urging drivers to buckle

up during the U.S. Department of

Transportation's National High-

way Traffic Safety Administra-

tion's (NHTSA) national Click It

or Ticket high-visibility enforce-

ment effort. The national seat belt

campaign, which coincides with

the Memorial Day holiday, runs

an automatic habit for drivers

and passengers alike, " said Chief

Carlos Garcia. "It's not just a safe

thing to do- it's the law. During

the Click It or Ticket campaign,

we'll be working with our fellow

law enforcement officers across

local and state lines to ensure the

message gets out to drivers and

"We want seat belt use to be

from May 22 to June 4,2023.

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armed forces. Crystal Halley, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, shared the finalists for the 2023 UAM Hor-Outstanding Faculty naday Award: Rebecca Newton, instructor of Health and Physical Education in the UAM School of Education, and Dr. Amber

Courtesy photo

Seat belt campaign coincides with Memorial Day Holiday

Turner, assistant professor of Psychology in the UAM School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Dan and Charlotte Hornaday, both alumni of UAM, established the annual award in 2010 to recognize excellence in faculty teaching, research, scholarship and public service.

Halley announced Dr. Turner as the 2023 Hornaday Award recipient. Since joining the UAM faculty in 2019, Dr. Turner has revitalized the Psychology Practicum, working to promote it to students while building a network for student placements with mental health providers in the community. Halley stated, "Through her efforts, Dr. Turner has shown that she is willing to go the extra mile to help our students as well as the UAM community. She is a tremendous asset to UAM."

Dr. Doss announced Pine Bluff native Kenneth Hunt as UAM's 61st Distinguished Alumnus. Hunt graduated from UAM in 1980 with a Bachelor of Sci-

degree. From 1975 to 1978, he was a four-year starter on the UAM football team. In 1977, he was named to the ALL-AIC First Team. Following the completion of his playing time at UAM, he served as a graduate assistant for the 1979 Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference champion football team and was inducted into the UAM Sports Hall of Fame as part of the 1979 team. Prior to his retirement in 2017, he served as vice president of Transportation and Operating Services at Union Pacific. Hunt currently volunteers in a critical leadership role at UAM as the chair of the Financial Campaign for the Athletic Performance Center. In March 2023, as a result of his leadership and financial support for the campaign, the University of Arkansas System Board of Trustees approved the building being named the Kenneth H. Hunt Athletic Performance Center in his honor.

# RODEO

Continued from Page 6A they love their sport and animals.

Not everyone knows what breakaway roping is. Lee said the sport had been around, but it's now becoming more known. She said the sport has become big money professionally, "you could win a bunch." She describes a run that can last less than two seconds. Lee said, "They go on me when I nod and release the calf from the chute. The roper then has to let the calf out a certain distance. If the roper leaves too early, they have broken a barrier, and judges add a 10-second penalty to your time. You can only have your rope around the calf's neck

#### said. "If you have anything else in your loop, you get no time." Aubrey said her fastest time so far is 2.0 seconds. This isn't Jones' first trip to

called a bell-collared catch." Lee

the Collegiate National Final Rodeo. Jones said, "We've had quite a bit of success since I've been here, on a national level. Our women's teams won the region several times. So, we've got to take a whole team of women out there to the college finals, and our Ozark region, overall, is very competitive. "We've won some rounds at the college finals and had several kids make the short round," said Jones. (The short round is the top 10 scores). Jones believes Skender and Lee will be competitive at this year's Collegiate Rodeo "Super Bowl".

passengers. Buckling up is the simplest thing you can do to limit or save your life during a crash. We see the results of not wearing a seat belt all the time. We see the loss of life. So often, it could have

been prevented." According to NHTSA, in 2021, there were 11,813 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. In that same year, 57percent of passenger vehicle occupants killed at night (6 p.m. -5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts. That's why one focus of the Click It or Ticket campaign is nighttime enforcement. Participating law enforcement agencies will be taking a no-excuses approach to seat belt law enforcement, writing citations day and night. In Drew County, the maximum penalty for a seat belt violation is \$45.00.

"No matter the type of vehicle you're driving in or the type of road you're driving on, the safest way to stay safe in case of a vehicle crash is to wear your seat belt," said Chief Garcia. "Unfortunately, many families are suffering because their loved ones refused to follow this simple step. In fact, in 2021, we lost several community members because they did not buckle their seat belts."

NHTSA data shows that seat belt use is higher among females than males. In fact, nearly twice as many males were killed in crashes as compared to females in 2021. Of the males killed in crashes during that same year, more than half (54 percent) were unstrained. For females killed in crashes, 42 percent were not buckled up.

"If the enforcement effort alerts people to the dangers of unrestrained driving, we'll consider our mission to be a success, said Chief Garcia. "If you know a friend or family member who does not buckle up when they drive, please ask them to consider changing their habits. Help us spread the lifesaving message before one more friend or family member is killed as a result of not buckling up. Seat belts save lives, and everyone- front seat and back, child and adult- needs to remember to buckle up."

For more information on the Click It or Ticket mobilization, please visit NHTSA.gov/coit.



# **OBITUARIES**

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Linda Kay McClure Bates,71, of Monticello passed away May 19, 2023. She was born January 23, 1952, to the late John Dale McClure, Sr., and Eurple Allen McClure. Linda worked for the farm store for many years before her retirement. She was a member of the Monticello Church of Christ. She loved to hunt and was a people person who loved



BATES

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by one brother,

J.D. McClure, and a widow to two husbands, Melvin McKinney, and Richard Bates.

She is survived by her sister, Ione Lloyd Easterling; nephew, Michael Lloyd (Beverly); three nieces, Lanelle Beavers (Rudy), Michelle Blake, and Shanna Baker (Greg); a host of great nieces and nephews; one step-son, Jay Bates (Jennifer), two step-daughters, Jana White (Ben), and Jenny Bates; nine step-grandchildren; and a special sister in law, Pat Thomas.

Visitation was Tuesday, May 23, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Funeral Services were Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Stephenson-Dearman. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery at Rye, AR.

Please sign Mrs. Linda's guestbook at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

#### **Steven Alvis Cole**

Steven Alvis Cole, 65, of Monticello, passed away Thursday, May 18, 2023, at his home in Monticello. He was born December 28, 1957, in Bald Knob to the late Alvis Cole and Mary Butcher Clemons.

He was a retired farmer, a Christian and was also preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Eades.

Survivors include his daugh ter, Laura Owen (Chris) of Monticello; and his grandchildren, Jake, Zack and Lilah Owen.

able to experience a new joy for Monticello, Dustin Davis (Galife.

Mike loved to hunt and fish and was known for his mischievous adventures. Mike could be a friend to anyone and loved people in general.

On December 31, 2005, Mike gave his life to the Lord. He was involved and helped lead a homeless ministry while attending Cornerstone Church located in Springfield. This came easy for him, because he never

met a stranger. Mike was always ready with a quick comeback and loved to see others smile **FLIPPO** and laugh. He will be loved and missed by



vived by his VETERAN fiancé, Cindy Wheeler

of Monticello; his daughter, Gracie Chatham and long-time friend, Susie Chatham Sowards; as well as a host of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, mentioned above, and his broker, John Yingling.

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him.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 22, 2023, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Monticello.

You can sign Mike's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

#### **Joyce Evelyn Miller** Jones

Joyce Evelyn Miller Jones, 76, of Monticello (Enon Community), went to be with her Lord and Savior Friday, May 19, 2023, at her home. She was born October 3, 1946, in the Enon Community in Drew County to the late James Frank Miller and Mary Louise Green Miller.

She was the Designated Representative for the State of Arkansas Health Department (PERK

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lysa) of Morral, Ohio, Delaney Davis Moyer (Jeff) of Gillett, Alli Hawkins (Scott) of Monticello, J.C. Adair and Matthew Jones of Monticello; great-grandchildren, Weylyn Adair, Austin Young, Nova Moyer, Randi Moyer, Hadleigh Hawkins, Sutton Hawkins, Iva Davis, and Carter Jones with an additional coming in September 2023; numerous nieces and nephews she adored; along with a maternal niece and nephew, Jennifer O'Fallon and Jim Miller who held a special place in her heart.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2023, at Enon Baptist Church with Rev. Kevin Dunn officiating. Burial was in Enon Cemetery. There was a visitation Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Enon Cemetery Association; c/o Jessie Griffin 1869 Hwy 278 East Monticello, AR 71655.

You can sign Mrs. Joyce's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary) **Donna Jo Butler** 

#### **McManus**

Donna Jo Butler McManus, 70, of Monticello, passed away Friday, May 19, 2023, at her home in Monticello surrounded by her family in. She was born March 8, 1953, in Magnolia to the late Bunyon Junis Butler and Mary Lee McManus.

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She was the widow of Jerry McManus, a retired and a homemaker. Donna was a sassy lady loved outdoors. She enjoyed camp-

fishing ing, and was a wonderful cook.

She is survived by her children, Mary Ann Ross and fiancé Randy Hawkins of Wilmar, Vernon Lee Giles of Oregon and William Robert Giles of Monticello; one brother, Clovis Butler of Magnolia; one sister, Mary Frances Taylor of Wynne; three grandchildren, Brittney Thiele, Dakota Wayne Hazel and Nathan Oliver; three great grandchildren, Alexis Leeann Jo Reed, Kavlee Nicole Thiele and Serenity Windham; a step-daughter, Donna McManus Winchester of McGehee; her special friend, Jessie Ray; and her special puppy, Toby. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at Ladelle Baptist Church with Rev. Gary Carter officiating. Burial was in Ladelle Cemetery. There was a visitation from 1:00-2:00 p.m. preceding the funeral service at the church.

United States Army. He served as a Supply Specialist and was stationed in Baumholder, Germany. He served in Iraq from April 9, 2008 to May 27, 2009. He received many accolades while serving, such as the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Campaign Star Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon. After serving three years in the United States Army.

he worked at the Cummins Unit for theArkansas Department of Corrections and Southeast Arkansas Human Develop-

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ment Center. He found a passion for truck driving, and enrolled VETERAN in the Pine

Bluff Trucking School in 2012. After graduating from Pine Bluff Trucking School, he worked for many trucking companies, with the latest being L.D. Long, Inc. out of Monticello. In his spare time, he enjoyed coaching PEEWEE basketball for Drew Central and AAU basketball for SEARK Elite.

Jarrod Ray Oglesby departed this life on Thursday, May 18, 2023. He was preceeded in death by his grandparents; Charles Dailey, Richard Oglesby, Helen and James Durden; his aunt, Angela Durden; his uncle, Thedrick Oglesby.

He leaves to cherish his memories, His children; Jaiden Oglesby of Jacksonville, Nevaeh Oglesby of Little Rock, and Kyree Oglesby of Monticello; his grandparent, Pattie Dailey of Wilmar; his parents, Tracy Oglesby and Samuel Durden (Chenetta) of Wilmar: his brothers, Jaymie Oglesby, James Rhodes Jr, and Camarion Durden of Wilmar, Samuel Durden Jr of Warren; his sisters, Cortney Durden of Houston, Texas, Je'Kea Oglesby (Patrick) of Belton, Texas, Je'Taime Jackson, Sayveiona Durden, and Saniya Durden of Wilmar, Paris Gilbert of Hermitage; his uncles, Keith Lyles, Sr. of San Antonio, Texas, Demetrick Oglesby of Wilmar, Domonique Simmons (Jennifer) of Little Rock, James Earl Durden, Jr. (Janet) of Memphis, Tenn.; his aunts, Leslie Lyles, Ja'Ton Oglesby, Chekiona Jones (Paul) of Wilmar, Kimberly Durden of Pine Bluff, Sandra Atkins (Dwight) of Warren; his nephews, Johnathan, Darius, Kane, Ayden, Khalil, Achilles, Logan, Adonis; his nieces. Shavlee, Bravlee, Journee, Alaiya, and a host of family members, classmates, and friends. Visitation will be Friday, May 26, 2023, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Chapel. A Celebration of Jarrod's Life will be Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. also in the Chapel. Burial will follow

ter graduation, he enlisted in the in Wilmar Cemetery in Wilmar, Arkansas. Please sign the guestbook at www.stephensondearman.com.

#### (Paid obituary) **Billy E. Scroggins**

Billy E. Scroggins, 89, of Monticello, died Monday, May 22, 2023, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Scroggins was a native of Dewitt, a resident of Hughes and Parkdale for most of his life; a former resident of Hot Springs, and has been a resident of Monticello for the past five years. He attended Hughes High School, where he was a football player. Scroggins was a Veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Korean Conflict. After he was discharged from the service in 1955, he purchased a cotton picker and a tractor and began farming in Snyder. Over the 50 years that he farmed, he harvested wheat, rice, cotton, and beans, maintained fish ponds, and was a cattle farmer. He was in his late 70s when he retired from farming and discovered his enjoyment of traveling and work-

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Scroggins

was a former

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and Parkdale

School Board

Member for

over 20 years

and an avid

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fan. He loved



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the Lord, was a good Christian man, and was a member of the Hot Springs Baptist Church. He loved his wife, children, and grandchildren and enjoyed talking and learning about the Lord.

He is preceded in death by a son, Billy Gene Scroggins; a daughter, Patty Scroggins; his parents, Isaac Franklin and Flora Nell Booher Scroggins; two brothers, Isaac Scroggins and Joe Scroggins; two sisters, Flora Johnson and Annie Mae Scroggins and his first wife, Nora Rich Scroggins. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Betty Johnson Scroggins of Monticello; four sons. Freddy Dean Scroggins (Tresia) of Monticello; Tony Hummel (Patty) of Forrest City, Ill.; Jerry Hummel of Chillicothe, Ill. and Paul Hummel (Shelia) of Lake Village; a daughter, Sharon Harrison of Monticello; a brother, Jimmy Roy Scroggins of Crossett; 15 grandchildren, Lindsey, Danielle, Michael, Phillip, Steven, Jennifer, Megan, Kasey,

Richard, Vanessa, Chelsea, Eric, Josh, Tiffany, and Becca; 19 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Funeral services are 10 a.m., Thursday, May 25, 2023, in the Jones-Hartshorn Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Kelly Jones officiating. Burial will be in the Parkdale Cemetery. Pallbearers are Tony Hummel, Jerry Hummel, Lance Kling, Braden Forrest, David Johnson, and Richard Hummel. Honorary pallbearers are Paul Hummel, Devon Scroggins, Craig Shackelford, Mike Riley, and Robert Scroggins. Memorials may be made to St. Jude, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. The family would like to thank Arkansas Hospice and their caregivers for all of the love and care given to Mr. Scroggins. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jones-Hartshorn Funeral Home of Hamburg, Arkansas.

guestbook, Online www. jones-hartshorn.com.

#### (Paid obituary) Peggy June Robinson Trotter

Peggy June Robinson Trotter, 84, of Lexa, formerly of Monticello, passed away Thursday, May 18, 2023, at her home. She was born June 14, 1938, in Hardy to the late George Albert Robinson and Iva Lane Warren.

She was retired from the Garment Factory. She enjoyed taking care of her flowers, gardening, canning the vegetables she grew and bream fishing.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death



by her husband of 66 years, Ernest W. Trotter; eleven and brothers and sisters. She is sur-

vived by three

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children, Angela Ray (John Guszak) of Capistrano Beach, Calif., Ernest Steven Trotter (Debbie) of Poplar Grove, and Brett Trotter of Hope; grandchildren Avery and Caitlyn Ray; Steven and Jeffrey Trotter, Jessica Pip kin and Pamela Kellum; seven great-grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with burial to follow in Campground Cemetery. There will be a visitation one hour before the funeral service at the funeral home. Please sign her guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com. (Paid obituary)



There are no service arrangements at this time.

#### (Paid obituary) **Michael Van Flippo**

Michael "Mike" Van Flippo, 58, of Monticello, departed this life Saturday, May 20, 2023, after a battle with diabetes complications. Mike was born April 19, 1964, in Clinton, Okla. to his mom, the late Margaret Highfill and father, Colin Flippo.

He graduated from Monticello High School in 1984. Shortly after high school, Mike joined the military where he served in the Marines. He then attended Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Mo, where he received his CNA and CMT certification. He moved to Springfield, Mo. around 1992. He had two daughters, Michaela (1996) and Gracelyn (2005).

In 2021, Mike was reunited with a high school sweetheart, Cynthia Wheeler, where he was

Enon Church where she served as church

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surer for over 35 years. She also served on the Enon Cemetery Board for many years. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Johnny Miller.

Joyce enjoyed her girls' trips to Branson with lifelong friends Sharon Hancock, Carolyn Hales, and Betty Watson. One of her favorite places to be was working in her yard, feeding her wildlife, and preparing Sunday meals for her family. You always knew she loved you by the delicious meals she served. She was an avid sports fan and spent many Saturday nights at the racetrack with her family. She was also an expert seamstress often making many family members' clothing throughout her years.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Bill Jones; two sons, Dale Jones (Misty) and Steve Jones (Sandy) of Monticello; her grandchildren, Caroline Adair Flemister (Kipp) of

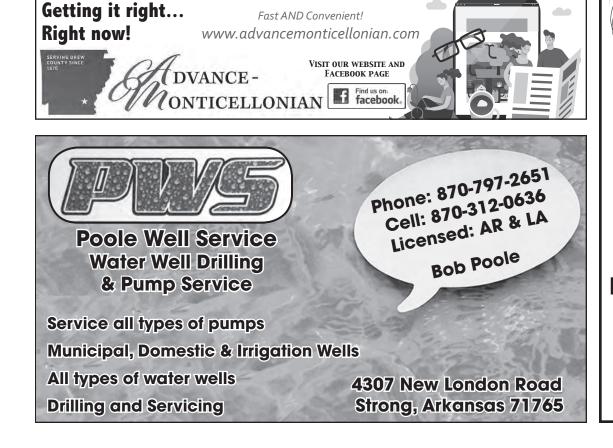
You can sign Donna's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

#### Jarrod Ray Oglesby

Jarrod Ray Oglesby was born January 4, 1988, to Tracy Oglesby and Samuel Durden Sr. in Pine Bluff. Jarrod accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the First Apostolic Church in El Dorado. Jarrod graduated from Drew Central High School in May of 2006. Af-





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#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) One-Stop Operator

Application Period: April 24, 2023 - May 24, 2023 PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose: The Southeast Arkansas Workforce Develop-A. ment Board (SEAWDB) serving Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, and Lincoln counties is soliciting proposals for a One-Stop Operator for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027, a four (4)-year term.

The Southeast Arkansas Workforce Development Board will distribute approximately \$5,000-\$50,000 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds, for this role in its' Workforce Delivery System. The entity selected as the One-Stop Operator will work closely with the WIOA Title I-B Service Provider for Youth, Adults, and Dislocated Workers for the same four (4)-year term. The WIOA One Stop Operator will be charged with coordinating the service delivery among partner agencies in One Stop Centers. Duties include but are not limited to: managing daily operations in coordination with WIOA fiscal agent for the lease, utilities and other activities to support the centers' responsibilities defined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); among partners. The One-Stop Operator will ensure the ongoing participation, support, collaboration, and consensus-building needed for success among the required WIOA core and non-core partners. Obtaining Application Packages: The full RFP application package contains the criteria/information, all requisite forms, and instructions. Criteria/information may be requested by contacting Steven Bloomberg, One-Stop Committee Chairperson, Southeast Arkansas Workforce Development Board via email at sbloomberg@seark.edu or by phone at 870-543-5904. Deadline for Submission: Completed responses must be received in the mail or delivered NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m. on May 24, 2023. (Mailing address: Steven Bloomberg, One-Stop Chairman, Southeast Arkansas Workforce Development Board, 1900 S. Hazel, Pine Bluff, AR 71603; or email at sbloomberg@seark.edu). Responses received after this date/time will not be considered. SEAWDB is an "Equal Opportunity Employer" and "auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities." #108278 4/26 5/3 5/10 5/17

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JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> - Express Employment will be taking applications in Monticello at the Workforce Center from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon and in McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.

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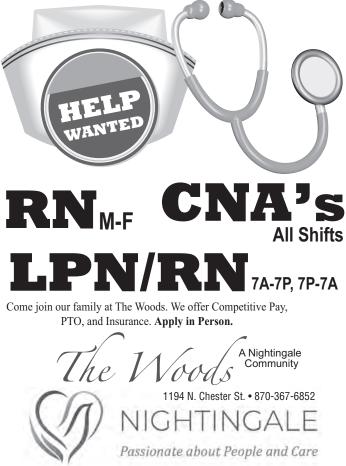
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The following vehicle(s) will be sold, dismantled or destroyed within 15 days of this notice. Unless claimed at Rangel Towing, 109 Carla Lane Monticello, AR 71655, 870-723-2263. First published May 24, 2023. 2018 HONDA CIVIC VIN# 19XFC2F75JE023056 #107657 5/24 5/31

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#### **NOTICE**

The following vehicle(s) will be sold, dismantled or destroyed in fifteen (15) days unless claimed at Reggie's Lock & Key LLC, 1065 Highway 278 West, Monticello AR 71655, PH: (870) 723-6898. 1996 Geo Prizm VIN 1Y1SK5265TZ046694 #108404 5/24 5/31

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, PLAINTIFF **VS. HEIRS OF WILLIE FRED LUCAS, DECEASED; HEIRS** OF A.C. LUCAS, DECEASED; HEIRS OF MARY LUCAS, DECEASED; HEIRS OF EMMALENE LUCAS, DECEASED; KATHY BUTLER, AN UNMARRIED PERSON; BRENDA BYNUM, AN UNMARRIED PERSON; M. C. (MIKE) LUCAS AND WIFE, GAIL LUCAS; DENNIS LUCAS, MARITAL STATUS UNKNOWN; EARLENE EDWARDS, AN UNMARRIED PERSON; MARTHA LUCAS, WIDOW OF A. C. LUCAS; SHEUNTA HARVEST JOHNSON AND HUSBAND, DENNIS RAY JOHNSON; SHARON LUCAS, UNMARRIED; ANESIA HAYES AND HUSBAND, WILLIAM HAYES; TRACEY GILMORE, DIVORCED, UNMARRIED; MALCOM LUCAS AND WIFE, MICHELLE LUCAS; CALVIN LUCAS, SINGLE PERSON; CHERI ADCOCK, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS DREW COUNTY TAX **ASSESSOR; TONYA LOVELESS, IN HER OFFICIAL** CAPACITY AS DREW COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; **CERTAIN LANDS 3.12 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN DREW** COUNTY, AND ANY PERSONS OR ENTITIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST THEREIN, DEFENDANTS

NO. 22CV-23-75

#### WARNING ORDER

Any persons or entities claiming an interest in or ownership of, certain land as described and located in Drew County, Arkansas, are hereby warned to appear in the Circuit Court of Drew County, Arkansas, within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication of this Warning Order and answer the Complaint of Plaintiff, Arkansas State Highway Commission, which has condemned the following described land:

#### **TRACT NO. 21:**

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 12 South, Range 5 West, Drew County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a 3-1/2 inch brass cap being used as the Section corner of Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11; thence North 88° 46' 44" West along the South line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3 a distance of 599.94 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 88° 46' 44" West along said South line a distance of 724.01 feet to a point on the West line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3; thence North 00° 40' 44" East along said West line a distance of 186.26 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of Interstate 69 as established by ARDOT Job 020678; thence South 89° 02' 36" East along said right of way line a distance of 724.05 feet to a point; thence South 0° 41' 49" West a distance of 189.61 feet to the point of beginning and containing 3.12 acres more or less as shown on plans prepared by the ARDOT referenced as Job 020678.

You are hereby notified that the Arkansas State Highway Commission, Plaintiff, whose attorney is Angela R. Dodson, Legal Division, Post Office Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261, has filed a Complaint in eminent domain against you and the described lands, a copy of which Complaint, Declaration of Taking, and Order, shall be delivered to you or your attorney upon request. If you fail to appear within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this Warning Order, you may be barred from answering said Complaint and otherwise asserting your interest. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal as Clerk of this Court on this 26th day of April 2023.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal as Clerk of this Court on this 12th day of May 2023.

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#### GARAGE SALE

Rummage Sale: June 17th, 7am-until. GIFT CLOSET CLEAN OUT! Lots of new in box items. NO EARLY SALES! 141 Towler Lane, Wilmar. (Second house on the left.) 6/17

Faith Missionary Baptist Church at 111 Faith Lane (off Rosehill Cut-off Rd) will be having a church wide yard sale on Saturday June 3 from 7AM until Noon. All proceeds will go to the Shoenbox Ministry. 2f 6/3

Huge Multi-Family Rummage Sale at 227 Wake Robin Drive, Monticello dishes, china, crystal, lamps, ment womens clothing, wicker love seat, Golf Clubs etc... 7:30 until ? 2f 6/3

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# Lady Billies softball honored with year-end sports banquet

BY: JEFF YOUNG Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Lady Billies held their year end sports banquet on Monday, May 22, in a gathering of players, coaches, families, and the supporters of the 2023 Lady Billie Softball team.

To celebrate the season, a crawfish boil with grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, and the fixings was provided for everyone in attendance before heading up to the field for the presentation of awards and a follow-up kickball contest that was held after the awards presentation.

During the 2023 season, the Lady Billies would begin the season with a 12-0 overall record and an 5-0 8-4A Conference record.

Of those 12 wins, the Lady Billies would shut out five opponents and would only allow one run in three contests.

The Lady Billies would lose their first contest of the season on Tuesday, April 4, against the co-leader of the conference at that time with the Lady Billes, the Stuttgart Lady Ricebirds, in a 4-0 loss in extra innings that knocked the team into second place in the conference standings.

After the loss, the Lady Billies would put together an eight game win streak and would once again find themselves in a tie for the conference lead with Stuttgart who had lost to Star City for their only loss of the season, a team that the Lady Billies had defeated in both their contests on the season.

With the eight game win streak, the Lady Billies would end their regular season with a conference showdown with Stuttgart, travelling to the home of the Lady Ricebirds in a winner takes all final game to determine the 8-4A Conference Championship.

In the game, the teams would begin just as they did the first time around with two shut innings for both teams, however, Monticello would be the team to get on the board in the top of the third inning after Stuttgart allowed two baserunners on errors and a single by Alaina Lyle that scored two runs to give Monticello a 2-0 lead. Both teams would shut the other down for the next three innings before MOnticello added a run in the top of the seventh inning on a pair of singles by Addi Frazer and Lyle. Stuttgart added their only run in the bottom of the final inning with Monticello claiming the 2023 8-4A Conference Championship, their second in row after a share of the title a year before.



BJ JACKSON, head coach of the Monticello Lady Billies, reads off an award for one of his Monticello Lady Billie players while assistant coach Caleb Morgan waits to present the award to the player at the year end sports banquet held Monday night.



AUDREY HOWARD (left) and ALAINA LYLE (right) each earned 8-4A All-Conference and 8-4A All-State honors for their play during the 2023 Lady Billie



ference title with two regional tournament appearances and one state tournament appearance with a two year overall record of 26-10 and a conference record of 21-5.

For the Lady Billies, 20 players earned scholar athlete awards along with players receiving several individual awards as well.

Freshman Kiley Lane was one of two players to receive the Big Bopper and New Comer award. Lane was tied for the lead in home runs on the season with six.

Two Defensive awards were presented to Ashlynn Snow and catcher Skylar Burns.

Kaylie Jester was awarded the Lady Billie Spirit Award with Madeline Stanley being awarded for being the Most Dedicated, and senior Meygan Bivens being named as Most Improved.

The Lady Billies had five players named as 8-4A All-Conference players and two players named as 8-4A All-State.

Anna Morgan ended her senior season as an All-Conference selection with Addi Frazer also earning All-Conference honors as well as the second recipient of the New Comer Award.

Senior Kate Morgan was an All-Conference selection as well as being awarded the Lady Billie Hustle Award.

Alaina Lyle was named as the recipient of the Big Bopper Offensive Award as well as being an All-Conference and All-State selection. Lyle hit six home runs and led the team in strikeouts with 140 strikeouts on the season.

Audrey Howard was also named as an All-Conference and All-State selection.

THe Lady Billies were also the 2023 Smackover Tournament Champions and the 2023 Smackover Jamboree Champions.

The 2023 season was accomplished by hard work from the coaching staff and players that started with not only working hard to improve in practice but in their efforts to also get the field in playing shape from maintaining the infield and outfield by picking up rocks and debris that may have accumulated on the field of play to help prevent injuries to not only themselves but their opponents as well to their time spent hitting in the turf room that improved the Lady Billie offense with the team scoring 220 total runs as opposed to just 153 total runs the year before on connecting on 24 home runs on the season. Closing the awards banquet, Coach Jackson would end the evening with ensuring words to the returning Lady Billie players for next season.

With the regular season behind them, the Lady Billies set their sights on the 4A South Regional in DeQueen.

In the first round, the Lady Billies would face the Magnolia Lady Panthers, who finished their conference as the fourth seed. Facing Magnolia, the Lady Panthers got the first run of the contest in the top of the first inning but Monticello would bounce back in the bottom of the first on a leadoff single and

season.

a two-run home run by Lyle for the 2-1 lead. Magnolia tied the contest in the top of the third with Mon-

ticello retaking the lead in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI

single by Meygan Bivens and another run in the bottom of the fifth inning on the second home run of the day by Lyle.

Magnolia added a run in the top of the sixth, but a big inning in the bottom of the sixth inning by the Lady Billies would would seal the contest after a three run home run by Addi Frazer, an RBI double by Audrey Howard, and an RBI fielder's choice by Madeline Stanley to give the Lady Billies a 9-3 win and their first 4A State Tournament

Championship since the 2015 season.

For her performance in the regional contest against Magnolia, Lyle would be voted as the Scorebook Live Arkansas Athlete of the Week for the week of May 1 through May 7.

Lyle would pitch the complete game victory with nine strikeouts, and two home home runs with three RBI in the contest and would earn 11,854 total votes to earn the honor.

The Lady Billies would go on

appearance to finish fourth in the 4A South Regional and would be eliminated from 4A State Championship Tournament play in the first round against Farmington by a score of 10-0.

> With the season ending loss the Lady Billies would finish the season 22-4 with a 8-4A Conference record of 11-1.

> In the past two seasons under head coach BJ Jackson and his coaching staff the Lady Billies have won a stand alone conference title and a share of a con-

"The future of the Lady Billies is bright," said Jackson in his closing statement.

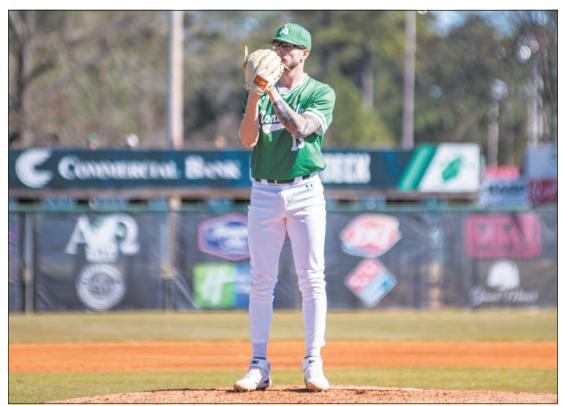


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ANNA MORGAN (left), KATE MORGAN (center), and ADDI FRAZER (right) earned 8-4A All-Conference honors during the 2023 season. Anna Morgan and Kate Morgan were both senior players for the Lady Billies with Frazer being new to the Lady Billie program, earning the New Comer award for the season at the year end banquet.

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### Philley named to NCBWA All-Central Team



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**MASON PHILLEY** continues to earn postseason honors after his record breaking senior season. Philley's recent accomplishment is being named to the 2023 National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association All-Central Region First Team. The NCBWA Central Region committee consists of 15 voters with five representatives each from the GAC, MIAA and NSIC. Weekly regular season rankings began on February 13 and run through May 8. The Central Region of NCAA DII Baseball is comprised of three conferences – the Great American Conference, the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference – featuring 39 programs spanning nine states.

### Kennedy Cox named to D2CCA All-Region Team



#### **UAM Athletics now accepting 2023 Hall of Fame nominations**

#### SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Athletics Department announced that it is now accepting nominations for the 2023 UAM Sports Hall of Fame Induction in the fall. Nomination forms have been added to the website underneath the "Inside UAM" tab for both athletes and coaches.

Nominations for the 2023 UAM Athletics Hall of Fame Class will be accepted until June 15th. Come the date, we will no longer be accepting any more nominations and will have a committee vote in this years inductees. A release will be sent out announcing those that will have their name etched into the Hall of Fame following the completion of the voting process.

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(3) Have gained national distinction through exceptional accomplishment in his/her field of expertise.

(4) Have established a personal reputation for character and citizenship which reflects favorably upon the University.

(5) Have been retired from his/her profession for at least five (5) years.

Where to send nomination forms:

Athletic Director, UAM Athletic Department, P.O. Box 3499, Monticello, AR 71656 (or fax to 870-460-1458)

(Note: Individuals may not nominate themselves.)

Forms may be found at https://www.uamsports.com/ news/2023/5/1/general-uamathletics-is-now-accepting-2023-hall-of-fame-nominations.aspx.

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**KENNEDY COX** has been named to the Division II Conference Commisioners Association All-Region First Team. The selection is the second All-Region First Team pick for the junior in her career at UAM.

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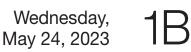
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# First Spring on the Square Night Market is a huge success







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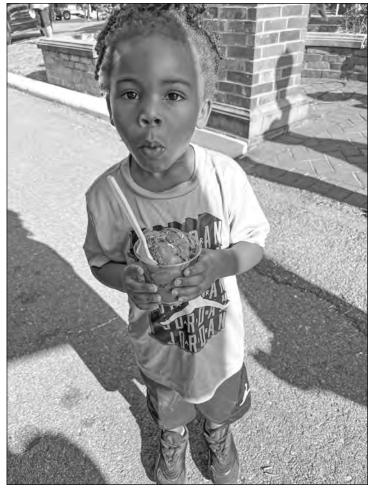


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# More scenes from Spring on the Square Night Market











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





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ANSWER: TRUE



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# LIVING This week's recipe: Dive into a garlic-infused meal



Shrimp dishes are quite popular. These scouring crustaceans are found in many oceans and come in various sizes.

While most know that shrimp can be tasty, they're also good to eat for a number of reasons. Shrimp pack 20 grams of protein into a 3-ounce serving, all for around 84 calories. Shrimp also contain phosphorous, iodine, magnesium, and zinc, which are important minerals for health. In addition, shrimp are rich in DHA and EPA, essential omega-3 fatty acids that can help reduce a person's risk for heart

disease. Also, shrimp may boost cognitive health by way of astaxanthin, an antioxidant that can protect against free radical damage. Now that it's understood why shrimp are beneficial in diets, it is time to explore new shrimp recipes to include into future meals. This recipe for "Camarones al ajillo (Garlic shrimp)," from "Spain: Authentic Regional Recipes" (Fall River Press) by M. Teresa Segura is based on a Spanish peasant dish featuring fresh, plump shrimp and lots of garlic. Experiment with the amount of garlic to appeal to one's own

taste buds.

#### **Camarones al ajillo** (Garlic shrimp) Ingredients (Serves 4)

2 pounds raw extra-large shrimp Juice of 2 limes

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano 6 tablespoons extra-virgin Spanish

olive oil 8 cloves garlic, finely chopped

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons chopped fresh

parsley Lime wedges, to garnish

#### **Directions:**

Remove the heads from the shrimp, but do not peel. Wash and pat dry the shrimp and place in a shallow glass dish. Add the lime juice and oregano. Cover and chill for 2 hours.

When ready to cook, heat 2 tablespoons of the olive oil in a skillet and gently fry the garlic for 1 minute, stirring, making sure it does not over brown.



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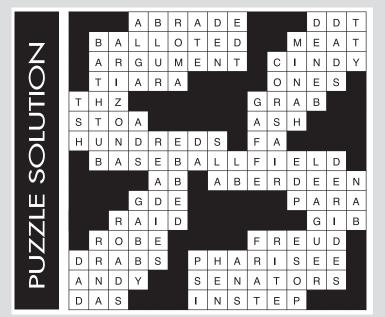
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# BJ's Stump Removal, for your stump issues

#### By: Halen Murphy reporter@monticellonews.net

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BJ's Stump Removal is owned by BJ and Robin Knowles. They have been operating for a year with BJ himself doing all of the stump grinding, removal, and clean up.

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#### BARKADA **JANA WRIGHT**

There is no Barkada news this week. Jana Wright had other commitments.

Her column will resume in next week's edition.

#### **GREEN HILL** WANDA PACE

Greenhill Community Baptist Church will host the 86th National Gospel Singing Convention on November 17-18, 2023. VBS will be held on June 4-9, 2023 from 5:30-8:15pm, and dinner will be provided nightly.

Aunt May had a doctor's appointment in Pine Bluff and received a good report. Continued prayers for wellness.

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful and Happy Mother's Day. Aunt May got a call from Billy Ray in California and they enjoyed catching up.

Happy Birthday Roger Donaldson! I hope you had a blessed day.

Happy 7th Birthday to my niece, Juliet! We enjoyed birthday cake, pizza, and the aquatic center in Russellville on Saturday.

Verse of the week: "Apply your mind to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge." Proverbs 23:12

Have a safe and blessed week.

#### LACEY **IVANELL HANDLEY**

Hello Readers! The Lord has blessed me to see another day, and I'm so glad about it! Sunday service was held at Promise Land Baptist Church in Lacey. The Sunday school lesson was "Healing a Man Who Cannot Walk"; devotional reading was from Luke 10:1-9 and Acts 3:1-11. An inspiring message was presented by Pastor Johnson, the scripture was from Jeremiah 20:9, his thought was "Tell them about Jesus". It was a great word.

I was unable to attend the revival held at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church. Everyone commented that Elder Melvin Foster did an amazing job and a wonderful time in the Lord was had by all. A revival will be held at Holy Divine Church the 7th - 9th of June, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. nightly. The guest speaker will be Bro. **Ouintin Radford.** 

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The Advance will be CLOSED Monday, May 29. The deadline for classifieds, garage sales, legal notices and country/church news for the May 31 paper will be Friday, May 26 at 5:00 p.m., and all other paper ads will be Tuesday, May 30 at 11am.

lost loved ones. Prayers for those who are sick and shut-in: Ben and Rowena Capico, as well as others who aren't feeling well. Thank the Lord Floyd is feeling much better! We would like to thank everyone for keeping him and our family in your thoughts and prayers. Your phone calls and thoughtfulness were very much appreciated!

Belated happy birthday wishes to: Rose Gardner, May 21; Tom Miller, May 21; Eddie Withers, May 24; Jodie Jordan, May 25; and Henry Daniel, May 28. I hope each of you had an amazing day!

Congratulations to all the 2023 graduates. Best of luck to each of your during the next phase of your life. The sky is the limit!

Thought for the week: "Today is your opportunity to build the tomorrow you want"! (Arthur Unknown)

#### POSSUM VALLEY **KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK**

Welcome back, y'all! I am just loving this cooler weather that we're being blessed with. Last Thursday, when Rick and I drove to Hope, it wasn't quite as cool. Every year we love going to Hope so we can drive through and see all the wildflowers at Rick Evans Grandview Prairie just outside of Hope in a small town called Columbia. Last year when we went, there were barely any flowers because of a drought and heatwave. This year the flowers were there in abundance. Pale Purple Coneflowers, Showy Evening Primrose, and Butterfly Weed in particular. I also found a large colony of Indian Pink and some Green-flowered Milkweed and a new for me plant called New Jersey Tea. There weren't a lot of birds, but Dickcissels were calling loud and proud from almost every tree top. The first bird we saw was a Chimney Swift that had built a nests on

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the wall above the bathroom door which contained one tiny chick. We saw a few other birds, but here it was all about the flowers.

The day before we had gone to Bois D'Arc Lake. This was the bird place. Right off I saw a lifer bird when we were greeted by a handsome Great-tailed Grackle that loved showing off its magnificent tail feathers.. From there I saw several Eastern Kingbirds, Cattle Egrets, Purple Gallinules and Scissor-tailed Flycatchers. There was a large flock of Cedar Waxwings here and at Rick Evans, but no good photo ops with them. I encountered Killdeer, a Red-headed Woodpecker, a Yellow Warbler and a very cooperative Great Blue Heron.

The surprise of the day was one that Rick had hoped to avoid. Basking in the sun near one of the banks was a sleepy alligator. At first I only saw its head, but later, as it swam around, it showed its full length. I bet that thing was at least a seven footer. I was thankful the area was well maintained and mowed so I could see clearly everywhere I walked and that that old gator stayed in the water where it belonged. Otherwise, our little mini vacation was a success.

Sunday Bethel was blessed to hear a message from a young man who has spoken for us a couple of times before. Thomas Green is the son-in-law of some dear friends of mine. Lester and Anita Halbert. It was good to see them again and to hear a wonderful message from Romans 7:7-13 that drove home the fact that the

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law was given to show us our sins. But our God knew we could never be perfect enough to keep that law. So he sent us His Son as a substitute for us so we could have a home in heaven some day.

That afternoon I attended a graduation party for Skylar Raw-Is then returned home for some rest before going to a community Fish and Friends gathering. This was a 'get to know your church' and VBS kick-off event, which was well attended. Thanks to all who made the effort and took the time to make it great. Yes, VBS starts tonight, Monday, and we are looking forward to good attendance and that hearts will be moved and souls won for Christ.

Congratulations to Preston Eubanks on graduating pharmacy school. Preston is the grandson of Leona and Eddie Eubanks and their second grandchild to complete pharmacy school.

Also, congratulations to Jerline and Leo McCarty's great-grandson, Jonathan Blaylock, on his graduation from high school.

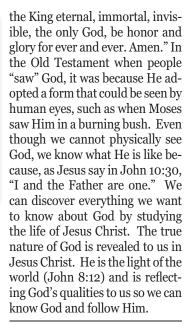
One other graduate that I'd like to recognize is Katy Brown Fortenberry. It took her awhile to complete, but she has graduated college and looking forward to finishing her Masters.

I know when I start trying to name names that I will inevitably forget someone so I apologize if I've failed to mention anyone's relative or friend who has graduated or will be graduating. Best of God's blessings to you all.

Corny joke time! How does the sun listen to its favorite music? On the ray-dio!

I'll leave you with another excerpt from the "In The Shadow Of His Wings" book that my daughter gave me for Mother's Day entitled "Seeing Is Believing". Did you know that the brilliant blue of the Indigo Bunting really isn't blue at all? There is actually no blue pigment in the bird's feathers. How then do we see something that is "invisible"? Tiny air pockets and cellular structures in the feathers' barbs reflect the blue spectrum of light back to our eyes. Without these unique feather formations that reflect blue light, these birds would appear black. According to the Bible,

God is also invisible to our eyes. First Timothy 1:17 says, "Now to



#### WILMAR **TERRY HOPSON**

Heyyyy! Late, late, late, but I gotta report this wonderful news. On Mother's Day Andra Griffin cooked Mother's Day Dinner for ninety mothers in Wilmar. His wife, Shannon, daughter, Joy, son, Spencer, and his mom, Vivan

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But wait... there's more!

Acts 1:4-5 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

As an impatient child, especially around my birthday or Christmas my mother used to say to me the old adage, "Good things come to those who wait." Which I wasn't much of a fan of because let's face it, who likes to wait? Waiting is long and boring and sometimes waiting is hard. We know that on the other side of waiting is what we want and we just can't wait to get there. We're a culture that has mastered the art of convenience and instant gratification. Fast food drive throughs, microwaves, same day delivery. All designed to make our life faster and supposedly better.

But does it really? Is the #2 from Wendy's really better than the homemade pot roast that's been simmering in the crock pot all day? Of course not. But we are

easily willing to exchange the best for the mediocre for the sake of convenience. All so that we can be satisfied in the moment rather than waiting, in reality, just a little longer.

I'm suggesting we change our perspective. Rather than viewing our waiting as suffering, we can look at waiting as preparation. When we desire a situation in our life to change we get anxious because we are eager to achieve the "better" outcome. The waiting feels agonizing. What if we viewed the wait as a chance to truly trust in God. If He is sovereign and in control of all things then we must be confident that His plan is better. So the more I wait, the more I must trust and the more I trust my faith is strengthened! Let's take to heart what the prophet Isaiah said when he wrote, " those who wait upon the Lord renew their strength".

So today don't be frustrated in waiting, trust God that there is something worth waiting on!

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

# COUNTRY

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Christian, all formed an assembly line in their home to prepare trays for pick up and distributions. I have heard lots of mothers say they enjoyed their meal. I for one really enjoyed mine. Thank you so much from all of us to the Andra Griffin family.

LaKiah Davis has received her Phlebotomy certificate from UAM College of Technology in McGehee. Congratulations. God bless you on your journey.

Raven Jones, another one of Elmarie Jones' granddaughters, graduated from Grambling State University. Also, congratulations to Maya Franklin. She received her BS in Educational Studies at the University of Arkansas Monticello.

My grandkids and I attended the "Spring on the Square". It was a very nice, refreshing, and interesting event.

The Soul Seniors of Wilmar appreciate all who came to have breakfast with us. Hope you enjoyed your meal Thank you so much.

At Greater Shady Grove Church, Rev. Marvin Mosby brought us a very uplifting service. His scripture came from Nehemiah 8:1-20; "Knowing The Time To Shout." I tell you there was some shouting going on. Thank you Jesus.

East Arkansas Conference Women's Missionary Society presented a PME Zoom presentation. Participants were Sis. Toni Perry, Sis. Peggy Orr, and Sis. Terry Hopson. We all did a fantastic job "Finding One's Wholeness".

Once again tragedy has happened and we are so sad. Condolences to the family. Remember Wilmar is here for you..Rest in Love Jarod Oglesby.

Congrats to Drew Central 8th grade grads: Aiden Everett, Toni Fuller, Nyriah Walker, received Honor roll. So happy for them.

Prayers are always in order and much needed. Prayer for our beloved Carol Hooper and Dennis Riley. God is in control.

Until we come together again. Peace and Love.

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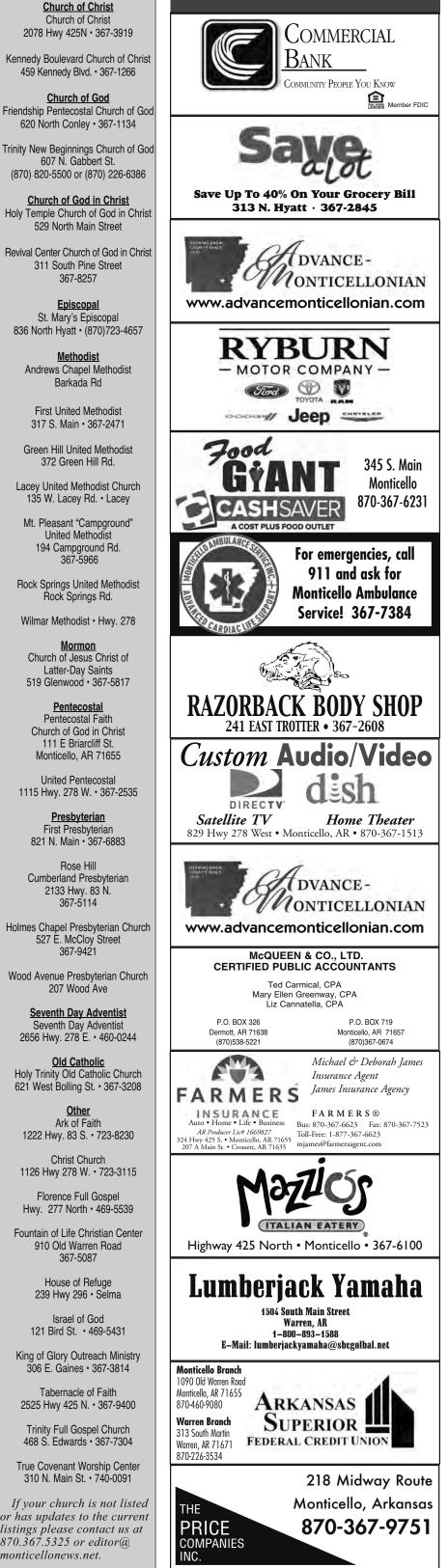
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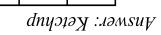
May 25, 1976. I was interested in acting since seeing a stage production of "A Clockwork Orange." I've starred in a number of movies, but my role on a television show about a street gang from the late 1800s made me a household name.

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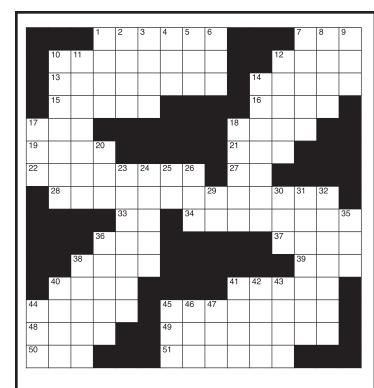
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- 13. Disagreement
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- 15. Jeweled headdress
- 16.. Digits
- 17. Trillion hertz
- 18. Snap up
- 19. Classical portico
- 21. Residue after burning
- 22. Large integers
- 27. Free agent
- 28. Where ballplayers work

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Nonflowering aquatic plant
- 2. Britpop rockers
- 3. National capital
- 4. Consumed
- 5. The habitat of wild animals
- 6. Sun up in New York 7. Cygnus star
- 8. Male parents
- 9. Talk to you (abbr.)
- 10. A place to clean oneself
- 11. Southwestern US state
- 12. South Korean idol singer
- 14. Pirate
- 17. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- 18. Mistake
- 20. Promotions
- 23. Prepares
- 24. Partner to flowed
- 25. State lawyer

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33. Blood type 34. Scottish city 36. Google certification (abbr.) 37. Serbian monetary unit 38. Make a sudden surprise attack on 39. Wood or metal bolt 40. Relaxing attire 41. Famed neurologist 44. Dullish brown fabrics 45. Member of ancient Jewish sect 48. Griffith, Rooney 49. Lawmakers 50. Government lawyers 51. The arch of the foot

26. Patti Hearst's captors

32. Treats with contempt

36. Excessively talkative

40. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid

41. College organization for males

42. Any customary observance or

45. The 23rd letter of the Greek

47. Autonomic nervous system

30. Electronic data processing

29. Pound

31. Sports player

35. Apprehend

38. Highways

practice

44. Male parent

alphabet

46. Female bird

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