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ARDOT reminds residents of unlawful sign placement

ARKANSAS -- The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) reminds candidates for political office and their supporters that it is unlawful to place campaign signs on highway right of ways in Arkansas.

"There are several Arkansas statutes addressing encroachment and the placing of signs or other objects on highway right of way," stated ARDOT Director Lorie Tudor.

State laws permit only official directional, informational, and regulatory highway signs on state-owned highway property; the local ARDOT Area Maintenance Office removes all other signs.

ARDOT personnel will remove any "yard" signs placed on the right of way and will contact owners of large "billboard" signs to remove them. Owners can pick up the signs during normal business hours at the nearest ARDOT Area Maintenance Office.

"The Arkansas Department of Transportation encourages everyone to follow the right of way laws to keep the roadsides clear and ensure our highways are as safe as possible," Director Tudor said.



UP FOR GRABS ... During the Murfreesboro at Dierks game last week both teams scramble for a loose ball (including MHS' Laytan Wilcher) in a game that was won by the Rattlers 28-16.

Sons of American Revolution set to celebrate patriots

SW ARKANSAS -- On Saturday, Nov. 2, at 10:30 a.m., the DeSoto Trace Chapter of the Arkansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will honor three Revolutionary War Patriots at the Pioneer Cemetery, 400 SE Jay Street, Washington.

This cemetery is located within the Historic Washington State Park.

- John Holman born 25 December 1736 in Goochland County, VA and died August 1833 in Hempstead County, AR. John was a Private in Captain Stokley Toes, VA Militia.
- James Williams was born 3 May 1763 in Augusta County, VA and died 2 May 1851 in Washington, Hempstead County, AR. James Williams was a Private in VA and served under Captains Luny, Turney and Chile and Colonel's Campbell and Sevier.
- Eli Collins was born 26 March 1759 in Sussex County, Delaware and died 4 February 1844 in Hempstead County, AR. Eli was a Private in NC serving under Captains Micajah Lytle, Thomas Farmer, Wood and James Kell. Colonel's Dozier, Stephen Moore and William Collier.

Also, a 4th ceremony is planned at 1:30 p.m. at a separate location for Benjamin Crow born 1756-57 in Newcastle, Delaware and died 1830 in Okolona, Clark County. He is buried at the Benjamin Crow Gravesite, Clark County, AR, located 2.25 miles North of Antoine, AR on Highway 26 (Junction of Bobo Road & Arkansas Highway 26, (34°03' 24" N ... 93° 23' 37" W).

SAR members from the South-Central District (Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas) have been invited to take part in the ceremonies. There will be an Honor Guard Salute with black powder at all four (4) ceremonies. A bag piper has been invited as well as Daughters of the American Revolution.

Period attire will be worn by SAR. The public is invited and we would especially like to have descendants of these patriots to attend and be a part of the ceremony.



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Rattlers outduel Outlaws at Holler
Winners of four straight, Rattlers to host Cougars this Friday

DIERKS – The visiting Murfreesboro Rattlers (4-2, 3-0) were able to defeat the Dierks Outlaws (4-2, 2-1) 28-16 last Friday night in their annual grudge match.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Rattlers would take an early lead with a Brody Maroon 5-yard rush, followed by a Lathan Compton conversion to make the score 8-0.

Little more than a minute later, the Outlaws would tie the score on a nine yard rush by Jordan Hill and a conversion reception by Juan Salazar.

The Rattler would score a touchdown on a 5-yard rush by Maroon with 1:14 remaining in the first half to take a 14-8 lead into the halftime break.

Murfreesboro would extend the lead on a Laytan Wilcher 3-yard touchdown rush just three minutes into the third quarter. Wilcher would add the 2-point conversion, providing MHS with a 22-8 lead.

Wasting no time, Hill would keep the Outlaws in contention on a 57-yard touchdown rush 30 seconds later. Justin Humphreys would add the conversion reception for Dierks, closing the gap to 22-16.

On the next drive Maroon would conclude a Rattler drive with a 2-yard TD rush, setting the final score at 28-16 after neither squad was able to score in the fourth quarter.



GAINING THE EDGE ... (Above) Bubba Stinson (25) looks to break upfield against the Dierks defense, while (below) the MHS marching band performs at halftime.



Offensively, the Outlaws would rush for 228 yards on 39 attempts and pass for 33 yards on a 1/6 effort by quarterback Peyton Boeckman.

Murfreesboro would win the time of possession battle 24:46-23:14 and overall first downs 17-9, while the Outlaws forced a pair of turnovers on defense while Murfreesboro's lone takeaway was an interception.

The Rattlers would rush for 305 yards on 53 attempts, while quarterback Wilcher completed 1/2 passes for 13 yards.

Hill would get 157 yards of the Outlaws' rushing yards on 26 attempts, while Grayson Kersey would add 63 yards on six attempts.

Defensively, the Outlaws were led by Kason Dougan with 14 tackles, followed by Hill with eight. Salazar would add seven stops, while Brayson Talley recorded six. Boeckman and Dougan both recorded fumble recoveries for Dierks.

Maroon would rush for 102 yards on 22 attempts for MHS, while Wilcher added 69 on 11 attempts, Compton 59 yards on 10 attempts and Bubba Stinson 45 yards on 7 carries.

Cash Lowery would catch the lone MHS completion for 15 yards.

On defense for MHS, Maroon had 14 tackles, followed by Compton and Lowery with 10 tackles each. Logan Burris and Stinson each had nine.

This week the Outlaws will host the Junction City Dragons (4-2, 3-0), while the Rattlers will return home to play the Lafayette County Cougars (3-3, 1-2).

the support we get every single Friday, there is a ton of red on our side."

"Our kids were ready and focused ... I knew in the locker room prior to the game we were going to have a good chance just because of the focus of our team. Our guys wanted this one really bad, and we did what we needed to do to win."

Chesshir said the Rattlers had a good week of preparation headed into the game, and knew they would have to limit the big plays by the Outlaws to come out on top.

"We gave up two explosive plays that hurt us, both of them traps inside. I thought they did a really good job of getting to our linebackers, and we didn't do a really good job of squeezing at the interior defensive line position to take on the pullers in the trap."

The Rattlers also knew they would not be able to let Hill dominate the game.

"Anytime Jordan Hill had the football, if he could find some open grass, he was explosive. We talked all week how he was a kid that could go make plays."

Chesshir was pleased with the overall defensive effort, stating that the Outlaws were productive in the first four games of the season with "tons of explosive plays" and "had put up a ton of points ... averaging around 35 per game headed into ours."

"If you take a way those two explosive plays, we were pretty solid defensively."

On offense, while MHS did enough to win the game, Chesshir said he wasn't overwhelmed with the blocking effort early in the game by the offensive line.

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“We had some missed blocks early. We’ll have to work on that and get things cleaned up ... we got away with some errors on Friday night. We have to do a goof job this week correcting those things on film out on the field.”

Chesshir gave high praise to Maroon on his efforts from the backfield.

“He’s a dude that continues to be hard to tackle for opposing defenses, his effort was really, really good. Laytan Wilcher did a really good job of pulling and running, making guys miss and having big plays in the running game.”

With all the hype headed into the rivalry game, Chesshir said his squad handled it well.

“I thought we did a good job in a game we knew would be back and forth, especially early in a game full of emotions. We had to control our emotions and settle down to play well – and we handled all the situations the correct way, both good and bad.”

He also said the defensive effort was key in the game, adding that Hawkins Jackson’s fourth down stop in the red zone and later an interception late in the game “for the highlight of his life” were crucial in the victory.

Now the Rattlers have to turn the page and move on to the next battle.

“I’m extremely proud of our guys being able to go into the ‘Holler’ and being able to take care of business with another conference win, but now we have to move on to a very athletic Lafayette County.”

VERSUS LAFAYETTE COUNTY

The Rattlers will host the Cougars this Friday in a game Chesshir said his Rattlers have to take seriously.

Lafayette County has wins over Hampton (24-14), Horatio (28-0) and Spring Hill (43-36) this season along with losses to De Queen (19-18), Dierks (32-22) and Gurdon (39-36).

“They are very big up front, with big bodies all over. They just lean on you, offensively. They are a team that is really good at getting four to five yards. That four to five yards will turn into 60 yards if you don’t tackle. They have about four to five backs that can tote it -- and all of those guys can get the ball, bounce it outside, reverse field, come all the way back to the opposite sideline, so we have to be very disciplined defensively with technique and be extremely good tacklers. We cannot let their backs break tackles or get into the open field – because if they do that, you can’t catch them.”

Defensively, the Cougars base out of an even front, with “big bodies up front” and “one of



Staff Photos

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE ... Lathan Compton (2) and Brody Maroon (3) each other a high-five following a play in the game at Dierks last Friday night.

the top three linebackers in the conference ... they do a good job of flying around defensively.”

As such, in the afterglow of a big win over the Outlaws, the Rattlers will have to be mindful of the opponent in front of them this week.

“This is a team that if you don’t go out there and play well, they can beat you. They lost to Gurdon on a last second field goal, and up two scores on Dierks at one point in their game.

This is not a bad football team ... we’ve got to move on from that high after winning last week and be able to reset and regain focus against a very talented Lafayette County team.”

The Rattler also have a four game winning streak, providing the team some momentum moving forward.

“We knew the non-conference games would be tough games, games that would help us grow or shut it down. I think they really helped

us grow as a team and now on a 4-0 run, the kids have a little confidence in themselves. I’d say winning always helps – however, we also have to stay humble and not become complacent with where we are. We still have a lot of room for growth, and we still haven’t peaked – I don’t expect us to peak anytime soon. This game against Lafayette County will provide us another chance to go correct a lot of those mistakes we made against Dierks.”



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State legislature begins budget talks

STATE CAPITOL WEEK IN REVIEW
Senator Steve Crowell

LITTLE ROCK – Legislative budget hearings have begun at the state Capitol, in preparation for the 2025 regular session that begins in January.

Members of the Legislative Council and the Joint Budget Committee will review in detail every state agency spending request. In November the governor will submit a balanced budget proposal, which will be a starting point in writing budgets for state government. According to the Arkansas Constitution, the legislature has the final say in all fiscal decisions.

The Senate and House Education Committees completed a vital first step in the budget process. They recommended a 2.48 percent increase in all the various categories that make up foundation school funding.

Public school funding is the starting point in the legislative budgeting process because the Constitution mandates that the state provide all children with an adequate and equitable education.

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The state Supreme Court has ruled that the legislature’s constitutional duty is to fund an adequate education system. Legislators must first determine how much money is needed for education, rather than simply funding schools based on how much the state can afford after it has funded other programs.

Arkansas operates under a balanced budget law known as the Revenue Stabilization Act, which requires state agencies to reduce spending if tax revenue declines due to an economic downturn. The importance of school funding was reaffirmed in 2003 when the legislature passed the so-called “doomsday law” that protects school funding from budget cuts.

State government in Arkansas spends more than \$39 billion a year. More than \$6.3 billion comes from state revenue sources such as sales taxes, individual income taxes and corporate income taxes. The largest single expenditure of state tax dollars will go to public schools from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Last year that was \$2.57 billion.

State agencies will spend more than \$12 billion in federal funds. Last year most of that amount, about \$7.4 billion in federal funding, went to the state Human Services Department for Medicaid and other health services. State government paid for about \$1.8 billion of the DHS budget.

The state collects about \$894 million in special revenues, which come from taxes levied for special purposes. The Transportation Department maintains highways and bridges and collects about \$673 million in special revenue from motor fuels taxes and fees.

Colleges and universities receive about \$783 million in state aid. They generate an additional \$5.4 billion in cash funds, derived from tuition and fees. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences has the largest source of cash funds, raising about \$2.5 billion a year.

The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville generates about \$1.3 billion in cash funds, compared to \$212 million it receives in state funding. Arkansas State University at Jonesboro generates about \$224 million in cash funds and receives about \$63 million in state aid.

Last year the state spent \$568 million on corrections, including \$25.8 million paid to counties for holding state inmates in county jails. State prisons also generated about \$40 million in special revenue and cash funds from their farm and industry operations. In all, the total operating budget for corrections was \$662 million. That included the costs of supervising parolees who had been released early from prison.



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Burn ban ongoing for Pike County

Pike County Judge Eddie Howard issued a burn ban for all of Pike County until further notice, while Hempstead County Judge Jerry Crane has also issued a burn ban for all of Hempstead County



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DISPATCHERS HONORED ... The Pike County Sheriff's Office dispatch unit (represented by supervisor Stacy Furr with Pike County Sheriff Travis Hill pictured above) received an Outstanding Audit Award from Arkansas Crime Information Center recently. Pike County was one of very few systems in the state -- county or municipal -- to receive the award.

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HOUSE CALL

Dr. Daniel Knight is a professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Q: How serious is encephalitis?

A: Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain. It is caused by bacterial or viral infections, or by an abnormal reaction of the immune system. Encephalitis is a life-threatening condition that requires immediate treatment as it can occur suddenly and progress at a rapid rate.

Viral encephalitis is the most common form and can be developed after having certain infectious diseases or viruses. Arbovirus encephalitis comes from fleas, mosquitoes or ticks. Bacterial encephalitis, which is the least common type, is the result of bacterial or fungal infections. Autoimmune encephalitis is the immune system attacking the brain. Encephalitis can affect anyone. Young children and older adults

are more at risk, along with those with weakened immune systems or those who live in areas where insect-borne viruses are more common. Symptoms include balance issues, confusion, fatigue, muscle weakness or changes in vision. Treatments include antiviral medications, breathing assistance, corticosteroids, immunotherapy (for autoimmune encephalitis) and intravenous fluids. Mild incidents of the condition often result in full recovery, but severe cases can result in permanent issues such as blindness, brain and nerve damage and memory loss. Contact your health care provider immediately if you have symptoms, especially if you have been exposed to bacterial encephalitis.

Email your health questions to housecall@uams.edu.



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2024 MHS HOMECOMING QUEEN JOCEE HOLT

MHS Homecoming Queens

Editor's Note: The Diamond traditionally includes the list of homecoming queens as part of the annual homecoming coverage. Unfortunately, the list was not included in the event's coverage last week due to spatial issues.

- 1939 -- Juanita Lockey Blanchard

1940-1944 -- No Record

1945 -- Glenna Jean Cooley

1946 -- Ina Jo Stewart Willet

1947 -- Evelyn Babbitt Chaney

1948 -- Betty Jo Owens Walls

1949 -- Mary Garison Smith

1950 -- Sue Etchinson

1951 -- Sunshine Dillard Smedley

1952 -- Helen Cornish Cox

1953 -- Sonya Cox Nutt

1954 -- Sandra Walker Hodges

1955 -- Betty Joyce Smith Blackwood

1956 -- Jane Evans Yeargan

1957 -- Carol Hignight Steuart James

1958 -- Martha Rankin Floyd

1959 -- Martha Mansfield Reese

1960 -- Emily Frances Darnell Vonk

1961 -- Anita Anthony Davis

1962 -- Donna Kay Hutson Glenn

1963 -- Olivia Featherston Bisso

1964 -- Marty Jackson Walls

1965 -- Sandy Johnson Stewart

1966 -- Becky Bayless

1967 -- Sandy Oakley Roberts

1968 -- Shirley Sweeden Lauderbach

1969 -- Rosemary O'Neal Fritts

1970 -- Debby Walls Scoggin

1971 -- Carolyn Sweeden Craven

1972 -- Janet Wright Hughes

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1986 -- Shannon Campbell Watts

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1988 -- Sunny Sigman Myers

1989 -- Bridgette Humphry Perrin

1990 -- Wendy York Walker

1991 -- Tina Bufkin Gardner

1992 -- Denise Mounts Stuard

1993 -- Heather Davis Bennett

1994 -- Kayla Smittle Martin

1995 -- Ashley Cannon Mounts

1996 -- Lori Ballard Ross

1997 -- Mandy Watson Stone

1998 -- Krys Davis Capitain

1999 -- Kitty Tetter Reeves

2000 -- Sara Ballard Mitchell

2001 -- Heather Walls Hainen

2002 -- Kayla Miller Kuykendall

2003 -- Allison Tidwell McCauley

2004 -- Deidre Stivers Wilson

2005 -- Nicole Martin

2006 -- Katelin Hinds White

2007 -- Allison Copeland McBay

2008 -- Rebecca Gatliff Woodall

2009 -- Haley Graves

2010 -- Rylee Burk Wofford

2011 -- Autumn Littles Sullivan

2012 -- Anna Gatliff Campbell

2013 -- Autumn Cox Bromley

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2016 -- Hannah Cox Harris

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Emogene Hugg, 85, Malvern

Ms. Emogene Hugg of Malvern, Arkansas left this life to go home and be with Jesus on October 11, 2024 at home with her family. She was 85 years young. Emogene was born in Pisgah, Arkansas, to Emry and Etherine McGalliard on September 13, 1939.

She married the love of her life, Norman Hugg of Blevins, Arkansas on July 3, 1958 and they shared 58 years of adventure, love, and family together. Emogene gave her life to God as a young girl. She followed her husband during his eight years in the U.S. Air Force until they settled at home in Arkansas. Emogene held a supervisory position at the Arkansas Children's Colony in Caddo Valley, Arkansas then became a Licensed Social Worker for several nursing facilities including The Arkansas State Hospital, Longmeadow Nursing Home, and Carthage Nursing Home. She retired three times before she finally retired her career due to the first covid pandemic.

Emogene was preceded

in death by her husband Coach Norman Brooks Hugg of Blevins, AR, her youngest granddaughter Patrishia Janelle Dockery, her Father and Mother, her brother Joe McGalliard (Jan), and her youngest sister Roxie Cox (Doug).

She leaves behind her sister Kathy Sullins (Dale), two daughters, Norma Jean Hugg and Darlene Angela Hugg McCauley (Jimmy Dale), Her oldest granddaughter Terrie Nichole Samples (Donny), two great grandsons Cody and Bryce Samples, two great granddaughters Elizabeth Samples and Ivy Christian Dockery, grandsons Dale McCauley and Trey McCauley, and a host of dearly loved nieces and nephews, her sisters in law Carol Hugg Hines (Eddie), Janice Hugg Salisbury (Leslie) and one brother in law Donald Hugg (Neysa).

Her farewell service will be held at Regency Funeral Home in Malvern, Arkansas on Friday October 18th, with the visitation from 10-11am, and the service starting at 11am, with Bro. Dennis Yarbber, Bro. Jimmy Robinson, and Lesley Salisbury officiating. Her graveside service will be at Marlbrook Cemetery in Blevins, Arkansas.

We hope that all friends and relatives will join us to wish her farewell until we see her again at Heaven's gates.

Arrangements are made by Regency Funeral Home. You may sign the guestbook at regencyfuneralhome.com.

Patsy Stone, 79, Delight

Patsy Stone, age 79, of Delight, Arkansas passed away on Monday, October 14, 2024 at her home. She was born December 4, 1944 the daughter of the late Jim VanCamp and Irene Rutherford VanCamp.

Mrs. Stone was preceded in death by her husband Pat Stone and two brothers Jimmy VanCamp and Jerry VanCamp.

Survivors include her two

sons Ben Stone and Timothy Stone; two brothers Johnhny VanCamp and Lonny VanCamp; two sisters Debbie Bell and Sue Peters; five grandchildren Laine Manley, Layken Stone, Jessica Irwin, Sasha Franklin and JC Stone and five great grandchildren.

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VETERAN APPRECIATION ... Murfreesboro resident and U.S. Naval Veteran Grant Gatliff was part of a group of former military members that were recently treated to ATV rides, a meal and entertainment at Kirby Landing on Lake Greeson.

MURFREESBORO CADC SENIOR LUNCH MENU

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 Beef stew, spinach, cornbread, cookie	BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, dinner roll, applesauce
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SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 Breakfast: Cinnamon bun or cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole grain roll, peaches, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, Chicken fried steak	tion, Chicken sandwich
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Cheese french bread pizza, salad, seasoned corn, sidekick fruit slush, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option Big daddy pepperoni pizza	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 Breakfast: Sausage biscuit or cereal, juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, refried beans, Mexican rice, 7-12 salsa, pineapple, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, Crunches beef tacos w/ lettuce & tomato
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 Breakfast: Goody bun or cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: BBQ rib sandwich, potato smiles, lettuce, tomato, baked beans, peaches, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 Breakfast: French toast sticks or cereal, juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Vegetable beef soup, celery sticks w/ ranch, grilled cheese sandwich, peaches, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, Hot ham & cheese sandwich, baked beans

**Due to food item shortages menus are subject to change without notice. Any changes to the menu will be posted on the website at www.rattlers.org*

‘Dear Preacher’

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEART Ephesians 3:17

The apostle John told the Ephesians that they had left their first love. Our text written years before John’s message says that Paul the apostle wanted them to let the Lord dwell in their hearts by faith. The seat of acceptable service to God is the heart occupied by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. No other spiritual condition will promote dedicated service to God. Spiritually and physically heart trouble will kill you. Neglect your heart and you will die. Tests can be run on one’s heart to find out if it is healthy. The spiritual heart can be diagnosed by determining who it is that lives there. Though they were still meeting and doing the things faithful Christians did, the church at Ephesus had serious problems that would cause



the Lord to warn them that He would cause them to cease to exist if they did not repent. It is very apparent that individuals and churches can be in serious spiritual peril and not be aware of the imminent dangers. Heart trouble, like cancer, can be a quiet killer. Sin often is slow and quiet. Satan creeps into our lives with hardly a notice. Our zeal and ardent love for the Lord slowly cools. We do less and less in His service until we are not really living an active Christian life. The

distance between ourselves and our Lord grows greater as we fall away. We simply come to a place where we no longer care. We may not actively pursue evil practices but neither do we love God with the passion we once did. Our first love has been replaced with something else. We become like countless husbands and wives who say, “I don’t love you anymore.” We, in essence, tell God we do not love Him. We did not mean for it to happen but almost without notice it did. We have gone away like the prodigal son into a far country. We need, like he did, to come to ourselves, repent and return to our first love, Jesus Christ.

May our God dwell in your heart richly each day.

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Veterans shown appreciation at Greeson

BY BOB WILLIAMS
Pike County Veterans Service Officer

KIRBY LANDING -- On October 5, fifteen veterans -- mostly from Pike and Howard Counties, with the farthest participant coming all the way from California -- hit the Bear Creek trails near Kirby Landing on a beautiful, but slightly brisk morning.

It wasn’t the typical way they were accustomed to taking on the back woods. There were no combat boots, ruck-sacs, helmets or ships; however, it was every infantryman’s dream of an assignment to a motor transport unit.

Volunteers from the all-terrain vehicle enthusiast group affectionately known as the “Bear Creek Trail Junkies” -- sponsored by members Larry and Carol Raner of Kirby -- organized a day of adventure, food, and entertainment for local veterans by taking them on a tour of their backyard playground along one of Pike County’s most beautiful natural resources, the ATV trails near the Daisey side of Lake Greeson.

The oldest veteran rider present, a twenty-eight-year Navy Veteran and Pike County native who checked-in at the adventurous age of ninety-four years old. Following the ride he commented, “I wasn’t unaware that those machines were capable of maneuvering in such terrain!” He followed by stating that he has no reservations being perfectly satisfied to remain a sailor and stick with navigating the high seas any day of the week; but he was truly impressed with the driving skills of the guys driving!

Following the breathtaking views and harrowing trail adventures, the day was wrapped up with a fantastic BBQ lunch and live entertainment by the musician, singer, and songwriter Steve Crump.

On behalf of all veterans present, I want to thank Larry, Carol, and all the gracious volunteers for their generosity, hospitality, and true patriotism, by taking time from their day to remind us that we are appreciated and not forgotten,” said Williams.

Farm Equipment Auction!

Don’t miss our October Auction!

Saturday, Oct. 19th at 9:00 a.m. in Nashville, AR!

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A FEW THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE THE ADVENT OF MOSES, THE ANCIENT SUMERIANS, WRITING IN SOFT CLAY, HAD BEGUN RECORDING THEIR LAWS, THEIR HISTORIES, THEIR BUSINESS CONTRACTS, THEIR BANK STATEMENTS, FOR MODERN ARCHEOLOGISTS TO COME ALONG AND DECIPHER! BY THE TIME OF JESUS OF NAZARETH, BANKING HAD BECOME A REGULAR INSTITUTION, MUCH AS WE KNOW IT NOW, WITH A PUBLIC BUILDING PROVIDED IN JERUSALEM WHERE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO LOANS COULD BE RECORDED. THE BANKER SAT AT HIS TABLE AND RECEIVED MONEY FOR DEPOSIT, ALLOWED INTEREST ON IT, AND LENT IT TO OTHERS ON A PLEDGE OR MORTGAGE. A BRANCH OF THE BANKING BUSINESS WAS MONEY-CHANGING, FOR A SMALL COMMISSION THE BANKER OR BROKER EXCHANGED MONEY OF DENOMINATIONS FOR THAT OF ANOTHER--AS SHEKELS FOR HALF-SHEKELS, NEEDED TO PAY THE TEMPLE TAX, OR GAVE COINS TO VISITING FOREIGNERS FOR THEIR MONEY--AS A HEBREW SHEKEL FOR ROMAN DENARI AND GREEK DRACHMAS! ACTUALLY THE MENTION OF A BANK ONLY OCCURS ONCE IN THE BIBLE (LUKE 19:23) BUT THERE ARE OTHER REFERENCES TO IT FOUND IN MATT. 25:27, AND IN NEH. 5: 3,4 AND IN PROV. 6:1 AND IN JER. 15:10, THAT SHOW BANKING WAS A DAILY OCCURRENCE IN BIBLICAL TIMES!



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 - 6. Numbers, abbr.
 - 9. Friend from Down Under
 - 13. Jonas Salk’s conquest
 - 14. Bingo!
 - 15. Secret storage
 - 16. Like a beaver?
 - 17. Sun, in Spain
 - 18. Knightly suit
 - 19. *Can take the form of a certain flying mammal
 - 21. *Spell casting
 - 23. Between E and NE
 - 24. Fisherman’s fly
 - 25. Away’s partner
 - 28. Biology lab supply
 - 30. Offspring of alumnus
 - 35. Month before Nisan
 - 37. Latte choice
 - 39. Filthy dough
 - 40. Sound on a scale
 - 41. *Homeowner’s Halloween option
 - 43. Subsequently
 - 44. A deadly sin?
 - 46. Competitive advantage
 - 47. Assigned theater spot
 - 48. Popular post
 - 50. Biblical firstborn
 - 52. What skeletons and skedaddlers have in common
 - 53. Tiresias in “Oedipus Rex”, e.g.
 - 55. French vineyard
 - 57. *Grisly
 - 61. *Ghostly apparition
 - 65. Throat dangler
 - 66. *”The Murders in the ____ Morgue”
 - 68. Actress Watts
 - 69. Relating to a lobe
 - 70. Songwriter Gershwin
 - 71. a.k.a. tangelos
 - 72. Pitcher

- 73. Lt.’s inferior, in the Navy
 - 74. River clay deposits
- DOWN**
- 1. Hightailed it
 - 2. *Adjective for Merlin, hairwise
 - 3. Aquarium scum
 - 4. *”Unattractive” Munster relative
 - 5. Sl vakian monetary unit
 - 6. Project Apollo org.
 - 7. Exclamation of surprise
 - 8. Pico de gallo, e.g.
 - 9. Painter Chagall
 - 10. Pinnacle
 - 11. Chris Hemsworth’s Marvel role
 - 12. *Like decorated house on Halloween
 - 15. El Chapo’s organization, e.g.
 - 20. MC Hammer’s “Too ____ to Quit” album
 - 22. Black gold
 - 24. Puppy purveyor, often
 - 25. *Teeth of #19 Across
 - 26. Love intensely
 - 27. a.k.a. honey badger
 - 29. 0.405 hectare
 - 31. *Blood and ____
 - 32. Partner of pains
 - 33. *Spooky house sound
 - 34. “Fiddler on the Roof” gossipy character
 - 36. Coral barrier
 - 38. Gads, anagrammed
 - 42. Mold a mind
 - 45. Expel a lawyer
 - 49. Ever, to a poet
 - 51. Bluish planet
 - 54. *#12 Down, alt. sp.
 - 56. Sushi option
 - 57. Stubborn beast
 - 58. Swear, not curse
 - 59. Type of hexahedron
 - 60. Having wings
 - 61. Black-eyed legumes
 - 62. Sound of a bell
 - 63. Fail to mention
 - 64. Magnolia State, abbr.
 - 67. *R.I.P. container

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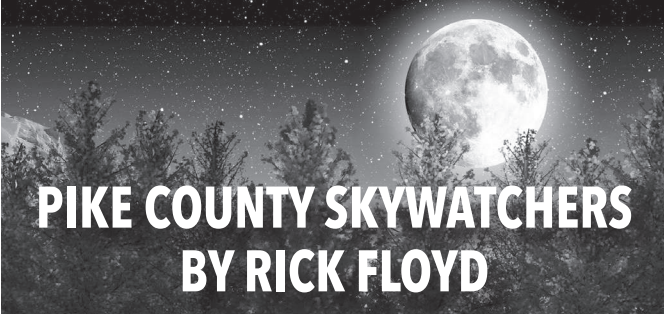
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Currently on social media you can find a scare rumor that the Sun will destroy life on Earth next year. Ignore it, and enjoy the light show.

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