



Local Briefs

Softball fundraiser March 10

A fundraiser will be held March 10 to help the Mount Ida softball program. A variety of smoked food items will be for sale at Chris Elder Auto Sales from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Items for sale include pork butts for \$25, hams for \$30, and plate lunches for \$8.

For more information call Jennifer Warden at (479) 209-3000, or Tim Efird at (501) 844-0042.

Gallery to honor Western artist Sunday

The Ouachita Artists Gallery will present Frank Lima and his paintings and sculpture during a reception in his honor Sunday afternoon, March 12 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The event is open to the public; refreshments will be served.

Frank is an artist accomplished in a variety of mediums who comes to the area with a background in Western themes.

A sample of his works will be featured on the back wall of the Ouachita Artists Gallery and Studio on the Square at Mount Ida, and will be on display in the Gallery through the month of March.

Contraband found in county jail

Apparently a group of men being held in the Montgomery County Jail forgot that it was illegal to smoke in a government building recently. As a result two county inmates face a felony charge for allegedly smoking marijuana in a jail cell.

According to documents obtained from the Montgomery County Clerk's Office Truman J. Cogburn, age 26 of Glenwood, and Anthony Cornelius Raymo, age 21 of Hot Springs, were each charged with one count of furnishing, possessing, or using prohibited articles, a class C felony.

The charges stem from an incident that allegedly occurred in the south cell block in the county jail. Court documents state that members of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office smelled an order akin to marijuana coming from the south cell block in the county jail facility.

Deputy Chad Davis investigated and reported that he saw Cogburn allegedly flush what looked like a white pen down the toilet. He also stated he witnessed Cogburn swallow a pill. Officers removed Cogburn and Raymo, along with Jeremy Jones and Gene Tigue, from the cell and searched it for contraband. During the search officers allege that discovered a pen wrapped in toilet paper on Raymo's bunk. The also allege there was a green residue on the pen.

They also allege that they discovered a clear plastic bag with green residue believed to be marijuana on Truman's bunk. Officers also allege they discovered three pills during a search of the kitchen area.

Cogburn and Raymo appeared in court for arraignment last Tuesday. A pretrial date was set for Cogburn on June 2, and an attorney status hearing was scheduled for March 14 for Raymo.

Truman is currently being held in the county jail a charge of Battery 2nd degree certain victims, a class D felony. This charge was the result of an altercation in the county jail earlier this year. He also faces one count of theft of property, a class C felony.

At press time neither Jones nor Tigue had been charged with anything resulting from the reported incident.

Lions to receive state championship rings March 17

Silent auction to precede ring presentation

The moment members of the 2016 Mount Ida Lions State Football Championship Team have been waiting for is just around the corner. Mount Ida High School and the booster club will present the team with their rings at a ceremony March 17 at the high school gymnasium.

Festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with a silent auction and players signing autographs and memorabilia. The silent auction will conclude at 6:30 p.m. Awards will be presented following the silent auction then the ring presentation will take place.

Items in the auction include:

- Three actual game footballs used at war memorial stadium autographed
- Two autographed game jerseys
- Four autographed helmets

Those in attendance will also be able to purchase highlight videos of season.

Team pictures which can be autographed by the team and plaques of the team with a game summary.

All proceeds go to cover the costs of the championship rings, summer team camps and other items needed for the program.

The Mount Ida Lions rolled through the 2016 season, suffering only one loss through the regular season. They entered the state

playoffs as co-conference champions and as the one seed from the 7-2A Conference. The defeated Johnson County Westside 49-0 in the opening round, followed by Conway Christian (41-29), Danville (28-27) and Camden Harmony Grove (33-20) before facing Hampton at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock.

The Lions battled back from a 20-7 first half deficit, defeating the Hampton Bulldogs 27-26 to win the 2A State Title.



DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY | Montgomery County News
George Cook (left) watches as Austin Bledsoe and Mali Demazio compare scores scribbled on their arms. The Oden Timberwolves competed in the state archery tournament Saturday. See page 12 for more from the tournament.

State tournament a rousing success

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MOUNT IDA – Thousands of fans pouring into the city of Mount Ida for the 2017 1A State Basketball Tournament have come and gone with a pretty good opinion of the people and businesses in town.

This marks the first time Mount Ida High School has hosted a state tournament. The gymnasium which officially seats 1,500 reached its capacity and then some during a handful of games as fans came in droves to watch some of the best action in the state.

Fans of 1A basketball are known far and wide for their avid support of their hometowns. Local teams such as Kirby almost filled one side of the gym when the Trojans and Lady Trojans took the court, while fans from as far away as Bay, Shirley and Wonderview brought just as many to support their teams.

The tournament provided a huge boost to the local economy with many restaurants extending business hours to accommodate the scheduling of the tournament. Many also offered special prices

for tournament goers.

The huge influx of teams from around the state filled many of the local resorts and hotels during a time when many are still waiting on the beginning of the tourist season.

The huge influx of visitors may have inconvenienced a few locals with several parking lots around the school utilized to accommodate the amount of traffic brought on by the tournament, but there were no reported incidents with most appreciative of the efforts put into making getting to and from the tournament easier. Shuttle vehicles were used for those forced to use overflow parking as far as the county annex as well as several churches within a few blocks of the school.

The success of the tournament was made possible by an army of volunteers. Many school staff members and students where joined by local businesses and individuals to make the tournament a success.

Attention now turns to Hot Springs as teams prepare for the finals. Bay and Wonderview will

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Ouachita Challenge coming March 26

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Cyclists from across the country are preparing for the 17 Annual Ouachita Challenge and Ouachita Tour to be held March 25 and 26.

The tour and challenge have become one of the premier Spring events in offroad cycling and provides a much needed shot in the arm for the local tourism industry as local businesses and resorts come out of the Winter off season.

The Ouachita Challenge is in it's 17th year as it continues to offer a grueling course that traverses over 60 miles of track through parts of the Ouachita and Womble Trails. Both trails have been labeled as Epic Trails by the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA).

The Ouachita Trail is notorious for its difficulty as much of the trail is single lane over treacherous terrain.

Riders gather at the Oden School Saturday morning for the start of the Ouachita Tour. The noncompetitive ride was added to the event a couple years ago to provide an opportunity to participate in the weekend for those who may have missed the registration for the Challenge.

A breakfast will be provided

at the school for riders and their families from 6-7:45 a.m. with the ride set to begin at 8 a.m. The day will wrap up with a high carb dinner at the school.

Sunday's schedule for the Ouachita Challenge is much the same with breakfast available from 6-7:45 a.m. and a dinner to follow the race.

The Ouachita Challenge and Tour serves 500 cyclists, their family, friends and support groups from several states and countries. Many stay at local resorts and hotels, while some take advantage of local campgrounds. The school even provides a place to rest and clean up if cyclists haven't made plans elsewhere.

The course has four aid stations scattered out along the way manned by safety crews and support staff to aid cyclists on the trail.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Ouachita Trail (FoOT), but it depends heavily upon a host of volunteers from all walks of life. The Ouachita Challenge is always looking for a few volunteers to help out. If you are interested please contact Robert Cavanaugh at

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DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY | Montgomery County News
Kirby fans pack the visitors side of the gymnasium as Mount Ida hosts the 1A State Basketball Tournament last week. Attendance at the tournament were reported to exceed the recommended 1,500 seating capacity during some of the games. This was Mount Ida's first time to host a state basketball tournament.

Forest management heats up with prescribed burns



DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY | Montgomery County News
Smoke rolls across Sod Farm Road as forest service employees begin a prescribed burn around the forest station on Highway 270E on the outskirts of Mount Ida. The U.S. Forest Service includes prescribed burns in their forest management plans each year.

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The approach of Spring brings a plethora of changes to the environment, but none more in need of explanation than prescribed burns carried out in the Ouachita National Forest by the U.S. Forest Service.

The burns have become a part of daily life during this time of year with much of Montgomery County covered by the national forest. Many question the practice, citing the massive amounts of smoke that blanket areas surrounding the burn locations.

Although the smoke is an unfortunate side effect of the burns, they have been deemed necessary to not only preserve the ecosystem of the forest, but to help it thrive. If fire is not introduced to many areas on a regular basis the trees become stressed due to overcrowding, while other fire dependent species disappear. Prescribed burns also clear out undergrowth that can act as fuel when an unwanted fire is introduced into the forest.

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Lady Indians open state tournament with a win over Conway Christian

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QUITMAN – The Caddo Hills Lady Indians opened the 2A State Basketball Tournament in thrilling fashion with a 47-45 victory over Conway Christian. Their tournament ended in the quarterfinals with a 68-38 loss at the hands of the Earle Lady Bulldogs.

Caddo Hills and Conway Christian kicked off the 2A state tournament with a one o'clock tip off last Wednesday.

Conway Christian jumped out to a 10-2 lead in the opening moments of the first period. Jessica Martin put the team on her shoulders, scoring all eight of her points in the final minutes of the opening period to tie things up at 10.

The second quarter was back and forth with Caddo Hills eking out a one point half time lead on a 20-19 score. Rachel Dumont and Alex Jackson each

hit a three in the quarter and Taylor Allen scored three on a free throw and a shot from the floor.

Caddo Hills seized control of the tempo at the outset of the second half, scoring the first seven points of the third period. The Lady Eagles were able to close the gap to one a handful of times, but the Lady Indians ended the third period with a 34-30 lead.

Conway Christian held the momentum in the opening seconds of the final period, scoring five unanswered points to take a 35-34 lead. Taylor Allen responded for Caddo Hills with a basket to reclaim a narrow lead, but neither team was able to hold on to the lead for more than a few seconds at a time for most of the fourth period.

The Lady Indians were able to take the lead on a pair of free throws by Rachel Dumont. The Caddo Hills defense did it's job, holding the Lady Eagles scoreless for the remainder of

the game. Wraylin Phillips hit a free throw with seconds to go to bring the final point total for Caddo Hills to 47.

Freshman Taylor Allen led the Lady Indians with 11 points. Rachel Dumont scored nine points, followed by Jessica Martin with eight, Jordan Powell with seven and Alex Jackson with six. Lilli Hunt and Wraylin Phillips scored three.

The Lady Indians advanced to face the Earle Lady Bulldogs.

Caddo Hills opened the game with a pair of free throws to take an early two point lead, but quickly found themselves down 7-3. The Lady Indians fired back to take an 8-7 lead, but the Lady Bulldogs ended the quarter with a 17-11 lead.

The second period was pretty much all Earle with the Lady Bulldogs firing off a 17-5 run to end the half with a 34-16 lead. The second half was much the same with Earle outscoring the Lady Indians 34-22 to earn the 68-38 victory.

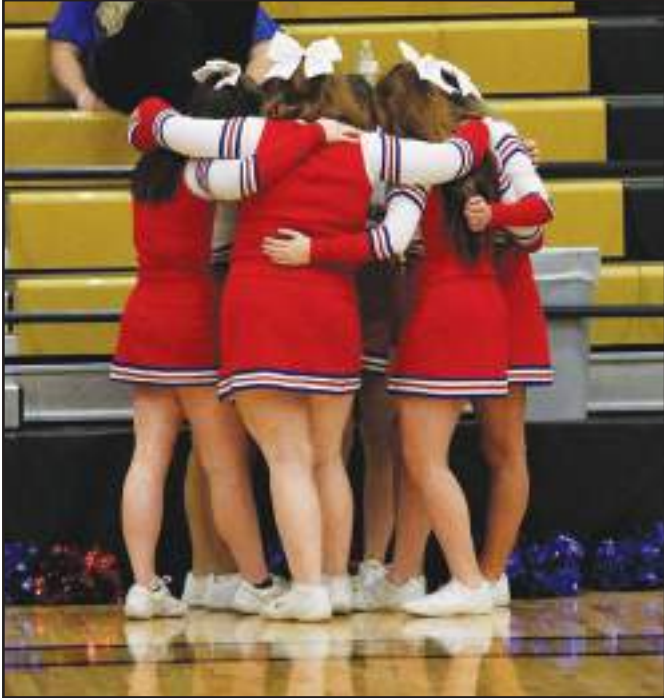


TOP: Jessica Martin (31) hits a lay up for two of her eight first period points against Conway Christian.
BELOW: Coach James Owens directs traffic as the Lady Indians bring the ball down the floor.



TOP: Taylor Allen (2) is fouled as she dribbles in for a lay up in first half action against Conway Christian.
RIGHT: Rachel Dumont (20) passes around a Conway Christian defender.

Photos by Dewayne Holloway



The Caddo Hills cheerleaders offer a different kind of support as the Lady Indians find a way to win Wednesday.



Caddo Hills vaulters compete in Leopard relays

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DEQUEEN – Caddo Hills held a soft opening for their 2017 outdoor track season with a handful of pole vaulters traveling to DeQueen for the Leopard Relays.

Matthew Standridge set the bar for the boys with a 15 feet four inch vault to win the division. Standridge, who has committed to University of Louisiana Lafayette, has vaulted 16 feet in indoor competition this year and looks to be the standard bearer for the event this year.

Chandler West finished sixth in the boys division with a vault of 13 feet six inches.

Senior Kayla Torbett finished third in the girls division with an 11 foot vault. Torbett has qualified for and won the pole vault event the 1A State Meet for the past three years. She is setting a pace to finish her high school career with four state championships in the event.

Caddo Hills will travel to Benton March 9 for the McCauley Services Invitational Meet and to Hot Springs March 14 for the Lake Hamilton Relays.

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Obituaries



Helen Louise Camomile

Helen Louise Camomile Jones, age 92, of Sacramento, California, passed away on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

She was born on January 10, 1925 in Sacramento, the daughter of Morris Wesley Camomile and Bertha Davis Camomile. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Jones; her parents; and her son, Ronald Jones.

A licensed beautician, she owned and operated Helen’s Salon of Beauty in Sacramento for many years. She enjoyed being with her family, playing with her pets, camping, traveling and the beauty of the Redwood Forest of California.

She is survived by her grandchildren and their spouses, Morry and Christy Sanders of Black Springs, Rhonda and James Ryals of Hot Springs, Chris and Traci

Jones of Iowa, Scott and Teresa Jones of Colorado, Charles and Nilou Jones of Maryland and Patty and Randal Gentry of Texas; and several great-grandchildren.

Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home, Glenwood.

The family wishes to thank all the nurses and staff of the Montgomery County Nursing Home for all of their wonderful love and care they gave our precious Grandma.

Guest registry is at www.davis-smith.com.



Lois Fryar

Lois Fryar age 91, of Mt. Ida, Arkansas passed away, at Rich Mountain Nursing and Rehab, Sunday March 5, 2017 in Mena, Arkansas.

Lois was born October 4, 1925 in Dierks, Arkansas to the late Joseph Granville and

Lora Sharp. Lois was a very hard worker, having worked in Montgomery County Nursing Home and the Mt. Ida Glove Factory. She enjoyed spending time with her friend at the Montgomery Senior Center and loved playing dominoes. Some of Lois’ favorite past times were going to the casino, quilting and spending time by the water and fishing.

Survived by her sons, Joey Fryar and wife LeAnn of Mena, Ar and Terry Fryar of Arlington, Tx; daughters, Sue F. Richardson and husband Jack of Mansfield, Tx and Jean Dean of Mena, Ar; grandchildren, Robbin Porter, Janice Fuqua and husband Barry, Shelly Wilson and husband, Chris, Josh Fryar and wife Nicole, Lyndsee Fryar; 6 great grand children; brother, Rudolph Sharp and sisters, Carolyn Green, Mary F. Holt, Inez Sanders and Martha Taylor.

She is preceded by: husband, Howard Franklin Fryar; parents, Joseph Granville and Lora Sharp; grandson, Jack Dennis Richardson.

GraveSide services will be held Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 10:00 am at Pineridge Cemetery, under the direction of Beasley-Wood Funeral Home, officiated by Bro. Steve Ellison. Visitation will be Monday March 6, 2017 at 6 pm until 8 pm in the Beasley-Wood Chapel.

Pallbearers will be Devin Gage, John Wise, Brian Kesterson, Kenneth Gortemiller, Timmy Tabor, Bruce Bush, Todd Hansard, Bo Tabor.

Online obituary at www.beasleywoodfuneralhome.com

Jerry Vines

Jerry Vines, 73 of Hot Springs, passed away March 3, 2017. He was born December 13, 1943 in

Mobile, Alabama to Thurman and Allie Whisenhunt Vines. Jerry worked as a superintendent for various construction companies over his lifetime.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, one sister.

Survivors, son, Brandon Vines and daughter, Laura Vines, both of Benton, sister, Ophelia Lambert, two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

On line guestbook at Ashby Funeral Home

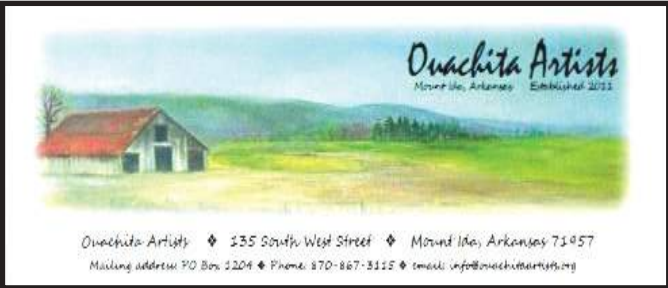
Willis “Bill” Vines

Willis “Bill” Vines, age 78 of Story, AR, passed away March 1, 2017 at the Montgomery County Nursing Home in Mt. Ida, AR. surrounded by family. He was born April 13, 1938 in Old Forrester, AR.

Survived by; son, Logan Vines, three daughters, Penny Fite, Angie Bryant and Teresa Wingfield, one sister, Kathy Nichols, 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be Sunday March 5, 2017 2 to 4 pm at Thornton Funeral Chapel. Service will be Monday March 6, 2017 at 10:00 am at Muddy Creek Church in Story, AR. Interment will be at Reed Cemetery. Officiating Bro. Glen Davis and Bro. Greg Hamner. Pallbearers, Daniel Black, Tommy Wingfield, David Fite, Jimmy Abernathy, Larry Nichols and Larry Mohmann. Honorary Pallbearers are Montgomery County Nursing Home, Jim Silvey and Junior Fite.

Arrangements were made under the direction of Thornton Funeral Home of Mount Ida, AR. Guest register at www.thorntonfh.com



Have you thought of furniture as pieces of art? Ouachita Artists

Gallery and Studio has several examples of decorative, and useful, furnishings for the home made by local artists and crafts people. These original items could add interest to your home decor as well as serve a practical purpose.

A couple of new Ouachita Artists have samples of their work in the Gallery now. Harry McMahren has created a fold-up table/stool and a pull-apart chair that could be used inside the house or outside on the porch or patio. The pieces fold up, or are taken apart to make them more compact for storage. Cassie Nix has created a colorful kids' table and four chairs just the right size for smaller family members to use for their projects. A child size bench opens up for toy storage. She also has made a corner shelf low enough for the small fry to use for keeping their books and toys organized.

Pat Eggleston's rocking chair for a child, and the smaller, companion chair for a doll, are miniature versions of the old rocking chairs we remember from years past. The structural pieces were turned by hand on a lathe, and the chair seats are woven from strips of hand hewn oak. These unique pieces will be treasured by small children who can have rocking chairs just their size. Mike Sawyers used small logs rough cut into stools and garden mushrooms with the bark still attached.

In addition to his creative wooden cheese/cutting boards, Paul Leemkuil has created tall tables with butcher block surfaces which could be useful as an island in a small kitchen, or used as occasional tables in

any part of the house. He also has high stools to go with the tables, or to use separately. An original low walnut piece would make a nice coffee table. Wooden shelves and bookends complete his inventory of items designed for the home.

Several events are planned at the Gallery during the month of March. Introduction to Oil Painting, a series of six classes taught by Martha Koelemay, has been rescheduled and will begin Saturday, March 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. Call the Gallery at 870-867-3115, or talk with Martha at 870-326-4224 to get more information, or to sign up for this series. There is a fee, and supplies are furnished.

A reception honoring Frank Lima, featuring his painting and sculpture, will be held on Sunday, March 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and the public is invited.

The program for March will be on Monday, the 29th at 2 p.m. Jan Briggs will give a demonstration to show how nature can be used in painting.

An all-day workshop on Alcohol Ink, led by Teri Sargent from Hot Springs Village, will be held on Friday, March 31. It will begin at 10 a.m. and go through the day. Two projects are planned, a tile piece and a framed art piece. Cost of the workshop is \$60 and all supplies will be furnished. Class size is limited to ten people, so come by the Gallery or call in (870-867-3115) to sign up early.

If you want to learn a new art skill, or if you are looking for a unique gift idea or a useful item to furnish your home, take a look at Ouachita Artists Gallery and Studio, on the Courthouse Square in Mt. Ida, to see what is available.

OBITUARY POLICY

The Montgomery County News

will not run any obituary without notification

from the funeral home.

If you have any questions,

please call Andrea at

870-867-2821.

Community Announcements

The Hillside Cemetery is in need of donations to continue mowing for the 2017 year, due to the high volume of rainfall the funds have already been depleted, donations are tax deductible and may be mailed to Hillside Cemetery Association 856 Southside Rd. Oden, AR 71961.

The Montgomery County Nursing Home Thrift Store is having store wide half price sale now through March 11. We will have bag sales March 13 through 24. The store will be closed March 27 through April 1. We will reopen April 3. Thanks to all who donate to and shop with us.

If you have loved ones that are buried at Liberty Cemetery in Norman, We are asking for donation for the up keep of the Cemetery. Please send donations to: Liberty Baptist Church P O Box 383 Norman .AR 71960. Any questions call Tonya @ 870-490-0418.

The 2017 calendars printed each year by the museum can be bought at Gwinn’s Boat Repair, Kokamo’s and Ouachita Artists while the museum is closed for the winter! The calendars are filled with vintage photos of Montgomery County.

The Montgomery County Yarn Workers have been busy knitting and crocheting again this year. We recently gave away hundreds of hats to the children of Caddo Hills Elementary School. Thanks to Christy Sanders for helping us organize this event at the school. Parents, teachers, and students expressed their gratitude. One teacher described the playground as “a sea of hats”. After distributing baby items to the Community Clinic, hats and scarves to needy folks, and the kids’ hats, we are proud to say we gave away almost 500 hand made items this year! Thanks to all who donated yarn to us and all who knitted and crocheted. If you have extra yarn to keep our effort going , it can be dropped off at the extention office in Mt. Ida or call Carol at 501-538-5816 for pick up. We teach knitting and crocheting at our weekly meetings. All are welcome. Meetings are Fridays, 3:30, at the Assisted Living craft room. We will take a short break for the holidays and begin meeting again on January 6th.

Mount Ida Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind everyone to have their flue and chimney cleaned and checked to prevent chimney fires. For more information please call (870) 867-3254.

The Caddo Gap Fire Dept. is collecting dues for the year 2017. Please send \$45 to P.O. Box 102, Caddo Gap, AR 71935

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. Mount Ida First United Methodist Church will award two scholarships to graduates of accredited schools in Montgomery County. Current college students may also apply. This year we are also considering applicants to accredited technical, vocational, or industrial programs. Application forms are available from the counselors at local high schools, or you may call the church office at 867-3213. Firm deadline is March 31, 2017.

Healthy Connections, Inc. will hold its Annual Board of Directors meeting Tuesday, April 25th. This meeting is open to the public and begins at 5:15 p.m. The meeting will take place at HCI’s Mena location community room. During this meeting HCI will elect officers and consider nominations of new board members. Local community members are encouraged and welcome to attend. HCI is currently accepting applications for prospective board members, all applications have to be submitted to our email address at apply@healthy-connections.org by March 27th, 2017. Applications can be picked up at any HCI location or from any current board member. If you have any questions please call 479-437-3449.

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The Ladies Auxiliary of the Clark-Pike Association, will meet at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, on Tues., March 14, at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Introduction to Oil Painting, a six-week course for beginning painters ages 12 and up, will begin on Saturday, March 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ouachita Artists Gallery and Studio in Mt. Ida on the Courthouse Square. The series will be taught by Martha Koelemay. Cost is \$75 and all supplies are furnished. Call Martha at 870-326-4224, or the Gallery at 870-876-3115 to register or learn details.

Jan Briggs will Push the Envelope by using nature as her painting tools in a demonstrate at the Ouachita Artists Gallery and Studio on the Courthouse in Mt. Ida on Monday, March 20 at 1 p.m. The public is invited and there is no charge.

An Ink and Alcohol workshop is scheduled for Friday, March 31 at Ouachita Artists Gallery and Studio on the Courthouse Square in Mt. Ida. The event will start at 10 a.m., break for lunch, then continue into the afternoon. Visiting artist, Teri Shepard, will lead the workshop. Two ink and alcohol projects will be created to take home. Cost is \$60 and supplies will be furnished. Call the Gallery at 870-867-3115 to register.

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The Casimir Pulaski and the DeSoto Trace Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution cordially invite descendants and the public to the marking of the grave of Revolutionary War Patriot Asher Bagley. Asher was a Private in the Revolutionary War in the 1st Regiment of New Jersey and served under Captain Aaron Ogden. Patriot Bagley removed to Saline County, Arkansas in about 1828 settling in the Bland area. Ceremonies will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 8th at the Old Union Cemetery, Saline County, Arkansas. GPS address is 7000 Bland Road, Benton, AR. For more information, please contact Charles McLemore at 501-209-9513.

The Montgomery Country Fair Association have put together a meeting to discuss all rules and regulations on ALL livestock! Meeting will be held at the fair grounds in the Ode Maddox building Saturday, March 11th at 11 am! It is in your best interest for all exhibitors to be present.

The Mount Ida Band Concert will be Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 at The Mount Ida High School Auditorium.

There will be a benefit for Leanne Daniel on Saturday, April 8. The event will begin at 5 p.m. at the Centerpoint High School, located between Amity and Glenwood. Auction items are being accepted. Call Pam Kirby, 845-9251, or Kenny McGrew, 356-8957.



JOHN BALCH | Nashville News-Leader
The Caddo Hills Land Judging Team was the overall High Point Team at the Mine Creek Conservation District and Pike County Conservation District 2017 Forestry and Land Judging Contest held last wednesday in Nashville. Colton Cowart (pictured left) was the overall individual high point winner for the contest. Photo right pictured left to right: Patsie Egleston, Daniel Baker, Justin Hill, Justus Bobo, Hunter Blackwood, Colton Cowart, Jessie Hollifield, Drew Cureton and Eric Salas.



The AKANSA chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Youth Citizenship Awards to Brody Davis (pictured above) and Trey Standridge (below) March 4. Brody Davis is a Junior at Mount Ida High School and Trey Standridge is a Sophomore at Mount Ida High School.
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State Attorney General office seeking summer interns

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge today announced that her office is accepting applications for summer interns. The summer internship session will begin on June 7.

“Working in the public service sector is rewarding, and I want to encourage college students to serve their State and communities,” said Attorney General Rutledge. “Internships help students gain real-world experience and can be very important as they plan their career path.”

Applicant packet information is available under the Office section at ArkansasAG.gov.

The deadline to apply is May 1.

Some interns may be able to arrange for college credit for their internship, depending upon the requirements of their college or university.

Those with questions about the Attorney General’s office intern program may contact Katy Fraley at internship@ArkansasAG.gov or 501-682-2007.

About Attorney General Leslie Rutledge

Leslie Carol Rutledge is the 56th Attorney General of Arkansas. She is the first woman and first Republican

in Arkansas history to be elected to the office. Since taking office, she has begun a Mobile Office program, a Military and Veterans Initiative, a Metal Theft Prevention program and a Cooperative Disability Investigations program. She has led efforts to teach internet safety, combat domestic violence and make the office the top law firm for Arkansans. Rutledge also serves as Vice Chairwoman of the Republican Attorneys General Association and re-established and co-chairs the National Association of Attorneys General Committee on Agriculture.

National Park to open techonologies center

National Park College (NPC) will host a grand opening for the Innovative Technologies Center (ITC) located at 2233 Albert Pike March 16 at 2:00 p.m.

ITC staff will provide demonstrations of CNC machining, drones, industrial robotics, and controllers.

Speakers will include NPC Board Chair, Forrest Spicher, NPC President, Dr. John Hogan, ITC Director, William Polk and Dr. Maria Markham, Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). The event is open to the public.

The ITC is funded by a \$894,000 Regional Workforce Training Grant from ADHE. The center’s primary goal is to align workforce development and academic programs with regional economic development strategies to meet the needs of local and regional employers and prepare a workforce with the skills to be competitive in the 21st century workplace. The ITC will create an environment

of technology collaboration and exchange among industry, innovators and the community.

National Park College was established in 1973 and is located in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The College enrolls nearly 5,000 credit and non-credit students per semester. NPC is a comprehensive two-year institution offering associate degrees and certificates as well as continuing education, community services and workforce training.

Water fowl destination meetings scheduled

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will hold special public meetings during March to introduce proposed changes to management practices on many popular wildlife management areas for waterfowl habitat.

The meetings are part of the AGFC’s ongoing effort to keep the public informed about habitat degradation in many wetland areas, particularly artificially flooded bottomland hardwood forests known as greentree reservoirs that produce the finest duck hunting experience in the United States.

“Hunting on greentree reservoirs draws duck hunters from all over the country to The Natural State,” said Luke Naylor, waterfowl program coordinator for the AGFC. “But over decades, those forests have slowly changed, and our management must change with them if we are to continue this great tradition of hunting flooded timber and providing waterfowl with the habitat they need.”

Many hunters have become accustomed to constant high water being available near the opening day of waterfowl season, but according to growing scientific research in Arkansas and other states with greentree reservoirs, the practice has damaged many of the trees that produce the acorns ducks need.

“Flooding before a tree is dormant, and doing so consistently, causes damage,” Naylor said. “And most hunters will tell you there often are plenty of green leaves on the trees during the opening weekend of duck season. We need to begin managing our greentree reservoirs to follow more natural flooding patterns, which typically occur later and fluctuate from year to year.”

The AGFC also has produced a mailing, which describes the situation in detail. It will be delivered to each Arkansas resident who has purchased a waterfowl stamp in the last three years and each non-resident who has purchased a non-resident waterfowl WMA permit in the last three years. A digital version of that mailing is available at <http://www.agfc.com/hunting/Documents/GTR.pdf>.

“There has been a lot of talk lately about many other aspects of duck hunting on Arkansas’s famous public WMAs,” Naylor said. “But this change is much more important. This is to protect and re-establish the habitat that originally drew ducks to these areas. Without that, Arkansas’s famous green timber duck hunting could very well become a thing of the past.”

Public meetings will be held at the following dates and locations:

- Stuttgart
6-8 p.m., March 9
Grand Prairie Center, Salon B
2807 Highway 165 South
Stuttgart, AR 72160
- Searcy
6-8p.m., March 14
Searcy High School Cafeteria
301 N Ella,
Searcy, AR 72143
- Little Rock
6-8 p.m., March 16
AGFC Headquarters Auditorium
2 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205
- Jonesboro
6-8 p.m., March 28
Nettleton High School Fine Arts Center
4201 Chieftan Lane
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- Russellville
6-8 p.m., March 30
Doc Bryan Lecture Hall,
Arkansas Tech University
1605 N. Coliseum Drive
Russellville, AR 72801

Story News

by Melba Reed

The weather hasn't been real cold but cool and a few light showers and mist.

Paulette Reed of New Mexico visited her dad, Paul Dee Reed from Friday, March 3 until March 5. He is always glad to see Paulette. I hope that Windstream got Paul's telephone line fixed. I think it has been out for a week. Those who work for Paul keep a cell phone so we can hear from him through them. Our son in law, Alan put a cell phone booster in for us which helps. I don't understand why the big cell phone tower at Story has not been completely hooked up and turned on.

Happy Birthday to Beth Smith who had another birthday March 6. She said her cataract surgery which was last week was good and she is anxious to get the cataract off the other eye so she can get new glasses. I can see much better and will go back March 20 to get my eyes checked again.

Happy Birthday Ruby Yett, Jacquelynn Bates on March 9 and Beatrice Cressling will be 101 on March 9; Marie Bass and Velma Plyler on March 10; Wanda Noles on March 11; John Harrison will be 93 on March 12; Ava DePriest, Hobie Lewis and Skyla Broomfield on March 12; Donald Phillips

on March 13; Janet Fox and Julie Hilton on March 14; Melvin Simpson on March 15; Delton Hughes and Gary Gene Reed on March 16. Happy Anniversary to Mike and Tammy Webb on March 16.

We are thankful that Earl Gene and Jane white have improved and his heart procedure went well and he's back home and able to go to ballgames and do other things. They appreciate your prayers and everything. Among the others on our prayer list includes: Sue Blair, Jearldean Tarkington, Paul Dee Reed, Bernice Johnston, Bert and Ruby Johnston, Sissy Geurin, Juanita and Nolan Warren, Bobby Sheffield, Bradley Fuller, Lonnie and Lisa Harper, Ruth Heide, Glen Whiley, Delmar and Faye Qualls, Audean Faucett, Marilyn Williamson, Mary and Richard Hawthorne, Bill McKay, Bro. Ronnie and Wanda Noles, Bro. Robert and Annette Watson, Maude Montgomery, Ava Dell Rico, Marie Noles, Vertice Kinsey, the family of Paul Cox, the family of Bill Vines, all the sick, bereaved, unsaved, our leaders, our president, our military and everyone.

God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble.

Norman News

with Dee Card

Belated congratulations to Roseanna and Tommy Markham who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday.

Elvis may have left the building but not before he put on a show for Caddo Hills elementary students recently. Wearing a white jumpsuit trimmed in red, "Elvis", also known as Tyler Lybrand,rocked the lunch crowd. Elvis may have rocked the adults there a little more than the kids.

Congrats to Andy Jackson who shot 289/300 which earned him 6th place at the state archery tournament and qualified him for Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky in May.

Congrats also to the Lady Indianson their state bid. The final score was not what we would have hoped for, but the drive and dedication that got you to state will carry on through your adult life. We are proud of you both on and off the court.

Belated congrats to the Caddo Hills science club for taking first place at the science fair at Rich Mountain Community College recently

We are blessed with a very good school when our young folks can produce excellence on so many fronts. We have a great combination of kids who want to learn, teachers

who really want to teach and parents who support the activities and the students.

Don't forget our own Hayden Powell will be rocking the Caddo Hills gymnasium country style on March 17th at 7:p.m. Adam and Angel will be the opening act.

You can also begin calling to reserve a spot for your cat or dog in the spay and neuter program coming up the end of this month. Cost is just \$20.00 for either dogs or cats but you must preregister by calling 870-828-2427. Caddo Gap residents can call from now through the 25th to get signed up.

Caddo Sr. track team will be in Benton on Thursday the 9th and the Lake Hamilton relays on the 14th.

We have a home game here against Mountain Pine starting at 5 and an away game Friday at Mineral Springs.

Don't forget the benefit coming up March 25th at the Caddo Hills cafeteria for Gary and Tonya Roberts to help with medical expenses. There are raffle item tickets available with an auction that night and you know there will be good food.

Have news? Drop me a message on the Norman News facebook page or email it to weeklynormannews@gmail.com



Mount Ida Senior Activity Center, 158 Senior Drive, Mount Ida, Arkansas is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you need transportation to the Mount Ida Senior Activity Center or more information, please call (870) 867-2313.

Check out our library, you will find a great selection of books and we also sell cards for all occasions, baby quilts for \$35 each, and priced to sell glassware, etc.

Stop by and join in the activities: Exercises, Walking, Dominoes, Wii Bowling, Skip-Bo, Beach Ball Volleyball, and there is always a puzzle to put together.

Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. daily. There is a suggested donation of \$3.00 (60 plus) and \$6.00 (under 60). Drinks include tea, lemonade, skim milk, buttermilk, or coffee and carbonated beverages cost \$1.00 each.

Wednesday, March 8: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 10:00 a.m.: Chair Volleyball; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Swiss Steak, Sour Cream and Chive Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Wheat Bread, and Apple Crisp; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice; 1:00 p.m.: History Class.

Thursday, March 9: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 8:30 a.m.: Mena Shopping Trip; 9:30 a.m.: Knife Sharpening by Ray Young; 10:00 a.m.: BINGO; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Meat Loaf, Potatoes, Lima Beans, Roll, and Peach Crisp; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Friday, March 10: 8:00

a.m.: Assortment of Games; 9:30 a.m.: Exercise; 10:00 a.m.: Gospel Music; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Breaded Fish, Hash Browns, Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll, and Sherbet; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice

Monday, March 13: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 9:30 a.m.: Exercise; 11:45 a.m. Lunch: Chicken and Dumplings, Baby Carrots, Sour Cream Pound Cake, and Strawberries; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Tuesday, March 14: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 10:00 a.m.: Sara Mitchell, from the Mena Senior Behavioral Health, will call out BINGO and give out prizes; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Pears, and Sugar Cookie; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Wednesday, March 15: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 10:00 a.m.: Chair Volleyball; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Roast Beef with Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Roll, and Jell-O Cake with Topping; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice; 1:00 p.m.: History Class.

Thursday, March 16: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 10:00 a.m.: BINGO; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: BBQ Chicken, Potato Wedges, Green Pea Salad, Wheat Bread, Fluffy Fruit, and from the Kettle: Beans and Ham; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Friday, March 17: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of Games; 9:30 a.m.: Exercise; 10:00 a.m.: Gospel Music; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Reuben Sandwich, Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, and St. Patrick's Cupcakes; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Saturday, March 18: 6:00 p.m.: EVERYONE (young and old) is invited to the monthly dance. Bring finger food with you and come on out and have a great time. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Soft drinks are available for \$1.00 each.

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Please, come take a trip down memory lane with us. Mr. and Mrs. L.J. and Mary Warneke will be commemorating their 60th wedding anniversary. A reception will be held on Sunday, March 12th from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Mount Ida. We sincerely hope that all of their friends and family can drop by to enjoy this wonderful milestone of their life with them. Feel free to bring your laughter, joy, favorite pictures, and stories of the times you spent with L.J. and Mary. The couple has requested no gifts, please. Let's celebrate!

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Burn

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Prescribed burns are simply the right fire at the right place at the rite time. Controlled burns begin with a burn plan written by specialists who study the potential burn area for possible risk and need. Burn plans identify the best conditions under which trees and other plants will burn to get the best results safely.

Burn plans consider temperature, humidity, wind, moisture of the vegetation and conditions for the dis-

persal of smoke. Prescribed fire specialists then compare conditions in the forest with those outlined in the burn plan to determine whether they will burn on any given day.

Crews then use hand tools and heavy equipment to prepare the area for the prescribed burn to maximize the effectiveness of the burn, as well as assure the safety of surrounding property and residents.

Once the burns begin trained prescribed fire specialists man the burn. They are constantly monitoring weather, the direction of the fire's path and local structures and property to assure a safe burn.

While many local residents may consider burning

sections of the own property for similar reasons remember that forest service personnel are trained to perform prescribed burns and are equipped to prevent a fire from getting out of hand. Please contact your local fire department before burning anything on your property.

Daily updates on prescribed fires across the forests can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/ouachita or www.fs.usda.gov/osfnf or by calling 1-888-243-1042. Persons with smoke sensitivities, who are not on the Forest Service's prescribed burn notification list, should contact their nearest ranger district to be added. You may contact the Ouachita National Forest office at (501)321-5202.



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A pair of forest service workers look over a map of the area as they work a prescribed burn on the west side of Sod Farm Road. The U.S. Forest Service enlists prescribed burns as part of their forest management practices.

Success

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Hot Springs man faces possession charges

A traffic stop north of Glenwood resulted in the arrest of a Hot Springs man after 20 grams of marijuana and scales were located in his vehicle.

According to documents obtained from the Montgomery County Clerk's Office, a member of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office observed a vehicle driving erratically on highway 8 between Caddo Gap and Glenwood. The officer alleges he executed a traffic stop after witnessing the vehicle cross the center line several times.

The officer alleges that as he approached the vehicle he could smell an odor of

marijuana. The car was driven by Michael Christian Talbert, age 20 of Hot Springs. The officer discovered that Talbert was driving on a suspended license and placed him under arrest for driving on a suspended license. Two passengers were asked to exit the vehicle and were handcuffed while the officer searched the vehicle. During the search the officer allegedly discovered a black nylon bag in the driver's door. The bag allegedly contained a set of scales, two bags of suspected marijuana and an unlabeled bottle of pills. Another set of scales were located under the passenger's seat. The

scale allegedly had a green and a white substance on it.

An opened container of whiskey was found in the front area and an opened beer can was found in the back seat area.

Talbert was then charged with possession of a schedule VI controlled substance, marijuana, with the purpose to deliver, a class D felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class D felony.

The two passengers were not charged.

Talbert was arraigned last Tuesday and an attorney status hearing was scheduled for March 14. He is currently being held on a \$10,000 bond.

Contraband found in county jail

Apparently a group of men being held in the Montgomery County Jail forgot that it was illegal to smoke in a government building recently. As a result two county inmates face a felony charge for allegedly smoking marijuana in a jail cell.

According to documents obtained from the Montgomery County Clerk's Office Truman J. Cogburn, age 26 of Glenwood, and Anthony Cornelius Raymo, age 21 of Hot Springs, were each charged with one count of furnishing, possessing, or using prohibited articles, a class C felony.

The charges stem from an incident that allegedly occurred in the south cell block in the county jail. Court documents state that members of the Montgomery County

Sheriff's Office smelled an order akin to marijuana coming from the south cell block in the county jail facility.

Deputy Chad Davis investigated and reported that he saw Cogburn allegedly flush what looked like a white pen down the toilet. He also stated he witnessed Cogburn swallow a pill. Officers removed Cogburn and Raymo, along with Jeremy Jones and Gene Tigie, from the cell and searched it for contraband. During the search officers allege that discovered a pen wrapped in toilet paper on Raymo's bunk. The also allege there was a green residue on the pen.

They also allege that they discovered a clear plastic bag with green residue believed to be marijuana on

Truman's bunk. Officers also allege they discovered three pills during a search of the kitchen area.

Cogburn and Raymo appeared in court for arraignment last Tuesday. A pretrial date was set for Cogburn on June 2, and an attorney status hearing was scheduled for March 14 for Raymo.

Truman is currently being held in the county jail a charge of Battery 2nd degree certain victims, a class D felony. This charge was the result of an altercation in the county jail earlier this year. He also faces one count of theft of property, a class C felony.

At press time neither Jones nor Tigie had been charged with anything resulting from the reported incident.

Dover makes court appearance, trial date set for June 2

Jeremy Dean Dover of Mena appeared before Circuit Judge Jerry Ryan for an arraignment hearing

last week after missing the original arraignment date.

Dover, age 40, faces one count of aggravated Assault

of a family or household member, a class D felony, and domestic battery III degree, a class A misdemeanor. He also faces a Failure to Appear charge for the missed arraignment hearing two weeks ago.

According to documents obtained from the Montgomery County Clerk's Office, the original charges are

the result of an alleged altercation with his ex-girlfriend.

Court documents state that members of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office responded to a call from Jennifer Hale, February 4, at her residence. She claimed Dover returned to her residence in the evening after she had ended their relationship earlier in the day.

She also claimed he injured her in the altercation which she alleges took place in the evening.

Dover was later arrested and charge with the aggravated assault charge and then released after posting a \$15,000 bond. His arraignment hearing was scheduled for February 20 in Mount Ida.

Dover did not report for his arraignment hearing and a failure to appear bench warrant was issued.

He appeared before Judge Ryan last Tuesday for arraignment. A not guilty plea was entered and a pretrial hearing was set for May 24. A jury trial has been scheduled for June 2. He is currently being held on a

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Suspended license leads to arrest

A Mexican national allegedly residing illegally in Glenwood was arrested after a small bag of suspected drugs was found on his person during a traffic stop.

According to documents obtained from the Montgomery County Clerk's Office, members of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office executed a traffic stop after a van was observed allegedly running at a high rate of

speed. Officers ran the tags on the vehicle and allegedly discovered the tags were not registered to the vehicle they were on.

The driver presented a Mexican ID when stopped and was identified as Francisco Javier Rodriguez, age 28. Rodriguez currently resides in Glenwood. Officers were informed that he had a warrant in Montgomery County District Court for failure to appear, no drivers license

and a vehicle or trailer with no registration or expired tags.

A search of Rodriguez allegedly resulted in the location of a small bag of suspected methamphetamine in his front shirt pocket.

He was arrested and charged with one count of possession of a schedule II controlled substance, a class D felony. Officers also discovered he was living in the United States illegally. The sheriff's office then contacted ICE and the Mexican Consulate.

He was arraigned last Tuesday. A pretrial hearing was set for May 2 and a jury trial was scheduled for May 26. He is currently being held on a \$10,000 bond.

Race

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	\$74,191.57
GARBAGE REVENUE	\$72,069.64
INTEREST	\$14.13
MISCESSANEOUS	\$6,934.00
MONTGOMERY CO. SW CHARGES	\$4,887.00
TRANSFER FROM WW & EMERG FUND	\$10,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$192,007.93
EXPENSES	
APERS RETIREMENT	\$6,315.61
MBHF-INSURANCE	\$8,118.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$8,718.31
MONT. CTY. LANDFILL-TRASH DISP.	\$91,904.57
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SUPPLIES	\$5,747.88
TRUCK FUEL, SUPPLIES, REPAIRS	\$8,411.29
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$4,656.25
WW OFFICE EXPENSE	\$1,200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$184,837.33
SOLID WASTE BALANCE 12-31-16	\$8,302.71
SOLID WASTE TRUCK - CD BALANCE 12-31-16	
	\$32,338.40
	COM:10,w.91

PUBLIC NOTICE	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
CITY OF MT. IDA	
CITY PARK	
01-01-16 - 12-31-16	
BEGINNING BALANCE 01-01-16	\$14,780.24
INTEREST-COMMUNITY FIRST TRUST	
	\$8,165.72
INTEREST	\$16.63
TOTAL CITY PARK FUNDS AVAILABLE	
	\$22,962.59
EXPENSE	
PARK MAINTENANCE	\$1,948.11
MISCELLANEOUS	\$201.64
PARK IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,079.11
ELECTRICITY	\$2,229.46
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$132.61
SALARY	\$3,600.00
PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$872.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,063.13
CITY PARK FUND BALANCE 12-31-16	
	\$12,899.46
	COM:10,W.55

PUBLIC NOTICE	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
CITY OF MT. IDA	
CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUND	
01-01-16 - 12-31-16	
BEGINNING BALANCE 01-01-16	\$1,218.08
ADM OF JUSTICE FUNDS-FINES	\$6,317.56
INTEREST	\$3.13
TOTAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUNDS AVAILABLE	
	\$7,538.77
EXPENSE	
SALARY	\$4,884.66
PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$474.09
MISCELLANEOUS	\$606.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,965.05
CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUND BALANCE 12-31-16	
	\$1,573.72
	COM:10,w46

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
CITY OF MT. IDA	
LOCAL POLICE & FIRE	
RETIREMENT SYSTEM	
01- 01-16 - 12-31-16	
BEGINNING BALANCE 01-01-2016	\$3,711.13
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	\$112.56
INTEREST	\$3.38
TOTAL LOPFI FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$3,827.07
EXPENSE	
PENSION FUND FIREMAN DUE	\$728.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$17.50
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$745.50
LOPFI BALANCE - 12-31-2016	\$3,081.57
	COM:10,w47

PUBLIC NOTICE	
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY	
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PROBATE DIVISION	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF	
NETTIE CROW, deceased	49PR-17-12
NOTICE	
Last known address of the decedent: 861 Kennedy Rd,	
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Date of Death: January 26, 2017	
The undersigned was appointed personal representative of the	
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All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit	
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EMERGENCY FUND-CITY OF MOUNT IDA	
01-01-16 - 12-31-2016	
BEGINNING BALANCE 01-01-16	\$445,142.75
CITY SALES TAX	\$260,013.43
INTEREST	\$450.71
TOTAL INCOME	\$705,606.89
EXPENSE	
TRANSFER-SOLID WASTE	\$10,000.00
TRANSFER-WATER WORKS	\$174,000.00
TRANSFER-GENERAL FUND	\$45,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$229,000.00
EMERGENCY FUND- CITY OF MOUNT IDA	
BALANCE 12-31-16	\$476,606.89
	COM:10,w.49

PUBLIC NOTICE	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
CITY OF MT. IDA	
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE FUND	
01-01-16 - 12-31-2016	
BEGINNING BALANCE 01-01-16	\$-
CIVIL & SMALL CLAIMS	\$3,595.00
DISTRICE COURT COST	\$65,559.59
GARNISHMENT	\$49.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$69,203.59
EXPENSE	
C. J. FUND	\$6,395.08
J & C RETIREMENT FUND	\$1,446.96
JUSTICE FUND ADMIN	\$10,838.43
LOPFI-RETIREMENT	\$112.56
MCCF-MUNICIPAL COURT COST FUND	\$852.72
MONT CO TREAS	\$49,557.84
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$69,203.59
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE FUND BALANCE	
12-31-16	\$-
	COM:10,w.68

PUBLIC NOTICE	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
CITY OF MT. IDA	
FIREMEN'S PENSION	
01-01-2016 - 12-31-2016	
BEGINNING BALANCE 01-01-2016	\$12,117.68
COUNTY MILLAGE TAX	\$5,902.33
INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT	\$3,564.00
INTEREST	\$16.20
TR FROM 1ST GLOBAL	\$40,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$51,600.21
EXPENSES	
RETIREMENT CHECKS	\$41,244.94
INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT PAID	\$3,574.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,485.28
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$43,550.32
BALANCE - 12-31-16	\$12,117.68
1ST GLOBAL CAPITAL CORP. 12-31-16	\$476,417.43
	COM:10,w56

PUBLIC NOTICE	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
CITY OF MT. IDA	
MCRF FUND	
01-01-16 - 12-31-16	
BEGINNING BALANCE 2016	\$10,384.08
ADM. OF JUSTICE	\$1,446.96
INTEREST	\$11.15
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$11,842.19
EXPENSE	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$13.30
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$13.30
BALANCE-12-31-16	\$11,828.89
BALANCE MCRF CD 12-31-16	\$54,834.95
	COM:10,w38

PUBLIC NOTICE	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
CITY OF MT. IDA	
MUNICIPAL COURT COST FUND	
01-01-2016 - 12-31-2016	
BALANCE 01-01-2016	\$2460.24
ADM. OF JUSTICE	\$930.24
INTEREST	\$2.72
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$3,393.20
EXPENSES	
SUPPLIES, MISC. & OTHER	\$ 8 9 4 . 4 0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$894.40
MUNICIPAL COURT FUND BALANCE 12-31-16	
	\$2,498.80
	COM:10,w41

PUBLIC NOTICE	
CITY OF MT. IDA	
BEARCE AIRPORT	
01-01-15 - 12-31-15	
2015 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1,071.35
FAA GRANT	\$80,108.00
INTEREST	\$4.17
LEASE	\$1,200.00
MANAGEMENT FEE INCOME	\$1,200.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$18,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$101,583.52
EXPENSES	
FENCE	\$75,517.93
MANAGEMENT FEE	\$1,200.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$90.88
PAP'I'S & PERIMETER FENCING	\$19,038.65
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$95,847.46
BALANCE 12-31-15	\$5,736.06
	COM:10,w50

PUBLIC NOTICE	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
CITY OF MT. IDA	
ACT 833	
MT. IDA FIRE PROTECTION	
01-01-16 - 12-31-2016	
BEGINNING BALANCE 01-01-16	\$3,138.87
AUDITOR INCOME	\$9,633.50
INTEREST	\$3.17
MISCELLANEOUS	\$59.67
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,835.21
EXPENSE	
SUPPLIES, FUEL & REPAIRS	\$2,797.17
FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$8,488.34
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$11,285.51
ACT 833 BALANCE 12-31-16	\$1,549.70
	COM:10,w.46

PUBLIC NOTICE	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
CITY OF MT. IDA	
STREET FUND	
01-01-16 - 12-31-16	
2016 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$61,189.12
COUNTY MILLAGE	\$12,833.76
FOUR LANE HWY CONSTR-CO MUN AID	
	\$21,831.14
HWY. SEVERANCE-MUN	\$2,177.63
INTEREST	\$79.33
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$160.00
STATE TURNBACK-CO MUN. AID	\$47,069.90
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$145,340.88
EXPENSES	
ASPHALT	\$3,031.50
APERS RETIREMENT	\$716.29
MISCELLANEOUS	\$477.12
MOWER SUPPLIES	\$13,221.06
W/C INSURANCE	\$347.00
PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$577.43
SALARY	\$5,167.50
SIGNS	\$127.38
STREET LIGHTS	\$10,051.12
STREET TRUCK EXPENSE	\$5,437.87
TOOLS & SUPPLIES	\$176.67
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$39,330.94
BALANCE 12-31-2016	\$106,009.94
	COM:10,w.79

PUBLIC NOTICE	
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY	
COUNTY, ARKANSAS	
ALAN CLUCK	
PLAINTIFF	
v. Civil Case No. 49CV-2017-9	
RICHARD JORGENSON and LUDA JORGENSON,	
Husband and Wife; JOHN WATSON;	
PHYLLIS WATSON;and COMMISSIONER OF REVENUES,	
STATE OF ARKANSAS and UNITED STATES	
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY DEFENDANTS	
NOTICE OF QUIET TITLE ACTION	
Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been filed in the	
Office of the Circuit Clerk of Montgomery County, Arkansas,	
to quiet and confirm title in and to the following-described	
property in Montgomery County, Arkansas, more specifically	
defined as follows: Montgomery County Parcel No. 078-	
00359-011	
Part of the SE1/4SE1/4, Section 23, Township 2 South, Range	
25 West, Montgomery County, Arkansas, more particularly	
described as follows: BEGINNING at a found axle at the	
northeast corner of the SE1/4 SE1/4; thence along the east	
line of the SE SE S0°21'W 95.82 feet to set rebar with cap	
on the north line of State Highway 27; thence along the	
same the following three courses: S55°21'02"W 139.38 feet,	
N34°38'58"W 20.00 feet, and S55°21'02"W 28.49 feet to a set	
PK spike in a concrete drive; thence running N33°02'33"W	
131.93 feet to a set rebar with cap; thence S54°23'42"W 106.52	
feet to a set rebar with cap; thence N41°52'02"W 108.65 feet	
to a found rebar; thence N89°17'42"W 203.95 feet to a found	
rebar on the east line of Graham Street; thence along the same	
N7°27'47"E 50.35 feet to a found rebar on the north line of the	
SE SE; thence along the north line of the SE SE S89°17'42'E	
578.55 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, together	
with and subject to, the use of an existing concrete driveway	
extending from State Highway 27 to the south line of the	
herein described property, and all matters of record. According	
to a survey by Robert W. Zickwolf dated May 11, 2006.	
Any person claiming title or interest of any kind to said	
property is hereby notified to appear herein on or before March	
27, 2017, to assert his title or interest in said property and to	
demonstrate why title to this property should not be quieted	
and confirmed in Alan Cluck, Plaintiff herein.	
WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court this 15th day of	
February, 2017.	
Debbie Baxter	
Circuit Clerk	HM:8-11,w374

PUBLIC NOTICE	
I, Ronald Norris give Chrystal C. Petty 30 days to remove	
her property from 190 Blacksmith Road Mount Ida, Arkansas	
71957 or it will be disposed of.	
	PD:10-14,w25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING	
Notice is hereby given by the City of Mount Ida, Arkansas	
(the “City”) that the City proposes to issue its water revenue	
bonds in the principal amount of \$793,000 for the purpose of	
financing a portion of the costs of acquiring, constructing and	
equipping extensions, betterments and improvements to the	
City’s water system. A public hearing concerning the proposed	
issuance of the bonds will be held by the City Council at 5:30	
o’clock p.m. on the 20th day of March, 2017, at the regular	
meeting place of the City Council, Mount Ida Civic Center,	
Mount Ida, Arkansas. At the public hearing, all interested	
persons shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the	
proposed issuance of the bonds.	
This 1st day of March, 2017.	
Jo Childress	
Mayor	COM:10,w.131

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
CITY OF MT. IDA
GENERAL FUND
1-1-16 -12-31-16

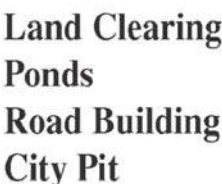
2016 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$27,117.56
CITY SALES TAX	\$240,511.52
STATE TURNBACK	\$17,184.96
FINES	\$7,352.35
FIRE DEPARTMENT-REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,841.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT-SALE OF FIRE TRUCK	\$2,000.00
GRANT-GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$5,000.00
FIREWISE GRANT	\$500.00
FRANCHISE TAX	\$63,716.46
INTEREST	\$76.11
MILLAGE TAX-GENERAL	\$18,570.82
MILLAGE TAX-FIREMAN'S PENSION	\$4,401.81
MILLAGE TAX-STREET	\$12,833.78
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	\$485.06
P/R TAX-CJF-SW-ST-PARK	\$12,548.13
SALES TAX-SOLID WASTE	\$74,192.37
STORM DA,AGE-INSURANCE	\$156,523.93
TR FROM CITY EMERGENCY FUND	\$45,000.00
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$689,855.86
EXPENSES	
ADM. SALARIES	\$42,000.00
APERS RETIREMENT	\$7,568.39
BARRY CRAW-FIRE DEPT.	\$450.06
CITY HALL-UTILITIES	\$5,024.16
CIVIC CENTER BUILDING	\$821.58
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$4,994.60
FIRE DEPARTMENT REIMBURSEMENT EXPENSE	\$1,013.58
FIRE HOSE GRANT EXPENSE	\$1,500.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT SALE OF FIRE TRUCK EXPENSE	\$601.90
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$5,000.00
JANITOR SALARY	\$4,500.00
JANITOR SUPPLIES	\$742.94
LEGAL	\$3,000.00
MBHF INSURANCE	\$8,930.80
MISCELLANEOUS	\$5,555.03
MILEAGE	\$14.04
W/C INSURANCE	\$342.70
OFFICE EQUIPMENT & REPAIRS	\$412.29
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$2,824.34
POSTAGE	\$229.00
P/R TAX-CJF-SW-ST-EXP	\$12,495.50
PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$5,249.51
COUNCIL SALARY	\$18,720.00
SALARY-JUDGE & CLERK	\$4,881.66
SHERIFF'S OFFICE-SECURITY	\$30,000.00
TR. MILLAGE-FIREMAN'S PENSION	\$4,301.21
TR. MILLAGE-STREET	\$12,833.76
TRANSFER-CITY EMERGENCY FUND	\$240,510.92
TRANSFER-SOLID WASTE	\$74,191.57
STORM DAMAGE	\$124,428.08
TRANSFER-FIREMAN PENSION	\$1,601.12
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$624,738.74
BALANCE 12-31-2016 12/31/2015	\$65,117.12
DIAMOND BANK-CD 258490-FIRE TRUCK	\$17,871.01

COM:10,w.195

The Caddo Hills School District recognizes the Public School Choice Act of 2013. Public School Choice in Arkansas allows students to attend a public school in a district other than the one in which they reside. Applications need to be delivered or mailed to the Superintendent of the school in which the student wishes to attend and must be delivered no later than May 1, 2017. Pursuant to standards, the non-resident district may reserve the right to accept or reject applicants based on capacity or false or misleading information that may impact the legal qualifications under the School Choice Act. However, the non-resident district standards shall not include academic achievement, extracurricular ability, handicap, English proficiency level, or previous disciplinary proceedings unless expulsion from another district; pursuant to Arkansas Code Ann 61850. Transfers shall be granted on a non-discriminatory basis. For more information, applicants may contact Caddo Hills School District at 870-356-5700.

CHSD:10-11,w152

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Jerry Shields

National Park lodges hold a special place in the hearts of park visitors from around the world. We have spent two decades crisscrossing our country exploring the wonders of our parks but some of our fondest memories are our visits to the park's historic lodges.

Most visitors believe the US Park Service built these charming old inns and lodges, however some of the most famous of these lodges were built by the early railroad companies. In the early 1900's President Theodore Roosevelt was busy declaring many of the country's most stunning landscapes as National Parks.

As newspapers and books were published extolling the majestic beauty of the then remote locations of most of the early parks it became evident that our road systems were woefully inadequate to serve the flood of visitors. Roosevelt pushed congress to approve land grants to the growing number

of railroads that saw the new parks as a means to grow their businesses.

In the early days most visitors would stay in rough cabins or make shift tents. As the park's fame spread the demand for upgraded accommodations was heard like a drumbeat from the rapidly growing numbers of visitors to the parks.

The railroads approached congress with the idea of constructing lines of track into the parks. They also asked for land grants to construct lodges to answer the demand for upgraded facilities for visitors.

Congress forever wanting to meet their constituents demands but not wanting to supply tax dollars to meet these demands agreed to let the railroads construct and operate the passenger trains and lodges.

One of our favorite Park Lodges is the Old Faithful lodge built beside Yellowstone Park's most famous geyser, Old Faithful. This Geyser is known for its regular eruptions occurring every 60 to 90 minutes

just a few steps behind the lodge.

We have visited this towering log structure on many occasions, originally called the Old House, but have never stayed in the lodge. Our favorite lodge activity is to have lunch or a formal dinner in the lodge's vast dining hall.

Dinner requires reservations but lunch is a delightful buffet and is on a first come first serve basis. This unique buffet features several entrée of fresh game from the park itself including pecan encrusted baked trout and barbequed buffalo just to name a few.

The Northern Pacific Railroad was given the contract to build the lodge with construction beginning in 1903 and completed in 1904. Materials for the construction came from the park's abundant forests and the stones for the eight fireplaces came from nearby streams.

In 1959 the lodge was badly shaken by the 1959 Hebgen Lake earthquake, which caused the dining room fireplace chimney to collapse, and damaged the huge lobby fireplace. It wasn't until 1985 that the fireplaces were repaired.

Our favorite remote park lodge is the Many Glacier Lodge located on the remote eastern edge of Glacier National Park on the shore of Swiftcurrent Lake.

The lodge was built in 1914-15 by the Great Northern Railroad in the Swiss Chalet style.

The lobby features an amazing round fire pit with a huge metal dome chimney suspended from the towering ceiling by heavy chains. The fire pit dominates the center of the vast lobby.

The tiny mountain village of St. Mary is the closest town and is just twenty miles south of the Canadian Border in the far northeast corner of Montana. The park itself is a wild untamed range of snow capped mountains and impossibly deep valleys.

The lodge offers a boat service across Swiftcurrent Lake to the trailhead that takes you deep into the mountains on a trail littered with bear scat. We were early for our boat reservation so we had lunch in the lodge's inviting dining room. After lunch we had another hour and a half to wait so we found seats by the roaring fire pit and promptly fell asleep in the glow of the pit's flames.

It is a credit to the Park Service and other organizations like the Serra Club and the Boone and Crockett Club who supported the construction of rustic style lodges instead of modern hotels. Thanks to these far-sighted organizations we have these charming lodges in our National Parks

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ARKANSAS
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	General Funds	Road Funds	Other Funds in the Aggregate
Beginning cash balance - January 1, 2016	\$965,175.42	\$1,865,366.41	\$815,878.02
Ending cash balance - December 31, 2016	\$1,081,627.98	\$2,040,183.30	\$944,285.12

REVENUES

7000-State aid	\$553,822.90	\$1,436,446.22	\$38,291.52
7100-Federal aid	\$691,456.76	\$569,702.85	\$527,237.39
7200-Property taxes	\$491,498.74	\$263,809.75	\$46,864.65
7300-Sales tax	\$-	\$-	\$528,172.50
7400-Fines, forfeitures, and costs	\$141,211.30	\$-	\$43,635.59
7501-Investment income	\$1,578.62	\$4,796.46	\$2,442.39
7600-Officers' fees	\$53,125.47	\$-	\$33,581.12
7700-911 fees	\$-	\$-	\$161,695.08
7800-Jail fees	\$20,490.00	\$-	\$900.01
7900-Sanitation fees	\$-	\$-	\$175,163.36
8703-Treasurer's commission	\$98,239.93	\$-	\$11,244.12
8501-Collector's commission	\$190,085.84	\$-	\$-
8601-Assessor's salary and expense	\$188,220.62	\$-	\$-
8700-Other	\$215,800.88	\$66,649.73	\$122,068.89
8800-Transfers in	\$122,476.75	\$-	\$48,389.08
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,768,007.81	\$2,341,405.01	\$1,739,685.70
9904-Less: Treasurer's Commission	\$40,828.53	\$37,960.09	\$19,613.64
NET REVENUE	\$2,727,179.28	\$2,303,444.92	\$1,720,072.06

EXPENDITURES

Current:			
General government	\$979,558.71	\$-	\$360,960.02
Highways and roads	\$-	\$2,085,060.40	\$-
Health	\$19,804.29	\$-	\$-
Law enforcement	\$1,410,513.12	\$-	\$-
Public safety	\$35,349.82	\$-	\$-
Recreation and culture	\$13,000.00	\$-	\$461,962.06
Sanitation	\$-	\$-	\$649,225.29
Other	\$82,428.24	\$-	\$-
Prior Year Accounts Payable	\$21,972.54	\$43,567.63	\$20,751.76
Transfers out	\$48,100.00	\$-	\$98,765.83
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,610,726.72	\$2,128,628.03	\$1,591,664.96

BETTY S BOLING
MONTGOMERY COUNTY TREASURER

DEBBIE BAXTER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLERK



Soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard who are students at state-supported colleges and universities will have their tuition paid for, under legislation passed by the Senate.

Senate Bill 278 has several purposes. First is to improve the Guard’s readiness, both for domestic emergencies and foreign missions. Arkansas has lost units to other states that provide more benefits, which means that fewer units are available in Arkansas to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies.

The loss of Guard units has a negative impact on local economies. In 2016 an estimated \$37.2 million was lost in the Arkansas economy due to the loss of Guard units.

After its passage by the Senate on a vote of 34-to-0, SB 278 was sent to the House Education Committee.

The Senate passed SB 136, a 55-page bill addressing criminal justice, prisons and sentencing laws. It authorizes the construction throughout the state of mental health crisis stabilization units with 16 beds each.

The governor’s proposed budget calls for opening three units. Criminal justice experts say there is a need for as many as eight. Police officers will get some training in how to recognize mental health issues and how to deal with people experiencing a mental health crisis. They will be taken to one of the stabilization centers instead of to jail, where treatment for mental health problems is lacking.

It passed 27-to-4 and was sent to the House Judiciary Committee, which gave it a favorable

recommendation. The next step is a vote in the entire House.

Both chambers passed HB 1426, which creates a new tuition grant program that will allow students to receive two years of tuition if they study in high-demand fields, such as computer science, technology or welding. They must perform community service and commit to working in Arkansas for at least three years after receiving their degree. The grants will be available in the fall of this year.

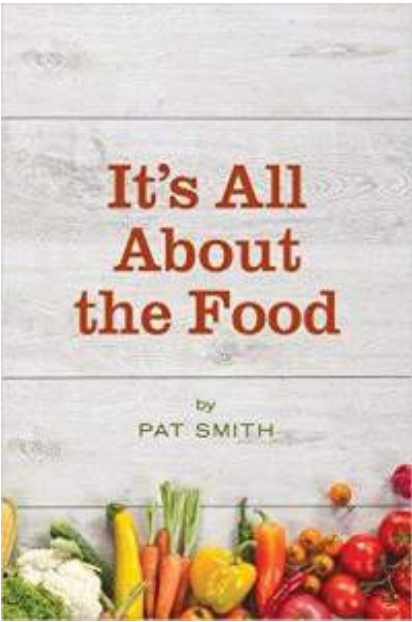
The governor signed Act 281, a Senate bill that makes Arkansas the first state to designate the grounds of its Capitol as a site for a monument honoring Gold Star families. Since World War I gold stars have traditionally designated the loss of an immediate family member during wartime.

The monument shall be designed and constructed in the manner recommended by the Hershel “Woody” Williams Medal of Honor Foundation. Williams, who attended the bill signing, is the sole living recipient of the Medal of Honor from the battle of Iwo Jima in 1945. His foundation works to place Gold Star monuments all across the county.

Both chambers have passed HB 1427 to require political candidates to file campaign finance reports electronically, and to require the Secretary of State to maintain those records on a web site with a search function.

Candidates who do not have access to the technology necessary could submit paper records throughout the election cycle. The effective date of the bill is October 1, 2017.

The Senate passed SB 362 to phase out a tax credit program for manufacturers called InvestArk. The bill gradually repeals the sales tax they pay on replacement and repair parts. By the time it has been fully implemented in 2022, it will save Arkansas manufacturers about \$12.6 million a year.



Calorie Creep

Calories creep, just sneak up on you when you aren’t looking.

You do need calories because they provide energy. Sources of calories (called macronutrients) are protein, fat, and carbohydrates (sugar). But vitamins and minerals (called micro-nutrients) are the stuff that makes that energy work for you, tells your body to operate correctly. You find vitamins and minerals embedded in the whole food sources of calories.

Virtually every natural food from the pasture or the garden contains some protein, fat, carbohydrate (sugar), vitamins and minerals. Your health is ultimately attached to the vitamins and minerals, not the calories. Got it?

We tend to think in terms of just calories, don’t we? The danger is when that calorie

creep adds nothing nutritionally. These are the carbohydrate (sugar) calories created for you by commercial food manufacturers, almost assured to pile on the pounds.

Facebook provides me with so much material. Following is an example of calorie creep I saw posted yesterday.

“Think a bite here and there won’t hurt you? It adds up faster than you think! Take a look:

Bite 1: You are cleaning out the refrigerator for trash day and notice there is only a quarter cup of juice left. You need the space so you decide to drink it instead of throwing it out. 30 calories 7 carbs (sugar).

Bite 2: The kids are having mini powdered donuts. They look so good, one can’t hurt. 65 calories 8 carbs (sugar).

Bite 3: You made the coffee too strong today so you add some hazelnut flavored creamer to tone down the taste. 35 calories 5 carbs (sugar).

Bite 4: You decide to have a small hamburger for lunch but forgot to tell them to leave off the dressing. 100 calories 7 carbs (sugar).

Bite 5: Your breath is not smelling so hot after eating lunch so you have two breath mints. 20 calories 12 carbs (conservatively) (sugar).

Bite 6: The candy jar at work is calling you. The peppermint patties are only snack size so one shouldn’t be a big deal, right!. 57 calories 18 carbs (conservatively) (sugar).

Bite 7: you are getting kind of hungry but it is too early for dinner. You decide to eat the other half of the protein bar in your drawer. 50 calories 15 net carbs (sugar).

Bite 8: Your commute home takes over an

hour. You have some chips in the car and you grab about 8 chips to eat while you sit in traffic. 75 calories 12 carbs (yes, even this is sugar).

Bite 9: You are going to a card game at a friend’s house. There are all kinds of things to munch on. You decide on a handful of peanuts (1/4 cup), couldn’t hurt. 163 calories 5 carbs (sugar).

GRAND TOTAL: 695 calories and 89 carbs (sugar)!!!! Things add up quick. Think before you grab.”

What if you just doubled that up! Two mini donuts instead of one. Four breath mints instead of two. Two peppermint patties, sixteen chips, two handfuls of nuts, a whole protein bar, etc. etc. A very small pile of stuff that contains almost 1400 calories and 180 grams of sugar. Can you see how easily that can happen?

We live in a world of nutritionally deficient food, usually just junk, that is predominantly carbohydrate (sugar) and make up about 38% of the calories most people consume. In other words, 38% or even more of your food may be adding only taste and body fat.

Carbohydrate Calorie Creep! Stick to whole food.

Questions may be directed to patsmith2@live.com

Pat Smith is the author of “It’s All About the Food,” a book that guides nutritious food choices as the way to avoid illness and maintain a healthy weight. Pat is a resident of Montgomery County, AR: president of Ouachita Village, Inc. board of directors (Montgomery County Food Pantry): chairman of the Tasty Acre project: and member of the Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

John Maddox State Representative



as many times as needed. This is awaiting approval in the Senate.

HB1144 allows images gathered from an automated school bus camera to be used in court. This technology could be used to investigate cases of drivers

Arkansans Bring Recommendations for VA Improvements to Washington

Our Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) are leading on the frontlines to ensure that our nation follows through with its promise to take care of those who have served us. They offer a unique perspective on how Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) policies affect our veterans and what changes need to be made to improve services. As Congress continues to modernize VA and strengthen the delivery of care, accountability and benefits our veterans earned, the recommendations of our VSOs are

invaluable.

Arkansas members of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars recently traveled to Washington to reaffirm their support for our veterans and advocate for policies on their behalf. One of the topics we discussed in detail was mental illness in our veteran community.

In Arkansas, veterans represent about eight percent of the population, but about 20 percent of suicides. We must take action to change this tragic

reality. We need to improve access to meaningful mental health services and strengthen suicide prevention awareness among our veterans.

Mental health is a battlefield that many of our men and women who served in our nation’s uniform find themselves facing here at home. These invisible injuries are why we struggle to identify at-risk individuals. Two years ago Congress passed the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act to deliver help to our veterans, but this was only a first step.

We need to continue making improvements to ensure that struggling veterans have access to the VA programs that have proven to work, and provide the personnel, services and tools to support them. Appointment cancellations with mental health providers have left veterans waiting for up to six months for an appointment. This unfortunate reality is unacceptable. These appointments are much too critical to delay. Sadly, we are seeing the tremendous shortage of mental health providers in our

nation impact veterans across the country.

Another challenge to determine veterans who need assistance is that some of the most vulnerable people we need to reach aren’t formally affiliated with the VA and may be unknown to veteran groups in their communities. VSOs have made great progress by initiating their own programs in order to recognize those veterans in need.

In testimony before a joint hearing of the Senate and House VA Committees earlier this month, VFW

John Boozman U.S. Senator



Commander Brian Duffy said its community-based program is making a difference. “No group can relate to a veteran in distress as easy or effectively as a fellow veteran,” he told committee members.

Peer-to-peer support programs have proven successful for VSOs and I believe the VA can have the same success. VA should invest in expanding its peer-to-peer efforts.

The input from our VSOs is vital to my colleagues and me as we improve VA health care delivery. When it comes to our nation’s veterans, their commitment to our country is without question, and our commitment to them must be the same.

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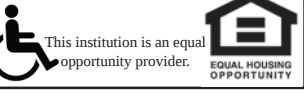
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RIGHT: Allie Strother (left) and Alli Hughes (right) try to figure out how the mascot uniform works before the start of the state archery competition Saturday. Judy Cook ended up in the costume while Strother and Hughes competed in the competition.

BELOW: Shelby Fryar (center) takes aim before firing an arrow at the target. He was the top male shooter for Oden with a score of 263.

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Dewayne Holloway



Traffic stop results in arrests

According to documents obtained from the Montgomery County Clerk's Office, Alicia Dawn Powell was charged with one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B felony.

Court documents state members of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office executed a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Steven Powell. Officers discovered Powell was driving on a suspended license and placed him under arrest.

The passengers in the vehicle, Alicia Dawn Powell, age 40 of Oden, and Harry Laird, age 56 also of Oden, were asked to exit the vehicle. Powell's purse was searched while standing in front of the car. She lit a cigarette while the search was carried out and was subsequently asked to move so the smoke didn't blow in the officer's face. A bag with what appeared to be methamphetamine residue was allegedly found in the location she had been standing. A bystander told officers he saw her drop the bag while standing beside the officer.

A search of her person was carried out and a baggy with a white substance was located in her boot. She was placed under arrest and charged with the possession charge.

A search warrant was later obtained by members of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for the residence of Harry Brooks Jr. During the search, a used syringe, a metal spoon with a small piece of cotton, a white straw with white residue and plastic baggies were allegedly located in the residence.

Laird was charged with one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, a class D felony.

Powell was arraigned last Tuesday and an attorney status hearing was set for March 14.

Laird was arraigned last Tuesday as well. A pretrial hearing has been set for May 2 and a jury trial was set for May 26. he is currently being held on a \$7,400 bond.

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Jackson finishes sixth best in state archery competition

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HOT SPRINGS – Andy Jackson made his Caddo Hills teammates proud with a sixth place finish at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission High School State Archery Tournament.

Jackson shot a 289 Saturday at the tournament held at the Hot Springs Convention Center to finish sixth among all archers.

He improved on his score of 278 at the regional tournament where he finished third overall and was the top male shooter.

Archers in the state meet shot three rounds, with the first round going unscored, at 10 meters and 15 meters. Jackson shot in the first flight, setting a high standard for the rest of the archers in the tournament.

The Caddo Hills senior high archery team fell just shy of qualifying for the 2017 Arkansas State Archery Competition with a fourth place finish in the Region 4 Tournament held in Alexander. Jackson competed as an individual do to his high score in the regional tournament.

Jackson’s marksmanship was nearly flawless with 20 of his arrows finding the bullseye for 10 points per shot. Nine of them scored nine points and one shot hit the eight point ring.

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Oden archers compete in state tournament

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HOT SPRINGS – The Oden Timberwolves scored a respectable 3062 points to finish 22nd in the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission High School State Archery Competition.

The Timberwolves competed against 36 other teams from nine regions around the state. Each team’s score was based on the top four girls scores, top four boys scores and then the next four scores. These 12 scores were added together to get the final team score.

Each archer shot three rounds at 10 meters and 15 meters, with the first round at each distance remaining scoreless. Scoring included areas from 10 points down to one.

Allie Strothers led the pack for Oden with a score of 266, the other top female archers include Kyra Armstrong with 259 points, Mali Demazio with 250 points and Sheana Van Horn with 245 points.

Shelby Fryar was the top male archer for Oden with 263 points. Brandon Stovall scored 262 points, Brandon Lewis scored 261 and Jeff Lewis scored 253.

The additional four scores belonged to Austin Stovall with 252 points, Austin Bledsoe with 251 points, and George Cook and Zechariah Mayo with 250 points each.

Other scores include: Thomas Neely (239), Brianna Smith (232), Dusty Neely (229) and Allie Hughes (228).

The elementary team finished 32nd and the middle school team finished 33rd in their respective divisions.

The elementary team scored 2287 points with Annabell Strother leading the team with 252 points. Joining her as top four girls scorers were Karli Davis (221), Abbigail Strother (211) and Serenity Green (209).

The top boys archers were Tegan Gray (192), Isaac Gilbert (165), Trent Morrison (164) and Killian Green (144).

The next four scorers were Livie Gilvarry (198), Shaelyn Starr (180), Isabella Rivera-Kline (176) and Faline Sharp (175).

The middle school scored 2620 points with Ethan Stovall leading the way with 255 points. The other top boys were Nicholas Sharp (246), Triston Green (237) and Brant Nichols (235).

The top girls shooters were Jacy Blansett (246), Leah Murray (202), Jada Elder (198) and Raylin Elder (169).

The next four scorers were Coby Wilburn (227), Robert Mayo (218), Brady Philpot (204) and Jay Wilburn (183).



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The Oden High School Archery team competed in the state archery competition Saturday after finishing runners-up in the Regional tournament. Pictured left to right: (back row) Dewanna Summitt (coach), Brandon Stovall, Thomas Neely, Zechariah Mayo, Austin Stovall, George Cook, Sheana Van Horn, Brandon Lewis, Jeff Lewis, Shelby Fryar; (front row) Judy Cook (mascot), Dusty Neely, Brianna Smith, Alli Hughes, Austin Bledsoe, Allie Strother, Kyra Armstrong and Mali Dimazio.

AG&FC hosting online surplus auction

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission currently has many used vehicles and items available at govdeals.com. As part of its ongoing effort to streamline its fleet and remove outdated equipment, the agency has developed a new model to remove inventory that has outlived its expected useful lifespan by using the online auction site.

“All items have been deemed too expensive to repair or at the end of their serviceable life,” said Leonard Dean, operations and facility manager for the AGFC. “Some items still have some years left in them, but buyers are warned that these items are sold as-is, and they typically will need some sort of repair work now or in the near future.”

De“Money raised through these auctions helps offset the cost of purchasing new equipment and helps us save taxpayer money where we can,” Dean said. “The more money we save on replacing equipment, the more money we have to devote to work on the ground for wildlife and fisheries management.” Click here to view all items listed by the AGFC.

Special Thank You

Mount Ida School Administration, Faculty, and Staff would like to extend a special thank you to all of the people who made the Class 1A State Basketball Tournament such a tremendous success. Without the help and support of our community, it would have been impossible to host a tournament at such a high standard of excellence. If you assisted with the tournament in any way, we want to thank you again for your efforts and the pride that you show in our community.

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