

S.P.O.T.S. clinic in Glenwood treats 105 animals in effort to slow population growth



Sheila Austin, at left, and Donna Kay Yeargan comfort dogs who have gone through the surgery Group picture and logo page 2

Glenwood is becoming known as the community that cares for its animals! This week, S.P.O.T.S.(Special Pals Of The Shelter) sponsored a clinic with the Ozark Mountain Spay Neuter Mobile unit supervised by Dr. JoAnna McMannis and her team.

Petowners paid \$25 for spay/neuter and rabies shot. The actual cost of the services was subsidized by monies raised by S.P.O.T.S at its fundraiser hosted by Dr. Tim Bainum, grants from AAFA and CARE and private donations.

Twenty volunteers from S.P.O.T.S, Warm Hearts Humane Society and the community at large donated as many as twelve hours a day to comforting and monitoring the animals after they finished surgery and preparing them to go

The Pike County Fair Board offered the use of the Martin Building, a perfect venue for caring for the animals who came from Glenwood, Caddo Gap, Delight, Murfreesboro, DeQueen, New Hope, Amity, Kirby and Umpire. Advanced Tissue Co., the ladies from the Church of Christ and the Methodist Church Women's group provided delicious lunches; Donita Davis and Donna Kay Yeargan treated the vet staff to dinners at local restaurants.

105 animals received surgery, sparing the community from the possibility of hundreds of unwanted animals in the years to come. The volunteers met a lot of great pet owners and fell in love with a lot of 'patients'!

S.P.O.T.S. is committed to providing low cost spay/neuter programs to the greater Glenwood area. We had a HUGE waiting list for this event. There is another clinic scheduled for October and, with continued funding and enough volunteers, others may be scheduled. Until that time vouchers for local veterinarians will be available beginning April 10 for the greater Glenwood area, Amity, Kirby and Caddo Gap.. You may call 870-828-2427 after April 10 for more information.

S.P.O.T.S. was formed in 2013 to provide for the welfare and adoption of the animals in the Glenwood animal Shelter. Since that time approximately 450 animals have been adopted all over the United States. The shelter has gone from a 'high kill' shelter (over 90%) to a 'low kill' shelter (less than 10%). There are many ways to help S.P.O.T.S with its mission to help the animals at the Glenwood Animal Shelter and in our community. Volunteers are needed to walk dogs on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday morning, volunteers are needed to assist in care of the shelter dogs, fosters are needed for two-four week periods, clinic, fundraising and public relations volunteers are needed.

Let's work together to stop the insanity and cruelty of homeless animals in our area..... SPAY AND NEUTER!! ADOPT, DON'T SHOP!!!

Glenwood couple charged in Circuit Court with counterfeiting A Glenwood couple In an affidavit filed by computer. "(The bill) clearly states counterfeit bills, all with and the agency soon de-

known to local police for "tumultuous activity" has been arrested and charged with felony first-degree forgery in a case involving counterfeit \$100 bills and an investigation by the Secret Service.

James Martin Sample, 31, and Victoria Lynn Sample, 28, were charged in Pike County Circuit Court March 29. They have also each been charged with a felony count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Glenwood Police Chief Clark Kinzler, an investigation was put into motion March 11 when James Sample approached Glenwood Officer Justin Babbitt with "another complaint" about his wife and her alleged drug use. He told the officer he feared for the lives of his children and that he and his wife had been fighting a lot lately. Sample said he was also concerned his wife had gained access to his

computer.

"This couple is well known to the Glenwood Police Department for tumultuous activity," Chief Kinzler noted.

Before Sample left, he handed Officer Babbitt a counterfeit \$100 bill from a stack he was carrying. He said the money was for playing Monopoly. Babbitt turned the bill – described as being "computer generated" and printed on photo-quality paper – over to Kinzler the next day.

that 'this note is legal tender for all debts, public and private" and does not indicate it is a copy of any kind, according to court information.

Based on the counterfeit bill passed to the officer, a search warrant was obtained for the Sample home and executed on March 14.

Along with multiple pieces of drug paraphernalia commonly used with methamphetamine,

the same serial number and some similar in appearance to the one given to the officer, were found. Chief Kinzler said there were some bills that had been "rubbed, wrinkled and aged which gave them a much more believable look and feel similar to actual currency." A light device commonly used to detect counterfeit bills was also recovered.

The United States Secret Service was contacted termined the bills with the same serial number had been passed in the U.S. more than 19,000 times.

James Sample said in an interview he did not know the bills were counterfeit and that he had never tried to pass any as real money. He also said in addition to using the money to play Monopoly, it was used to teach his kids to count denominations of money.

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Two charged with felonies after 2016 car crash

Two Glenwood residents were charged last week in Pike County Circuit Court with felony offenses related to a vehicle crash that happened in September 2016.

Erica A. Weatherford (also known as Erica Oberhoffer), 38, and Peter B. Montgomery, 30, were both charged on March 29. Weatherford is charged with felony leaving the scene of an accident with injury and Montgomery is charged with being an accomplice of the violation. The two are also charged with misdemeanor hindering apprehension of prosecution, according to court information, with Weatherford also facing a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated.

The charges stem from a single-vehicle accident in Glenwood on Sept. 23, 2016 that injured Alana Shay, who had to be air-lifted from the scene. Weatherford and Montgomery

told Glenwood Police Chief Kinzler they were passengers and Shay was the driver of the vehicle, which had reportedly hit a culvert and a tree stump on Second Street. However, Chief Kinzler said he noticed an impact mark on the driver's side windshield and a "mass of hair consistent in color and texture" to Weatherford's hair.

Chief Kinzler noted in his report that Shay's injuries and subsequent recovery prevented her from being interviewed until Jan. 24. In Shay's version of what happened that night, it was Weatherford who was driving at the time of the wreck and that it happened after the trio had been drinking alcohol.

After the crash, Shay said Weatherford and Montgomery pulled her from the vehicle and fled the scene before law enforcement arrived.

Weatherford and Montgomery made first court appearances Monday where their bonds were set at \$15,000 each.

rkansas Living Treasure J.R.Cool

By Mike Wallace, Glenwood Herald

Editor's Note:

This article is an update of one written in 2007 by John Balch of our parent company, The Nashville Leader, with information on steel and stone from an article written by Bill Heavey published this past month in a national magazine. Both articles were excellently done.

The Glenwood Herald editor has been asked by several folks around town if we had ever heard about James R. Cook or Jerry Fisk, both from down Nashville, Arkansas way. Sounded interesting, so here goes.

Arkansas Living Treasure:

James R. Cook lives in Center Point. It is a small community half way between Nashville and Dierks. It is too small to have its own post office so Cook has a mailing address out of Nashville.

Cook was named an Arkansas Living Treasure in 2007 as he is helping keep alive the tradition of making knives and tools



J.R. Cook of Center Point Community

through the forging process instead of processing the metal through machines as some knife makers do.

As stated in the article by John Balch, Cook believed it was a big honor to be named an Arkansas Living Treasure by the state Arts Council, and for that council to view knife making as an art.

Cook began making knives in the 1980s. He began forging blades in 1986 with the help of fellow southwest Arkansas knife maker Jerry Fisk, whose work has earned him international acclaim and the title of a National Living Treasure.

An Arkansas Arts Council grant allowed Cook to study the craft of forge welding as an apprentice to Fisk.

"Cook stated, "Fisk was forging at the time that I was grinding steel into shape. I did not know there was such a thing as a forging knife maker."

Cook took what he learned from Fisk and is now a full time knife maker whose work warrants a two year waiting list for a specialized knife from him.

Each year in October, Fisk, Cook and two other master knife makers, along with 20 or so collectors with deep pockets, gather in Nashville there in Howard County for a symposium. It is by invitation only and is officially named The Micro Invitational. A local name for it is the Scoundrels and Scalawags Symposium.

According to the article by Bill Heavey, the gathering is the brain child of Jerry Fisk. His knives sell for upwards of \$25,000 and he has a waiting list for up to seven years depending on the type and quality of knife you desire.

Cook explained in the 2007 article that once you have completed your apprenticeship with a Master Smith, the learning continues for many years.

The next level is called a journeyman before finally - if ever reaching a Master's rating.

After a couple of years honing your craft and skills, their blades are put through a series of tests under the watchful eye of a person who is already rated as a Master Smith.

"The first test is to chop - not whittle - through a 2 by 4. I have seen some people do it is seconds and some people take an hour." After that, and with no repairs to the blade allowed, you have to "clean shave" the hairs on your arm. If the blade passes that test, you hang up a one inch thick hemp rope with a knot at

the dangling end. About six inches up from the knot, you must

slice through the rope in one try. Heavey's article says that at this point, you must hold a single sheet of newspaper between two fingers and slice through it. Again without retouching the

blade edge. The knife is then taken by the Master Smith, who dulls one third of the blade edge. It is put in a table vise, tightened down and then the knife maker must bend the blade 90 degrees. If it

does not break, you have passed this portion of the test. Before applying for the Master rating, a student must have five blades approved by a panel of judges. To achieve that rating, the tests named above must be completed and the five blades furnished has to be made of laminated steel. One of the five must be an European style dagger with a fluted wire inlay

When Cook earned his master's rating, he was judged to be rated 41st in the world when it comes to knife making. He has a standard line of knives, but also crafts one of a kind pieces that are completely hand made.

Because knives go through a series of phases during construction, he is never working on just one at a time. He uses mammoth ivory for the handles on some, walrus ivory for the handle spacers. These are mined in the frozen tundra of Alaska and Siberia and don't come cheap.

Cook has been invited to national and international knife shows and specializes in the Bowie Knife, which he says originated in Arkansas at the Historic State Park in Old Washington by James Black who made one for Jim Bowie.

His knives have ended up in collections around the globe as he has been at this preservation of the art of knife making for

Different knife making artists all have their favorite steel, all have their favorite sharpening techniques.

Fisk uses 1084 steel while Cook sometimes uses a combination of 1084 and 15N20, commonly used to make band saw

They all agree with what Heavey wrote in his article. Electric sharpeners pave the road to knife hell. They are fast and effective, but remove chunks of metal from the blade. Fisk uses a

free hand method on an eight inch long fine grade Norton India "All the Master Smiths learn how to listen to the metal, know what it is able to do, how to get along with it, "Cook told

Heavey for that article. Sounds like a formula for getting along with people, noted

Albert Pike 2010 flood lawsuits dismissed

By Lynn LaRowe Texarkana Gazette

A federal judge in Texarkana has dismissed 11 civil lawsuits connected to the historic 2010 flood at Albert Pike campgrounds in the Ouachita National Forest that took the lives of 20 men, women and children.

U.S. District Judge Susan Hickey issued an 18page opinion ruling the government is immune from suit because of the Arkansas Recreational Use Statute and shot down arguments from the plaintiffs' lawyers that exceptions outlined in the law should allow the civil actions to go forward.

In the pre-dawn hours of June 11, 2010, the depth of the Little Missouri River rose from 3 to 23 feet in a matter of hours. Recreational vehicles, cars, asphalt, concrete picnic tables and campers were swept away by the roiling water. Roughly half of those who lost their lives were from Texarkana and surrounding areas.

Eleven lawsuits were filed after the flood in federal courts in Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana, which were eventually consolidated into one action be-

fore Hickey. The plaintiffs argued that the government's failures consisted of faulty warning equipment, inadequately trained staff, a lack of warning signs and a conscious disregard of its own scientific reports which place the Loop D campground in a 100year flood plain. The civil complaints argue that an exception for "malicious" conduct, which includes a "reckless disregard of the consequences," outlined in the Arkansas Recreational Use Statute should apply.

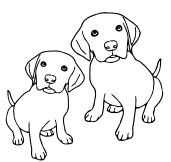
But Hickey disagreed. "The Court finds in the present case that there is no evidence that the government knew that Loop D was in a floodplain or that its location posed a danger to individuals camping there and no evidence that they constructed and maintained Loop D in reckless disregard of the consequences. The EA (environmental assessment) stated that warning signs regarding possible flash floods would be posted in Loop D; however, the Court is unaware of any rule or regulation that required the warning signs to be

The plaintiffs argued that the Arkansas Recreational Use Statute doesn't apply when an entrance fee is charged. Most of those who died in Loop D at Albert Pike paid \$16 for the privilege of camping there.

"In the present case, Plaintiffs allege that they paid a \$16 nightly fee to rent a campsite at Loop D, which included access to a concrete pad for an RV, water and electrical connections, and access to a sewage dump station. Plaintiffs further allege that this fee was an overnight admission fee to use the Loop D recreational facilities and thus the exception applies. The Court disagrees. The plain language of the statute expressly defines 'charge' as including fees for entry onto the land but excludes fees collected to offset the costs of maintaining recreational facilities," Hickey's opin-

ion states. If they choose, the plaintiffs can appeal Hickey's decision to the federal Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis. (Article reprinted with permission)

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Some of the people who worked at the SPOTS Clinic this past weekend at the Pike County Fairgrounds are, in front from the left: Cheryl Childers, Christy Love, Brenda Miller, Cathy Stoke and Sharon Dumas. Standing from the left are: Rick Miller, Ashley Bradshaw, Beth Vines, Bridget Standridge, Janaisa Yarbrough and Shelia Austin. Not pictured are: Director Cyndee Turnquist, Debbie Balicki, Bill Morphew, Karen Vaughn, Donna Kay Yeargan and Brad Smothers.

Pike County OEM announces new mobile app for alerting citizens

posted," Hickey's opinion

Pike County Office of Emergency Management Hesston Teel has announced the release of a new mobile app, MyAlerts, powered by AlertSense, the county's emergency alerting service.

Teel said county residents and visitors can now receive life-saving emergency alerts and advanced warning of severe weather directly on their Android or Apple iOS phone or tablet. The free MyAlerts app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or the App Store and residents can sign up to receive alerts and notifications here: http://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/?regionid=1293 Types of Alerts to Receive: Severe Weather Alerts Receive advanced warning of severe weather when you or one of your locations is in the direct path of the storm. AlertSense receives feeds from the National Weather Service, automatically interprets the geographic area affected, and delivers targeted alerts immediately to app users when one of their locations falls within the impact area.

You can tailor your alert settings by location, selecting the severity level for which you want to receive notifications. For example, you can choose to receive only the most severe weather warnings or all watches and advisories as well. Public Safety Alerts Receive emergency alerts from public safety alerting authorities, notifying you of situations that threaten the safety of yourself or those you care about. Public safety alerts include events such as crime, active shooter, imminent danger, hazardous materials, wildfire, floods and the need for immediate evacuation. Community Notifications

You can also choose to receive notifications of events in your community that, while not life-threatening emergencies, still impact your daily life and commute, such as road closures and power outages. My Locations: Simply add all the locations that matter to you, both within the county and even in other parts of the country. For example, you could identify your home, your child's school, where your aging parent resides, the university where your older child attends, and your office. When you travel, you can enable the app to "monitor my current location" in order to receive any emergency alerts

issued for the city or area you are visiting. For more information, contact Teel at (870) 285-2750.

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Mrs. Sample noted in an interview a third use for the fake bills in the house was to "make movies" and that her husband had even handed out the fake cash at a local preschool.

Mr. Sample told inves-

tigations he purchased the fake bills online in one order he believed would be worth \$10,000. Kinzler noted 71 of the 100 fake bills have been recovered.

As far as the drug paraphernalia found in the home, Mr. Sample said it all belonged to his wife, who refused to comment

to investigation about the matter, according to case documents.

The Samples made a first appearance on the charges Monday. They pleaded not guilty with Mr. Sample's bond being set at \$20,000 and his wife's set at \$10,000. A June 12 pretrial date was set.

Umpire man arrested for residential burglaries, bond set at \$50,000

An Umpire man has been arrested for recent residential burglaries committed in Pike and Howard counties.

Alex Michael Sharp, 22, was charged March 29 in both counties. He made a first appearance on the charge Monday in Pike County Circuit Court where be pleaded not guilty. Sharp's bond was set at \$50,000 and a June 26 pretrial date was set.

Sharp is accused of breaking into a home in Dierks on March 18 while the occupants attended a wedding in Oklahoma. When they returned, a family member who stayed behind informed the homeowners she had observed a young white male walking around in the middle of the house. She confronted the male who identified himself as "Alex" and said he was looking for a cell phone number. The Howard County Sheriff's Department was notified about the incident on March 20.

On March 21, Howard County Deputy Eric Glidewell was contacted by Sharp's employer who was concerned Sharp was "back on prescription pills." On March 22, Sharp came to the sheriff's department and admitted to "abusing pain pills again" and also confessed to breaking into the home in Dierks and another a few weeks prior in Ne-

Two more facing felony drug charges

Felony drug charges have been filed against a Prescott man and Conway man in two separate cases in Pike County Circuit Court

Darrell Shane Hill, 36, of Prescott was charged March 29 with possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. His bond has been set at \$25,000.

Peter Guarisco, 53, of Conway was also charged March 29 with possession of methamphetamine. His bond has been set at \$2,500.

Benefit Dinner for LeAnne Daniel and family Saturday, April 8th at 5:00 p.m. Centerpoint High School

Auction/Silent Auction Bear Creek Boys will perform

Contacts: Pam Kirby at 870-845-9251 or Kenny McGrew at 870-356-8957



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How to Manage Scalp Ringworm

Ringworm is a common fungal infection that mostly affects toddlers and school-aged children. The infection is easily spread through physical contact between infected children, animals and surfaces. The main symptom of ringworm is the appearance of dry, itchy, bald patches in the scalp that may appear in the shape of a "ring". The patches may also be painful or sensitive to touch.

The usual treatment for ringworm includes anti-fungal medications which are taken by mouth. Two commonly prescribed medications are griseofulvin (Gris-PEG) and terbinafine (Lamisil oral tablets). They both work to stop fungal growth and may take up to six weeks to eliminate the infection. In addition to anti-fungals, washing the scalp with an over-thecounter, medicated shampoo such as Selsun Blue (selenium sulfide) helps clear the fungus and prevents the spread of the infection to other body parts.

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Your membership donation will be your entrance to the "Members

only" Preview Day at the annual book sale on Thursday May 4 at 9:00

a.m. The huge book sale will be held in the library auditorium. Don't

miss this opportunity to be the first to find treasures among 1000's of

books at incredible prices.

10 days. For more info. Holly Deaton @ 870-828-1208.

Jerry Reese Yeargan

Jerry Reese Yeargan died March 31, 2017 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Yeargan and Tacy Pearl Yeargan, and his sister, Edwina McClurkan. He is survived by his wife of fiftyeight years, Jane Evans Yeargan, his daughter and son-inlaw, Leigh Anne and Michael Cale, his son and daughterin-law, Brooks and Traci Yeargan, two grandchildren, Sydney and Kinsley Yeargan, all of Fayetteville, Arkansas, one brother, Judge Charles Yeargan and wife Donna Kay of Glenwood, Arkansas, and one sister, Wanda Dwyer of Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Born in Kirby, Arkansas on January 31, 1940, Jerry was the valedictorian of his high school class. He attended Henderson State Teacher's College for two years where he played basketball and helped his team win the AIC Championship with an 18-2 record his freshman year. Jerry transferred to the University of Arkansas his junior year to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering. He received both a bachelor's and master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Arkansas, and was a member of Eta Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Mu Epsilon. After working for Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas, he returned to school and received his Ph.D in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, Texas in 1967.

Jerry returned to Fayetteville, Arkansas as a faculty member of the University of Arkansas College of Engineering where he taught for forty years until his retirement on June 30, 2007. He held the Texas Instruments Chair in Linear Microelectronics and served as Head of the Electrical Engineering Department from 1977-1982. He served as Head of the Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering from January 2005 until his retirement and as Distinguished Professor and Roger S. Kline Chair in Computer Science and Computer Engineering. He was a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), the American Society for Engineering and Education (ASEE), the International Engineering Consortium (IEC), and was a charter member of the Pan American Academy of Engineering.

Jerry was the 2001-2002 President of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET) and, as such, served as the Chair of its Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He served as an ABET director from 1998-2000 representing IEEE. He served as a member of the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of ABET from 1992-1997 and chair of the Criteria Committee from 1995-1997.

His career in Electrical Engineering afforded him the opportunity to travel the world. He served as a consultant evaluator to engineering schools in the United States and internationally including the Egyptian Air Force Academy, the University of Puerto Rico, the Universidad de Los Andes in Bogota, Columbia, the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology in Taejon, Korea, the University of Iceland, the Technical University of Delft, Kuwait University, the University of Qatar in Doha, Qatar, Abu Dhabi University, and the United Arab Emirates University of El-Ain, UAE. He served by invitation of the Swiss Federal Office of Technical Education as an international observer to the Peer Review of the Swiss Universities of Applied Science. He served as Chair of the Academic Advisory Board for the United Arab Emirates for the International Academic Advisory Council for the University of Qatar.

Jerry received numerous awards and recognitions including the 2006 Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award of ABET, the IEEE 2004 Harden Pratt Award, the IEEE Educational Activities Board Meritorious Service Award - 2001, IEEE Millennium Medal - 2000, Outstanding Teacher Award – Department of Electrical Engineering 2004, Outstanding Service to Students - College of Engineering - 1998, Outstanding Faculty Award, Presented by the Arkansas Academy of Electrical Engineers - 1998, 1997 IEEE Education Society Achievement Award, 1981 Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Professor in the College of Engineering, Haliburton Award - Outstanding Engineering Faculty – 1986, and the IEEE Centennial Medal - 1986.

When not teaching or traveling, Jerry enjoyed playing his guitars, playing golf with his life long friends, working in his yard, and playing with his granddaughters -Sydney and Kinsley.

A "last tee time: will be held at the Fayetteville Country Club, followed by a private burial service at Kelley Cemetery in Murfreesboro, Arkansas at a later date. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the University of Arkansas, University of Arkansas Foundation, In Memory of Jerry Yeargan, Electrical Engineering Department, 3217 Bell Engineering Building, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701, the Willard Walker Hospice Home, P.O. Box 356, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72702, or the Kelley Cemetery, c/o Jane Yeargan, 2831 South College Drive, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.

Arrangements: Epting Funeral Home Condolences: www.eptingfuneralhome.webs.com

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Peggy Jean Caldwell

Peggy Jean Caldwell, age 63, of Norman, passed away on Thursday, March 30, 2017.

She was born on January 18, 1954 in Mariana, Arkansas, the daughter of John Walker and Carrie Williams Walker. She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Jerry Walker and Larry Walker.

She is survived by her daughter, Carry Shirley; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Roy McKamie and Jamie and Amber Lambert, all of Norman; nine grandchildren; and her brother, Johnny Walker of Aubrey, Arkansas.

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

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

Michael C. "Stumpjumper" Barkman

Michael C. "Stumpjumper" Barkman, age 54, of Lodi, passed from this world on Sunday, April 2, 2017.

He was born on August 12, 1962 in Arkadelphia, the son of Lem Barkman and Edith Cooper Barkman. He was preceded in death by his son, Chris Barkman; his parents; and his brother, Lem Barkman, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Mona Barkman; his children and their spouses, Michael and Necole Henthorn, Jacob Barkman and Tim and Wanda Pierce; his grandchildren, Chyenne, Dawson, Rachael, Jake, Ashlee, Logan, Lilly and Timothy; his siblings and their spouses, Nancy and Bobby Hill, Mildred and Gene Howell, Audrey and Ray Buck, Sheila Provence, Jerry Barkman and Lee Barkman. He will be missed by a host of familv and friends.

Services will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, April 5, 2017, in the Davis-Smith Funeral Home Chapel, Glenwood, with Bro. John McAnally officiating.

Visitation will be Tuesday, 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, at the funeral home.

Cremation will follow the services.

Honorary pallbearers will be Trent Dowdy, Jimmy Lyons, Gomer Reid, B. J. Hill, Mark Barkman, Dusty Buck, Paul Tigue, Marvin Hampton and Danny Seals. Guest registry is at www.davis-smith.com.

James Scott

James Scott, age 68, of Caddo Gap, passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

He was born on December 12, 1948, in Hot Springs. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Scott. On July 3, 1970, he was married to Kathy Horn.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Scott of Caddo Gap; two daughters, Melissa Powell and Misty Scott, both of Caddo Gap; his two granddaughters, Jordan Powell and Peyton Powell; his son by heart, Joey Powell of Caddo Gap; and a host of wonderful friends.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Thursday, March 30, 2017, in the Davis-Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Glenwood.

Honorary pallbearers will be Papa T.C. Horn, Randy Barrett, Jeff Wilson, Dan McCarter, Charles Meade and his faithful dog, Sara, Barry Davis, Joe Floyd Wright, the McDonald's coffee crew, the Class of 1967 and Rod Guest registry is at www.davis-smith.com. Powell.

Preserving life a little longer

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

I've assured my wife that I ever be in a life and death scenario. Should she ever be in a hospital hooked up to wires and on the verge of death, doctors and nurses do not have permission to start pulling plugs and rushing hospice into the room. She has assured me the same support. We realize that death will come to both of us and neither of us wants to linger in a vegetative state. Of course we don't know what the scenario will be and no one does. We do believe we deserve every chance to pull through if it's possible.

In 2002, a doctor said this concerning the illness of my first wife, "She has fought a hard battle we can let her go on. Or, we can try to do everything we can to extend her life." I opted for the latter. They actually extended her life at least a couple of weeks and she had numerous good visits with her family and two adoring sons. I know we tried everything available to us to extend and save her life. Yet, I will never be free from the disappointment and pain that we could not cure her illness

and save her.

My wife's grandfather was will do everything to save and about to be released from the preserve her life should she hospital and seemed to be feeling great. They decided to keep him and soon it seemed they pulled hospice in and he was dead in a couple of days. Please don't hear me speaking against hospice. I know they do a wonderful job in many scenarios. Frequently, they appear to be called in too prematurely.

It seems to me that doctors, hospital staff and nursing home staff get tired of some people and help them exit life. I realize you may yell that I'm wrong but I'm entitled to my opinion. Medical insurance doesn't pay forever nor does it cover any and every kind of treatment and option to extend life. When the medical insurance is shaking its head "no" to further treatments then what happens? Is this when life really ends?

BENEFIT FOR LEANNE DANIEL There will be a benefit for Leanne Daniel on Saturday, April 8. There will be an auction and silent auction beginning at 5 p.m. at the Centerpoint High School, located between Amity and Glenwood. Also, the Bear Creek Boys will perform. Auction items are being accepted. Call Pam Kirby, 845-9251, or Kenny McGrew, 356-8957.

LIVE EASTER DRAMA DRIVE

Newhope Free Will Baptist Church will be hosting a Live Easter Drama Drive (or Walk)- Thru on Friday, April 7th and Saturday, April 8th, 2017 from 7:30- 9:30 pm. There is no charge and all are welcome to drive or walk through this spectacular live celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! For more information please call Pastor Scott Vaughn @ 870-356-8627.

OAK GROVE CEMETERY CLEANUP

Oak Grove Church and Cemetery (near Alpine) will have a clean up starting at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 1. Please bring rakes, blowers and other tools. In case of bad weather, or for some other reason you cannot make April 1, we will have the dumpster left for two weeks so you can discard your flowers.

LUPUS FOUNDATION OF ARKANSAS, INC.

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EGG HUNT AND CLOTHING GIVEAWAY HOSTED BY AMAZING FAITH MINISTRY

Easter egg hunt and clothing giveaway Saturday, April 8th 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Highway 70 and Bethel Road in Glenwood. There have been many donations from the Feed my Sheep church in Mena. The clothing is for all ages and sizes. There will be prize eggs, money and candy eggs. Come join

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Easter Sunday, April 16th, Sunday School 10:00 a.m. and Church 11:00 a.m.. Easter egg hunt and lunch will follow. For more information call 501-762-2128. Come celebrate with us!

More local announcements on page 4

I have eulogized over 400 funerals. I've made thousands of hospital and nursing home visits. So many times I have witnessed exhausted families and tired, overworked and underpaid intensive care staff caring for a patient who required painstaking treatment and attention. It was at these moments that it seemed I would hear "We have tried and done all we can do." Next. would come the onslaught of morphine shots that were supposedly for pain but in reality they were the death nail to the helpless person who was being exited from life.

I don't think you or any of us want to be held in this world helplessly tied to a ventilator and multiple devices. On the other hand I don't think any of us would mind being plugged up a while if in a couple of weeks we might rouse up and be able to spend a few more months or weeks with our family, eating ice cream or even watching wheel of fortune.

This is all difficult stuff and I have dear family and friends very involved in the medical profession. I'm not pointing fingers at you. I'm pointing fingers at all of us. Fight for your loved ones and friends. Value, sustain and protect life as long as you can.

An old friend of mine died when she was about ninety years old. She lived alone. She didn't have much but she was faithful in church and stayed busy. She was so fortunate in that she was never in the hospital for any length of time. Nobody had talked to her in a couple of days and a friend decided she had better go see about her. She was dead. She was sitting in her chair, the television was playing and she was surrounded with books and newspapers. She had passed on in the surroundings that were enjoyable and familiar to her.

I hope we can all be so fortunate.



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Visiting MI Lions take two from Caddo Hills Indians



Caddo Hills Lady Indian Skyler Jackson catches a fly ball by Mount Ida in their April 3 game at Caddo's field. photo by Dwayne Holloway

Lady Lions win 16-3 over Lady Indians

DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY

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CADDO HILLS - The Mount Ida Lady Lions opened up their match up at Caddo Hills with a six run first inning and wrapped things up in the fifth with a 16-3 victory over the Lady Indians.

Mattie Fiorello led off with a walk and advanced to second on a single by Isabella Thew. Madison Smith drove them in with a triple and scored on an inside the park home run by Braelynne Bates. Kirsten Gibbs rounded out the scoring in the inning.

The Lady Lions added two in the second inning on runs by Madison Smith and Mallory Carr and another in the third with a run scored by Isabella Thew.

Mount Ida took a 12-0 lead in the top of the fourth with runs by Fiorello and Thew, but Caddo Hills was able to mount a bit of a comeback in the bottom half of the inning, scoring three runs.

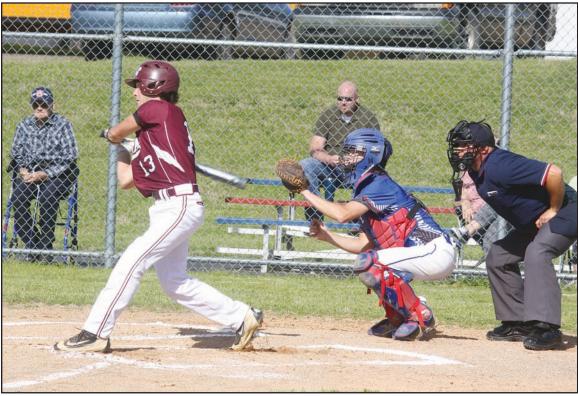
Delight man pleads guilty to terroristic threatening

A Delight man was sentenced to time in the state prison system Monday after he pleaded guilty to felony terroristic threatening.

Aaron Ashley Wesley, 27, was sentenced in Pike County Circuit Court to five years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections with two years suspended. A felony charge of aggravated assault and misdemeanor domestic battery against Wesley were dismissed as part of a plea agreement.

The charges stemmed from an incident on Dec. 27, 2016 when an "extremely intoxicated" Wesley was recklessly shooting an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle during an altercation with Marsha Burgress, whose two children were present. Wesley had also reportedly assaulted and choked Burgess during the incident.

The rifle was seized with a full magazine of armorpiercing rounds with one in the chamber as well as another full magazine, loaded shotgun and handgun, another handgun and assorted ammunition.



Mount Ida's Hayden Bishop, No 13, takes a cut at a Caddo pitch. Caddo's Jared McKellar is the Indian's catcher.

Photo by Mike Wallace

Lions defeat Indians 15-0

By Mike Wallace

CADDO HILLS - The visiting Mount Ida Lions baseball team took a 1-0 lead into the top of the second inning and blew the game open with six runs scored after Caddo put two Lion players out at second base.

Dropped baseballs and throwing errors by the Indians allowed the Lions to put across six runs in the second inning and five more in the third for a 12-0 lead. When the Lions scored three in the top of the fourth, and Caddo did not score, the umpire stopped the game.

Caddo pitcher Jesse Hollifield struck out two Lions in the first inning. Mount Ida's Cade Helms singled and went to second on a passed ball. He scored from there on a single by Johnathan LaGrange.

In the second inning, Caddo tagged out Austin McAdoo and Luke Fiorello at second base.

Mount Ida then scored six runs on a few solid hits and Caddo errors.

Caddo went down 1, 2, 3 in the bottom of the second.

Mount Ida came back with five runs in the top of the third inning. Caddo put three runners on base in the bottom of the third. One was forced out at second base and the last batter struck out.

Mount Ida scored three more in the fourth to end the game at 15-0.

Wraylin Phillips and Clarissa Sams reached on back to back throwing errors with Phillips scoring on the second error. Patsie Egleston reached base on an error.

Sams scored on a sacrifice ground ball hit by Alex Jackson. Egleston rounded out the scoring when she scored on a flyball hit by Skyler Jackson.

Mount Ida added three in the fifth to end the game early with the sportsmanship rule.

Isabella Thew led the Lady Lions with four hits, including a double, three runs and three RBIs. Madison Smith had three hits, including a triple, two runs scored and three

RBIs. Braelynne Bates had two hits, including a home run, two runs scored and two RBI's.Kirsten Gibbs had two hits, two runs and two RBIs.

Mattie Fiorello has one hit, two runs and one RBI, Addison Black had two hits and an RBI, Mallory Carr had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI, Kendra Burke had an RBI and one run scored, Julie Burke had three hits, two runs and one RBI.

Skyler Jackson had the lone hit for Caddo Hills with Wraylin Phillips, Clarissa Sams and Patsie Egleston scoring runs.

Legal Notices PUBLIC NOTICE

A recipient of Federal Education Funds that operates a public elementary or secondary education program, such as Caddo Hills School District, shall annually (1) undertake to identify and locate every qualified individual with disabilities residing in the recipients jurisdiction who is not receiving a public education. If you have a child thought to have a disability and want more information, you should contact your child's principal or Kathy Baker, Special Education Administrator at 870-356-5701, ext. 5736. Child find is being carried out pursuant to the requirements of Title VI, Part B of Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 and Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. (34 CFR # 104.32) G14-2tc, W114

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Driver's Ed classes this summer at Centerpoint HS

Centerpoint High School will offer a driver's education course this summer. Classes will begin Tuesday, May 30 and will conclude Wednesday, June 7. Class time will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Driving hours will proceed throughout the summer

Students will need Drivers Manuel from Revenue Office or use website for class. Driving times will be scheduled throughout the summer according to the number of class participants.

To be eligible to participate, students must be at least 14 years of age, must have completed 8th grade, and must have a 2.0 GPA. The cost is \$125 per student. There must be at least 12 students to have the class but limited to 24 students.

The first 24 students to sign up and pay registration cost (\$125) will be enrolled. Sign up and fee will be handled through the Superintendent's office. One-half credit will be awarded for successful completion of course. Contact the Centerpoint High School office at 356-2912 for details.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Caddo Hills to Destroy Special Education Records

The Special Education Department of Caddo Hills School District is required to destroy records of those students who have been OUT of the Special Education program for six (6) years or more. Records will be destroyed Wednesday, May 31, 2017. The records to be destroyed will be on students who left the program before August, 2011. If your child and/or you would like these records before they are destroyed, please contact Kathy Baker, Special Education Administrator at Caddo Hills School District. If the Student is over age 18, then the student must pick up the records. The Caddo Hills School address is: 2268 Hwy 8 East, Norman, AR 71960 or call 870-356-5701, ext. 5736.

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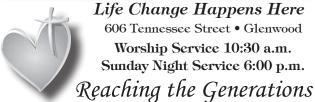
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Scooping fire into your lap By Steve Ellison pastorsteve8800@gmail.com

I am currently reading through Proverbs 3 times in 3 consecutive months with a group. Today's topic must concern God a great deal because He speaks of it often. I considered passing over the question found in Proverbs 6:27-28 because a very similar question was the focus a couple of articles ago. Upon further consideration, I figured that God must have good reason for the repetition. Taking special notice when God repeats Himself is always a good technique to use when studying the Scripture. He is certainly not simply filling space.

Proverbs 6:20-21 is a plea to take the commands of God, given through parents, seriously and to commit to living our daily lives according to these commands. We are told to obey said commands and not forsake them. We are told to make an effort to remember and revere these commands. The next two verses, 22-23, give a short testimony to the general benefits of following God's principles. We are told that obedience to these principles will protect us as we walk and while we sleep. It is also pointed out that following God's commands will light our way and lead us to life. Verses 24-26 bring the focus down to a specific problem that evidently God finds particularly troubling: sexual immorality, specifically with another man's wife.

One question is asked in two ways in Proverbs 6:27-28, "Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched?" (NIV) The answer is obviously, "No, he cannot". Verse 29 closes this short teaching on adultery by spelling out the answer in unmistakable bluntness. It also offers a promise. We like promises, especially promises from God. We love to hear that God will faithfully keep His word, that He will always do what He says. This time might be a little different. Verse 29 is a promise from God, "So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished." (NIV) God is promising that just as surely as a man cannot scoop fire into his lap without being burned and just as surely as a man cannot walk on hot coals without being burned, so a man cannot get away with this sin. He will surely be punished. Do not let God's patience and longsuffering mercy fool you into thinking that you will never be called into account.

Women should not think that this promise/warning does not apply to them, for it certainly does. Just because it uses a man as the example does not mean that women are exempt. It appears that in the United States today, it is virtually equally likely that women as well as men will commit this terrible sin. The trail of devastated spouses, dysfunctional families, broken homes, and single-parent households is impossible to miss. The tragedy of neglected, abused and abandoned children is absolutely heartbreaking. Certainly not all of this is caused by adultery but a significant portion is. Often it starts there. It is always good to keep God's promises in front of your eyes, foremost in your mind and close to your heart. This promise is no different. When you begin to notice and be attracted to one who belongs to another, flee. Flee because it is the right thing to do; flee because of the destruction that will come; flee because of God's promise to punish. Scooping fire into your own lap and walking on hot coals are always bad ideas with terrible, terrible consequences. And those consequences play out for generations.

By Karroll Morphew

Happy birthday to Charles Lambert, April 6, Terry Diggs, and Nova Lee Vincil, April 8. Please remember George Brizendine in your prayers. He home now and doing well enough physically, but still has NO memory!

Winifred "Dumpy" Wright Egleston, age 87, of Mt. Ida, passed away March 28, 2017. She was the daughter of James and Renna Newcomb Wright, who once lived in Bonnerdale. On March 19, 1948 Dumpy married John Egleston. Funeral services were held at 2 PM, Friday, March 31, 2017, in the First Baptist Church of Mt. Ida, with burial in the Owley Cemetery near Mt. Ida. Our condolences to John, Johnette, and the rest of the family. Dumpy was one of my cousins due to our dads being brothers.

This is the time for "April showers" and that is what we have. We got almost an inch of rain Sunday to go with the over five inches we received in March. No need to even try to walk in our garden. Jim checks on it and has reported that we have potatoes and green beans coming up. I just hope we don't get a cold snap which would get the beans. The potatoes would survive some cold weather.

As I write this on Monday morning, we are looking forward to several days of visits from children. It is rare for all of our children to be here within a 10 day period other than Christmas.



In the final days of the 2017 regular session, legislators completed work on balanced budgets for state agencies, prison units, public schools and higher education.

The Arkansas balanced budget law is called the Revenue Stabilization Act and it is necessarily one of the last and most important bills to be considered by lawmakers.

The act allocates more than \$5.3 billion in general revenue. The major sources of that revenue are the sales tax and state individual and corporate incomes taxes.

Out of the general revenue fund, more than \$2.2 billion will go to public schools. In Arkansas there are more than 477,000 students from kindergarten through grade 12.

About \$1.1 billion will go to the Human Services Department for Medicaid, which will be supplemented by federal matching funds at a rate of almost three to one. Last year Medicaid spent \$6.5 billion in Arkansas. Senior citizens, people with visual impairments and people who have disabilities account for 74 percent of traditional Medicaid spending in Arkansas.

About \$346 million will go to the Correction Department for securely housing more than 17,000 inmates. The Department of Community Correction, whose officers supervise 50,000 inmates out on parole or offenders on probation, will get \$83 million next fiscal year.

More than \$14 million is allocated for reimbursing county jails when they house inmates who should be in a state prison unit, but who have to remain incarcerated at the county level because of a lack of available bed space in a state unit.

The number of state inmates in county jails will fluctuate daily, but in the recent past has exceeded 2,000 at times. The state pays \$30 per day per inmate in reimbursement.

Higher education will receive \$733 million in state funding, to supplement the revenue they receive from tuition, fees, donations and endowments. More than 167,000 students are enrolled in state-supported colleges and universities.

Among the final pieces of legislation approved this session was Senate Bill 658 to strengthen legal protections of borrowers.

The bill defines as interest the amount of money that the borrower must pay back that exceeds the amount provided by the lender to the borrower. In this way, it includes as interest the fees and charges that payday lenders have used to skirt interest rate limits.

Amendment 89 to the Arkansas Constitution limits interest rates on loans and contracts to 17 percent. Supporters of SB 658 noted that payday lenders often charge fees that translate to an annual interest rate of 280 percent. That practice should end when SB 658 takes effect, 90 days after the legislature adjourns.

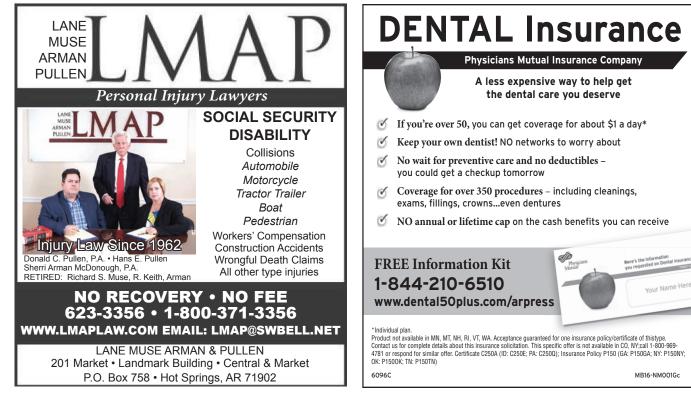
Also, the legislature passed and sent to the governor House Bill 1621 to change the date of school elections from September to the general election in November or the primary election in the spring. Legislation to permanently move the primary elections from May to March is still pending and has not gained final passage this session.

Both chambers approved HB 2057, which gives the Highway Commission authority to raise speed limits on controlled access highways, such as four-lane interstates, from 70 to 75 miles per

The Senate approved HB 1580 to levy a four percent tax on sales of medical marijuana. Revenue from the tax will pay for inspections and regulations of medical marijuana growing facilities and retail dispensaries.

With everybody working, they have to take advantage of whatever time can be worked out. It just so happened that daughter Martha, her son and wife, Matthew and Sarah, and great granddaughters, Abigail and Madelyn will be here Thursday for a three day visit. They will leave on Sunday, son Jonathan will get here Sunday for a week of turkey hunting. At the end of that week, daughters Nancy and Emily and their families will be here for the Easter weekend. Won't Jim and I have fun and be entertained for ten days!

Thought for the week: "Did you ever notice that when you put 'the' and 'IRS' together, it spells 'theirs'?" See you next week.





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New phone number to check turkey harvest LITTLE ROCK – Successful hunters this turkey season will have a new number to check their success. As part of a larger

license vendor change taking place, the call-in center for checking game will have a new phone number – 844-5AR-HUNT

"Anyone still hunting with the license they purchased last year will have the old phone number on their license," said Tony Davis, chief information officer for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. "But any new licenses purchased or reprinted after April 1 will have the correct information."

Davis says that the telephone check-in system will function as always, but hunters may want to explore checking their turkey via agfc.com if they have a data signal. In addition to being fast, and user-friendly, the improved website checking system also has a tab available to see harvest results across the state in near real-time.

"We've had both of these things available through the website before, but now it's located much more conveniently for hunters," Davis said. "This is just one of the advantages to the new licensing system we're using." Hunters still must tag their turkey with tags provided on their license. The new license system includes tags that can be

printed at home or through any license vendor at the time of purchase. Tags must remain on the animal until it reaches the final point of storage.

Turkey hunters may see slightly increased harvest despite poor hatch

LITTLE ROCK – According to the 2016 Arkansas Wild Turkey Brood Survey, last year had the second lowest reproductive success since the survey began in 1982. However, hunters likely won't see the impacts of that poor hatch until next season.

Jason Honey, turkey program coordinator for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, says most turkeys harvested are at least 2 years old, because of a fairly recent regulation change banning the harvest of jakes (immature gobblers).

"The no jakes rule and conservative seasons have allowed us to carry over a larger percentage of gobblers each year," Honey said. "The season structure we had made it a little harder to kill a gobbler, but the conservative starting date also allowed gobblers to breed before hunters entered the woods and increased the amount of gobblers that survived to be available during the next season.'

Honey says the conservative regulations can increase breeding success, but many factors, such as hen health, predators, poor habitat and bad weather can influence how many poults actually survive to the time brood surveys are done.

This year's turkey season will follow a little different structure than in years past, however. Instead of opening the regular season the weekend after the youth turkey hunt, the Commission moved the regular season opener to April 10, the Monday directly after the youth hunt. This would allow an earlier opening day, but perhaps spread out some of the pressure and active gobbling throughout the week.

"According to our hunter surveys, we are seeing a marked increase in gobblers seen and more gobbles per bird in the last few years because of the increased carryover," Honey said. "In terms of harvest, I would expect it to increase somewhat this

The hunter surveys Honey refers to are special log books volunteers carry with them to record the amount of gobbling, birds seen and successes each day of the season. Over the years, these entries can reveal larger trends in the population.

"By analyzing that data, we can keep tabs on peaks in gobbling as well as get a little better picture of the overall population structure," Honey said. "We're not only seeing more mature gobblers lately, but we're also seeing more jakes while the number of hens seen has been stable. That indicates that the population isn't really increasing, but our regulations have allowed us to let more jakes survive to become mature birds. "

Anyone who would like to volunteer to participate in this year's Turkey Hunter Survey may call Honey at the AGFC Mayflower Field Office, 501-470-3650 ext. 1214, or email Jason.honey@agfc.ar.gov.

Visit http://www.agfc.com/resources/Publications/Turkey-BroodSurvey2016.pdf to view the latest brood survey report. A full list of scientific reports is available at http://www.agfc.com/ resources/Pages/ResourcesScientificReports.aspx.

Voice your comments on proposed 2017-18 hunting reg changes

LITTLE ROCK - The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is asking the public to provide feedback on the state's proposed 2017-18 hunting season regulations. An online survey with explanations for each proposed change is available at: https://survey.agfc. com/index.php?r=survey/ index&sid=182816&lang=en The following regulations changes are among those being considered for the 2017-18 hunting season:

Replace the Sweet 16 Permit with a free general use permit required to hunt, fish, trap or camp on any WMA.

2. Add Van Buren County to the CWD Management Zone. 3. Remove antler restrictions from Lee Creek and McIlroy Madison County WMAs in response to CWD manage-

4. Restructure the Bear Zone 1 quota to: Archery season quota - 205 bears; Muzzleloader season quota -45 bears; modern gun season quota - 45 bears.

5. Allow feral hogs to be tak-

portable hunting stands to allow multiple people to assist in the transport and set-up. Expand motorized decoy ban to all Commission-owned properties, and include youth waterfowl season and teal season in the ban. Expand the ban on wa-

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during bear, deer and elk sea-

sons from Nov. 1 through Dec.

Revise the definition of

terfowl guiding to include national wildlife refuges.

Expand boating restric-

tions on George H. Dunklin Jr. Bayou Meto WMA to all Commission-owned WMAs.

Require mobility-impaired helpers to remain within eyesight and normal voice of a mobility-impaired access cardholder.

11. Restrict adults during youth hunt from carrying a firearm or archery equipment while mentoring youth hunter. 12. Permit only one weapon

of the hunter's choice during antlerless private land modern gun deer hunt. 13. Implement limited permit mined after checking with field trial schedule. 14. Limit users at Camp Rob-

WMAs, dates to be deter-

inson Special Use Area-Pepper's Pond to less than four dogs after 9 a.m. except on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The complete list of regulations change proposals, including justifications and the exact changes to the AGFC Code of Regulations are available at http://www.agfc. com/enforcement/Pages/EnforcementRegulations.aspx. Comments will be accepted until May 15, 2017.

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The Centerpoint ESOL Program recently sponsored their own version of March Madness at the new elementary school. High School and Junior High basketball players competed against the 4th and 5th grade students with the elementary students taking a win over the high school students! More pictures inside. Below:

Nate Smith, Rhett Hellums and Blayde Gillham





Girls identifiable from the left: Kristen Young and Katilyn Buck in back, and Zoie Barkman and Jasmine Fran-

Centerpoint expands college credit program

ROSBORO - An item discussed at the March 13, 2017 Centerpoint School Board meeting has come to fruition.

At that meeting, High School Principal Nic Mounts informed the board members the district was negotiating with the University of Arkansas at Cossatot to join in a program that offers 13 subjects which high school sophomores, juniors and seniors can take on-line subjects for college

credit. And take those courses for free.

Between Cossatot Community College and the existing program with Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, sophomores who pass the beginning tests and are accepted into the program will progress each year to graduation and have half of their college hours done and best of all, paid for by the Centerpoint School District.

Arkansas Tech will continue to offer seven on-line classes adding up to about 22 hours of col-

lege credit. Cossatot will offer 38 hours over the three years a student is in the program.

All classes will be at the Centerpoint High school campus.

Principal Mounts stated on Thursday, March 30, that one of the Cossatot classes which sophomores will take may require one trip to that campus for a test to see how the students are progressing. "All other work will be done on the high school campus under a teacher's supervision."

A meeting at the high school is set for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 10, for the parents and their student who will be a sophomore next school term.

If a student enrolls in this program, they must finish over the three year span to have all their college credits accepted by a public university or college. Mounts said the Arkansas legislature passed an act which requires those state funded colleges or universities to accept all the credits earned by the student. If the student does not continue through the three year program, the higher education facilities can pick and choose what completed courses they will accept.

Students will enroll as sophomores, and continue on through regular classes, electives and the on-line classes through their junior year and senior year. This will allow students to work through the basic classes which would be normally taken as college freshmen or sophomores.

As this years' high school freshmen, the Centerpoint students are taking their normal and assigned classes for the seven periods now utilized at the district.

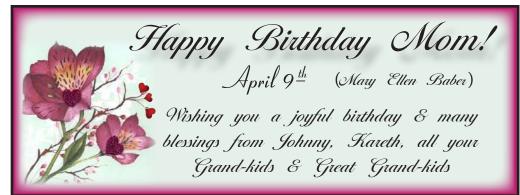
For those who enroll in the program offered by Centerpoint and the two colleges, as sophomores they will take three normal classes, have time for two electives and two Cossatot offered classes each semester. As juniors, they will have two assigned classes, one elective and two classes each from Cossatot and Arkansas Tech per semester.

As seniors, the students who have successfully progressed upward through the sophomore and junior grade levels will have two assigned classes in the fall semester, one elective and four hours of college level work. In the spring semester, the seniors will have one assigned class, two electives and four college level classes.

Mount stated that in his negotiations with Cossatot Community College, he informed them he thought 10 to 15 students and their parents will take advantage of the program.

Each group will be called a cohort, stated Mounts. When the 2017-18 sophomores move up to be juniors, another sophomore group will be formed and start in the program. When the 2017-18 sophomores get to be seniors, another sophomore group will be formed.

"Since the Centerpoint School District is footing the bill for these on-line classes, it makes for a sound financial policy by parents to have the first 60 hours of college courses for their student paid for by the district and not come out of their wallets," was the consensus of the March 13 approval vote by the school board members.





Cesar Ortiz and Keenan Owens



Blake Teague, at right, prepares to take a shot.

Resource Officer there to prevent something wrong happening

In collaboration with the Pike County Sheriff's office, officer Michael Massey has recently joined the Centerpoint School family as the new School Resource Officer. Massey is a 1993 graduate of Glenwood High School, and has 2 1/2 years of law enforcement experience.

"SRO's are not here because something is wrong, but are here to prevent something wrong from happening", say Massey.

Massey also stated, as a Law Enforcement role model, this lets students see the other side of the law. In addition to writing tickets and making arrests, the kids will learn that Police officers are here to help lead the way to the Public's safety and that some students may eventually seek a career in law enforcement. They could also help prevent crime and wrong doings in their communities.

"Officer Massey is a valuable addition to the district" says superintendent Dan Breshears. "Not only are we glad to have someone serving in this capacity now, Michael is the perfect fit. He has knowledge and experience in law enforcement and working with young people".

According to Breshears the new hire is just one more way the Centerpoint School District is putting the safety and well-being of our kids at the forefront.

The resource officer will serve not only as an on campus law enforcement officer, but will also be the district's safety coordinator and will provide information for students ranging from safety to anti-bullying, and ven career guidance in the

PROJECT 2020

Project 2020 is a partnership between Centerpoint High School and UA Cossatot.

This program will enable students to graduate with both a high school diploma from Centerpoint and an Associate's degree from UA Cossatot at no charge to students. Sophomores can begin the program this fall.



Centerpoint Superintendent Dan Breshears and UA Cossatot Chancellor Dr. Steve Cole sign an agreement that will allow Centerpoint students to earn an Associate's degree through UA Cossatot. Also pictured are CHS Counselor Terri Roberts, UA Cossatot Vice Chancellor Ashley Aylett, and CHS Principal Nic Mounts.



There will be a parent meeting on Monday, April 10 at 6:00 in the CHS cafeteria.