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Local Briefs

Dewayne Hodges returns to the Front Porch Stage

The Front Porch Stage in Mount Ida proudly presents Dewayne Hodges in concert Saturday, May 13 at 7pm.

A Montgomery County native son, Hodges returns home with his one man show.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors, your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of great family entertainment on the courthouse lawn. The Back Porch Kitchen and Possum Store will be open during the concert.



Dewayne Hodges

Marco! Polo! Come find us at our new office

The Montgomery County News has moved locations to better serve you.

We are now located at 133 South West Street in Mount Ida. Our new office is in the same building as our previous office. We are now in the front corner office next to Ouachita Artist's Gallery.

The office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays we are in and out as we deliver papers.

Our deadline each week is Mondays at 3 p.m.

We can be reached at (870) 867-2821, or by email at montcnews2@windstream.net, or montcads@windstream.net.

North Little Rock man pleads guilty to felony, charged with another

A North Little Rock man plead guilty to a criminal mischief charge last week in circuit court and then was arraigned on a new charge regarding an incident with a jail employee.

Brant Alan Yarbrough, age 30, plead guilty to one count each of residential burglary, a class B felony, and criminal mischief 1st degree, a class A misdemeanor, as part of a plea agreement entered into with the prosecuting attorney's office.

He was sentenced to 60 months supervised probation and ordered to serve 120 days in Montgomery County Jail. He was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and \$716.51 in fees and court costs.

According to documents obtained from the Montgomery County Clerk's Office the charges stemmed from an attempted burglary February 14.

Yarbrough also faces one count of battery 2nd degree against an employee of a correctional facility, a class D felony.

The new charge stems from an altercation with a jail administrator.

During his arraignment a pretrial hearing was set for August 1 and a jury trial was scheduled for September.



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The Caddo Hills Indians held on to win the 2017 2A State Track Meet with a score of 69 points. The trio of pole vaulters competing accounted for 23 of their points. Pictured left to right: (Standing) Christian Duggan, Chance Smith, Jordan Foster. The trio of pole vaulters competing accounted for 23 of their points. Pictured left to right: (Standing) Christian Duggan, Chance Smith, Jordan Foster, Skylar Wilkerson, Skylor Hatton, Stone Crawford, David Gonzalez, Simon Whisenhunt, Charles Ingram, Coach John Ellis. Matthew Standridge, Josh Qualls, Jared McKellar and Jasper Whisenhunt.

Indians claim 2A State Track Title

Standridge sets 2A Meet record, Torbett claims seventh state title

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CONWAY – Matthew Standridge set a new 2A State Meet record in the pole vault and the Caddo Hills Indians scored 23 points in the event on their way to their first 2A State Outdoor Track Title under Coach John Ellis.

The team started the season with a 2A State Title in the Indoor Meet, setting the tone for the season.

The Indians scored 69 points in the meet, just five points better than Lafayette County who finished second with 64 points.

Christian Duggan was busy during the early events. He kicked off the day with a 10th place finish in the triple jump with a jump of 39 feet 11 inches. He did much better in the throwing events, finishing second in the shot put (44-07.75) and first in the discus (125-06).

Josh Qualls was the first to score for the Indians, finishing third in the high jump with a jump of six feet.

Mount Ida scored a full one third of their points in the pole vault event with Matthew Standridge, Chandler West and Simon Whisenhunt finishing 1st, 2nd, and

4th respectively.

Standridge set a new 2A State Meet record with a vault of 15 feet 2 inches and held the 2A and 1A State Pole Vault Records for a couple hours before Rhett Nelson of Trinity Christian School broke the 1A record with a vault of 15-4.

West vaulted 12 feet for second place and Whisenhunt vaulted 11 feet for fourth place.

Christian Duggan figured heavily in Caddo Hills' presence in the hurdle races. He qualified third in the 110m hurdles (:16.39) and finished third in the finals (:16.33).

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The view from the Front Porch Stage as the Caddo Hills High School Band performs at the inaugural Spring Band Bash. The event featured musical performances from the Caddo Hills, Mount Ida and Oden music programs. It kicks off the Front Porch Stage season. The Front Porch Stage offers free musical entertainment every Saturday at 7 p.m. from May to October. See page four for more photos.

County among 36 declared disaster areas

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Montgomery County is one of 36 counties and two cities to be officially declared disaster areas by Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson as a result of recent storms that swept through the state.

The storms, which began April 26, dumped heavy amounts of water while producing tornadoes in some areas. Residents in Montgomery County saw as much as six inches in one day and a tornado warning was declared at one point in the Mount Tabor area.

Flash flood conditions left approximately 500 customers without water after a mainline pipe broke at a creek crossing east of Mount Ida. The Mount Ida Water Department had the break fixed within a 24 hour period, but customers were under a precautionary boil order until last Wednesday.

Mount Ida Mayor Jo Childress stated that city would need to go back and rebuild the line with a metal casing to prevent future breaks.

County Judge Sammy Jones reported that the county is still assessing damages to area roads and bridges. He noted that the new bridge built by the state highway department over Mazern Creek was supposed to withstand a 300 year flood and water crested the bridge during the flash flooding.

Governor Hutchinson issued his first disaster declaration May 2 for the counties of Benton, Cleburne, Independence, Jackson, Madison, Marion, Searcy, and White Counties.

Montgomery County was among the counties added to the list with a second declaration May 4. They were joined by Baxter,

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Good Ol' Days Festival, Car Show coming May 26-27

The Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce proudly presents the Good Ol' Days Festival May 26 and 27.

The festival is located on the Courthouse Square in Mount Ida and is free to all. It offers something for everyone with live music, food, games, vendor booths, a car show and more on the agenda.

The Good Ol' Days Festival kicks off with a "Good Ol' Gospel" show on the FrontPorch Stage Friday evening. The show features the Robertson's Tradition at 6 p.m. and The Garrett Sisters at 7 p.m.

Saturday kicks off with the car show at 8 a.m. The car show is sponsored by the Mount Ida Youth Athletic Association and the Montgomery County Athletic Association. The car show awards presentation is scheduled for 3 p.m.

The Festival continues until 5 p.m. with Live Music until 8 p.m. The FrontPorch Stage features John Talley, Jeb Willborg, and more throughout the day with Mike Mayberry & the Slowhands performing the evening show.

The Mount Ida Good Ol' Days Festival is sponsored by:

the Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, the Mount Ida Youth Athletic Association, Montgomery County Athletic Association, and The Montgomery County Front Porch Stage.

For more information contact the Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce at (870) 867-2723. You can also contact them through their website at mtidachamber.com.

Lady Lions earn first round bye in 1A State tournament

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DIERKS - The Mount Ida Lady Lions will enter the 1A State Softball Tournament as Regional Runners-Up after going 2-1 in the 1A-4 Regional Tournament.

The Lady Lions punched their ticket for the tournament with a first round 15-0 victory over Western Yell County Friday.

Mount Ida jumped out to a three run lead in the first and added seven in the third. They put the game away in the fourth with a five run effort, advancing to the semifinals of the regional tournament.

Mallory Carr pitched a no hitter, striking out five in four innings of work.

Braelynne Bates scored three runs on three walks to lead the team in scoring. Mattie Fiorello had two hits, including a double, three RBIs and a run. Mallory Carr hit a double, driving in two runs and scoring twice. Julie Burke scored twice and drove in a run on one hit and a walk.

Kirsten Gibbs hit a triple, driving in three runs and scoring once herself. Addison Black scored twice and had an RBI and Kendra Burke scored twice on two walks. Madison Smith had a hit, a run and an RBI. Isabella Thew also scored a run.

Mount Ida had to hold on to defeat a familiar foe

in Acorn during their semi-final match up.

Kirsten Gibbs scored in the third on a single by Mattie Fiorello to put the Lady Lions on the board. Mallory Carr and Julie Burke scored in the fourth to give Mount Ida a 3-0 lead.

Acorn scored once in the sixth and again in the seventh, but the Lady Lions held on for the victory and a spot in the finals against Scranton.

Addison Black scattered two runs and five hits across seven innings of work. She struck out six and walked one.

Julie Burke was the workhorse in the game, scoring once and driving in a run on three hits. Mallory Carr and Kirsten Gibbs each had a hit and a run. Kendra Burke and Mattie Fiorello each had a hit and an RBI. Isabella Thew and Braelynne Bates each recorded a hit.

One run was the difference once again in the finals, but the Lady Lions found themselves on the losing end of the decision this time with a 1-0 loss at the hands of the Scranton Lady Rockets.

This is the first time a Mount Ida Lady Lions softball team has advanced to the state tournament.

Mount Ida will travel to Pine Bluff Regional Park Thursday to face Hermitage at 12:30 p.m. in the state tournament.



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The Mount Ida Lady Lions defeated Western Yell County and Acorn before losing to Scranton in the finals of the 1A-4 Regional Softball Tournament. They will travel to Pine Bluff Thursday, making the first ever state tournament appearance for a Mount Ida softball team.



LEFT: Mattie Fiorello (3) slides in safely at home for a run as the Lady Lions punch their ticket for the state tournament with a 15-0 victory over Western Yell County.

BOTTOM LEFT: Seth Bearshears (20) asks for a time out after avoiding a pick off attempt in Mount Ida's opening round loss to Scranton.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Luke Fiorello (7) steals third as he works his way around the bases for Mount Ida's lone run against Scranton.

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Lions lose heartbreaker in regional opener

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DIERKS - The Mount Ida Lions season ended in a hard fought 2-1 loss at the hands of the Scranton Rockets in first round of

the 1A-4 Regional Baseball Tournament last Friday.

Cade Jackson struck out six while giving up two runs on six hits and a walk. The Lions committed six errors in the game.

Mount Ida struggled to put the ball into play through most of the game, but was able to take the lead in the top of the sixth thanks to a run by Luke Fiorello. Fiorello led off with a single and then advanced to second base. He stole third and scored on a

single by Cade Helms.

Scranton was able to respond with two runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the lead.

Hayden Powell tried to spark a rally in the seventh with a single, but the Lions failed to move him around to tie the game.

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Obituaries



Martin John Sommerkorn

Martin John Sommerkorn, age 85, of Pencil Bluff passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

Born on May 3, 1932, the son of the late Ferdinand Sommerkorn and the late Margaret Arnold Sommerkorn. Martin was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Joanne Alice Carter. He was preceded in death by his brother, Ferdinand Fred Sommerkorn, sister, Anna Mae Donahue, and sister, Ruth Stitzer.

Martin lived in New Jersey until joining the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. While stationed in Denver, Colorado, he met his bride, Joanne. After serving in the military he returned with Joanne back to New Jersey where they raised their children until moving to Oden in 1971.

Among his many talents, Martin was a star baseball pitcher at Clifford J Scott High School in East Orange, New Jersey. He was scouted by the New York Yankees for tryouts and declined their offer, opting to join the Air Force. Over the years, he learned carpentry, using those skills to build 7 family homes. Martin found much

joy in fishing thru out his lifetime. Hardly a day would pass during his later years that he would not be found somewhere out fishing. Not to be forgotten were Martins' creative imagination and his stories. Who will ever forget those stories!

Martin had a great love for his Lord and Saviour, and his family. He was a member of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

Martin is survived by his 5 children, Laura Ashcraft and husband Charles of Ozark, Missouri, Cathy Breitenbach and husband Dave of Oden, Ruth Stovall and husband Gary of Oden, Gail Bradley and husband Gary of Russellville and son Martin (MJ) Sommerkorn and wife Tisha of Oden. Martin was "Grandpa" to 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. All were loved and left with lifetime memories.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 10, 2017, in the Pencil Bluff Cemetery with Bro. Eugene Donahue, Jr. and Bro. Arlie Francis officiating.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home, Glenwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Missionary Fund, 101 Hogjaw Road, Oden, Arkansas, 71961.

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

Onyal Vernon O.V. Morrison

Onyal Vernon "OV" Morrison, 89, of Story, Ar. passed away May 3, 2017 in Mt. Ida, Ar. He was

born November 29, 1927 to Emmitt and Edith (Brown) Morrison in Mauldin, Ar. OV is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Dorothy Morrison of 64 years, son Dean Morrison, daughter Velma Morrison, great granddaughter Ashley Morrison, brother Carl Morrison and brother Doyle Morrison.

He is survived by his son, Vernon Cotton Morrison (Elise), daughter, Barbara (Bobbi) Glidewell (John), sister, Mildred Stewart, Grandchildren-Wendell Morrison (Karen), Brian Morrison (Janie), Stephen Morrison (Leah), Kevin Morrison (Emily), Amber Nicolosi, John Eric Glidewell (Jessica), Brigittie O'Neal (Larry), Kenneth Manley (Laura), 20 Great Grandchildren, 11 Great-Great Grandchildren, 1 Great-Great Grandchild, several nieces, nephews and friends.

OV was a self made man who was a business owner, cattle buyer and owner. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and trips to Oaklawn. Above all, he enjoyed time spent with his family and friends.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 5, 2017, 5 to 8pm at Thornton Funeral Home Chapel in Mt. Ida, Ar. Graveside services will be held Saturday, May 6, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at Oakwood Cemetery. Service will be officiated by Brother Josh Harper and David Spears.

Pallbearers: Wendell Morrison, Brian Morrison,

Stephen Morrison, Kevin Morrison, John Eric Glidewell and Kenneth Manley.

Honorary Pallbearers: The staff of Montgomery County Nursing Home. Arrangements were made under the direction of Thornton Funeral Home of Mt. Ida, Ar. Guest register at www.thorntonfh.com

Debra Knebel

Debra Knebel, age 53 of Hot Springs, AR, passed away May 3, 2017 at National Park Medical Center. She was born November 27, 1963 to the late James Neilson and Dorothy Howard. Debra is preceded in death by her parents, James Neilson and Dorothy Howard, husband, Russell Knebel, daughter Katherine Knebel and son, Christopher Knebel.

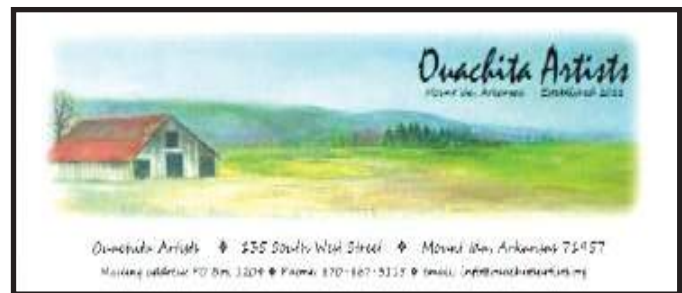
She is survived by son, William Knebel (Heather), daughter, Shanna Warf (Cameron), grandchildren, Austin Knebel, Jewel Knebel, Alex Porter, Olivia Knebel, and Prudence Knebel.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10-12 at Thornton Funeral Home in Mount Ida, AR. Graveside service will follow at Blish Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. with Brother Noah Saveall officiating. Arrangements were made under the direction of Thornton Funeral Home of Mount Ida, AR.

Guest register at www.thorntonfh.com

Celebration of Life

We would like to invite you to the Celebration of life for Alice Carr and Clyde "Bones" Carr on May 13 at 12:00 P.M. at Lake Ouachita Baptist Church. Fellowship afterwards.



Have you ever thought you might try painting a picture, but you didn't want to invest in all the supplies you would need to get started?

Consider pastels. You will need only the pastels themselves and a selection of paper. Pastels are made from finely ground pigments, bound together with gum to form a stiff paste, which is then shaped into sticks and allowed to harden.

In Pastel Painting Techniques, by Guy Roddon, four types of pastels are described: soft and hard pastels, pastel pencils and oil pastels. They vary according to the amount of binder used, the hardness of the pigment, and the degree of pressure used during the shaping of the sticks. Soft pastels are the most widely used. They contain very little hardening agent and more pigment which produces rich and vibrant colors. They are fast at covering a large area, and colors are easy to blend. You need to have a delicate touch because they may break and crumble easily. Hard pastels have a firmer consistency and a harder edge, and can be sharpened to a point with a razor blade. They are used more for drawing than painting. Some artists will start with hard pastels to define the composition, then fill in with soft pastels. Hard pastels may be used in the final stages to add details. Pastel pencils are like pastel sticks, but are enclosed in wood. They give sharper lines and are cleaner to handle. Oil pastels are made by combining pigment with

an oil binder instead of gum. They make thick, buttery strokes and their colors are deeper. They are less likely to smear or break. Oil pastels should be used by themselves, not in combination with gum pastels.

Special paper is needed for painting with pastels. If you look closely at the surface of paper used for pastels you will see a pitted surface, or "tooth." These tiny ridges and hollows in the paper "bite" the particles of pastel and hold them in place. Rough papers have more tooth than smooth papers do; the kind you choose depends on the effects you want to create. Paper should be of good quality and fairly thick. You might start with a pad with a variety of paper textures and experiment.

Pastels offer the satisfaction of immediate contact with the paper, they are easy to manipulate, and appeal to the same impulse demonstrated by children when they pick up a piece of chalk to draw on the sidewalk.

This could be a good way to start your new interest in painting!

You are invited to view photographs of Iceland taken by Mary Ann Shaw on her recent trip. Come to the rear entrance of Ouachita Artists Gallery and Studio on Monday May 15th at 2 p.m.

Maureen Walther's Alcohol Ink workshop is filling up fast. Call 870-867-3115 soon to sign up. Fee is \$40. It is scheduled for Friday, May 19th from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Gallery on the Courthouse Square in Mt. Ida.

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 will have a 1/2 price sale on women's blouses at May 8 through May 13. New merchandise put out daily. Thanks to all who shop with us and bring us donations.

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

Decoration Day and Potluck dinner will be at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church on Sunday, May 14. Donations for the cemetery fund may be mailed to Mt. Gilead Cemetery Fund PO BOX 116 Norman, AR 71960.

Mount Ida Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Please call Randi at (870) 867-0149 for more information or pick up an application at Mount Ida Preschool.

Mount Ida Senior Activity and Wellness Center is taking applications for the waiting list for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). CSFP is a monthly commodity distribution for seniors 60 and older. To qualify one must live in Montgomery County; be age 60 or older and total gross monthly income cannot exceed \$1305.00. To apply go to the Mt. Ida Senior Activity and Wellness Center, located at 158 Senior Drive in Mt. Ida. Center hours are Monday thru Friday, 7:30am to 3:30pm. Approved Seniors will receive each month - 4 cans of vegetables; 2 cans of fruit; 2 gallons of juice; canned meat; peanut butter or beans; 2 cartons of milk; every other month a bag of instant milk; rice or pasta; 2lb of cheese; and two boxes of cereal. For more information, please contact

Sue Ledbetter at (870) 867-2313 or Evelyn Reed at 501-315-1121.

Photographs of Iceland, taken on a recent trip by Mary Ann Shaw, will be shared at the Ouachita Artists program on Monday, May 17 at 2 p.m. The show will be held at the Gallery on the Court House Square in Mt. Ida, and is free and open to the public. Call 870-867-3115 for details.

The Alcohol Ink technique of decorating ceramic tiles will be taught in a workshop led by Maureen Walther of Ouachita Artists. Two tiles will be produced by each participant. The workshop will be held at the Gallery in Mt. Ida on the Courthouse Square on Wednesday, May 19th. Fee for the course will be \$40, and supplies will be furnished. To register for the event, or to learn more about it, call 870-867-3115.

The Oden School Biennial Reunion will be held Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Oden School Cafeteria. Doors will open at 10 am and a meal will be served at noon. The meal will be catered by Smokin in Style offering a choice of smoked beef or chicken with the fixins for \$10 a plate. Please RSVP to be sure we have plenty of food!! Thank You!! Laura Wagner 479-243-6169.

Caddo Hills School Kindergarten & Pre Kindergarten Registration 2017-2018 May 23, 12:00-2:30 May 24&25, 8:00-2:30, May 26, 8:00-12:00. Students must be 5 years old on or before August 1 for Kindergarten and 4 years old on or before August 1 for Pre Kindergarten. For registration bring student along with their birth certificate, social security card, shot record and physical. Any questions, call 870.356.5702.

Attorney General Mobile Office: The mobile offices assist constituents with consumer-related issues in filing consumer complaints and providing information about scams, identity theft, fraud and other protections. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mount Ida Senior Activity Center.

Prescription Drug Take Back: Authorities will be collecting prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, pet medicines, medicated ointments and lotions, inhalers, liquid medicines in glass or leak-proof containers and medicine samples. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mount Ida Senior Activity Center Prescription drug take back partner: Sheriff David White

Senior Scams and Identity Theft Prevention Presentation: Seniors and older adults can learn about common scams that target them, along with way to spot and prevent identity theft. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Mount Ida Senior Activity Center.

SHOCKEY CHAPEL CEMETERY CLEAN UP DAY

The Shockey Chapel Cemetery Clean Up and Decoration Day will be May 27, 2017. There will be a pot luck lunch at noon. The location of the cemetery: Go three miles east of Norman and turn on Liberty Road. Go one quarter of a mile and turn on Shockey Cemetery Road. Follow the signs. If you can donate to the cemetery upkeep - send your check made out to the cemetery to Ralph D. Graves, 376 Smith Creek Road, Norman, AR 71960. For more info - 1-870-490-1048.

Owley cemetery will have a clean up day on Saturday

May 20 th, with the Decoration Day Service to be held on Sunday May 21st at 11:00 AM at the Owley Church, we will also be electing committee members so anyone who is interested in helping please attend the business meeting. We recommend you stop by and remove any old flowers from your families' graves. The grounds will be mowed, but touch-ups around the headstones may be needed. Donations are needed to help with mowing and upkeep for the 2016 year and can be mailed to Owley Cemetery fund, C/O Bear State Bank, P.O. Box 1228, Mount Ida, AR 71957.

Pencil Bluff First Baptist Church is hosting Pencil Bluff Cemetery Decoration May 28. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Concert following. Everyone is welcome.

Joplin Memorial Cemetery Decoration Day will be Sunday, May 14, 2017.

Clean up day will be Saturday, May 13, 2017. If you are unable to attend and still want to help, donations are greatly appreciated and needed. Donations are used for the upkeep of the cemetery throughout the year. Donations can be mailed to Kathy O'Neal at P.O. Box 216 Mount Ida, AR 71957 or given to one of the committee members. Thank you for your support and help.

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 Possum Potentate John Henderson Sr. introduces the leaders of all three schools' music programs before the show. Pictured from left to right: Jessica McNulty (Oden), Cilla Green (Caddo Hills), John Henderson Sr., and Krista Burgess (Mount Ida).



DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY | Montgomery County News
 Krista Burgess leads the Mount Ida jazz band through a trio of pieces. They opened with "It Don't Mean a Thing", followed by "Soul Man" and "25 or 6 to 4."



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 Jessica McNulty directed a pair of choirs comprised of students from Oden Elementary School and High School. (Pictured left) Oden Elementary Students perform a medley of songs from the movie "Oh Brother, Where art thou?" (Pictured right) The Oden High School Choir performs "The Plans I Have For You."



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 Cilla Green leads the Caddo Hills Band as they work their way through a program of five pieces. They began with "Windsor Overture", and then performed "Montezuma's Castle", "Jungle Trip", "Prelude and Allegro" and finished with "Arkansas Post March."



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 Krista Burgess leads the Mount Ida band as they close out the night with five pieces. They played "Lassus Trombone", "A Childhood Hymn", "Danse Macabre", "Junkyard Jam" and wrapped things up with "Invicta."

Archives and special collections workshop scheduled May 20

Little Rock - The Arkansas State Archives and the Hot Spring County Historical Society are hosting an archives and special collections workshop from 9 a.m. until noon on Sat., May 20 in the Great Room (A300) at the College of the Ouachitas in Malvern, Department of Arkansas Heritage

Director Stacy Hurst announced today. "Caring for Your Historical Collections" will feature sessions on "Basic Tips for Managing Historical Collections," "Responsible Preservation on a Budget," and "Working with Special Formats." The event is free but registration is re-

quired. Registration is limited and deadline for registration is May 15. Check-in for the event begins at 8:15 on May 20. The Arkansas State Archives is an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage and is responsible for collecting and maintaining the largest collection of historical materials on Ar-

kansas in the world. The State Archives has two branch locations: the Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives is located in Powhatan and the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives is located in Washington. Other agencies of the Department of Arkansas Heritage include the Arkansas

Arts Council, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, the Delta Cultural Center in Helena, the Old State House Museum, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, and the Historic Arkansas Museum. Founded in 1967, the Hot Spring County Historical Society

is dedicated to promoting the preservation, writing, publishing, teaching and understanding of the local history of Hot Spring County Arkansas and surrounding areas. For more information about the symposium or to register, email events.archives@arkansas.gov or call 501-682-6900.

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Wednesday, May 10: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 10:00 a.m.: Chair Volleyball; Lunch at 11:45 a.m.: Broccoli Cheese Soup, Tuna Salad Wrap, Carrots, Celery, and Fruit Parfait; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice; and 12:30 p.m.: Lap Quilting.

Thursday, May 11: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 8:30 a.m.: Mena Shopping Trip; 10:00 a.m.: BINGO; Lunch at 11:45 a.m.: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Wheat Bread, and Sugar Cookie; and 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Friday, May 12: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of Games; 9:30 a.m.: Exercise; 10:00 a.m.: Music; Lunch at 11:45 a.m.: BBQ Chicken, Potato Wedges, Green Pea Salad, Wheat Bread, and Fluffy Fruit; and 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Monday, May 15: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 9:30 a.m.: Exercise; Lunch at 11:45 a.m.: Pizza, Broccoli with Cauliflower Salad, Peaches, and Applesauce Cake; and 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Tuesday, May 16: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 11:00 a.m.: Council Meeting; 11:30 a.m.: Birthdays in May Party; 11:45 a.m.: Hamburger, Confetti Corn, French Fries, and Ambrosia; and 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Wednesday, May 17: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 10:00 a.m.: Chair Volleyball; Lunch at 11:45 a.m.: Beef with Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Roll, and Jell-O Cake with Topping; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice; and 12:30 p.m.: Lap Quilting.

Thursday, May 18: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 10:00 a.m.: BINGO; Lunch at 11:45 a.m.: Chicken Alfredo with Noodles, Green Beans, Diced Tomato Salad, Wheat Bread, and Frosted Cake; and 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Friday, May 19: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of Games; 9:30 a.m.: Exercise; 10:00 a.m. Music; Lunch at 11:45 a.m.: Breaded Fish, Hash Browns, Coleslaw, Roll, and Sherbet; and 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Saturday, May 20: EVERYONE (young and old) is invited to the monthly dance. Lloyd Knight and Friends Band will be our entertainment. 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.



Hittin' the Trails... Jerry Shields

“Ste-Anne-des-Monts”
Travel in any country outside of the United States always has its challenges but our northern neighbor, Canada, may be an exception. It has become a family ritual that each year we seek out a cooler environment to avoid the tediously spa like weather of an Arkansas summer.

A few years ago on one of our trips eastward we were rewarded with a warm welcome as we entered the eastern provinces of Canada.

It seemed that the French-Canadians put their best foot forward for two travelers from our beautiful state.

Quebec City was a delightful old city of European charm with narrow streets of preserved old European style architecture and stunning cathedrals on every corner. But most importantly was a chance meeting of an oriental shuttle bus driver from Hong Kong.

This kingly gentleman who had fled Hong Kong just before China took over control of what had been a British colony for 100 years. Since we had lived in Hong Kong and traveled China I inquired where he had lived in Hong Kong before he immigrated to Canada.

As it turned out he lived in a

small community not far from our flat in Stanley Village. We shared memories of time in what has to be one of the most vibrant cities of the world. He then asked if we were going to explore the Gaspé Peninsula while we were in the province. I explained we planned to cross the peninsula at the coastal city of Rimouski then onto Prince Edward Island.

He encouraged us to take time to explore the wild eastern portion of the peninsula as it is one of Canada's most picturesque drives along the old coast road CN 132. It was fate that we should encounter this recent immigrant who had fallen in love with his new country.

In Quebec province the Gaspé Peninsula is referred to as the “Thumb” due to its thumb like shape. The peninsula northern shore is bounded by the great St. Lawrence Seaway as it makes its way east to empty into the cold water of the northern Atlantic.

We weren't in any hurry so we decided to take his advice and departed Quebec City with the intent to shadow the banks of the seaway all the way to the tip of the Peninsula.

The congestion of the city soon disappeared as we drove

along the banks of the great waterway that often appears as a large lake rather than a really large river. It was not unusual to encounter huge cruise ships plying the waters for a visit to the harbor at Quebec City and Montreal.

At Rimouski the road narrowed and the terrain changed from flat wooded plains to rolling seaside two lane backcountry path. The coastal towns all had two things in common, glorious views of the sea and large stone cathedrals.

At the port of Matane you can catch a ferry across the waterway to a small port, Bale-Comeau on the waterway's northern shore. From this remote town you can explore the lightly populated far northeastern shore of the province.

It was a difficult choice but we chose instead to stay the course and explore the Thumb. It seems you are traveling the remote coast of France as you wind your way along the shore dotted with tiny villages and even smaller hamlets about every ten miles.

Each community is almost immaculately clean with narrow beaches or rugged rocky outcroppings each awash in the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The weather was stunningly clear with deep blue skies that seemed to dive into the cold, green waters of the bay.

At our first stop for the night the campground host suggested we plan a couple of

days in the village of Ste-Anne-des-Monts an easy one-day drive from our campground.

We left early the next day and found the road steeper as it rolled along the rocky shoreline. This mecca for coastal driving offered dozens of scenic overlooks complete with paved parking and restrooms for visitors seeking that perfect photo of the stunning coastline.

Finally we topped a long hill as the road curved down to a picture perfect setting of Ste-Anne-des-Monts nestled in a small bay. The town is famous for its history as a popular site for seaside movie productions.

Just off shore is a huge rock stack with a wave worn tunnel through one end that is a window to the rolling surf that batters the shore just to the north of the town.

The colorful town is so neat that they don't seem to have any trash. White rail fencing circles the waterfront and much of the town. The white fencing contrasting with the emerald green lawns and the rolling sea is an open invitation to artist in the area. Second breakfast was on a patio overlooking the sea at a small bistro.

As with all our travels in Canada we found the Canadian people to be friendly and very accommodating despite the language differences. The village of Ste-anne-des-Monts was one of the most beautiful towns we encountered on a peninsula dotted with charming towns.

Story News

by Melba Reed

May is the month for most of the cemetery decorations that I know of. The first Sunday is decoration day at Chula; Killian and Aly cemeteries. Most of my deceased relatives were buried at Aly. We were thankful to have Karen and Alan Rettman take us to Aly for church and helped put out flowers on relatives and friends graves.

Decoration Day at Washita Cemetery is May 14. That is where Harrison's grandmother and grandfather Southard are buried. He was a Methodist preacher. The third Sunday is Reed Cemetery decoration which is where most of Harrison's deceased relatives are buried. The fourth Sunday is decoration day is at Breashears Cemetery. This is just decoration that we formerly attended where relatives or friends are buried.

Harrison and I enjoyed a visit from our niece, Dawn Reed one day recently.

We appreciated the visit and house cleaning from our daughter, Glenda did on Saturday. She and Karen and Alan do so many things for us. I don't know what we would do without them.

Karen and Alan took us to Oakwood Cemetery Saturday, May 6 for the graveside funeral of O.V. Morrison. There was a lot of family and friends at the funeral. The family greatly appreciated the many things people did which included prayers, food, flowers, cards or whatever you did showing love and concerns for them, Prairie Grove Church had a meal for them after the funeral. You can always count

on them. Jane White is one of the good cooks and she enjoys cooking and so do others.

Happy Birthday to Ruby Grace Holmes and Melanie Standridge on May 18; Connie Smith and Mike Moudy on May 19; Canyon Smith and Bill Jackson on May 20. Happy Anniversary to David and Sally Smith on April 20 and Johnny and Connie Smith on May 14.

Among the many on our prayer list includes: The family of O.V. Morrison, Gene and Lillian, Bert, Ruby and Bernice Johnston, Nora Lee Ballew, Berry Porter, Glen Wiley, Jearldean Tarkington, Cody Bour, Amaria Hutts, Pearl Blocker, Andy Vaughn, Paul, Dawn, Gary, Harrison and Melba Reed, Nolan and Juanita Warren, Bob Sheffield, Sissy Godwin, wife of Teddy Swain, Eddie Garton, all the sick, bereaved, unsaved, our military, all leaders and everyone.

Prayers can change things pray without ceasing.

Audean Faucett and her brother, Sonny are enjoying their visit at their home place in Story and we are happy for them.

May God bless each of you.



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(2:14.35). The state title was in question right down to the final event in the 4x400m relay. Lafayette County ran in the first heat and looked to have a chance at claiming the title, but a disqualification on a hand off guaranteed the Indian victory. Caddo Hills ran in the second heat, finishing ninth overall with a time of 3:54.49.

Kayla Torbett led the Lady Indians with her fourth consecutive title in the pole vault. She coasted in for the win with a vault of 10 feet 6 inches. She has also won three indoor state pole vault titles, totaling her state wins at seven.

Samantha Workman finished second in the 400m dash (1:05.28) and Lilli Hunt finished ninth in the 1600m run (6:40.73).

Duggan finished second in the 300m hurdles with a time of :43.38. Teammate Saylor Hatton finished eighth with a time of :47.30. Jordan Foster and David Gonzalez represented the Caddo Hills Indians in the distance races.

The pair competed in the 1600m run and the 3200m run. In the 1600m run Foster finished seventh (4:59.14) and Gonzalez finished ninth (5:09.28). In the 3200m run Gonzalez finished sixth (11:09.14) and Foster finished ninth (11:31.50). Foster finished seventh in the 800m run

County From Page 1

Randolph Counties. Subsequent declarations added Carroll, Clay, Cross, Drew, Faulkner, Greene, Lawrence, Monroe, Ouachita, Prairie, Pulaski, Saline, Stone, Washington, Woodruff and Yell Counties, as well as the cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock.

Boone, Craighead, Fulton, Iard, Newton, Perry and

Caldwell facing contraband charge

William Brad Caldwell, age 40 of Glenwood, has been charged with one count of furnishing, possessing, or using prohibited articles after a family member allegedly improperly left cans of smokeless tobacco for him during a visit.

According to documents obtained from the Montgomery County

Clerk's Office Caldwell has been charged with the class C felony after a relative allegedly left a can of smokeless tobacco beside a trash can for him during a visit. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office requires all items left for inmates to be left with a jail administrator to be distributed as allowed.



Annual plant sale enjoys sunny success

Area residents look over the selection of tomato plants for sale at the Montgomery County Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale.



Raymond Young sharpens a pocket knife during the sale. The Master Gardeners' Sale offered more than a great selection of locally grown plants. Young offered free sharpening for knives and tools, while there were also books and plant related crafts available for sale as well.



Pat Smith (left) talks to a pair of her fellow Master Gardeners Saturday as they help customers who may have questions about the plants for sale. The sale features hundreds of different kinds of locally grown plants for sale, but the selection thins out quickly with most shoppers arriving when the sale starts at 8 a.m.



Area 4-Hers held a bake sale in conjunction with the plant sale. The 4-H and the Master Gardeners are programs offered by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.

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Mena man receives suspended imposition of sentence as part of plea

Jeremy Dean Dover of Mena plead guilty to a pair of felonies and one misdemeanor as part of a plea agreement entered into with the prosecuting attorney's office.

According to documents obtained from the Montgomery County Clerk's Office Dover

plead guilty to one count of aggravated assault of a family or household member, a class D felony, and domestic battery III degree, a class A misdemeanor, Failure to Appear, a class C felony.


He received a suspended imposition of sentence of 72 months and was or-

dered to pay a \$1,000 fine and \$953.50 in fees and court costs.

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.



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Norman News

with Dee Card

The Caddo Hills Seniors took their official final walk through the school Friday afternoon with the elementary, middle school and high school students cheering them on. Not only was it a walk down memory lane, and an observation of how far they had come as students, hopefully it will give the younger students a goal to work for the day when they get to take their own walk. I wish all schools did this.

CHHS Academic Awards banquet was held Monday, the 8th and wish Andy Jackson good luck if you see him. He is headed to Louisville Kentucky to compete in the National Archery finals this week.

Also fun day at the school is coming up this Friday.

Mother's Day is this Sunday and as much as your Mom would probably like to go out to eat or get presents there are a lot of other things she would also like to have. Top of the list is just to see your smiling faces or hear your voice. You could take a drive to some place she has never seen or to places from her childhood. You could dig out the photo albums and share the memories.

The Montgomery County Council for the Performing Arts

held auditions May 8th for their upcoming musical version of The Spitfire Grill. This is a great story and some of you may remember the movie. They may still have space for actors, and production help so if you would like to be involved please contact Lynne Thew or check in on their facebook page Montgomery County Council for the Performing Arts for more information.

Huckleberries, dewberries and black berries are all looking to be good crops this year. When you are out checking them or working in the yard please watch out for snakes. They are already active and seem to be extremely well fed this year. There was a huge copperhead seen at Caddo Gap over the weekend.

If you haven't started your garden yet, you might want to check out the garden plants at Gretta Lane. They have some really nice tomato, pepper and herb plants for sale.

River season is underway so watch for tourists and canoe buses turning off the highway going through the Narrows.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT DISCHARGE PERMIT
PERMIT NUMBER AR0044814, AFIN 49-00106

In accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-203(e), the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Office of Water Quality, gives the following notice:

CertainTeed Corporation - GS Roofing operates a facility located as follows: 732 Slate Mill Road, Glenwood, AR 71943 in Montgomery County. The facility is currently permitted to discharge mine dewatering water into an unnamed tributary of Five Mile Creek, thence to Five Mile Creek, thence to the Caddo River, thence to the Ouachita River in Segment 2F of the Ouachita River Basin. CertainTeed Corporation - GS Roofing submitted an application on March 4, 2016 for renewal of NPDES Permit No. AR0044814. The application has been reviewed by the ADEQ's Office of Water Quality and has received tentative approval subject to the terms of this notice. Citizens who wish to examine or obtain copies of the permit application, the draft permitting decision, or the Statement of Basis may do so at the ADEQ headquarters located at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317. To request a hard copy of one or more of the documents to be mailed, please call (501) 682-0623. For those with Internet access, a copy of the proposed draft permit as well as the publication date may be found on the ADEQ website at: https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/permits/drafts_pn.aspx

Comments on the draft renewal will be accepted in accordance with Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Reg. 8.208. The ADEQ contact person for submitting written comments on the draft permit, or requesting a public hearing on the draft permit, is Adam Yates, at the above address and telephone number, or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

The comment period for the draft permit, and requesting a public hearing, shall begin on the date of publication of the public notice, and end at 4:30 P.M. (Central Time) on the 30th day after the publication date. If the last day of the comment period is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the public comment period shall expire on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. For information regarding the actual publication date along with the actual date and time the comment period will end, please contact Adam Yates at the above address and telephone number or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us. Public notice, comments, and hearings will be conducted in accordance with APC&EC Regulation 6.104(A)(5) [40 CFR Parts 124.10 through 124.12 by reference] and APC&EC Regulations 8.207 through 8.210 (Administrative Procedures). All persons, including the permittee, who wish to comment on the ADEQ's draft permitting decision must submit written comments to the ADEQ, along with their name and mailing address. A Public Hearing will be held when the ADEQ finds a significant degree of public interest. After the public comment period, the ADEQ will issue a final permitting decision. The ADEQ will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permitting decision. Any interested person who has submitted comments may appeal a final decision by the ADEQ in accordance with APC&EC Regulation No. 8.603.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Ouachita River School District
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The Ouachita River School District will receive proposals for a Project Manager until May 25, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. Proposals will not be accepted after the time and date stated. In general, this position will be responsible for managing a possible construction project valued between 1.5-2 million dollars. Minimum qualifications will be; 5 years of experience and minimum of 10 projects of comparable size and scope. Responsibilities will be to oversee and assist with design development, bidding procedures and cost evaluations during the pre-construction phase. Coordination of contractors and owner's schedules and provide cost savings opinions to owner during the construction phase. Project manager will also be responsible for quality control and project oversight during the construction phase. Project Manager will serve as an advocate to the owner in an advisory position. This will be a purchase services contract and will not be a district employee position. Selected person will not have any rights to any benefits provided by the district. Project Manager will be responsible for furnishing of any or all insurances and all equipment, tools or transportation that me be required to complete the project. For further information or details you may contact Jerrall Strasner Superintendent at (479) 394-2348. The Ouachita River School District is an equal opportunity employer.

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Public Notice

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It shall be the responsibility of the individual private school to notify the Federal Programs Office of the Mount Ida School District prior to May 31, 2017, if such Federal Program participation is desired. Contact Nan Wilson at 870-867-2323.

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Feed My Sheep

by Brenda Forga

The Montgomery County Food Pantry is open on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 until 12:00. If you need food and haven't been here before you need to give your name, address phone number and your income. We fill out a card to keep on file. You may come every 30 days if you need food. Our regular clients know this but we receive numerous calls asking for this information. We walk through with you to help with your food selections. You choose your food. We do not have boxes of food ready to hand to you, we want you to choose what you like to eat.

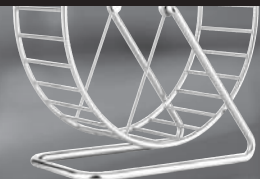
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to donate food to our pantry you may drop it off at the pantry.

If you would like to donate money you may mail a check to Montgomery County Food Pantry P O Box 1443, Mount Ida, AR 71957. We appreciate all donations and we thank you all for helping us. It takes a village to do this. We not only have a pantry, we also supply food to the schools in our county for the Backpack Program and we give food to these same children weekly in the Summer Feeding Program. Please feel free to drop by to see us, we will be happy to show you what we are doing. Supplying food for our county residents that need help is a rewarding volunteer opportunity. We enjoy what we do and we enjoy our clients. Please consider donating to our cause. All donations go for food for our county residents. Our clients must live in our county.

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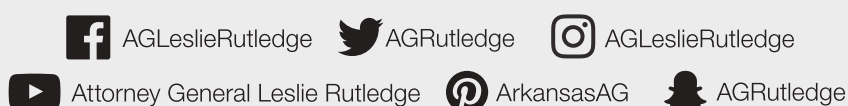
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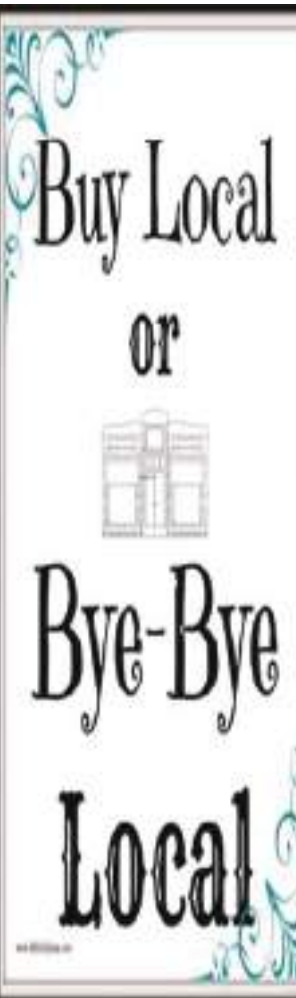
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John Maddox
State Representative

The Governor has now signed into law several pieces of legislation passed by the General Assembly during the 1st Extraordinary Session of 2017. The session was called to address health care, the state's long term reserve fund, and to make technical corrections. Act 3 directs the Department of Human Services to request a federal waiver to make changes to Arkansas Works. Arkansas Works uses Medicaid funding to provide health insurance to low-income Arkansans. One of the changes is to lower the income eligibil-

ity from 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 100% FPL.

Those making an amount in between 100% and 138% FPL who do not have affordable employer sponsored insurance available would be directed to the health insurance marketplace. There they are eligible for federal subsidies. Premiums would be capped at 2% of the individual's income.

Arkansas is currently paying 5% of the cost for Arkansas Works. Our share gradually increases to 10% by 2020. The Department of Human Services estimates these changes will save the state between \$67 and \$93 million over the next 5 years.

Act 3 establishes a work requirement for those enrolled in Arkansas Works. This requirement is identical to the work require-

ment for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). An exception can be made for those receiving work training or enrolled in classes to obtain their GED.

This legislation also directs DHS and the Department of Workforce Services to study and analyze small employer health insurance coverage in this state. The purpose of the study is to determine how to strengthen employer-sponsored insurance and help small business employers offer more affordable coverage for their employees.

They are to submit their findings to Arkansas Legislative Council and to the Governor before October 1, 2018.

Act 4 provides more legislative oversight to the health insurance marketplace and calls for a study the future of the market-

place.

The other item we addressed was the creation of a long term reserve fund. Act 7 transfers \$105 million from Healthy Century Trust Fund (funded by tobacco settlement proceeds) to a reserve fund.

This was done in an effort to improve the state's bond rating and therefore lower interest rates and reducing cost for projects. The legislation approved requires 2/3 of a vote of either the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee before funds can be spent.

Members also approved two technical correction bills during the special session.

Interim committees begin meeting later this month. You can view the calendar and the agendas at www.arkleg.state.ar.us.

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Larry Teague
State Senator

The legislature completed a three-day special session after approving the governor's proposal to limit eligibility in the Arkansas Works health coverage program. Senate Bill 3 would reduce income limits for eligibility in Arkansas Works, which now provides health coverage to about 320,000 Arkansans residents whose incomes are beneath 138 percent of the federal poverty level. The governor said that he was confident federal officials would approve the new income threshold in SB 3, which would reduce eligibility to people with incomes less than 100 percent of the poverty level and which would remove about 60,000 Arkansans from Arkansas Works. Senator Larry Teague of Nashville was among nine senators who voted against the bill. Opponents of SB 3 included the most conser-

vative members of both political parties, and included many representatives of rural areas.

"The bill had provisions I agree with, such as the requirement that a recipient get a job or take job training in order to qualify for benefits," Teague said. "In that respect it brought Medicaid expansion in line with existing requirements for becoming eligible for food stamps and welfare."

"Another provision I like promotes more personal responsibility on the part of Medicaid recipients, because it requires them to pay two percent of their premiums, up to \$19 a month," Teague said. "Although the monthly payments are minimal, for most people they're an incentive to adopt a healthier lifestyle."

"However, there are a lot of moving parts in the bill, and ultimately the financial threat to rural hospitals was too great to ignore because of the 60,000 people who will be taken off Arkansas Works," Teague said. "They may eventually qualify for a different type of health insurance through the federal exchange, but in our experience

we can be fairly certain that a large percentage of them will not have any health insurance for an extended period of time."

"Their lack of health insurance doesn't change the fact that hospitals have a legal and moral obligation to treat sick people who show up at their door. We know what happens because we lived through it for decades. When people without money or insurance rely on hospital emergency rooms as their primary care provider, hospitals have to write off millions of dollars in unreimbursed care. For small hospitals in rural areas that can begin a financial death spiral. It certainly has happened that way in the past, before we implemented Arkansas Works," Teague said.

"Apart from the loss of medical care, which can be life-threatening to the elderly and to people with chronic conditions, losing a hospital has negative economic effects throughout the entire community," Teague said.

"A town that loses its hospital can give up trying to recruit new industry, because there is no corporate executive who will locate a

plant there. And if that town has an existing industry, like a poultry processing plant, its management will not expand because of the lack of a hospital and the lack of medical coverage that entails," Teague said. "Any expansion will take place at one of its plants in other states."

"I wish that the sponsors of SB 3 had broken the bill down into its separate parts so that I could have voted for the parts I like, but that was their strategic decision to make. In the end, I had to vote against the bill because I truly believe it will harm rural hospitals and rural communities," Teague said.

Teague is Senate co-chairman of the Joint Budget Committee. He represents Senate District 10, which includes Howard, Montgomery, Pike and Polk Counties and parts of Clark, Hempstead, Nevada and Sevier Counties. He has been in the Senate since the 2009 legislative session. Before that he served six years in the House of Representatives.

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Circuit Judge Jerry Ryan sentenced Noah William Trantham to serve 12 months in an Arkansas Community Corrections Center after revoking his probation during a revocation hearing last week. According to documents obtained from the Mont-

gomery County Clerk's Office Trantham, was serving supervised probation as the result of a conviction on a possession of firearms by certain persons charge in 2013.

He was sentenced to 22 additional months supervised probation in 2015 as the result

of a prior probation revocation hearing.

The most recent revocation hearing petition was filed January 25 of this year. The reason for the revocation listed was refraining from using or possessing controlled substances.

Lawrence graduates from Texas A&M Corpus Christi



Jessica Lynn Lawrence, a 2011 graduate of Mount Ida High School, will graduate May 13 from Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi with a bachelor of applied science degree with a concentration in communications and mental health. She received an associates degree in business foundations from University of Phoenix in 2014 before continuing her education at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi. She is the daughter of Kelly Boone of Story and the granddaughter of Clyde and Louise Peak of Story.

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Lions, Lady Lions finish fourth, fifth at 1A State Track Meet

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CONWAY - The Mount Ida Lions and Lady Lions finished fourth and fifth respectively in the 1A State Track Meet thanks in part to wins by Luke Forga, Kirsten Gibbs and the girls 4x400m relay team.

The Lions scored 61 points to finish fourth in the men's division.

Luke Forga was responsible for the lone victory by the Lions, finishing first in the 200m dash with a time of :23.23. He also had the fastest qualifying time in the event with a time of :23.21. Gage Dyer fell just shy of qualifying for the finals with a ninth place finish in the preliminaries (:24.53).

Forga had the second fastest qualifying time in the 100m dash (:11.65) and finished second in the finals (:11.54). Dyer finished 13th in the preliminaries (:12.15).

The Huff brothers combined for 14 points in the

400m dash with Bryson Huff finishing second (:53.35) and Dawson Huff finishing third (:54.54).

In the 4x100m relay Mount Ida had the second fastest qualifying time (:45.68) and finished third in the finals (:45.98).

The 4x400m relay team finished second (3:45.54) and the 4x800m team finished fourth (9:51.91).

Bridger Farmer kicked off the day of events with a ninth place finish in the 3200m run (12:10.16).

Two Lions scored in the field events with two more competing.

Oscar Pinedo finished fourth in the Discus (109-05) and Johnny Wheeler finished fourth in the pole vault (11-00).

Drew Allen finished 10th in the pole vault (8-00) and Dawson Huff finished 10th in the long jump (18-03.5).

The Lady Lions finished fifth place in the women's division, scoring 40 points.

Kirsten Gibbs was re-

sponsible for a large portion of the Lady Lions' points, scoring 18 points in individual events. She was also the anchor leg on the winning 4x400m relay team and was a member of the 4x100m relay team.

Gibbs vaulted 10'6 feet to win the pole vault with teammate Isabella Thew finishing second with a vault of nine feet six inches.

Gibbs had the fifth fastest qualifying time in the 100m dash (13.67) and finished fourth in the finals (:13.72).

She also qualified fifth in the 200m dash (:28.33) and finished sixth in the finals (:28.75).

Jessica Swindle competed in the 300m hurdles, finishing 12th (1:00.21).

The Lady Lions had the fifth fastest time in the 4x100m relay (:55.47) and finished fifth in the finals (:55.75).

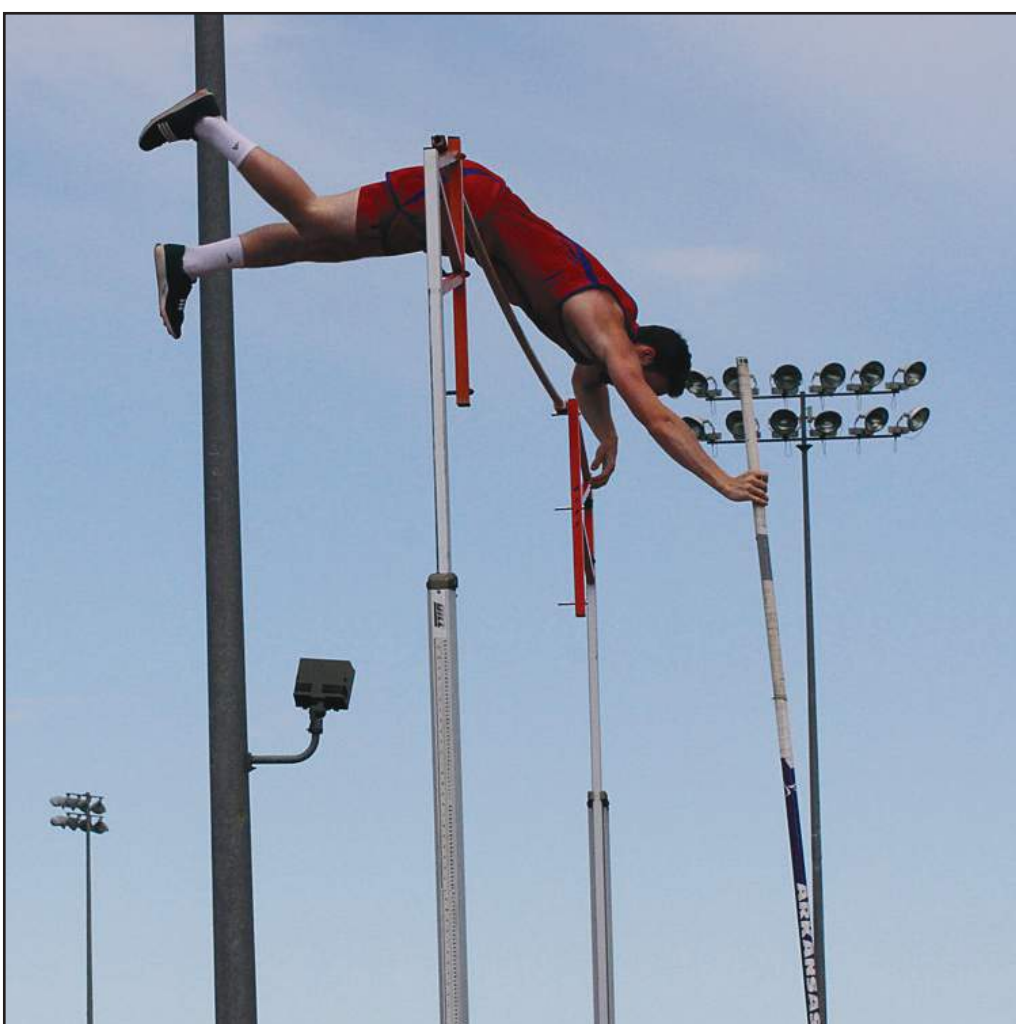
The Lady Lions closed out the night with a victory in the 4x400m relay with a time of 4:43.15.



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Luke Forga outruns the field to win the finals in the 200m dash last Week at the 1A State Track Meet. He had the highest qualifying time in the event and repeated the performance in the finals.



DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY | Montgomery County News
Kirsten Gibbs clears the bar as she vaults her way to her first state title in the pole vault. The Freshman won the event with an official vault of 10 feet.



TOP: Matthew Standridge clears the bar to set a new 2A State Pole Vault Record at 15 feet 2 inches.



RIGHT: Christian Duggan clears a hurdle during a preliminary race in the 110m hurdles.

RIGHT: Kayla Torbett tries to decide which pole to use as she vaults her way to her fourth state outdoor title.



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Caddo Hills High School Class of 2017



Yesenia Altamirano

Yesenia Lizet Altamirano is the daughter of Benito and Antonia Altamirano. Her activities include Senior Beta and Journalism. She has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. Her plans include attending National Park College. She also plans on getting a bachelor degree in Chemistry and becoming a pharmacologist.



Matthew Campbell



Dezaray Cogburn

Dezaray Nicole Cogburn is the daughter of Delores Cogburn and Tommy Cogburn. Her plans include attending college and becoming a dental hygienist.



Deborah Bragg

Deborah Jalyne Bragg is the daughter of Dyron Kent Bragg and Sheila Ann Warwick. Her activities include fishing and hunting, hanging out with family and friends and amazing boyfriend and best friend. She plans on attending college and becoming a pharmacy technician, getting a job and working every day.



Patsie Egleston

Patsie Egleston is the daughter of Pat Egleston and Susie Egleston. Her activities include FFA, Land Judging Team, Trap Shooting, Softball, Archery and Track. She has received the Blue and Gold Scholarship, Sampley Scholarship and the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. Her plans include attending Southern Arkansas University and majoring in Wildlife Biology.



Sydney Brewer

Sydney Brewer is the daughter of Dale and Reeva Brewer. Her activities include Journalism, Cheerleader Squad, Trap Shooting, Archery, Student Council, FBLA and Senior Beta. Her plans include attending cosmetology school at UARM.



Juan Estrada



William Fryar

William Lee Fryar is the son of Travis Fryar and Delores Fryar. He is a member of the Archery team. He will receive the GI Bill. His plans include attending Rich Mountain Community College for his basics and then transferring to Arkansas Tech University to study Game Design.



Abigail Garcia



Ruth Gonzalez-Ortiz



Cody Hill

Cody James Hill is the son of Tony Hill and Terrie Hill. His activities include FFA, Archery, FCA, Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs. He has received the Arkansas Tech University Incentive Scholarship and the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. His plans include attending Arkansas Tech University and find a career with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.



Madison Hill



Jaicey Jackson

Jaicey Jackson is the daughter of Amber and Jason Jackson. Her activities include Hunting, Fishing, Riding Four Wheelers with family, volleyball, kickball, shooting guns and hanging out with her friends. Her plans include graduating high school, attending college and earning a degree.



Jared McKellar

Jared Chase McKellar is the son of Clint and Cynthia McKellar. His activities include Basketball, Baseball, Golf, Track, FFA and Senior Beta Club. He has received the GI Bill. His plans include joining

the United States Army and going active duty.



Aerick Jacobs



Alyssa Macon



Jessica Martin



Jordan Powell



Josh Qualls

Joshua David Qualls is the son of David and Michelle Qualls. His activities include Track and Field, Cross Country, FBLA and Student Council. His plans include attending college and pursuing a degree in the medical field.



Alex Ramey



Beth Sims

Beth Sims is the daughter of Gefer Sims. She is on the Archery team. Her plans include attending National Park College for two years and then Henderson State University.



Chance Smith

William Chance Smith is the son of William and Pamela Smith. His activities include Track and Field, FFA and Baseball. His plans include attending welding school in Tulsa, Oklahoma and getting a job on a pipeline.



Jonathan,

You have achieved a great success. Graduation is not the end, it is just the beginning of the beautiful life that lies ahead of you. Congratulations on your Graduation! Remember to set your sights on the stars and to reach for them always. Believe in yourself as there are no limits to what you can do.

We are so proud of you and can not wait to see what God has in store for you! We love you our baby boy!

*Love,
Dad & Mom*

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Community Outreach Ministries



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

**Congratulations Seniors!
Class of 2017
We are proud of you!
Josh Harper, Pastor**



CJ Staggs

Christopher Maurice Staggs is the son of Charlene Manley, Chirs Staggs and Jr. Baugher. He is a member of the trap shooting team. His plans include welding and eventually owning his own welding and metal repair traveling business.



Ida Todd

Ida Todd is the daughter of Sheila Sheffield. Her activities include Senior Beta, FFA, trap shooting, Journalism. She has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship and the University of the Ozarks Presidential Scholarship.



Matthew Standridge

Matthew Standridge is the son of Rodney and Jay Dee Standridge. His activities include FCA and Beta, Boy's State Delegate, and Track and Field. His plans include attending the University of Louisiana at Lafayette on academic and athletic scholarships where he will major in Biology with pre-med intent. After taking the MCAT and graduating college, he will apply for University of Arkansas Medical School.

Her plans include attending the University of the Ozarks and get a medical degree at the University of Arkansas Medical Center so she can become a medical examiner.



Kayla Torbett



Nicholas Valenti



Jurnee Walker



Abby Westfall



Jasper Whisenhunt

Sabrina Abigail Westfall is the daughter of Jacklyn June Westfall. Her activities include Cheerleader Squad, Fit for Life 4-H Program and Art Club. Her plans include majoring in fashion and design at the University of Central Arkansas.

Jasper Glenn Whisenhunt is the son of Sheila Whisenhunt and Mark Whisenhunt. His activities include Basketball and Track. His plans include attending Harding University and majoring in Computer Science.



Congratulations Austin

The years have gone by much to fast and we are going to miss watching you play sports at Mount Ida High School. We are so proud of the fine young man that you have become. You can accomplish everything that you set to do in life if you always believe in yourself and allow God to lead you down the path to greater things. Thanks for being a grandson, nephew, and cousin that we can be proud of.

*We love you,
Pa Butch, Nanny, Uncle Greg, Aunt Carla and Connor*

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Love, Dad, Mom & Todd

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To our last but never our least...
We are so proud of all your accomplishments.

Love, Coach, Mom, Brooke & Tyler

Logan,

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments! You will always be our CHAMPION!!

**Love,
Dad, Mom & Landen**

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Congratulations

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 Courtney Meador Chancellor Transfer Arkansas Tech	 Eduardo Medina Chancellor Transfer Arkansas Tech	 Kaitie Golden Chancellor Transfer Henderson State	 Adrianna Wollenberger Chancellor Transfer Southern Arkansas	 Shannon Jesse Chancellor Transfer Southern Arkansas	 Conner McConnell Chancellor Transfer U of Fort Smith
 Audra Titsworth Outstanding Staff	 Dr. Gaumani Gyanwali Outstanding Faculty	 Sada Wilson Outstanding Adjunct Faculty	 Damon Miller Outstanding Alumnus	 Danni Smyth Academic All-Star	

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Check KENA, UA Rich Mountain website & Facebook for updates
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Logan Abernathy

Logan Abernathy is the son of Jennifer and Floyd Abernathy. His activities include Football, hunting, fishing, trapping, and FFA. He has received an athletic scholarship from Southern Arkansas University and the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. His future plans include going to SAU and get a job.



Hayden Bishop

Hayden Bishop is the son of Jr and Mandy Bishop. His activities include Baseball and Gifted and Talented. His future plans include working for JR Bishop and becoming a Master Plumber.



Brett Cannon

Brett Cannon is the son of Reggie and Joy Cannon. His activities include Football, trap shooting, FFA and FFA Electricity Team. He has received the Southern Arkansas University Merit Scholarship and the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. His future plans include trying to be successful.



Jade Ellison is the daughter of Bambi Ellison and Buck Ellison. Her plans include becoming a registered nurse.

Trynt Gaston is the son of Rayburn and Kristy Gaston. His activities include Football, trap shooting, Beta Club, FFA and Gifted and Talented. He has received the University of Arkansas Fort Smith Merit Scholarship and the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. His future plans include acquiring a bachelor degree in mechanical engineering.

Leadership Scholarship and the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. His future plans include attending the University of Arkansas and pursue an engineering degree.



Katie Minton

Katie Minton is the daughter of James and Elaine Minton. Her activities include Beta Club and the Journalism/Yearbook Staff. Her future plans include completing an associate degree at Rich Mountain Community College and then transferring to Henderson State University.



Raven Havens

Raven M. Havens is the daughter of Pam and Shannon Herrin. She is a member of Beta Club. Her future plans include attending National Park Community College.



Tate Abernathy

Tate Abernathy is the son of Brian and Michelle Abernathy and Tory Williams. His activities include Basketball, FFA, hunting, being on the lake and going to the races. His future plans include learning a trade.



Hunter Bissell

Hunter Bissell is the son of Brady and Rochelle Bissell. His activities include Basketball, hunting and fishing. He has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. His future plans include attending Rich Mountain Community College and working full time.



Ally Carr

Ally Carr is the daughter of Bonnie and Phillip Carr. Her activities include Cheerleading Squad, FBLA Beta Club, Student Council, Basketball Manager and Yearbook Staff. She has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship and the University of Arkansas Freshman Academic Scholarship and the John F. Motes Scholarship. Her future plans include attending the University of Arkansas and major in Hospitality Innovation. She plans on pursuing a career in events management.



Mattie Fiorello

Mattie Fiorello is the daughter of Penny and Trey Fiorello. Her activities include Softball, Basketball, Football Manager, FBLA, Beta Club, Yearbook Staff and Student Council. She has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. Her future plans include attending Arkansas Tech University and joining their nursing program.



Samantha Jones

Samantha Jones is the daughter of Bobby and Wendy Jones. Her activities include FBLA, FBLA Marketing Team, Beta Club, Student Council, FCCLA, NSHSS, Basketball Manager, Class Officer. She has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. Her future plans include getting a bachelor degree in business administration and then attending University of Arkansas Medical School for a pharmacy degree.



Betty Nowak

Betty Nowak is the daughter of Brandy Wilkerson and Tim Nowak. Her future plans include attending a college of collision repair in Minnesota.



Neil Appleby

Neil E. Appleby is the son of Deborah Appleby. He has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. His future plans include attending Rich Mountain Community College.



Kendra Burke

Kendra Burke is the daughter of Galen Burke and Sabrina Hearn. Her activities include Basketball, Softball Beta Club and Student Council. Her future plans include attending Arkansas Tech University and attaining a medical degree.



Braisen Ellison

Braisen Ellison is the son of Buck Ellison and Bambi Ellison. He was a member of the Basketball Team. He is undecided on his future plans.



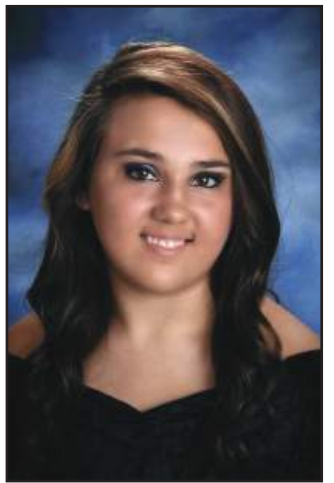
Jarryn Forbit

Jarryn Forbit is the son of Vanessa Sorrell. His activities include working out and playing guitar. His future plans include military service.



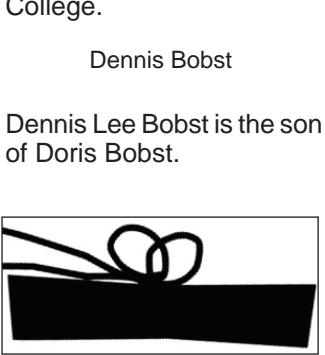
Austin McAdoo

Austin Wyatt McAdoo is the son of Scott and Tammy McAdoo. His activities include Football, Basketball, Baseball, FFA, FBLA, FBLA Marketing Team, FCA and Beta Club. He has received the University of Arkansas



Deanna Petty

Deanna Petty is the daughter of Jennifer and Donnie Lee. her future plans include taking pharmacy technician classes and work in a pharmacy, or hospital.



Dennis Bobst

Dennis Lee Bobst is the son of Doris Bobst.



Trynt Gaston



Congratulations Austin

We are very proud of you!
Love always,
Dad, Mom and Kaylee
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Congratulations Patty Anne

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Love, Uncle Mike, Aunt Unie, Brooks, Jacob, Kristen, Doodle and Kirsten

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Cheyenne Stovall is the daughter of Donnie and Baretta Stovall. Her future plans include going to Rich Mountain Community College, or National Park College.

Beta Club, FBLA, FCCLA, NSHSS. She has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. Her future plans include attending Arkansas Tech University to get a BSN and then transfer to Arkansas State University to become a Nurse Anesthetist.

Jonathan Wheeler is the son of Jarrod and Michelle Wheeler. His activities include FBLA, FBLA Marketing Team, Beta Club, FCA, FFA, Football and Track. He has received the University of Arkansas, Freshman Academic Scholarship, the Arkansas Activities Association Centennial Bank Athletic/Community Service Scholarship and the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. His future plans include attending the University of Arkansas.

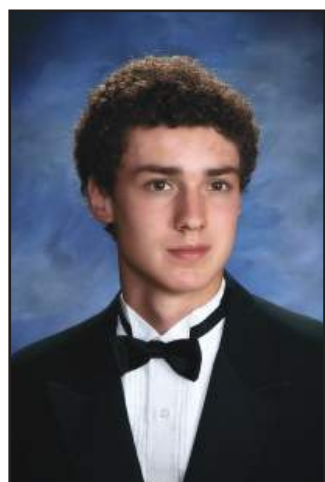


Katelynn Rae
Katelynn Rae is the daughter of Matt and Deena Rae. Her activities include 4-H and Beta Club. She has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. Her future plans include a major in Agriculture Business with an animal science option at Arkansas Tech University.

Landen Sommerkorn
Landen Sommerkorn is the son of MJ and Tisha Sommerkorn. His activities include Baseball, Football and FFA. His plans include attending Rich Mountain Community College for a year and get more time to decide.



Lauren Wingfield
Lauren Wingfield is the daughter of Tammy Wingfield and Tommy Wingfield. Her activities include Basketball, Student Council, Football Manager and Beta Club. She has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. Her future plans include attending college and pursuing a career as a teacher and head basketball coach.



Steven Tedford
Steven Tedford is the son of Sherre Tedford and John Tedford.

Savannah Wallace
Savannah Marie Wallace is the daughter of Chrystal Petty, Ida Searcy and Dan Searcy. She enjoys dancing. Her future plans include attending the Rogers Academy of Hair Design.

Patty Anne Whisenhunt



Brady Rowland
Brady Clayton Rowland is the son of Jonathan and Jennifer Rowland. His activities include FFA, FFA Chapter President, trap shooting, FFA Agriculture Mechanics Team, hunting, fishing, Beta Club. He has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship, Farm Credit Scholarship, University of Arkansas Freshman Scholarship, Dale Bumpers Foundation Scholarship, Bear State Bank Scholarship, AVATA Scholarship. His future plans include attending the University of Arkansas and major in Animal Science and Agricultural Education.

Anthony Spurling
Anthony Spurling is the son of Audrey and David Spurling. His activities include Football, Basketball, Baseball, FFA, FFA Electrical Team, FBLA. He has received a Southern Arkansas University Athletic Scholarship and the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. His future plans include attending Southern Arkansas University and becoming a wildlife officer.



Patricia "Patty Anne" Whisenhunt
Patricia "Patty Anne" Whisenhunt is the daughter of Bryan and Donna Whisenhunt. Her activities include FFA, FCCLA, FCA, FBLA, Beta Club, Class Officer, Student Council, riding horses, Basketball, Softball and Track. She has received a scholarship from Arkansas Tech University. Her future plans include becoming a veterinarian doctor.

Taylor Woody
Taylor Woody is the daughter of Tommy and Stephanie Woody and Rebecca and Josh Baker. Her future plans include becoming a Registered Nurse.

Samantha Toye
Samantha Toye is the daughter of David Toye. Her activities include Cheerleading Squad,

Jonathan Wheeler

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Austin Bledsoe
Austin Bledsoe is the son of Violet Lebow and Jeffery and Hope Bledsoe. His activities include Basketball, Archery, FCCLA, FBLA, and FCS. His plans include attending National Park College and obtaining a degree in Hospitality and Business. He would then like to become a Hotel Manager or a Restaurant Manager.



Christopher Fair
Christopher Fair is the son of Freddy and Rebecca Fair. His activities include FFA, Wiring contests, Woods and Waters. He plans on attending Electrician school.

Congratulations
to all of the dedicated seniors who are celebrating their graduation this month. Best wishes for a successful future!

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Tarren Blansett
Tarren Allen Blansett is the son of Jeff and Rolanda Blansett. His activities include Basketball, Baseball, Trap Shooting, Woods & Waters, FFA. He received the NASAP Archery Scholarship. His plans include attending National Park College to become a mechanic.



Katie Cox
Kaytlyn Nichole Cox is the daughter of James and Angyla Cox. Her activities include Student Council, Basketball, ETS, Yearbook, and FCS. She has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. Her plans include attending college and majoring in sociology and becoming an Occupational Therapist.



George Cook
George B. Cook is the son of Mary Gail Cook. His activities include Beta Club President, Student Council Vice President, National Student Leadership Congress Attendance, MCCPA. He has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship, Leon Pierce and Marie (Hopper) Pierce Scholarship, Sampley Scholarship. His plans include attending Harding University and getting a major in Computer Science.



Zaeth Ginn
Zaeth Thor V. Ginn is the son of Jeff Ginn and Dawn Zelgiewicz. His activities include Hack Club, MCCPA. He has received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship, Southern Arkansas University Blue & Gold Scholarship. His plans include becoming a musician.

Austin Bledsoe

Christopher Fair

CONGRATS TATE! CLASS OF 2017

We are proud of you!!

Love, Dad, Michelle, Cassidy, Ava, Rainey, Granny Alma, Dwight, Chad, Roxanne, Ty and the late Papa Gerald

SAVANNAH

You are my shining star and have always been our sunshine and now it's time for you to shine on your world. You have grown into a beautiful young lady and we are so very proud of you. Where you go or what ever you do remember you are always loved!

Love, Mom, Granny and Papa

CONGRATS HUNTER! CLASS OF 2017

We are so proud of you!

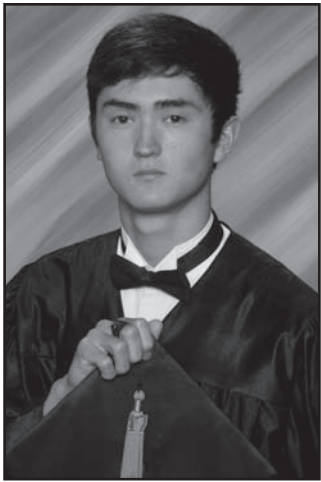
Congratulations!

Love, Dad, Mom, Fisher, Papa Ronnie & Coco



Tyler Gray

Tyler A Gray is the son of Kimberly Gray and Kevin and Melissa Gray. His activities include Trap Shooting, Woods and Waters, FFA and fire department. He plans on becoming a Police Officer and still help with the fire department.



Alex Hughes

Alex Hughes is the son of Hoot and Susan Hughes. His activities include Beta Club, Hack Club, Trap Team, Educational Talent Search, Gifted and Talented. He has received the Rich Mountain Community College Academic Scholarship, Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship, Sampley Scholarship. His plans include pursuing a career as an Electrical Engineer.



Jeff Lewis

Jeff Lewis is the son of Scooter Lewis and Michelle McGrew. His activities include Basketball, FCS, Track, Cross Country. His plans include attending Rich Mountain Community College and getting a welding certificate.



Bailey Nash

Bailey Lynn Nash is the daughter of Shawn and LaJennifer Nash. Her activities include 4H RAGE Teen Leader Group President, Community Service, Singing Competitions. Her plans include attending Rich Mountain Community College to complete her basic classes then transferring to the University of Arkansas to study Family and Consumer Science to be an Extension Agent to work with 4H.



Dusty Neely

Dusty Neely is the granddaughter of Tom and Jennie Neely Her activities include FFA, Archery, Yearbook, Softball. Her plans include National Park College to obtain my RN degree.



Rachel Roberts

Rachel Roberts is the daughter of Richard and Thrada Roberts. She is a member of FCS. Her plans include pursuing a career in Surface Pattern Design.



Breana Green

Breana Green is the daughter of Jessica Green. She is a member of FCS. She received the Arkansas Lottery Challenge Scholarship. Her plans include getting a degree in Psychology and becoming a Psychiatrist.



Breanna Lewis

Breanna Linnet Lewis is the daughter of Rusty and Melissa Lewis. Her activities include 4-H, FCS. She has received the Sampley Scholarship, Sue



Sarah Morrison



Thomas Qualls

Thomas Qualls is the son of Ricky Qualls and Brenda Lewis. He is a member of FFA. His future plans include attending Rich Mountain Community College to obtain an EMT certificate.



Keira Thomas

Keira Daelynn Thomas is the daughter of Russell Malliard and Tamela Malliard. Her activities include Yearbook, FCCLA, FBLA, Student Council, and Upward Bound. Her plans include attending college and obtaining a CNA and Phlebotomy license.

Congrats!




Maggie Tsai

Maggie Tsai is the host daughter of Greg and Cyndi Heinritz. She was on the Oden Lady Timberwolves Basketball Team. She plans on attending college.



Liberty Walters

Liberty Walters is the daughter of Darla Irons and James Walters. Her plans include honing her art skills and finding what she wants to do in college.




Congratulations

2017 Graduates!

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