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This week

McWilliams
Family to
make debut
on Frontporch
Stage

The Frontporch Stage, located on the courthouse lawn in Mt Ida, Proudly presents for the first time, The McWilliams Family Band from Caddo Gap. Come welcome this family band to Mt Ida. The Backporch Kitchen and Possum Store will be open during the concert.

The Front Porch

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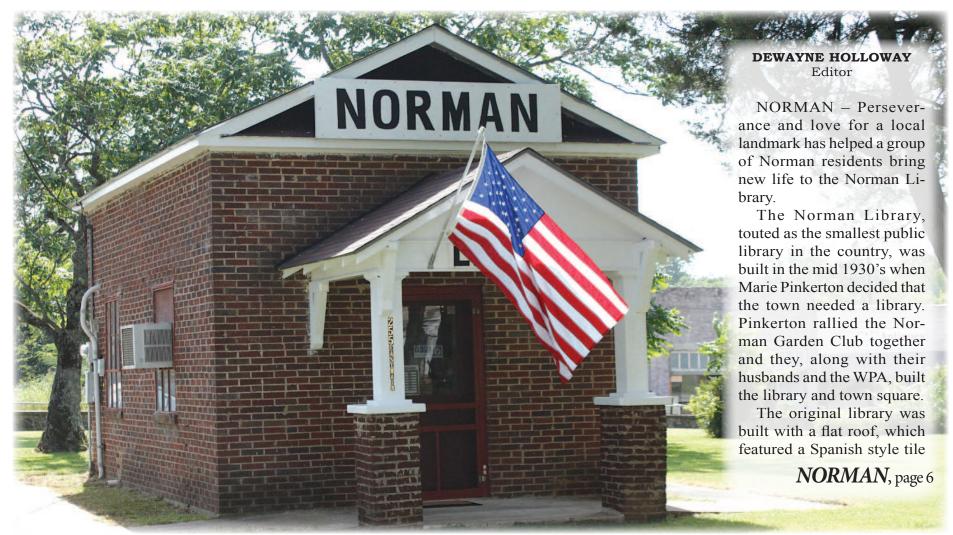
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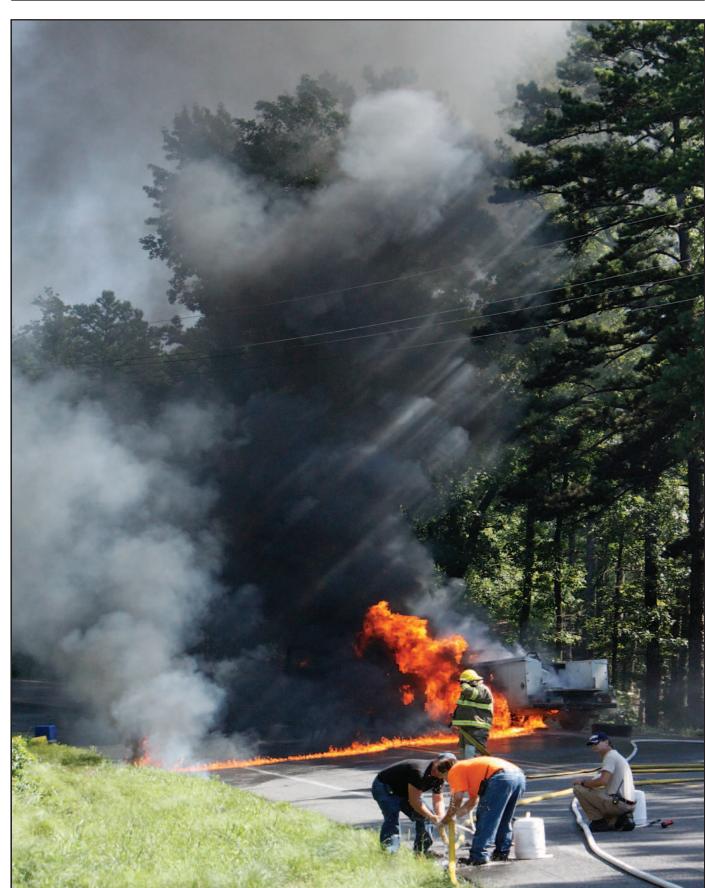
Visitors address Big Brushy Rec Area, VSO at Quorum Court meeting

DEWAYNE HOLLOWAYEditor

MOUNT IDA – Montgomery County residents shared concerns over the closing of the Big Brushy

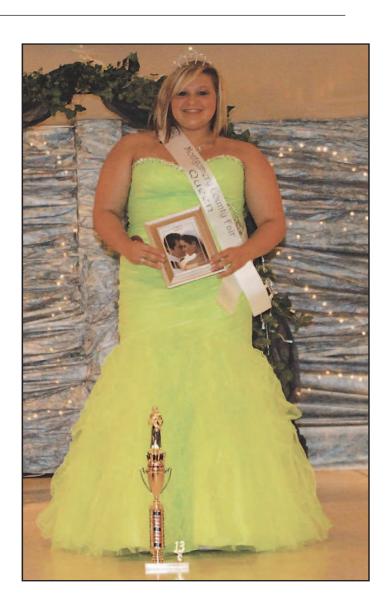
Recreational Area and the local Veteran Service Officer during the August Quorum Court meeting. Francis Dobbs addressed the Justices of the Peace regarding the recent closing of the Big Brushy Rec-

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Members of the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department rush to extinguish a blaze as they work a fiery two vehicle accident Mon., Aug. 12. A portion of Hwy. 270 was blocked for several hours due to the accident. Center Fork Volunteer Fire Department, Sims Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services responded to the accident. No serious injuries were reported. No further information was available at press time.



2013 Montgomery County Fair Queen Kylie Jo Coker

Montgomery County Fair Queen crowned

MOUNT IDA – Kylie Jo Coker was crowned as the new Miss Montgomery County Fair Queen Mon., Aug. 12 as the county fair gets underway.

Coker, who was also awarded the Miss Photogenic award, will represent Montgomery County in the District Fair held in Hope and the State Fair in Little Rock.

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Group takes interest in area lumber mill

DANIELLE BROWN
Glenwood Herald

Some possible positive economic news is on the horizon for the City of Glenwood.

Hunt Forest Products, Inc., of Ruston, Louisana, has taken interest in the former Bean's Mill.

Hunt is currently surveying the availability of former employees of Curt Bean Lumber Mill to determine

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Joyce Robbins

Joyce Robbins, 83, passed away August 5, 2013 in Little Rock, Arkansas. She was born on June 3, 1930 to the late Lon Pope and Flora (Jackson) Pope.

She is survived by two sons, James Robbins of Alexander, Arkansas and Regie Robbins of Benton, Arkansas and one daughter Linda Davidson of Alexander, Arkansas, three brothers, one sister, eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service on August 16, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at Owley Cemetery. Arrangements were made under the direction of Thornton Funeral Home in Mount Ida, Arkansas

Juanita Gammel

Juanita Gammel, 92, entered into her new Heavenly home on August 6, 2013. Annie Juanita Clark was born on January 5, 1921 to Annie Glisten and Benjamin Franklin Clark.

She grew up in the Redfield,
Arkansas area, where she
developed many lifelong
friendships, including the
most valuable-her future husband. She graduated from Redfield High
School and studied to be
a beautician prior to marrying the young man of her
dreams, Guy Gammel, with
whom she spent sixty-five inible years. Juanita was a loving

cred- ible years. Juanita was a loving and doting wife, mother to a beautiful daughter, and a house keeper. She was a long-time member of Levy Baptist Church.

Juanita is survived by her only daughter, Deborah Hobson and husband Michael, six grandchildren, David Hobson and wife Lauren, Elizabeth Bennett and husband Jonathan, Caleb Hobson and wife Rachelle, Micah Hobson, Joshua Hobson and Tiffany Hobson, as well as one great-grandchild, Kayleigh Hobson.

Services will be on Saturday, August 10 at 2 PM at Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct, to be officiated by Rev. Otto Brown and Chuck Barnard. Interment will follow at Kane Creek Bethel Church at 4 PM. Visitation will precede the service at 1 PM.

Pall Bearers will be her grandsons, David, Caleb, Micah, and Joshua Hobson, as well as her nephews Mark Kindy and Dale Kindy and long time family friend Chris Winkle.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, (501)224-2200. Mrs. Gammel's online guest-book may be signed at www.littlerockfuneral-home.com.



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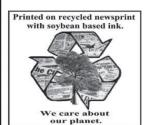
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2013 MEMBER





Douglas Wayne Cook

Douglas Wayne Cook, 75, passed away July 30, 2013 in Hilo, Hawaii. He was born in Mineral Springs, Arkansas to the late Van and Nell Cook.

He served in the U.S. Navy for four years. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his brother Don Cook of Keaau, Hawaii and aunt Josephine Weems of Oden, Arkansas.

Graveside services was held Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Brushy Cemetery. Arrangements were made under the direction of Thornton Funeral Home in Mount Ida, Arkansas.

COMMUNITY! ANNOUNCEMENTS S

Are you ready to learn how to knit or crochet? These hot summer days are perfect for staying in the shade or air conditioning and working with yarn. The Montgomery County Yarn Workers' Club meets each Friday at the Assisted Living Craft Room at 3:30. We can teach new skills, help with patterns, and give advice. We provide the yarn, if you make items to give away at our "Winter Give Away" events. We always accept new yarn, if you have any extra around the house. Call Carol at 501-538-5816 or Betty at 870-867-3894 for more information. Men and Women of all ages are invited to come work with yarn!

Any businesses interested in renting a commercial booth for the Montgomery County Fair is asked to contact Kathy Gossett at (870) 867-5084, or Jennifer Barrett at (870) 867-4869. The fair will be held Aug. 11-17 and booths are \$50 each. This is a great opportunity for self-employed individuals to meet new clients.

Ouachita Artists Gallery and Studio in Mt. Ida will open on Friday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Non-members as well as members are invited to come in and paint, draw, work on your craft...or watch others do it. There will be no instructor, but some of the more experienced artists may offer suggestions if requested. No fee will be charged. There is no age limit. Bring your own supplies and join others in our community with the same goal of developing their artistic abilities, and want to have fun doing it.

Caddo Hills School will host an open house for grades pre-K through 12 on August 15 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00. Students may bring school supplies, tour classrooms and meet and greet staff. Call 356-5700 for more information.

Time for donations to the Jones-O'Neal Cemetery maintenance fund. Please remember to make a donation to this account in the First National Bank at your convenience. The fund is almost depleted, and it appears that we may have more than the normal number of mowings this summer. Thank you for your continued support of this cemetery.

Veterans and Veterans Families Need Help. Contact your local disbled American Veterans Office @ 401 Mid America Blvd. Hot Springs, AR. (501) 760-4648. Hours are Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

An Oil Portrait Workshop will be sponsored by Ouachita Artists on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. for six weeks from July 22 to August 26. Allie Graves will teach the class, which will meet in the Ouachita Artists Gallery and Studio at 135 S. West Street in Mt. Ida. Fee for the six-weeks session is \$125, which includes a 16 by 20 inch smooth portrait canvas. A minimum of five students is required. To join the class, bring the fee and a good photo of the person in the portrait (may be a self portrait) to the Gallery. and receive a list of supplies needed. Registration deadline is July 16th. For more information call 870-356-7475.

The Nursing Home Auxiliary is having a store wide 1/2 sale price sale. We accept furniture and other larger items. Thank you for donations and your patronage

Ouachita Artists will present Mary Alice Black at their August program meeting on Floral Art. On Monday the 19th at 3:30 members and guests are invited to learn pointers on designing attractive home displays using flowers and other materials. The program is free and open to the public, and will be held in the rear of Ouachita Artists Gallery and Studio at 135 West Street in Mt. Ida.

Beginning drawing and painting classes will be offered for young people age 10 through 17 at the Ouachita Artists Gallery and Studio. Classes will be held on Saturday mornings from 10 to 12 beginning September 21, continuing through October 26. Cost for the five week course is \$30. Students will bring their own materials. Teaching the course will be Martha Koelemay, who taught painting in the Kids Art classes during the summer. To register and get a list of supplies, bring the fee to the Gallery at 135 West Street in Mt. Ida and fill out the enrollment form by the September 14 deadline. Class will be limited in size. For more information call 870-326-4224.

Montgomery County Youth Association is having Soccer. Sign ups are due Tuesday, August 20 by 5 p.m.and they need to be turned in at the Elementary School or Bates Sales and Service. The practices and games will be on Tuesday evenings only. Starting September 3. Every player must bring their own Size 3 ball and will be required to wear shin guards.

The Montgomery County Nursing Home Auxiliary will be having bag sales during August. The store will be closed the week of September 8-14 for "change over". Furniture and large items are appreciated.

Ray & Margie Sheldon will be having an Open House for their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 17, 2013 from 1:00-4:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center in Mt. Ida.

The Caddo Hills School Substitute Meeting will be Friday, August 16th at 11:00, in the Caddo Hills cafeteria. Persons interested in substituting this school yearshould attend this meeting.

Please come join us as we welcome the 2013-2014 School year with aand a Popcorn Social at the Middle School on August 15

from 5-5:30 p.m. and an Open House from 5:30-7 p.m.

Mount Ida Youth Associaion is having Flag Football for K-3 grade and sign ups are due Tuesday, August 20 by 5 p.m. Please turn them in to Bates Sales and Service. The cost is \$30.00. The practices and games will be on Mondays. You contact Teddy Don Weston at (870) 490-0857 or Jennifer Warden at (479) 209-3000.

Gretta Lane Thrift Shop has been given a washing machine, dryer, refrigerator, a matching couch and loveseat, and a hide-a-bed. The appliances have been in use until this week, and the couches are in good condition. Call 870-223-2724 for information. There is a great selection of clothing for back-to school students and adults. Items are added to the racks daily. All proceeds will support the Gretta Lane Food Pantry, which serves Montgomery and Pike County families. The thrift shop is open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 - 4 and on Saturday from 9 - 1

Healthy Connections, Inc. will hold its monthly Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, August 20th. The meeting is open to the public and begins at 5:15 p.m. The meeting will take place at the HCI Mena location Community Room.

The Annual School Election will be held on Tues., Sept. 17. If not already registered, the deadline to register to be eligible to vote in the Annual School Election is Aug. 19. Absentee ballot applications are available. To check on voter status or update your voter registration, please call the clerk's office at 870-867-3521.

AWANA is starting again at Lake Ouachita Baptist Church! Wed., August 21, we will be having AWANA Open House, a time for parents to come with their kids and see what AWANA is all about! There will be a bouncy house for the kids, and hot dogs and popcorn for everyone. So come join us from 6-7:30 PM to kick off our AWANA year right! 3586 Hwy. 270 East, Mount Ida

The Mt. Ida First United Methodist Church will be hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University starting in September. Preview sessions will be held at the Family Life Center on 8/19/13 at 6pm and 8/26/13 at 6pm. Contact Jarrett Scott at 501-538-4135 for more information.

Mount Ida Youth Pee Wee is trying to get a 3rd grade team together so if 2nd and 3 rd grade wants to stop by Bates Sales & Service by August 20 by 5:00 p.m.

MUSEUM CORNER

Heritage House Museum of Montgomery County

There was a wonderful celebration Saturday at the Senior Center when family and friends gathered to honor Blue Hughbanks on his 90th birthday.

At one point during the afternoon there were at least five gentlemen from the county over 90 years of age sitting at the table and talking about the past. Many comments were made later about the tales that they shared. These men remember so much of the history around Montgomery County.

How rich their knowledge is and wouldn't we be fortunate to record it? It always seems we think too late about having a tape recorder running while people are sitting around reminiscing. Our county families who are fortunate enough to have senior members should make it a point at their next gathering to have a tape recorder set up (Yup, just turn it on, let it run and have a spare tape handy.) and get all ages of the family to participate in a general discussion comparing today to an earlier time period. You could even ask specific questions or suggest certain

Sometimes we appreciate an opportunity to talk about our younger days. Even though lives were busy and we were working hard, those were typically our happiest years. There was so much going on. The ideal time to record discussions really is an event just like Blue's birthday party. Everyone is in such high spirits, enjoying seeing old friends,

and more than ready to talk about the past. And, yes, we would certainly appreciate being allowed to make a copy of any such recording. There are so many bits and pieces of county history we might not have otherwise.

Johnette Rowland said she was recently driving her dad, John Egleston, over to Mena and was amazed when he began telling her where so many of the sawmills had been located back in the heyday of timber cutting and how big their production was. That's definitely an example of information we need here at the museum! We'll just have to plan a visit with Mr. John.

LET'S GO TO THE COUNTY FAIR!

This is supposed to be a very good year for our county fair so hopefully you will make the time to check out all there is to see.

The county residents who recently attended fair judging classes say comments were made about Montgomery County's involvement.

They specifically made mention of how many organizations in our small but mighty county decorate educational exhibits as compared to other larger counties. We are a very active county and have lots to say.

There are also supposed to be activities for the much younger kids this year. How fortunate to have grandchildren coming for a visit.

The petting zoo and pony rides should be fun. Hope to see YOU at the Fair!



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Dear Readers,

Well hello once again, I missed writing to you last week, my days were switched and I was not in the office to write the column. That's ok, I'm back now and ready to let you know what is going to happen at the center this week. First thing that's going to happen is: this coming Saturday night on the 17ththere will be dance, and the entertainers will be Freddie N Phyllis and Charlie B. The doors will open at 6 pm and the band will start playing around 6:30pm. Admission is \$5.00 per person and we would like for you to bring a finger food. This is a fundraiser and we hope to see you here and you will be able to dance out of the rainy weather they are forecast-

Last week we took our little trip to Mena; they shopped at Wal-Mart, ate lunch at a few different places, and enjoyed the ride to and from.

Our ball team the "GO GETTERS" will be going to Glenwood to play a few games on the 14th. I'll let you know how they do next week.

I would like to express the condolences of myself and the center to the family of Mr. Dewitt Tidwell. He

Was a regular at the center, but he also played a large part in my life. Mr. Tidwell was my teacher in the 5th- and 6th grade, he also helped the husband and I get started on life when we were first married. Here at the center he loved to play pool with the guys, and for a while even after moving into the assisted living he would visit and bring his stick. R.I.P. Mr. Tidwell.

Next is our menu for the week, we will start with the 14th and Oven fried chicken, buttered noodles, broccoli w/ cheese, corn muffin, and cinn. Apple slic-

es will make our tray. The 15th we will have Open face beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, English peas, and angel food cake w/ strawberries. Then Friday it's Chicken tenders, black-eyed peas, seasoned cabbage, corn bread, and peach cobbler. Monday the 19th we will start the week with Meatloaf, boiled potatoes, lima beans, roll and peach crisp. Tuesday we will be served a Hamburger w/ bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, french fries. corn, and ambrosia. Then Wednesday is looking like Roast pork, white beans, brussels sprouts, wheat bread, bread pudding. Then if you don't like that we will also have a kettle full of taco soup. All meals are served with skim milk, but we also offer butter milk, tea, coffee, water, lemonaide, and sodas to buy.

Some of the good news here is that we are gaining new participates, seven new; so far this month. We would like to welcome Easter Cook, Melton Mc-Cain, Richard Carr, Shirley Upton, Jerry Bobo, Joe and Karen Tyree to the Mt. Ida Senior Activity Center. Hope to see all of them every chance they get.

Lastly like always a little advice for the day. Jesse Owens once said"We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, and self-discipline and of course effort." I say "how true, how true." Enjoy the day and remember to give a hug away.

Hittin' the Trails... Jerry Shields Traildog Volunteer

The Cog Train

On a recent trip into eastern Colorado we visited a favorite mountain retreat just southwest of Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs. This charming community reminds us of our own Eureka Springs. It is nestled in a canyon at the base of Pikes Peak and is home to bistros and interesting shops of every variety.

Pikes Peak and its famous Cog Railroad draw thousands of visitors each year to this small community. If you are the adventurous kind you can drive up to the peak of the 14,110-foot mountain. The Pikes Peak Highway winds nineteen miles straight up the mountain at grades exceeding 9%. Since 2011 the road has been paved to the peak but the shear drop-offs remain at every curve. Going up is a challenge for your vehicle but coming down requires a steady hand and clever use of your vehicles gears and brakes. The first car to make it to the peak was a 1913 Bearcat taking five and half hours at average of just over 3 mph to climb the then gravel road to the

peak. The better way to enjoy this towering mountain of light pink granite is to ride the reliable Cog Train to the peak. Construction of the original line began in 1889 and was opened to the public in 1891. The term "Cog" comes from the Swiss designed railroads that utilize a third rail or geared cog that allows the trains to climb grades up to 48%. The Pikes Peak grade averages 25% as it crawls up the north face of the mountain at average speed of 9 mph.

As the trail slowly climbs the mountain you pass through a steep gorge then burst out into the open where the mountain drops away almost vertically for over two miles. Along the way you pass a small ranch dating back to the 1800's where early visitors came to stay to escape the heat of the plains far below. You will also see hardy souls hiking up the mountain on one of the two trails that ascend the mountain. In the distance you can see the huge open pit of the Cripple Creek Gold Mine where they are still extracting the rich ore after over 100 years of op-

eration. At the peak is a large visitor center offering a warm retreat with great doughnuts and hot cocoa when the winds are up or the snow is falling. As you stroll around the peak area there are several breathtaking overlooks where you can often see a herd of mountain goats tiptoeing along the rocky slopes.

Unfortunately the Town of Manitou Springs had a major mudslide this past week when heavy rains hit the steep valley bringing down a massive amount of stone and mud directly onto the main street of the town. Heavy rainfall is very uncommon in this area and the town was ill prepared for the disaster. But these mountain folk are hardy and I am sure they will overcome this unfortunate event.

food, milk and fruit. The

milk and fruit this week

will be provided by First

United Methodist Church

Larry Teague

Senator

Arkansas companies exported \$7.6 billion in merchandise last year, an increase of 36 percent over the previous year.

The growth in sales to overseas markets by Arkansas firms was due in large part to increased exports of transportation equipment, according to the International Trade Administration, a branch of the federal Commerce Department.

Transportation equipment accounted for \$2.1 billion of our total in exported merchandise. The next largest categories of exports were chemicals (\$925 million), food and food-related products (\$769 million), machinery except electrical products (\$713 million) and manufactured metals (\$569 mil-

Arkansas' largest market was Canada. About \$1.7 billion of our exports were shipped to Canada in 2012. That is about 21 percent of the total value of goods exported by Arkan-

Mexico, the second largest foreign market, received \$847 million in Arkansas products. Mexico was followed by China (\$719 million) France (\$365 million) and Brazil (\$361 million).

Of all the major metropolitan areas in the South Central region, Little Rock- North Little Rock-Conway had the highest rate of expansion, with 171 percent. The areas exported \$2.4 billion in goods and led the state in the dollar amount of exports. The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers area was second with \$668 million in exports. Fort Smith was next with \$503 million of exports, followed by Pine Bluff with \$281 million, Jonesboro with \$128 million and Hot Springs with \$88 million.

The Houston-Sugarland-Baytown is the largest metropolitan exporter in the eight-state region with total exports last year of more than \$110 billion. Texas was the largest exporter in the region and petroleum products were a major component of its overseas shipments.

The dollar value of Arkansas exports doubled since 2005, when they totaled \$3.8 billion. More than 1,600 Arkansas firms exported products and more than three fourths of those companies are small to medium sized, with fewer than 500 employees.

More than 14 percent of the manufacturing jobs in Arkansas are dependent on exports, according to the Arkansas District Export Council.

Arkansas firms now compete in a global marketplace, and state economic development officials help them with the complexities of shipping products to foreign countries and complying with international laws on tariffs and taxes.

The other side of the coin is to compete for foreign companies that are looking to invest in Arkansas. An estimated 34,800 Arkansas workers are employed by firms with headquarters in foreign countries. Corporations based in France, Japan, Great Britain and Switzerland are the largest foreign employers with a presence in Arkan-

The United States is the second largest exporter in the world, after China. Germany and Japan are third and fourth. The Netherlands and France are the fifth and sixth largest exporters.

As in Arkansas, transportation equipment was the dominant product exported by the United States in 2012, accounting for about 16 percent of all American merchandise sold overseas. Computers and electronic products were the second largest category, accounting for about 13 percent of all products exported by U.S. companies. The United States imports more than it exports, and buying petroleum from foreign countries accounts for more than half of our trade deficit.

Of all the American companies that sell products overseas, 98 percent have fewer than 500 employees.

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Feed My Sheep

This past week was fairly busy, Monday was slow but we were busy Wednesday. We never know how many clients will come in to pick up food but a normal day is anywhere from 18 to 37 and the slow days drag by but when we are truly busy busy the morning just flies by. Our clients come in every 30 days if they need to. Some people come in less frequent and they usually say they only come when they need to.

We appreciate that. We want them to come if they need food. We had a case this weekend where the family had nothing to eat, a friend helped and took food to them. Most of us are blessed beyond measure and do not know what it is to go without but I just wish they would come to the pantry in a case like that. This was related to us by a friend and when we looked into it we got food together and sent it. It has made me wonder how many out there are falling between the cracks and we miss them but if they do not come to us we usually do not know about them. Last Monday the milk and fruit was provided by Pencil Bluff Baptist Church and a couple of people that just wanted to help. This is the last week for the Summer Feeding Program and we actually will miss the families that come in to get

in Mount Ida. We could not do this without the churches and they are much appreciated. Who is going to the Montgomery County Fair this week and weekend? The food pantry has a booth in the Expo building, worked on that this past weekend and we were one of the first booths to go up so I am ready to see what else goes in there. Looked like the elementary schools in the county had art work on the wall. We have some pretty good artists looks like. Anyway support your local fair if you can. I am sure there will be a rodeo and they are usually fun. Hope everyone is getting some rain and enjoying it, this is a strange summer. We go to Little Rock to pick up USDA this week and shop the salvage room, we hope to get good salvage this time as it always helps us to have variety in the pantry. Have a great week and drop by to see us if you can. Thank you to all who help us in the pantry and also those who donate money and food. You may reach us at 870 867 7168, We are in the Annex, 117 Ray Dr., Mt Ida, AR. Our P.O. Box is 1443, Mt Ida, AR 71957. Until next time watch out for your friends and neighbors in need

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Nursing Home News

Sunday morning our Sunday School class met in the chapel. Betty Prince led the lesson. In the afternoon Church Service was held in the activity room, with Greg Hamner bringing us a good message. McKenzie, Katie Sheena lead the singing.

Monday morning Prayer Time was held in the lobby. We then met in the dining room for Memory Lane. We did Back to School. In the afternoon we did What Would You Do if? Then

After Church we did some

coloring sheets.

we played Bingo. Tuesday morning we gathered in the main dining room to play the Parachute. In the afternoon we played Back to School What's in the Bag?

Wednesday morning Prayer Time was held in the lobby. Later we met in the chapel for Bible Study. In the afternoon we did some Word Games.

by Deanne Sieh

Thursday morning we played Bingo. In the afternoon we caught up on Current Events.

Friday morning Prayer Time was held in the lobby, then we did Remember When. In the afternoon we had Solve the Mystery.

Saturday morning Group Reading met in the dining room. We also enjoyed a cup of coffee. In the afternoon we watched several episodes of the Beverly Hillbillies.

Our Condolences go out to the families of Juanita Gammel and Dewitt Tidwell.

Thank you to all of our Volunteer's, Until next time please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

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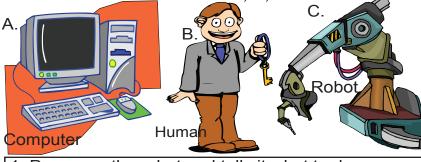
programmed to complete a task or job. Robots cannot think on their own, but some can be taught to make simple decisions, based on things they sense around them. Robots have the ability to move and detect or "see" things around them. Sensors can detect shapes, objects, light, sounds, and changes in temperature. Signals from the sensors are sent to the "brain" of the robot, or the computer. The computer then directs the robot to do what the individual has programmed the robot to do. Robots are not very old inventions. Only since the modernization of computers has the robot become common. They are used for many tasks. Some robots assemble cars and other things in factories; some handle hazardous materials; some are used to disarm bombs that could injure humans; and some are even used for underwater and space exploration. Robots are useful because they help people complete tasks. They are usually very simple. Some robots are just a simple robotic arm that assembles parts. Others are bulky and large. Many people think of robots as looking human--upright on two legs, but robots are not yet that advanced. These images are from stories and people's imaginations; however, one day we may all have one!

Circle the hidden words. Word list is found below on the robots sign. P A X M H X R O S N E S BHAZARDSDOE AMTOCFOWVZM J C O L Y R X G N H A U IHDLRCACROP S V E N T I O N R V R B E

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CROSSUORD Solve the puzzle using the clues provided.

ROBOT WHO DOES IT Look at the three pictures below. Then read the questions or statements and choose which picture best answers. Pick A, B, or C.



- 1. Programs the robot and tells it what to do.
- 2. The robot's brain that directs its moves.
- perform.
- 6. Can do hazardous tasks that harm humans.
- 7. Interprets signals in order to make decisions.
- 3. Performs tasks that it has been programmed to 4. Has sensors that send signals to the brain. 5. Has imagined robots of the future on two legs. WORD

8. Most robots are very what? 9. Some robots perform jobs that could cause people DOWN CLUE 1. Who programs robots? Brain 3. What a robot is told to do is called a what? 4. Type of robot, often used in factories. 6. Some robots ocean or space.

KIDBITS

ACROSS CLUES

2. A robot's brain is a what? 5. These help a robot to "see. 7. Machine programmed to

perform a task.

Shown below is an example of a robot that is used for exploration. This robot is sent underwater to explore the ocean.



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4)C 2)B 2)A 3)C B(1:snA Circle the robot below that is not the same as the others.



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The 89th General Assembly referred three constitutional amendments to voters. I support two of them and am generally neutral on the other.

If approved by the people, HJR1009 would ban gifts from lobbyists to elected officials and prohibit corporate campaign contributions to candidates for elected office. It would alter the current term limits to allow legislators to serve a total of 16 years in the legislature. Currently members are allowed to serve 16 years if elected to both the House and Senate. HJR1009 would alter the current law to 16 vears overall regardless of chamber. The amendment also prohibits the legislature from setting its own salaries and those of most other elected officials. Salaries would be determined by an independent salary commission if the amendment is approved. Current law prohibits legislators from lobbying the legislature for one year after they leave office. The amendment extends this prohibition to two years from the date they leave office. I am a sponsor of and support this amendment as it eliminates many of the ethical loopholes that can lead to corruption of the lawmaking process.

SJR16 requires that at least 75 percent of signatures submitted by initiative campaigns to be verified before additional time is given to circulate petitions. There have been multiple instances where paid canvassers deliberately abused a loophole in

the current process and this proposal would close that loophole. I am neutral on this amendment as I support its intention but have some concerns that it could be misused to add unintended restrictions to the initiative process. I strongly support SJR7 which would allow the legislature to approve rules and regulations proposed by state agencies before they are implemented. Currently, we review the bureaucratic rules but have no authority to block those we believe are draconian or just too costly for citizens to reasonably comply with. The Mercatus Center at George Washington University reports that Arkansas is one of the top 5 most regulated states in the US and approving this amendment will greatly help in the effort to make Arkansas more business and job friendly.

I'd be happy to discuss the referred amendments with any constituent if you have questions about the details they contain. You can see the full text of each of them by searching by bill number at this link: http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2013/2013R/Pages/Home.aspx

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Story News

by Melba Reed

We are thankful for the showers of rain and cooler weather. It has greatly helped the grass, gardens and flowers.

The Church of God Conference of Arkansas will be at Muddy Creek Church of God on Saturday, August 24. It will begin at 9 a.m. Mt. Ida Church of God's Pastor Bro. Patrick Saveall will deliver the message. There will be a potluck meal at noon after the yearly business is finished the conference will adjourn.

Bernice Johnston and her daughter and son in law, Judy Chesser and Neal Johnston of Hot Springs enjoyed a visit with relatives they seldom see on August 3 at Bernice's home. Among those who came were Darrell Tedford and wife of California, their daughter and her husband of Perryville. They all enjoyed a big meal ad tried to catch up on family history. Darrell's mother was the late Francis Duggins Tedford.

I was sorrowful to hear that Bro. Brian McKenna resigned as pastor of Story Church of God. Bro. Brian is a nice Christian man and I enjoyed his messages that I've heard him preach at youth camp and other places.

Congratulations to all the family of Baby Calvin Brett Williams who was born on August 6, 2013 at 5:46 a.m. He weighed 8lbs 5oz and was 20 ½ long. His proud parents are Brandon and Kimberly Chambers Williams, maternal grandparents are Tim and Linda Chambers, great grandmother Edith Chambers, Uncle Charlie Chambers and great Aunt Mira Chambers Robins.

The graveside Memorial service for Ray and Audie Johnston Stachey will be at 3 p.m. on August 23 at Reed Cemetery. Ray's sisters, Martha McClung and Marilyn Williams will fly to Little Rock then drive to Story and stay at the home of Beth

Smith for a few days. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Happy Birthday to Kari Ann Hawthorne, Billie Tedford, Doris Clemmons, and Melba Reed on August 18; Owen Danley and Michael Barrett on August 19; Morgan Lambert, Eric Brakefield, and Aaron Beggs on August 20; Madison Lambert, Blake Beggs, Lynzie Holloway, and Patrick Cook on August 21; Bro. Ronnie Noles, David Wingfield, Edwenna Rowland, and Paul Childress on August 22; John McKay and Margie Swaim on August 23. Happy Anniversary to Glenda and Bernard Rusert on August 21 and Alton and Vanita Abernathy on August 23. Happy Belated Anniversary to O.J. and Betty Sharp.

Our prayer list: Thelma Mason, Neil Johnston, Dexter Summitt, Imogene Gossett, Murriel Nonner, Paul and Reva Reed, Ruby Reed, Sherleen Reed, Lille Bryant and her for daughter and family, Cora Sue Swaim, Eddie Stanley, Waymon Scott and his wife, RB Carter, Bernice Irons, Dell Qualls, Tiffany Allen, the family of Dewitt Tidwell and family of Jamie Robertson the grandfather of Josh Harper. Please pray for all the sick, bereaved, unsaved, our military, our leaders and everyone including Harrison and Melba and Juanita

Always remember "the prayer of a righteous man availeth much" James 5:16

Norman News

with Dee Card

Belated Happy Birthday to Jordan Powell who just turned 15.

Friends of our nice UPS delivery lady, Kelli Hiaumet, are putting together a card shower for her. Kelli has been diagnosed with breast cancer. If you would like to send Kelli a get well card you can mail it to Kelli Hiaumet, P.O. Box 1533, Mena Arkansas 71953. And I am thinking adding a prayer on her behalf would certainly be appreciated.

Congratulations going out to the Caddo Cheer Team. All of girls were nominated for All American at the recent cheer camp and two of the girls, Angel Cogburn and Robin Kelley, were actually named All American. Nice going ladies!

Their instructor was from the National Cheerleader Association and was also one of the cheerleaders who appeared in the movie "Bring it On!"

Open House for the Norman Library is this Friday, Aug. 16th from 4:00 to 6:00 in the Square. Refreshments will be served and two former teachers will give oral presentations from two books. The library will then be open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:000 - 4:00. Everyone who checks out books must bring identification as they sign up to check out books. Two new computers and a printer are available for the public.

Condolences are going out to the friends and fam-

ily of Willie Gene Cogburn of Fancy Hill who passed away July 31st. He was buried in the Fancy Hill Cemetery with Bro. Walter Graham officiating.

Norman High School Museum is open Tuesday & Friday 10:30-5 and has bedroom furniture for sale including a queen size complete bed, a twin Jenny Lind style and a futon. They also have some assorted window frames, most with glass and added lots of new items to the flea market.

Gretta Lane has some living room furniture plus a refrigerator, washer and dryer for sale. All are in good condition.

And speaking of flea markets, we have a new one located at 213 Gurdon Ave in Norman that will be open Fridays and Saturdays.

We may be developing as a destination for folks who are looking for antiques, second hand projects and shabby chic. That would be a nice economic shot in the arm for our community.

And for the nice lady out toward Sulfur Springs who called with news, please try me again, I couldn't make out your phone number.

Don't forget Caddo Hills School Open House is Wednesday, the 15th, at 6:00 p.m.

If you have news, give me a call at 870-279-2639 or email it to weeklynormannews@gmail.com



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NORMAN

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border, and a gabled roof was installed by 1946.

The Library was originally renovated in the 1990's. The renovation included a fully staffed library with a variety of books and two computers for patrons to use.

A second renovation occurred in 2005, at which time a flat roof was once again installed on the roof per the requirements of a state grant that was used to fund much of the renova-

The installation of the new roof proved to be disastrous. The roof leaked and eventually brought about the closure of the library in 2009.

It was at this time that the friends of the Norman Library learned that they

couldn't replace the flat roof with a gabled roof.

Jean Lybrand explained that the state historical society wouldn't allow them to alter the look of the building per their grant requirements.

Lybrand and the Library board worked for three years to get approval to restore the gabled roof which stood atop the library for most of its life and finally they received good news.

Lybrand keeps a letter in her desk at the library which states that the state historical society would not agree to allow the gabled roof to be installed, but they acknowledged that they would not pursue legal action if one was installed.

Work began and in 2012 and was finished in April of this year.

The newly renovated library is home to over 2,000 books of a variety of topics. There are also two

computers available for local residents to use.

The library has been visited by tourists from all over the world, many of whom have written their name in the original guest register first used by Marie Pinkerton in the early days of the library.

A grand reopening will be held Fri., Aug. 16 from 4-6 p.m. at the library and everyone is encouraged to

The Library is located on Hwy. 27 in the square in Norman.

The Library is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop by and visit, but only Montgomery County residents are able to check books out of the library.

Board members include Jean Lybrand, Mary Beth Lysobey, Roseanna Markham, David Lysobey and Betty Ruth Williams.



DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY | Montgomery County News

A collection of photographs display the history of the Norman Library. The Library was opened in the 1930's and is home to over 2,000 books and a computer lab.

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reational Area.

She stated that according to state law, the District Ranger Tim Oosterhous had to speak to the

quorum court regarding the reasons for the closure. She also mentioned that a group of local residents were circulating a petition to have the area reopened.

County Judge Alvin Black said he would contact Oosterhous and ask him to address the topic at the next quorum court

Members of a group calling themselves the Montgomery County Veterans' Coalition shared their concerns that the local Veteran Service Officer, William "Bill"

Black, wasn't providing adequate service to local veterans and ask that he be replaced.

Larry Barrows read a prepared statement stating their concerns.

Judge Black allowed veterans in attendance an opportunity to air their complaints before the court.

In other business:

The JPs approved ordinance 2013-12, which appropriated \$402.11 for an employee health insurance rebate.

They approved ordinance 2013-13, which appropriated \$5,500 to the annex to pay for the installation of a new heating and air conditioning unit.

They approved Resolution 2013-8, which authorizes Judge Black to file for a grant on behalf of the Joplin Volunteer Fire Department.

DANIELLE BROWN | Montgomery County News

Hunt Forest Products Inc. is considering a purchase of the former Bean Lumber Mill located near Glenwood. they would like to meet with former Bean Lumber Mill employees Aug. 27-28.

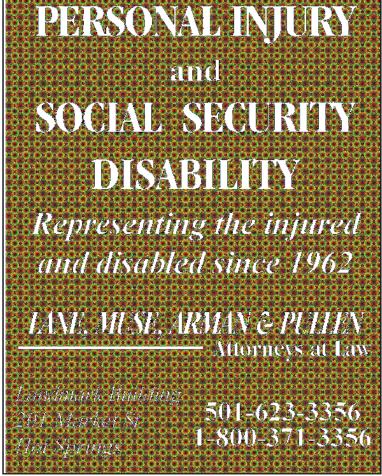




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MILL

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whether an experienced workforce still exists in the area.

Rex Lawrence of the Southwest Arkansas Regional Intermodel Coalition- an agency that researches and works to drive economic development to a 5-county area- has worked intensively with Hunt Forest Products, connecting them with local professionals in the timber industry, and assisting in the review of the feasibility of reopening the mill. "Nothing is set in stone right

now," Lawrence said. "They are gauging interest and workforce before moving forward."

"We are cautiously optimistic," he added. "I am very impressed with their professionalism at this point," he said. "We've just got to show them our workforce is worth the investment."

Hunt Forest Products, Inc., wish to meet individually with interested former employees of the former Curt Bean Lumber Mill on Tues., Aug. 27 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Wed., Aug. 28, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m..

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Other winners include:

Miss Teen-Mikala Marie Austin (Winner, Miss Photogenic), Madelin Lee Fire (First Runner-up), Bailey DeWeese (Second Runner-

Miss Preteen – Abby Jones (Winner, Miss Photogenic), Tia Shyan Mullenix (First Runner-up), Mariah Faith Morrison (Second Runner-up).

PrincessMikayla Leanne Ellison (Winner, Miss Photogenic), Destiny Dillon (First Runner-up).

Baby Little Miss, Tiny Little Miss, Darling Little Miss and Little Miss pag-

eants were held Tuesday night. The second half of the

county fair provides excitement and fun for everyone. The midway will open

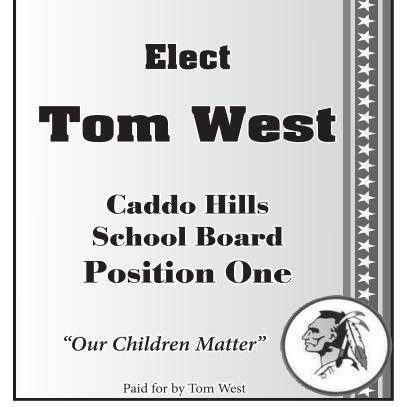
Wednesday and will feature bounce houses for the younger visitors. There will also be a petting zoo and train rides. Extreme FunSpot will

have a 200 foot zip line, laser tag, pony rides and water wars at the fair. There will also be a me-

chanical bull Thursday and Friday night.

The rodeo, provided by HammerTime Rodeo Co., will be held Friday and Saturday night beginning at 7:30 p.m.

There will be an auction and premium sale Saturday morning at 10 a.m.



Montgomery County EHC members prepare for county fair

each year to display the talent of county residents. But county fairs are much more than that.

The purpose of a county fair is education. Education is the foundation of the judging system used at county fairs.

As county fair season kicks off, qualified

County fairs are held judges are needed in a dlework & quilts, phovariety of areas. Filling this need was the purpose behind a recent training held in Ashdown.

July 31, offered certification in eight categories: baked goods, arts & crafts, food preservation, educational booths, clothing, neetography, and horticulture. Each participant received training in four of the eight categories.

Montgomery County The training, held on EHC took a group of 14 to the training, the largest group from any one county.

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titude of Montgomery County and our EHC in particular. These judges will be asked to judge at county fairs in neighing objective scoring for exhibits and giving feedback to exhibitors.

Our own county fair exhibit buildings will be open on Wednesday, August 14 from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Don't miss out on viewing our many quality exhibits.

Brighter, whiter smiles



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Dr. D. Michael DeRuyter presents Liz Aikin with her free professional teeth whitening kit. Aikin won the drawing held recently at the Montgomery County Health Fair. Dr. DeRuyter's office is located at the Mount Ida Airport.



SUBMITTED PHOTO | Montgomery County News

Members of the Montgomery County Extension Homemakers Council recently attended a county fair judging training held in Ashdown.

Jodie Farmer helps pass out football pads to members of the Mount Ida Junior Lion football team Aug. 12. Monday was the first day of practice with full pads for the Lions.

Photo by Dewayne Holloway



NOTICE

Doris Christine Turley 104 Van Buren Street

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located in Deed Record Book 116 at Pages 55

ATTENTION: FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE CURT BEAN LUMBER MILL IN GLENWOOD

Hunt Forest Products, Inc. is currently surveying the availability of former employees of Curt Bean Glenwood Lumber Mill. We are interested in meeting with former employees to determine whether an experienced workforce still exist in the area. A critical part of this survey, is to determine how many of the former employees are available and interested in returning to work should the plant re-open.

Hunt Forest Products, Inc. will meet individually with interested former employees at the Glenwood Country *Club* on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM Wednesday, August 28, 2013 9:00 AM - NOON



WARNING ORDER

STATE OF ARKANSAS **COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

1st DIVISION BAN K OF AMERICA, N.A. PLAINTIFF

VS. CASE NO. CV-2013-33

MICHAEL BRANDON MCCASLIN; KRISTI MCCASLIN; DEFENDANTS

THE CURRENT SPOUSE OF KRISTI MCCASLI N; THE CURRENT SPOUSE OF MICHAEL BRAN-DON MCCASLIN; and THE OCCUPANTS OF 105 CRESTWOOD DR., MOUNT IDA, AR 71957 A description of the property or res to be affected:

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Described tract is subject to an easement of thirty (30) feet measured perpendicularly from the Southeasterly

lines along the road for roadway and utility purposes.

Also, Subject to a 15 feet easement along boundary of Easterly line of said property for roadway and utility purposes The Defendants, Kristi L. McCaslin and The Current Spouse of Kristi L. McCaslin, unserved, are warned to appear and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff in this Court within 30 days from the date of first publication of this warning order or face entry of judgment by default or be otherwise barred from asserting his or her or its interest.

Failure of the Defendants to answer within 30 days from the date of first publication of this warning order could result in judgment against the Defendants.

Dated: August 1, 2013 Dyke, Goldsholl & Winzerling,

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ANCILLARY ESTATE OF GENEVA STEWART ALLRED, DECEASED NO. PR-2013-16

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF

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February 5, 2012

John W. Yeargan, Jr. Attorney at Law

Mt Ida, AR 71957-0755

Date published August 8, 2013.

P.O. Box 755

An instrument dated the 16th day of July, 1990, was on the 24th day of May, 2013, admitted to ancillary probate as the Last Will and Testament of Geneva Stewart Allred, Deceased, and the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative thereof. A contest of the probate of the Will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law. All persons having any claims against the estate, including but not limited to those for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent, must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This Notice first published the 8th day of August, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

DGW:33-34,w435

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Irving, Texas 75061 Submitted by and through: John T. Vines, Attorney for the Estate

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Mount Ida School District prepares for new year

DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY Editor

MOUNT IDA - This summer has been a busy time for the Mount Ida School District as they prepare for the upcoming 2013-14 school year.

The staff at Mount Ida has been busy preparing

for the implementation of the Common Core system this year.

Michelle Abernathy and Beverly Smith were asked to speak at the national Common Core conference held this summer.

Abernathy was a part of the Literacy Design Collaborative and Smith was a part of the Math Design Collaborative.

The teaching staff at Mount Ida will work together to help meld all areas of education as they continue to provide a high level of education for Mount Ida students.

The school also has also made improvements

to their campus.

Cement driveways will be installed at the high school and elementary campus to ensure a safer experience as students are brought to school and as they go home.

The Middle School Campus will be working with the PTO to develop

some playground activi- will help the district betties for students. They are looking at painting a kickball diamond, four square, tic tac toe, checkers and hopscotch on the asphalt.

The school also attained a \$5,000 Lowe's Toolbox Grant. The money will be implement a school safety plan that ter protect the students on each campus in case of an emergency.

Mount Ida Schools will begin classes on Mon., Aug. 19.

For more information contact superintendent Jeannie Smith at (870) 867-2771.

Oden ready to implement Common Core programs

DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY Editor

ODEN - Principal William Edwards and the staff of Oden High School are ready to welcome the students of Oden Elementary and High School back to school in 2013.

As the 2013-14 school year approaches, Edwards stressed that one of his primary summer goals is to guarantee that the schools are fully staffed with well qualified teachers.

this year will be Chett Dicus, Clint Connell and Stephanie Holmstead.

Many of members of the teaching staff spent time in training as they prepared for the implementation of Common Core at Oden. The staff has examined test data from last year and will adjust their programs and curriculum to better prepare the students of Oden for changes ahead.

Two teachers from Oden were asked to speak at a na-

Joining the Oden staff tional meeting for Common students. Core this summer.

Toby Craver and Linda Barnes spoke at a Common Core national meeting this summer and Craver was asked to return the final night of the conference and speak again.

Craver will lead the literacy program at Oden, while Barnes will lead the math program.

Edwards stated that the school's mission this year is to ensure learning for all

"It doesn't matter if you are talking about a GT students or a student with multiple learning disabilities, we have got to focus on making sure that when they come to us they have made gains by the time they leave." Edwards emphasized while talking about the upcoming year.

One of the ways Oden school plans on assuring the learning process is effective for all students is to imple-

ment a student progress monitoring program.

Teachers will test throughout the school year to check for the gains in all students. This process will allow teachers to identify students who may need help and give them an opportunity to examine what changes need to be made in the curriculum to help that student.

There will be four collaborative groups that provide a support group for teachers as they work within the new

Another focus for the school will be to help students develop better writing skills. Edwards stressed that the students at Oden aren't doing poorly in writing, but he does feel they can make improvements in this area.

Oden School will begin Mon., Aug. 19.

For more information on Oden School or Ouachita River School District call William Edwards at (870) 326-4311.

Caddo Hills preps for new year, hires interim principal

MIKE WALLACE

Glenwood Herald Editor

CADDO HILLS - The southern Montgomery County public school of Caddo Hills is ready for the 2013-2014 term with a new floor in the elementary building, fresh paint everywhere, landscape work almost completed and the gym floor stripped and re-varnished.

Superintendent Paul Shelton related the details of the district's July 23 regular school board meeting in a Fri., Aug. 2 interview. Afterwards Shelton provided a guided tour of the facility and the work done over the

summer.

The school calendar provided from the July meeting shows the first day of school for students is Mon., Aug. 19. The first quarter is 42 days long with the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 2.

There is a parent Conference Teacher date of Oct. 24, a Thursday, and a school break date the next day. The Thanksgiving break is Nov. 25-29, semester tests Dec. 18-20, and the second quarter of 41 days ends December 20. The Christmas Break is Dec. 23 to Jan. 3. There are built in snow days in the third and fourth quarters with graduation set July.

class members will continue school until May

If school is out for an extended time due to weather, the students will have days added on at the end of May.

At the July 23 meeting, the school board voted 5-0 to hire Charlene Fear as Interim High School Principal.

At the August 2 interview, Superintendent Paul Shelton said he had sent Principal Stacy Vines a letter of suspension with pay. The letter was sent both by registered mail and regular mail in the third week of

Shelton said Vines has 30 days from receipt of the letter to set up a meeting with the school board. Shelton said he cannot reveal the con-

for May 23. Non senior tents of the letter as it is a personnel matter. Not even the school board members know the reasons why, stated Shelton. The superintendent also stated it can be a closed or open meeting per the request of Vines.

Another certified instructor, Chet Dycus, effectively resigned by not returning a signed contract, stated Shelton.

A call to Oden High School Principal William Edwards revealed that Dycus has been rehired at Oden. According to Edwards, Dycus was hired a couple of months ago. He will be the girls' basketball coach (Senior and Junior High), teach health and Physical Education for junior and senior high.

Continuing with the July board meeting -Melissa Powell

hired as a bus driver by a 4-0 vote with board member Joey Powell abstaining.

By a 5-0 vote the board accepted the resignation of para-professional Megan Martin and the hiring of para-professionals Terrie Hill, Tara Allen and Irene Ethridge.

After discussions of student handbook changes and district policy, the board voted 5-0 for the changes.

Shelton said the student handbook is 95 to 98 percent the same as last year.

Shelton said the policy absence has changed again coming from the Department of Education. There used to be excused and unexcused absences. The state legislature had voted to have no excused

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or unescused absences. now has changed its mind to having unexcused ones. This places more responsibility on the parents to notify the school why their child was absent. The superintendent also stated that vast majority of the students are eager to attend school due to seeing friends and family as well as eating the meals. The absences each year come from two to three percent of the students.

After the interview portion on the July meeting, Shelton showed the work done by the summer crews and outside contractors.

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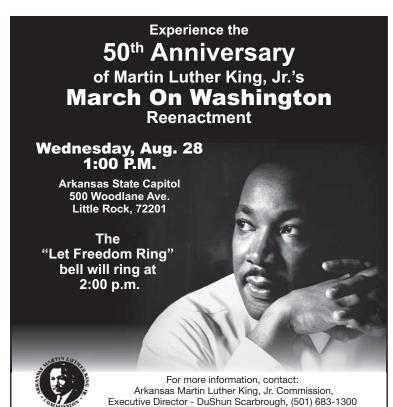
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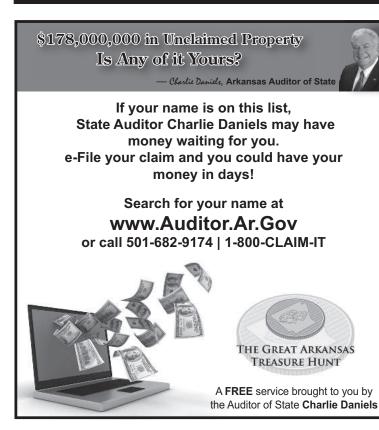
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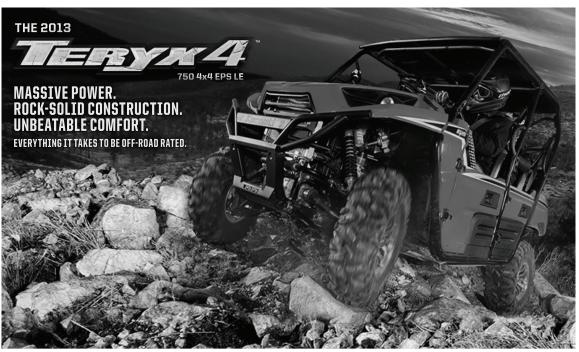


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MONTGOMERY COUN-TY DISTRICT COURT COMPILED BY AN-DREA SHEFFIELD District court cases from Wed., July 24: Casey Lee Graves, 36, of Norman, fined \$720 for DWI-1st.

Larry Standridge, 57, of Fort Smith, fined \$245 for contempt of court failure to pay fines. David Mattanle Gerkin, 29, of Norman, fined \$320 for driving on suspended license, \$145 for no liability insurance and \$270 for fail to appear on violation.

Kenneth Michael Cluley, 23, of Arkadelphia. forfeited \$370 for alligator, bear, deer and turkey tagging requirements and \$370 for big game checking requirements.

Louis J. Millwood, 33, of Pearcy, forfeited \$170 for boating restrictions on corps of engineers lake.

Todd P. Sherwin, 42, of West Monroe, LA., forfeited \$220 for improper boat lights federal waters.

Samuel Grant Sinclair JR., 32, of Hot Springs, forfeited \$220 for registration certification required.

Johan A. Antunez, 35, of Caddo Gap, forfeited \$118 for speeding (57 in 45 mph).

Chad Michael Arnold, 16, of Bonnerdale, forfeited \$70 for no seatbelt. Misty Lyn Beck-Reeves, 38, of Mount Ida, forfeited \$150 for driving too fast for conditions. Amber Leigh Bingham, 22, of Van Buren, forfeited \$70 for no seatbelt. Shaun William Booth,

26, of Hot Springs, for-

feited \$320 for driving on suspended license.

Nikki Lynn Endes, 33, of Bryant, forfeited \$137 for speeding (72 in 55 mph). Jenna Leigh Everett, 21, of McAlester, OK., forfeited \$116 for speeding (65 in 55 mph).

Adrienne N. Ezell, 38, of Arkadelphia, forfeited \$70 for no seatbelt. Donna Grekulak, 63, of Blasdell, NY., forfeited

\$121 for speeding (70 in 55 mph). Laura A. Hallbauer, 42, of Hot Springs, forfeited \$120 for driving left of

center and \$270 for fail to appear on violation. Roberto Hernandez, 33, of Bonnerdale, forfeited \$119 for speeding (68 in 55 mph) and \$170 for no driver license or license expired.

Charles D. Hoffpauir, 26, of Norman, forfeited \$70 for no seatbelt. Larry Dewayne Hulsey, 63, of Hot Springs, fined \$345 for no liability insurance, \$150 for fictitious tags and \$320 for driving on suspended license.

Joshua L. Jaynes, 25, of Amity, forfeited \$119 for speeding (68 in 55 mph). Marty Nicholas Lenard, 23 of Oden, forfeited \$121 for speeding (70 in 55 mph).

Emilee Dawn Lowrey, 21, of Hot Springs, forfeited \$70 for no seatbelt. Jonathan Heinz Conway, 23, of Conway, forfeited \$143 for speeding (75 in 55 mph).

Candace Nicole Millard, 23, of Hot Springs, forfeited \$119 for speeding (68 in 55 mph).

Zollie Rance Parris, 39, of Mount Ida forfeited \$220 for public intoxica-

tion and \$440 for criminal mischief. Sean M. Poret, 28, of Texarkana, TX., forfeited \$150 for owner fail to

register vehicle-expired Christopher N. Robertson, 19, of Mena, fined \$185 for careless and prohibited driving, \$640

of crime and \$1520 for DWI-2nd. Maggie Marie Rubben, 20, of Royal, forfeited \$118 for speeding (57 in

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45 mph). Patsy Ann Seguin, 72, of Mount Ida, forfeited \$121 for speeding (70 in

55 mph). James Edward Shewmake, 50, of Mena, fined \$320 for driving on suspended.

Marci Marie Stonewall, 35, of Story, fined \$119 for speeding.

Jerry Michael Turley, 40, of Hensley, forfeited \$150 for improper display of license tags. Laura Giles Alexander, 45, of Pine Ridge, fined \$125 for driving left of center and \$185 for fail to yield to emergency

vehicle. David Ray Finch, 46, of Lavaca, fined \$185 for careless and prohibited

driving. Arlen Scott Hamm, 31, of Fort Smith, forfeited \$720 for DWI-1st. Cesar Ortiz, 47, of Glenwood, fined \$720 for

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Jason Jerome Williams, 36, of Hot Springs, forfeited \$120 for speeding (69 in 55 mph). David Ray Wilson, 51, of Little Rock, fined \$195 for careless and prohibited driving and \$1520



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Letter to the Editor

Monday, August 12th found several veterans of Montgomery County attending the monthly county meeting attended by our county judge and justices of the peace, our goal was to voice our displeasure with our experiences with dealing with our county veteran's service officer (VSO) and the lack of service in doing so.

I want to state right here and right now that no one, in the meetings I have attended have personally shown any desire to personally attack this individual or degrade him or the position, the opposite is certainly true as we understand that as many of us he has disabilities. Saying such the fact is the job is not getting done here in the county forcing many of us to seek help in adjoining counties or at VA facilities, for myself and several others this is a minor inconvienance, but for some of our older veterans and their spouces seeking VA benefits this is a burden.

No one likes to "make waves" or trouble in a small community such as ours and such a great place to reside, but right is right, the fact that our VSO is related to our county judge to me has no bearing in this matter, such nepotism may be near impossible to avoid in small comunties such as ours, just the facts of this matter which to me are as follows.

We have a county judge/ county paying an individual who is not performing those duties for which he is paid, this has been denied by our county judge however we have the testimony of personal experiences of not only veterans but widows of

We have an individual accepting county money for a job which many of us feel he is not performing, I understand that as a fellow disabled veteran, he may be very dependent on this income, but should others be inconvenienced?

In closing once again because I have heard claims that this is a personal attack or vendetta, It is not, I can only assume those spreading this rumor are using it to favor retaining this individual in this position.

> Ed Henry Sr Vietnam Veteran







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(2nd runner-up),
Mikala Marie Austin
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LEFT: Miss PrincessDestiny Dillon (1st
runner-up), Mikayla
Leanne Ellison
(Miss Princess, Miss
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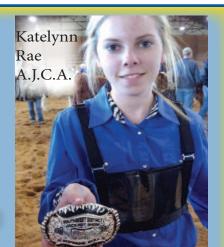
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