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Local Briefs

Spring into Health teams forming now

The Montgomery County Health Education Advisory Board is sponsoring an eight week physical activity program and we want you to be a part of it.

It's that time of year again when we all start thinking that summer is right around the corner and that we really need to loose some weight. Well then our program is a great place for you to start. "Spring Into Health" is an eight-week physical activity program to get you up off the couch and moving.

How the program works?

Get a team of 6 people together (one will serve as the team captain). Team members begin tracking their individual mileage for miles walked or ran starting on March 5th- April 29th. The team captain will gather team totals each week and turn into the Montgomery County Health Unit. One team will be crowned the "Spring Into Health" winner for most miles at the end of the eight week program.

Where do I pick up the registration packets?

Pick up your team packet at the Montgomery County Health Unit, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Registration begins Monday, February 1st and ends Friday, March 3rd.

How much does the program cost?

The cost is \$5 per person (\$30 team). Your registration fee will go towards the winning prizes at the end of the program.

Prizes?

The winning team will win a traveling trophy and team prizes but everyone who participates will be a winner. You win by improving your health!

Who will be our competition?

Your team will compete against others in the county to see which team can walk or run the most miles in the eight-week time frame. Schools, businesses, organizations and individuals will compete against one other. We have challenge flyers if you would like to challenge another school, business or organization. Make it a friendly and healthy competition amongst your friends.

This program is a lot of fun and is a great way to help you loose those unwanted pounds.

Join the fun and get healthy!!

Any questions, please call Bonnie Carr at 870-867-2331 or email at bonnie.carr@arkansas.gov



The Mount Ida Lions coaching staff and family watch on as Logan Abernathy and Anthony Spurling sign letters of commitment to play football for the Southern Arkansas University Muleriders. Pictured above: from left to right: (back row) Coach Ethan Crocker, Coach Zack Wuichet and Head Coach Mike White; (front row) Jennifer Abernathy, Logan Abernathy and Floyd Abernathy. Pictured below: from left to right: (back row) Coach Ethan Crocker, Coach Zack Wuichet and Head Coach Mike White; (front row) Audrey Spurling, Anthony Spurling and David Spurling.

Photos by Dewayne Holloway



Lions riding success all the way to SAU

Abernathy, Spurling to join Muleriders

DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY

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MOUNT IDA - Two of Mount Ida's finest will continue their football careers at Southern Arkansas University.

Anthony Spurling and Logan Abernathy sat before an auditorium filled with school mates, family and friends and signed their letters of commitment to play football for the Southern Arkansas University Muleriders.

Each young man was accompanied by their parents and the Mount Ida Lion football coaching staff at the time of their signings.

The Mulerider staff will look to both men to help rebuild a powerful offense.

Spurling is listed as a tight end prospect for SAU. He is quite familiar with the position even though he missed most of the 2016 regular season due to an injury. He returned early in the playoff run and was a vital part of the state championship run this year.

Abernathy has had success on both sides of the ball as a lineman, but will be expected to help shore up the offensive

line at SAU. While playing for the Lions he often drew double and triple teams from opposing defenses while leading the Mount Ida offensive line.

Coach Mike White is excited to see these young men take this next step. He stressed that the opportunity to play in a state championship game was key in getting these scholarships for his players.

David Spurling, Anthony's father, stated that he and his wife Audrey were very proud of their son and looked forward to seeing him play on Saturday's.

Floyd and Jennifer Abernathy were equally as proud of their son Logan. Floyd stated that he had always hoped Logan would play college football and it was a blessing to see him get a chance to fulfill his dream.

Anthony is looking to major in wildlife conservation and Logan is considering wildlife biology.

Coach White stated that SAU's coaching staff was impressed with the size of both players and he is excited to watch them grow while working their way through college.

He added that to his knowledge this is the first time he has had a player receive money for playing football while attending college.

Rich Mountain officially joins UofA system

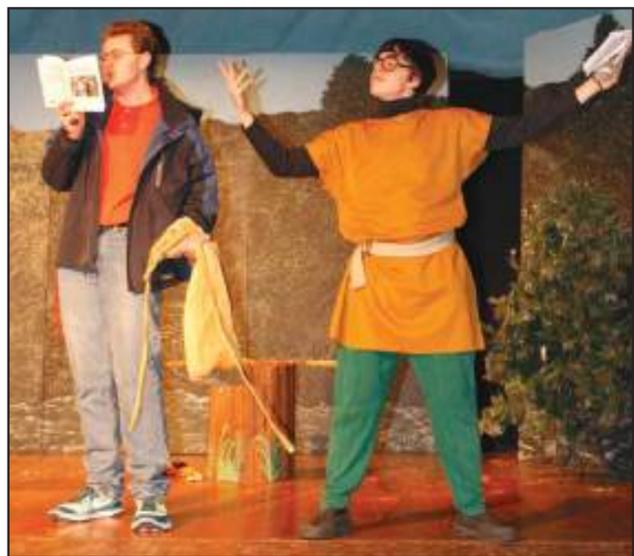
Effective February 1, 2017, Rich Mountain Community College is an official member of the University of Arkansas System. The former Rich Mountain Community College is now renamed the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain. The College will also be known as the University of Arkansas Rich Mountain and UA Rich Mountain.

The process leading to final approval for the merger began in April 2016 with the Rich Mountain Community College Board of Trustees approval to request joining the UA System. The University of Arkansas System Board of Trustees

approved the request for merger at the May 25-26th UA System board meeting. Formal approval for the merger was granted by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board on July 29th with approval for the change of governance by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association following and effective February 1st.

"As the University of Arkansas Rich Mountain, we will continue to provide the highest quality of instruction, services, and resources to our students and community. The merger provides greater

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George Cook (The Town Guy) and Zeath Ginn (Robin Hood) polish their performances as they prepare for opening night of "The Somewhat True Tales of Robin Hood" presented by MCCPA February 18-20.

Life "Get's Real" for area students through simulation



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Budger McCarter (owner of McCarter Mart in Norman) works with a group of Mount Ida seniors at the Has It All Mall segment of the Get Real program. The life simulation allows students to experience a month in the life of an adult.

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MOUNT IDA - Seniors from all three Montgomery County Schools received a little slice of real life thanks to the "Get Real" program presented by the University of Arkansas.

The program was held on the Mount Ida campus this year with students from Caddo Hills, Oden and Mount Ida receiving an opportunity to see what it's like to balance a home budget for one month.

The program simulates one month of an adult's life. Students were randomly assigned situations such as marital status, occupation, children and salaries. They were then sent around the gymnasium where they met with volunteers from locale businesses and civic organizations regarding life events. They were required to purchase a home and a vehicle and then as they walked around the room they experienced different scenarios from entertainment expenses to accidents. Along the way they were expected to balance their bank accounts and stay within their budget for the month.

The program helps outgoing seniors gain a better grasp on balancing a budget while providing the necessary items needed in life.

Stations and the volunteers who

worked them include:

Basic Nutrients: Stormy Cooper (Bob's Food City), Janelle Buttrum (Bob's Food City) and Brenda Forga.

Child Care Guidance and Development: Kari Ann Hawthorn (Kountry Kids) and Latressa Lawrence (Head Start).

Comfortable Living: Jennifer Warden (Bates Sales and Service), Chris Ray (Action Realty) and Will Tater Morpheu.

Entertainment Extravaganza: Kenn Greene (South Fork Volunteer Fire Department), Ann Greene.

Has It All Mall: Budger McCarter (McCarter Mart)

It Could Happen: Tammy McAdoo Mirror, Mirror: Teresa McCarter (Polished Salon), Myrtle Parish

Money Counts: Audrey Spurling (Bear State Bank), Anna Horrisberger (Bear State Bank)

Moving On Up: Jeff Nuefield (Rich Mountain Community College), Elizabeth Davis (Rich Mountain Community College).

Protecting Your Assets: Alisha Pollock (S&P Insurance), Tim Philpot (S&P Insurance).

Transportation Station: Breanna Lewis (4-H Teen Leader).

Utility Connection: Rosanna Markham (Mayor of Norman).

Lady Lions slip past Caddo Hills

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MOUNT IDA – Mount Ida draws ever closer to the district tournament with growing momentum after earning two senior high victories over neighboring Caddo Hills last Friday.

The senior girls game was a barn burner with the Lady Lions stealing the win with one second to go in the game for a 52-50 victory.

The game was back and forth from the get go with the first period ending with a 13-13 tie. Wraylin Phillips hit two 3's for the Lady Indians in the second period as they eased out to a 25-23 halftime lead.

Caddo Hills entered the fourth period with a 35-34 lead, but was unable to hold on for the win. Patty Anne Whisenhunt hit a shot to tie things up and then scoring the game winning goal with a second to go on the clock.

Lauren Wingfield led the Lady Lions in scoring with 17 points, followed by Patty Anne Whisenhunt and Madison Smith with 12 each. Kendra Burke scored five and Mattie Fiorello, Braelynne Bates and Julie Burke each scored two.

Wraylin Phillips hit four three pointers and scored 16 points to lead the Lady Indians in scoring. Rachel Dumont was five for five from the charity stripe and scored 15. Jordan Powell scored seven, Alex Jackson scored six and Taylor Allen and Lilli

Hunt scored three each. The Lions were able to distance themselves from Caddo Hills in the senior boys game with a 23-9 performance in the first half. Caddo Hills finished strong with a 14-11 run in the fourth, but the Lions were able to hold on for a 50-29 victory.

Champ Saylor led the Lions with 20 points, followed by Braison Ellison with nine and Jonathan Spurling with six. Jonathan Lagrange scored four, Todd Carr, Ethan Winkley and Neil Appleby scored three each. Tate Abernathy scored two.

Jasper Whisenhunt led the Indians with eight points, followed by Alex Ramey with seven and Jesse Hollifield with five. Jared McKellar, Jorge Lopez and Derek Oxford each scored three.

Caddo Hills lone win of the night came in the junior girls match up.

Caddo Hills jumped out to an 8-2 lead in the first period and held off a second quarter Mount Ida rally for a 16-13 halftime lead. The Junior Lady Lions shaved another point off Caddo's lead in the third, but the Junior Lady Indians were able to hold on for a 29-26 victory.

Jaci Vines led the Junior Lady Indians with 19 points, followed by Peyton Powell with four. Liz Ruiz and Gracie Davis each scored three.

Kirsten Gibbs led Mount Ida with 13 points, followed by Banner Carlton with nine and Skyler Holden with four.



Capri Fogle (5) steps into the lane as Pacey Dilliard (12) and Mallory Carr (32) fight for position on a free throw attempt. The Junior Lady Indians held on for a 29-26 victory over Mount Ida. Photos by Dewayne Holloway



Alex Ramey (30) dribbles around Todd Carr (13) of Mount Ida.



Rachel Dumont of Caddo Hills and Madison Smith (10) of Mount Ida reach for the jump ball to begin the senior girls game Thursday night.



Anthony Spurling (45) of Mount Ida drives around Justus Bobo (50) of Caddo Hills on his way to the basket. The Lions defeated Caddo Hills



Nicholas Sharp (32) dribbles through a defender as the Junior Timberwolves try to find a way around the Junior Tigers of Oden. Photo by Dewayne Holloway

Acorn claims three at Oden

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ODEN – Acorn got the best of their sister school Oden, claiming three victories Friday night in high school basketball action.

Acorn opened with a 48-13 victory over the Junior Timberwolves. Acorn held a 29-3 lead at the half and wrapped things up in the second half for the 35 point win.

Austin Stovall led the Junior Timberwolves with six points, followed by Zach Mayo with three. Ethan Stovall and Triston Green each scored two.

In senior high action the Lady Timberwolves fell to the Lady Tigers by a score of 56-24.

Acorn opened with a 16-4 lead at the end of the first period and entered the half with a 27-10 lead. Oden had their best performance in the third, scoring 14 points, but Acorn held on for the win.

Kandy Simmons and Katie Cox each scored nine to lead the Lady Timberwolves in scoring. Sheana Van Horn scored four.

Acorn closed out the night with a 73-30 victory over Oden.

Brandon Lewis led the Timberwolves with eight points, followed by Aaron Baker with seven. Will Monk and Jeff Lewis scored five each and Jesse Fryar scored four. Austin Bledsoe and Brandon Stovall each scored two.

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Obituaries



Herbert Eugene Lovejoy

Herbert Eugene Lovejoy (Gene to his friends and family), age 91, of Mount Ida, passed away on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

Gene was born in the tiny town of Reed Springs, Missouri to Frank and Lois Lovejoy. He was the oldest of four children and had two brothers, Donny and Bobby and a sister, JoAnn. The family lived in a rustic log cabin that is still standing on the banks of the river where he grew up thanks to the preservation efforts of the town Reed Springs.

Growing up in small town America, Gene attended the local high school where he played the trumpet at Blue Eye High School. He had after school jobs as well to help out with the family, who struggled after the death of his father of scarlet fever. Gene had also had scarlet fever and was bedridden for a year afterwards, losing most of the skin on the bottom of his feet which left him flat footed.

With the advent of World War II, Gene moved to California. He wanted to join the war efforts, but he was turned down in every branch of the service for those flat feet. He joined the California State Guard until he joined the Merchant Marines where he served in a gunnery position during General Quarters. Gene loved being on the open ocean and he was very proud of the vital lifelines provided

by the Merchant Marines.

It was while he was in California that he married a young woman from Mount Ida, Arkansas, Barthella Gaston. The couple married just after WWII and settled in the beautiful valley of Exeter, just 49 miles south of San Francisco. Gene worked for Lockheed on the Birds Eye Missile project in the 60's. Later in the sixties they moved back to Mount Ida to be near Barthella's parents and to take care of them. They built their home on her parent's small farm.

Gene loved carpentry and he loved building and painting projects. Their home was filled with his work—plant holders, benches, porch swings. He once built a wooden donkey pulling a cart and painted it in bright colors. Two of his porch swings still welcome family. He built a cradle for his first grandchild which was passed to each of his grandchildren. His workshop was always a happy clutter of organized tools, parts saved from just about everything and the plans for his next project.

He retired from US Electrical Motors in Mena.

Services were held at 2pm at the Gaston Cemetery in Mount Ida with an honor guard.

Survivors include his son, Doug Lovejoy of Mount Ida; daughter, Pati Brown of Mount Ida; four grandchildren—Jason Brown, Dawn Eick, Mandy Jones and Jennifer Sanak; and seven great grandchildren—Alyssa, Katy, Samuel, Jamie, Elijah, Casey, Jayden and Maddox.

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

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



Damon Helms

Damon Helms, age 80, of Pencil Bluff, departed this life on February 4, 2017, at Montgomery County Nursing Home in Mount Ida, AR, surrounded by his family. He was born June 15, 1936, in Hon, AR to the late Ran and Fannie Newman Helms. Mr. Helms is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Earl Helms, JB Helms, Archie Helms and one sister Lorrene Caskey.

He is survived by wife, Willie Mae Helms of Pencil Bluff, son, Duwayne Helms of Pencil Bluff, grandchild, Melissa Gray (Kevin) of Pencil Bluff, Great-grandchildren, Deshay Baker of Pencil Bluff, Aaron Baker of Pencil Bluff, Travis Gray (Haillie) of Story, Ty Gray of Pencil Bluff, Tegan Gray of Pencil Bluff, great-great-grandchildren, Belle and Emma of Story, brothers, Holbert Helms, RB Helms, sisters, Grace Tucker, Bulamae Daily, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be held Monday, February 6, 2017, 6-8 p.m. at Thornton Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 12:00 p.m. at Center Point Cemetery in Hon, AR with Brother Andy Kennedy officiating. Pallbearers: JR Tucker, Pete Morris, Bill Chick, Tony Breashears, Heath McConnell, Freddy Joe McConnell, JC Helms and JR Newman. Arrangements were made under the direction of Thornton Funeral Home of Mount Ida, AR.

Guest register at www.thorntonfh.com



Oben Alexander

Oben W. Alexander, age 85, of Mount Ida, left this world on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

He was born on August 14, 1931 in Mount Ida, the son of William A. Alexander and Elizabeth Carr Alexander. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorthey Ruth Alexander; two sons, Ricky Alexander and Johnny Alexander; two grandchildren, Johnny R. Alexander, Jr. and Anthony L. (Tony) Alexander; his parents; two step-sons, Billy Wilcox and Dale Anderson; and three sisters, Evelyn Laney, Rena Warren and Hazel Outler.

A retired truck driver, he loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Christian Mission Ministries.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen Allen of Hot Springs; two grandchildren, Aaron Allen and Ashleigh Cooper, both of Hot Springs; six great-grandchildren; eight step-daughters; several step-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:00 AM, Thursday, February 9, 2017, in the Christian Mission Ministries with Bro. Brent Furr and Bro. Bud Wilburn officiating.

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

Interment will be in Stanley-Standridge Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home, Glenwood.

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

Thelma Ford
Thelma Marie (Cavnor) Ford was born September 10, 1934, in Hot Springs, AR. She was welcomed into the arms of her Savior on February 4, 2017, in Hot Springs, AR. She was a wonderful and extremely devoted wife, mom and granny.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years Don Ford of Oden, AR; her daughter Donna Burris of Euless, TX; her son Mike Ford and his wife Terri of Bedford, TX; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be Tuesday, February 7, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 at Thornton Funeral Home in Mt. Ida, AR. Service will be at Oden First Baptist Church, Oden, AR, Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. with Brother Richard Posey officiating. Pallbearers: Bryan Burris, Paul Burris, Jared Ford, Clint Ford, Brandon Burris, Blake Burris and Salvador Perez. Honorary Pallbearers: Randy Carter and Don Monk. Arrangements were made under the direction of Thornton Funeral Home of Mount Ida, AR.

Guest register at www.thorntonfh.com

Regie Marie Brakefield Short
Regie Marie (Gommie) Brakefield Short, age 95, of Mount Ida, departed this life February 3, 2017, at Montgomery County Nursing Home in Mt. Ida, AR, surrounded by her family. She was born July 4, 1921, in Mt. Ida, AR to the late Louis (Doc) and Florence Barrett Brakefield. Mrs. Short is preceded in death by both of her parents, husband Cloyd Short and daughter Gloria Sims, three sisters, Estelene Thonton, Helen O'Neal, and Jessie Faye Whittington.

She is survived by her daughter, Priscilla Rae of Mt Ida, son Bruce Short (Jeanne) of Nashville, AR, son-in-law Bob Sims of Mt. Ida, 2 sisters, Irene Brakefield and Louie Dean Stanley both of Mt. Ida, 8 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside Memorial service will be Saturday February 11, 2017, at 11:00 A.M. at Stanley/Standridge Cemetery with Bruce Short officiating.

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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 be having sales this month and next. It is almost time for our change over in March so there will be plenty of bargains. Thanks to all our donors, customers and volunteers. Happy Valentine's Day.

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 Montgomery County Council for Performing Arts will present "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood" at the Robinson Auditorium in Mount Ida. Performances will be a dinner theater format and will be held February 18 at 5:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25 per couple, or \$15 per individual. Tickets can be purchased at Action Realty from Edwenna Rowland, or at the door. Other performances will be held February 19 at 2 p.m. and February 20 at 7 p.m. ticket prices for these performances are \$8 ages 13 and up and \$5 for ages 12 and under.

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

The Montgomery County Yarn Workers have been busy knitting and crocheting again this year. We recently gave away hundreds of hats to the children of Caddo Hills Elementary School. Thanks to Christy Sanders for helping us organize this event at the school. Parents, teachers, and students expressed their gratitude. One teacher described the playground as "a sea of hats". After distributing baby items to the Community Clinic, hats and scarves to needy folks, and the kids' hats, we are proud to say we gave away almost 500 hand made items this year! Thanks to all who donated

yarn to us and all who knitted and crocheted. If you have extra yarn to keep our effort going, it can be dropped off at the extension office in Mt. Ida or call Carol at 501-538-5816 for pick up. We teach knitting and crocheting at our weekly meetings. All are welcome. Meetings are Fridays, 3:30, at the Assisted Living craft room. We will take a short break for the holidays and begin meeting again on January 6th.

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

The MCCPA is reminding the community to fill those pigs that you received at the Christmas parade. By doing this you are helping us raise the funds for a new roof on the Roosevelt Auditorium. We would like to thank the individuals who have already filled their pigs and returned them. Full pigs can be dropped off at Action Realty, Bear State Bank, all three school offices or call the number printed on the side for additional locations. Larger donations are gladly accepted and tax deductible receipts will be issued.

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

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held Thurs., Feb. 9, 2017 for grades 5-12 from 3:30-7:00. These conferences are held to promote better communication between the home and school concerning your child's education. The conference schedule is listed below: Students with last names beginning with: A-C 3:30-4:00; D-F 4:00-4:30; G-L 4:30-5:00; M-R 5:00-5:30; S-Z 5:30-6:00 Make up time 6:00-7:00.

Have you bought your tickets yet? MCCPA proudly presents "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood". Join us for a dinner theater on Feb. 18 @ 5:30 in the Roosevelt Auditorium. The meal will consist of smoked chicken, corn on the cob, cole slaw, bread, Shangri-La pie and drink. The cost is \$25 per couple of \$15 for individual. You can pick up your tickets at Action Realty. Other performances will be Sun. Feb. 19 @ 2 PM and Mon. Feb. 20 @ 7 PM. Tickets are \$8 for the Sun & Mon performances.

ANRC REMINDS POULTRY OPERATORS TO REGISTER. The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) and the Montgomery County Conservation District wants to remind all owners of Poultry Feeding Operations (PFOs) that the annual registration for PFO's begins January 1, 2017 in accordance with the Arkansas Poultry Feeding Operations Registration Act (Act 1060 of 2003). Registration dates will run through March 31 and affect any PFO with 2,500 or more confined fowl. The ANRC administers the registration program for the purpose of collecting information on the number and type of poultry, and practices of poultry

feeding operations in the state. The program is designed to preserve Arkansas' economy and water quality through registration, training and research. The goal of this program is to reduce the overabundance of phosphorus and nitrogen that threaten our water resources, while minimizing the impact on fertilizer users. Each poultry producer will register their operation through the Montgomery County Conservation district. There will be an annual ten dollar registration fee per operation payable to that district.

Painting in Acrylics on Canvas is the topic for Ouachita Artists' program on Monday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. at the Gallery in Mt. Ida. Marlene Gremillion, will demonstrate a layering technique that she used on a painting commissioned for the Central Library System in Little Rock. The demonstration is open to the public and there is no charge. Enter the Studio from the parking lot behind the Gallery on the courthouse square.

Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station #1 at Mount Ida and #2 at Norman will be closed on Monday, February 20 for President's Day both stations will reopen on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 a.m.

The Gospel Singing at the Alpine Cemetery Chapel on Center Ridge Road has been cancelled for February.

West Central Retired Teachers Association will meet Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church 519 Hwy 70 E Glenwood, AR. Speaker will be Deric Owens Caddo Hills Superintendent.

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1st-6th All A's and B's

Jacob Clark, Dustyn Clay, Lilly Cooper, Elizabeth Dorrell, Mia Ford, Aaron Gregory, Olivia Harmon, Kassi Lane, Tressa Manley, Nathan Miser, David Nivens, Payton Rowland, Grace Tubbs, Marley Wingfield, Aspynn Austin, Abigail Bogart, Bryce Briar, Sarah Clark, Lilyan Cordero, Abigail DeWeese, Chris Dorrell, Jackson Hayes, Jackson Ingram, Cora Jones, Averie Pollock, Maddison Rowland, Will Ryan, Graison Smith, Dakota Beechy, Andy Black, Mark Carmack, Addie Cooper, Syerra Levering, Bracken Scott, Alyssa Willis, Olivia Black, Alivia Dougherty, Grayson Harmon, Isaiah Huff, Deane Johnson, Neveah McKee, Katelynn Miller, Bailey Sheater, Emma Sommerkorn, Addison Thew, Ava Williams, Scout Wilson, Klarissa Wooten, Lillith Ashcroft, Brendan Ashley, Gabrielle Blackburn, Ella Bridges, MaKayla Clark, Payton Dorrell, Tracy Efird, Olivia Phillips, Nicole Price, Aleena Rowland, Kiera Stevens, Jonathan Sturch, Samantha Carter, Destiny Dillion, Jayden Gwinn, Brianna Hamilton, Ashton Humphries, Kylie Ingram, Caden Metcalf, Gage Pantel, Bindi Wheeler, Kelly Wisneski

Perfect Attendance K-6

Hunter Trimnal, Blane Adams, Lilith Ashcroft, Brendan Ashley, Dakota Beechy, Andy Black, Addie Cooper, Brianna Hamilton, Olivia Harmon, Jorgia Herrin, Samantha Hood, Ethan Huitt, Gracia Huitt, Kylie Ingram, Kassi Lane, Ronnie Lane, Tristan Levering, Chandler Perkins, Aleena Rowland, Payton Rowland, Sean Schrimshire, Caitlyn Upton, Micah Vess, Bindi Wheeler

AA District Champs



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The Mount Ida 6th Grade Girls are the 2017 AA District Champions. This group of girls went undefeated this year with an 11-0 record. Pictured above from left to right: Coach Alisha Pollock, Gracie Summitt, Jadyne Noel, Brianna Hamilton, Bindi Wheeler, Allie Pollock, Assistant Coach Averie Pollock, Gracia Huitt, Kylie Ingram and Destiny Dillon. Not pictured Mikayla Ellison.

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 - Not be more than half-way through your final semester;
 - Be willing to work in Little Rock;
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tural economics, business, international business, marketing or related fields preferred.

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2. A Letter of Recommendation from a current teacher/professor;
3. A Cover letter (1-2 pages) demonstrating a desire to assist Arkansas's agricultural producers and growers in gaining access to

global markets and addressing the following topics:

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- ii. How Does International Trade Benefit Agriculture?
- iii. Why Do You Want to Intern for the Arkansas Agriculture Department?

Remember, your resume and cover letter will indicate your level of professionalism!

Deadline to Apply is April 15th!

If you have any questions or comments, email Christian Olson at Christian.olson@aad.ar.gov or call at (501) 219-6324.



Caddo Hills junior high quiz bowl team placed fourth in the Arkansas Governor's Quiz Bowl Association's 2A Southwest Junior High Regionals held Friday in Murfreesboro.

Pictured from left to right: (front row) M'Quelyn Wisener, Loren Bell, Emily Cowart; (back row) Andrew West, Kaleb West, Bryson Scott, Blade Crawford, Teddy Green, and Ian McDowell

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Lola White comes from the Cajun Country in Louisiana. In the late 1970's, she became a Pioneer of the community of Caddo Gap. During her 40 plus years in that community, she had a road named after her (Lola Lane), and it was recorded in the Montgomery County Courthouse. At the age of 65, she began attending Rich Mountain Community College majoring in acting. It took her six years to graduate. She performed at the Ouachita Little Theater, the Agency Inc, and was chosen to perform in several movies and commercials. White is now retired, has lived in the Montgomery County Assisted Living, and has since returned to her place of heritage in Louisiana to be around family. White wanted to thank all the friends she made for their kindness while in the Caddo Gap area and at the Assisted Living.

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RMCC RN grads post 100 percent pass rate

The Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (ARNEC) has announced the NCLEX-RN exam pass rates for the current RN graduates enrolled in the consortium's community colleges.

ARNEC is a consortium

of eight Arkansas community colleges: ASU-Newport, Black River Technical College, UA Cossatot, Ozarka College, South Arkansas Community College, University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton, Uni-

versity of Arkansas Community College at Hope, and University of Arkansas Rich Mountain.

Of the eight community colleges, University of Arkansas Rich Mountain RN Class of 2016 achieved 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX-RN exam. The examination is required for RN students to achieve a nursing license.

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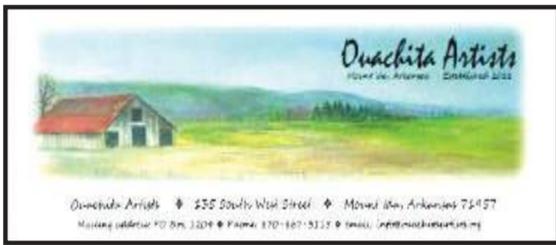
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Have you heard the saying that one man's trash is another man's treasure? Some members of Ouachita Artists have taken this idea to heart and turned items that some people would toss out into works of art.

As an example, consider Robert Cavanaugh's use of old tools to form metal sculptures of birds, insects, and animals. With creativity, whimsy, and some welding, what was an old rake becomes a centipede, horseshoes evolve into an armadillo, and a pink flamingo emerges from a variety of metal parts and pieces.

Dried gourds, under the skillful hands of Patti Quinn, are carved into filigrees of oak, maple or other leaf shapes to become beautiful containers. Or they may be attractively painted, like those produced by Vonda Vines.

In Gene Sparling's workshop, boles become bowls. He collects fallen trees from his property and, with his skill at using a lathe, turns them into delicate wooden containers. When you see one of these treasures you will want to pick it up to feel the smooth surface and follow the grain of the wood species, which differs from one object to another.

Mike Sawyer cuts young saplings and carves them into walking sticks.

Then larger trees become rough hewn occasional tables or garden mushroom stools with the bark still attached.

Intricate designs using a wide variety of woods cut into geometric shapes produce

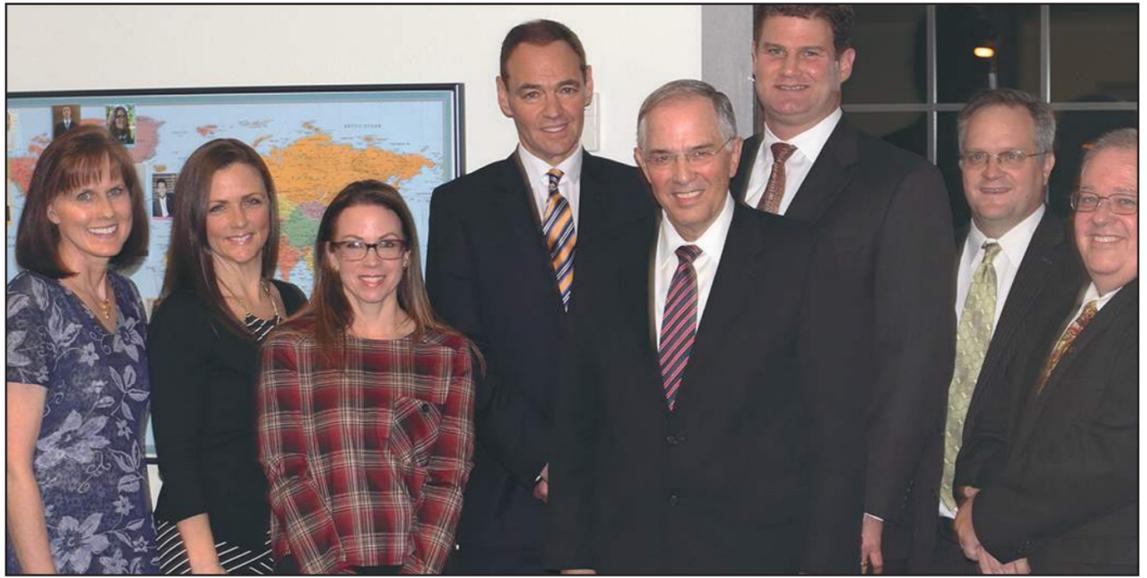
Paul Lemke's small flat pieces. They may be used as cutting boards, cheese boards or table pads for hot dishes, but they are attractive enough to just be displayed as works of art in themselves. No two pieces are alike.

Carved wooden figures are the hallmark of Hodge Black. Some of them retain the original bark, and others are more polished. Some are painted by Mary Black. This popular wood carver's works are displayed in our gallery since he retired at the end of last year and closed his Splendid Splinters shop next door.

Our youngest Ouachita Artist, Iris Sawyers, uses found objects and odds and ends of paper and fabric to create her coven of small Ouachita witches. If you don't have a kitchen witch at your house you should consider adopting one of these. She also makes flowers from various types of paper.

Velma Lippert will astound you with the beautiful wall art works she creates from just about anything you can imagine: glass, fabric, paper, tiles, paint, glitter, and even crockery. Somehow she combines these into colorful decorative pieces that catch your attention and your admiration.

The next time you are in Mt. Ida, come by the Ouachita Artists Gallery and Studio to see proof of the old adage that "trash," with imagination, creativity and skill, can become true art treasures!



Local youth and leaders attended a special devotional hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently with prominent church leader Elder Neil L. Andersen speaking at the North Little Rock event. Andersen is a member of the Quorum of the Twelve, whose role is to be a special witness of Jesus Christ throughout the world. It was Andersen's first visit to Arkansas as an apostle. The event brought together 543 youth, ages 12-18, from the North Little Rock, Little Rock, and Searcy Stakes of the church along with their leaders. Brenda Palmer of Mount Ida, who serves as the Young Women President for the Little Rock Stake, observed that the youth listened intently to Elder Andersen's counsel to develop their lives by running the race of faith. She remarked, "He encouraged them to believe that God keeps his promises and that faith in those promises provides the strength to finish the race." Palmer's husband, Kimball, serves in the presidency of the Little Rock Stake which is composed of eleven congregations in central and southern Arkansas. The Palmers attend the Glenwood Branch of the LDS church.

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Lake Ouachita Baptist Awana Grand Prix results announced



Sparks Design: 1st - Emilee Brakefield; 2nd - Nathaniel Huitt; 3rd - Abby DeWeese

Photo by Bill Sims



TNT Design: 1st - Ethan Huitt; 2nd - Jacob Woodfield; 3rd - Natalee Brakefield.

Photo by Bill Sims



Sparks Speed: 1st - Brystal Duggan; 2nd - Kaceston Phimvongsa; 3rd - Hannah Huitt

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TNT Speed: 1st (and overall speed champion) - Ridge Watson; 2nd - Gracia Huitt; 3rd - Dakota Beechy

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Lake Ouachita Baptist Church AWANA (Approved Workmen Always Not Ashamed) program held its 20th Annual AWANA Grand Prix on Wednesday, February 4.

There were 47 cars registered for the event and a great time was had by all participants and onlookers.

The cars were divided into the two AWANA divisions, Sparks

(K-2nd Grade) and TNT (3rd-6th Grade). The cars were judged for design and then ran heats to determine the speed winners.

The winners were:

Sparks Speed: 1st - Brystal Duggan; 2nd - Kaceston Phimvongsa; 3rd - Hannah Huitt

Sparks Design: 1st - Emilee Brakefield; 2nd - Nathaniel Huitt; 3rd - Abby DeWeese

TNT Speed: 1st (and overall

speed champion) - Ridge Watson; 2nd - Gracia Huitt; 3rd - Dakota Beechy

TNT Design: 1st - Ethan Huitt; 2nd - Jacob Woodfield; 3rd - Natalee Brakefield.

Lake Ouachita Baptist Church will be hosting a spaghetti lunch fundraiser for the AWANA program on Sunday, February 26 following their morning worship service until 1pm or the food has

run out. Plates are available on a donation basis.

AWANA is a Scripture memory program that combines games, Bible stories, and Scripture memory work for children from age 3 to 6th grade. LOBC provides burger plates to AWANA children free of charge each Wednesday from 5:15-6. AWANA meets from 6-7:30 during the school year each Wednesday.

Nursing Home News

by Deanne Sieh

We started Sunday's activities by meeting in the chapel for Sunday School. Betty Prince led the lesson. In the afternoon we had Church Service with Willis Summitt bringing us a good message. Later we did some Puzzles.

Monday morning we had Prayer Meeting in the front lobby. Then we did some Time Slips stories. In the afternoon we played some Board games in the front dining room. To finish the days activities we played Bingo in the activity room.

Tuesday morning we played Bingo in the front dining room. In the afternoon we played The Price is Right in the front dining room.

Wednesday morning we had Prayer Meeting in the front lobby. Later we gathered in the chapel for Bible Study. In

the afternoon we played some Games in the front dining room.

Thursday morning we played Bingo in the activity room. In the afternoon we played Board games in the front dining room.

Friday morning we had Prayer Meeting in the front lobby. Then we did Hands and Nails in the activity room. In the afternoon we played some Games in the front dining room.

Saturday morning we had Story Time in the 300 hall dining room. In the afternoon we had Singing.

Our Condolences go out to the families of Herbert Lovjoy, Regie Short and Damon Helms.

Thank you to all of our Volunteers, we appreciate each of you very much Until next time please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Have a Blessed week.

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flexibility and transferability to serve our constituents. Our ability to serve our institutional mission has never been greater. This merger would not have been possible without the tremendous support of the Rich Mountain Board of Trustees, the faculty, and the staff," stated Chancellor Phillip Wilson, Ed.D.

The merger will offer expanded program options through transfer and articu-

lation agreements with University of Arkansas four-year institutions. The UA System merger will also include collaborating to provide a network for professional development resources for faculty and staff, educational delivery processes and resources, and employee health insurance cost-sharing network.

"I am extremely pleased that the distinguished Board of Rich Mountain Community College, and the institution's faculty, staff and students decided to associate with the University of Arkansas System. This institution has a long history of exceptional service to the com-

munities it serves and I am pleased that the UA System is now positioned to work with the institution to continue that legacy. Plans are in place to involve University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain faculty in discussions to expand transfer and other educational opportunities in the UA System to their students, and we look forward to learning from their faculty and administration in developing new approaches to assist the entire system as it seeks to grow both in size and quality in the years ahead," said Donald R. Bobbitt, Ph.D., president of the University of Arkansas System



Coach Mike White speaks to an auditorium filled with football players and other students as Logan Abernathy, Anthony Spurling and their families look on. Logan and Anthony signed letters of commitment to play football at Southern Arkansas University.

Photo by Dewayne Holloway



ABOVE: Alisha Pollock and Tim Philpot of S&P Insurance talk to a Caddo Hills student about insurance. They were all participating in the Get Real program held last Wednesday.

RIGHT: Audrey Spurling and Anna Horrisberger of Bear State Bank talk to Audrey's son Anthony Spurling about financial security.



Photos by Dewayne Holloway

Burglary suspects plead guilty

A pair of suspects in a burglary investigation have plead guilty to one count each of residential burglary, a class B felony, as part of a plea agreement reached with the prosecuting attorney's office.

According to documents obtained from the Montgomery County Clerk's Office Lanna Faye Perkins, age 24 of Waldron, and Bryan Andrew Wallach, age 30 also of Waldron, were arrested in December as a result of an eight month investigation led by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

The investigation began when the MCSO received a call on April 2, 2016, regarding an alleged burglary at the residence of James Perkins.

Perkins reported that a television, Remington 740 rifle and several items located outside his home had been stolen.

Investigators at the MCSO were contacted in July about someone in Waldron who might have information regarding stolen property from the burglary. The information led to a residence in Polk County where the gun was recovered. The persons in possession of the rifle stated they had purchased it from Perkins who signed a receipt upon sale of the gun.

According to court documents Perkins was picked up for questioning. She stated that she went to her ex-husband's house with Johnny Brown and Walach to get

what they could. She went on to explain that she wanted to see her kids, but knew her ex-husband wouldn't let her see them.

A parole/probation officer search was done at the residence of Johnny Brown who was then taken to the Polk County Sheriff's Office for questioning.

Perkins was sentenced under Act 346 commonly known as the first offender's act. She was sentenced to 72 months supervised probation and was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and \$667.20 in fees and court costs.

Wallach was sentenced to 60 months supervised probation and was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and \$917.20 in fees and court costs.

Glenwood man facing fleeing charge

A Glenwood man has been charged with one count of felony fleeing after an alleged chase involving the Pike County Sheriff's Office ended up in Montgomery County.

According to documents obtained from the Montgomery County Clerk's Office Dutch Forga, age 32 of Glenwood, was charged with one count of fleeing, a class D felony, following an alleged incident that happened last November.

The Pike County Sheriff's Office responded to a call placed by Forga's mother, Vivian Billy. She stated that Forga was beating on her door and he was making threats. Court records state

that Forga fled from officers and led them on a chase into Montgomery County. Officers also claimed he tried to ram their vehicles with his several times during the pursuit.

Documents state he was apprehended after getting stuck in a clear cut on Robinson Road.

Pike County officials charged him with ag-

gravated assault, fleeing, DWI 1st offense, and no liability insurance 3rd offense. He is currently being held in an Arkansas Community Corrections Center.

A pretrial date has been set for the Montgomery County charge of fleeing for April 4. A trial date has been set for April 28. He is being held on a \$5,000 bond.

Traffic stop leads to arrest

A parked car at the Black Springs Store led to the arrest of a Caddo Gap man and subsequent possession charges after a search of his vehicle allegedly turned up drugs and drug paraphernalia.

According to documents obtained from the Montgomery County Clerk's Office, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office deputy Stacy Watson was dispatched to the Black Springs Store after a call to the sheriff's office reported a man slumped over in a parked car at the location.

While in transit Watson met a car matching the description of the vehicle spotted at Black Springs Store and recognized the driver as John Wayne Meeks, age

37 of Caddo Gap. The officer called in to verify Meeks was driving on a suspended license and that he had signed a probation search waiver.

A traffic stop was made on Lavender Lane and Meeks was placed under arrest for driving on a suspended license.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of three tablets later identified as Dexmethylphenidate Hydrochloride and Alprazolam. A baggie containing a crystal like substance was located under a cell phone found in the car. A pack of cigarette rolling papers was also found in the car.

The 18th West Drug Task Force was called to assist. They performed a field test on the crystal substance and

confirmed that it was methamphetamine. A small digital scale was also located in the car. Such scales are often used to measure out small amounts of drugs.

Meeks was charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, a class C felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B felony.

A pretrial date has been set for April 4 and a jury trial date has been set for May 5.

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Wednesday, February 8: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 10:00 a.m.: Chair Volleyball; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Pears, and Sugar Cookie; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice; 1:00 p.m.: History Class.

Thursday, February 9: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 8:30 a.m.: Mena shopping trip; 9:00 a.m.: BINGO; 9:30 a.m.: Knife Sharpening with Ray Young; 10:00 a.m.: Music; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Open-faced Roast Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Angel Food Cake with

Strawberries; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Friday, February 10: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of Games; 9:30 a.m.: Exercise; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Sweet and Sour Chicken, Steamed Rice, Carrots, Wheat Roll, Apple Crisp, and from the Kettle: Broccoli and Cheese Soup.; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Monday, February 13: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 9:30 a.m.: Exercise; 11:45 a.m. Lunch: Chicken Tenders, Black-eyed Peas, Seasoned Cabbage, Corn Bread, and Peach Cobbler; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice. Beanbag baseball practice.

Tuesday, February 14: Happy Valentine's Day! 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 10:00 a.m.: BINGO with Sara Mitchell; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Breaded Fish, Hash Browns, Coleslaw, Roll, and Sherbet; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Wednesday, February 15: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 10:00 a.m.: Chair Volleyball; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Fresh Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Hot Roll, and Apple Pie; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice; 1:00 p.m.: History Class.

Thursday, February 16: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of games; 9:00 a.m.: BINGO; 10:00 a.m.: Music; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, Diced Tomato Salad, Whole Wheat Bread, and from the Kettle: Taco Soup; 12:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Friday, February 17: 8:00 a.m.: Assortment of Games; 9:30 a.m.: Exercise; 11:45 a.m.: Lunch: Meat Loaf, Potatoes, Lima Beans, Roll, Peach Crisp; 2:30 p.m.: Beanbag baseball practice.

Saturday, January 18: 6:00 p.m.: Gator and Friends Band will be our entertainment at our monthly dance. EVERYONE is invited to the monthly dance. Bring finger food and come out and have a great time. The cost is \$5.00 per person and soda pop is available for \$1.00 each.



Hittin' the Trails... Jerry Shields

“The Spruce Goose”

In your travels it is not often that you stumble upon something so remarkable it is hard to accept as reality. Many World Heritage sites fall into this category such Great Wall of China; the Cliff Dwellings at Mesa Verde NP in Colorado, The Stone Monastery on Skellig Michael Island off Ireland’s southwestern shores, all challenge our imagination. Sites such as these were built hundreds if not thousands of years ago.

One such experience was a visit to something that was built in 1946 in California and now resides in a museum in Oregon. Some years ago on a quest to tour the stately Queen Mary cruise ship now at permanent dock in Los Angeles, California as a convention center and hotel, I stumbled upon the “Spruce Goose” museum.

After winding around the crazy streets of Los Angeles we finally found the correct wharf where the Queen had settled into her permanent moorage. Even after fifty years at dock she still looked regal and huge. After touring the Queen Mary we walked across the parking area and discovered a museum that had only one display, the Spruce Goose seaplane.

I had read the colorful history of Howard Hughes, the billionaire moviemaker and flying enthusiast. His real love was the design of aircraft and one in particular was his proudest accomplishment, The Spruce Goose. In 1942

the US War Department was reeling from heavy losses to German submarines of our convoys delivering supplies to the European war theater.

The department issued a call to American industry to find a safer way to deliver vast amounts of war materials safely across the submarine infested seas. The designer of the famous Liberty Cargo Ships, Henry Kaiser, conceived the idea of developing a large flying cargo ship to deliver supplies above the waves. The general specs required the plane be able to deliver 750 fully equipped troops and two tanks.

In 1943 Kaiser teamed with aircraft designer Howard Hughes to design a huge air transport system. Finally in 1946, after Kaiser dropped out of the project in 1945, Hughes completed design of a mammoth seaplane. Due to war time controls of aluminum Hughes delivered a full sized prototype constructed completely of laminated wood and copper the first such laminated material ever produced.

The huge hanger housed this immense wooden aircraft that appeared as new as the day it was built. For the modest fee of \$5.00 you could tour the inside of the craft. I couldn’t get the \$5.00 out of my pocket fast enough for a casual guided tour by one of the several engineers hired by Hughes to care for this technical marvel until his death in 1976.

We climbed a tall ladder and

stepped into what could only be described as a man-made wooden cavern that stretched endlessly toward the tail of the craft. Laminated illuminated struts like ribs of a giant blue whale gleamed in the dim lighting. There was an endless sea of 750 canvas seats for the troops stretching above a flat ramp for securing tanks or wartime vehicles.

We were on a catwalk into the interior of one of the 160-foot long wing with more than six-feet of headroom. Each wing was larger than most planes flying in 1946. We climbed a metal ladder up into the huge cabin where the pilot, co-pilot, navigator and engineer sat surrounded by windows almost 80-feet above the water’s surface.

I was granted permission to sit in the pilot’s seat and for just moment imagined feeling the rumbling thrust of eight turbo-charged prop engines, producing 24,000 HP, driving the plane across the waters of the bay slowing going airborne to cruise the harbor.

It was an amazing experience exploring the aircraft that Congressional detractors had crowed “this beast would never fly”. These naysayers were silenced when Hughes, on November 2, 1947 took the craft into the bay to test the eight 3000-HP engines and to everyone’s surprise lifted the craft above waves at 135 MPH for a mile long cruise. The craft was never produced but its wing design and turboprop engines were used on many aircraft over the coming years.

Last year as I was researching interesting sights for last year’s trip out west I discovered the huge plane had been sold after Hughes’ death. Eventually it was sold to the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville, Oregon about sixty-miles southwest of Portland where you can currently be awed by its size and early technology. It is still in pristine condition. I am still regretting our travel schedule prevented another visit to this amazing plane.



PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF BERNADINE RAE STOCKWELL, deceased No.49PR-17-5

NOTICE

Last known address of the decedent: 27 Rock Trail Mount Ida, AR 71957

Date of Death: November 7, 2014

An instrument dated the 1st day of November, 1988, was on the 11th day of January, 2017, filed as the last will of the above named decedent.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be barred forever and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published on the 2nd day of February, 2017.

Cheryl Wells

BY: Jana Bradford
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JB:5-6,w135

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF Charles Laver, deceased

No.49PR-17-8

NOTICE

Last known address of the decedent: 4825 Hwy 270 East Mount Ida, AR 71957

Date of Death: November 30, 2016.

On the 1st day of February, 2017, an affidavit for collection of small estate by distributee was filed with respect to the estate of Charles Laver, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the circuit court of Montgomery County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

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DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY | Montgomery County News
Pictured left to right: Pyper Owen, Jacob Stover and DeLainey Brown auditioned for and were selected to be a part of All-Region Band. Pyper Owen plays french horn and was selected 1st Band 8th Chair. Jacob Stover plays clarinet and was selected 1st Band 22nd Chair. DeLainey Brown plays oboe and was selected 1st Band 3rd Chair. All three are senior high members of the Mount Ida Lions Marching Band. Stover also served as the band's field director during marching season.

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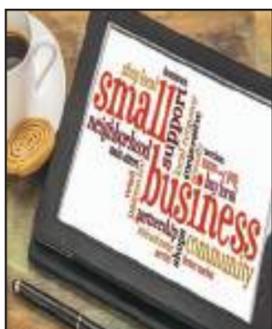
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Mount Ida takes three from visiting Timberwolves

DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY
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MOUNT IDA – Mount Ida showed their claws, taking three victories from the visiting Oden Timberwolves last Thursday.

The junior girls opened the night with Mount Ida doubling Oden's score for a 44-22 victory. The Junior Lady Lions held a 22-12 lead at the half and outscored Oden 22-10 in the second half to earn the win.

Banner Carlton led the Junior Lady Lions with 16 points, followed by Kirsten Bibbs with 10. Skylar Holden scored six and Mesa Miller scored four. Jessica Swindle and Allie Saveall each scored two.

Alli Strothers led the Junior Lady Timberwolves with 12 points, followed by Judy Cook with six. Jacy Blansett and Emily Owens each scored two.

The senior girls game got off to a slow start with Mount Ida exiting the first quarter with a slim 4-3 lead. Coach Lori McCullough got her Lady Lions fired up between quarters to the tune of a 21-10 run in the second period. Mount Ida outscored Oden 25-8 in the second half to wrap up the victory. Patty Anne Whisenhunt led the Lady Lions with 13 points,

followed by Madison Smith with 10 and Kendall Jones with eight. Braelynne Bates scored six, followed by Kendra Burke and Addison Black with five each. Julie Burke scored three.

Shawna Van Horn led the Lady Timberwolves with eight points, followed by Alli Hughes with five. Autumn Rice and Katie Cox each scored three and Kandy Simmons scored two.

Mount Ida closed out the night with a 66-21 victory in the senior boys game.

The Lions set the tempo in the first period with a 16-4 run and closed out the first half with a 31-11 lead. Mount Ida put the game away in the third with a 26-5 rally and closed out the night with the 45 point victory.

Anthony Spurling led the Lions with 13 points, followed by Champ Saylor with 10 and Jonathan Lagrange with nine. Braison Ellison scored eight, Cade Jackson scored six and Neil Appleby scored four. Todd Carr, Colton Stipe and Ethan Winkley scored three. Tate Abernathy, TJ Walden and Austin McAdoo each scored two. Tanner Hughbanks scored one.

Brandon Lewis and Brian Kha each scored four to lead the Timberwolves in scoring. Jeff Lewis and Jesse McDonald each scored three. Aaron Baker, Jesse Fryar and Brandon Stovall each scored two and Austin Bledsoe scored one.



Banner Carlton (10) of Mount Ida fights off a pair of Junior Lady Timberwolves.

Photos by Dewayne Holloway



Alli Hughes (23) of Oden shoots over a pair of Lady Lions.



Patty Anne Whisenhunt (23) dribbles into the lane.

ABOVE: Jeff Lewis (34) of Oden reaches over Braison Ellison (14) in an attempt to block his shot.

RIGHT: Fisher Bissell (2) fires off a three pointer from the left side of the floor as the Junior Lions try to dig themselves out of a deep deficit. The Junior Hornets defeated Mount Ida 37-12.

BELOW: Jonathan Lagrange (10) reaches back as a Mineral Springs Hornet comes down with the rebound.

Photos by Dewayne Holloway



Lady Lions, Hornets earn victories

DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY
montcnews2@windstream.net

MOUNT IDA – Mount Ida and Mineral Springs split a pair of senior high games Friday night with the Lady Lions earning a 49-38 victory over Mineral Springs and the Hornets retaliating with a 49-29 victory over Mount Ida in the senior boys game.

The senior girls teams opened with a flurry of shots and an 18-15 lead for the Lady Lions. Lauren Wingfield hit two 3's for Mount Ida while Precious Johnson and China Newton each hit a three for the Lady Hornets.

The tempo slowed in the second period with Mount Ida taking a 24-21 lead into half time. Mineral Springs found themselves with a 34-33 lead at the end of third with contributions from Precious Johnson, LaTavia Cherry, Newton and Arianna Johnson.

Mount Ida launched a 16-4 rally in the final period to earn an 11 point victory. Lauren Wingfield scored six in the final push with help from four other Lady Lions.

Lauren Wingfield led the Lady Lions with 16 points. Madison Smith, Braelynne Bates and Patty Anne Whisenhunt each scored seven. Mattie Fiorello scored six, Kendra Burke scored five and Julie Burke scored one.

Precious Johnson and LaTavia Cherry each scored 11 to lead the Lady Hornets.

Tamya Draper and Arianna Johnson each scored nine and China Newton scored seven.

The speed and depth of the Mineral Springs Hornets proved too much for the Lions with nine different Hornets contributing to the 20 point victory.

Fred Robinson and Darius Turner each hit a three in the first period as the Hornets opened with a 13-6 lead. Turner added nine to his team leading 20 points in the second period as Mineral Springs worked their way to a 30-11 half time lead.

Mineral Springs outscored the Lions in the third 13-8 with the Lions closing strong with a 10-6 run. Jonathan Lagrange and Neil Appleby were among the Lions to contribute in the closing moments of the game.

Darius Turner led the Hornets with 20 points, followed by Fred Robinson with nine. Kevonte Esters, Raheem Brown and Braden Williams each scored four. Camron Perkins, Devin Greenlee, Rayshawn Sanders and Dillion Blount each scored two.

Anthony Spurling led the Lions with 10 points, followed by Champ Saylor with seven and Jonathan Lagrange with four. Gage Dyer, Braison Ellison and Neil Appleby scored two and Ethan Winkley and Cade Jackson each scored one.

The Hornets and Lions

split along the same lines in the junior high match ups with the Junior Lady Lions earning a 36-15 victory and the Junior Hornets walking away with a 37-12 win.

Mount Ida outscored the Junior Lady Hornets 15-2 in the first half and outscored them 21-13 in the second half.

Banner Carlton led the Junior Lady Lions with 12 points, followed by Kirsten Gibbs with nine and Jessica Swindle with six. Abry McClure, Allie Saveall, Katelynn Gilbert and Skylar Holden each scored two and Tara Hood scored one.

Princess Thomas led the Junior Lady Hornets with eight points, followed by Aria Scoggins with five and Ashia Dudley with two.

The Junior Hornets held a 21-3 lead at the end of the first half in the junior boys game and outscored the Junior Lions 16-9 in the second half to earn the 37-12 victory.

Jaden Williams led the Junior Hornets with 10 points, followed by Devon Swopes with seven, Ladarius Hicks with six and Camren Lee with five. Josh Jackson scored three, Kejuan Hicks scored two and Terelle Fricks and Dontrae Walton each scored one.

Braden Thomas, Zach Hoskins, Mantana Curry and Garrett Campbell each scored two. Fisher Bissell and Colton Goss each scored one.

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