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Concert series set at Bradley Park

Staff Report

The Jasper Parks and Recreation Committee met April 27 to review the summer activity schedule for the city's Bradley Park. One of the highlights planned is the Westbrook Concert Series with the first concert set for May 14, sponsored by the Jasper Advertising and Promotion Commission. The park will be closed that afternoon and evening.

Two more concerts are also being planned, one in July and one in October. The series is named in honor of Jim Westbrook, local architect, artist and musician who designed and helped to build the Bradley Park stage. He is a founding member of the local music group Jazzper, that has performed often over the years to raise donations for several county charities.

A Junk & Jam event is set for June 4 and July 2-3. These will be hybrid flea markets and open mic performances that will grow to include games and an art show.

Committee Chairman Michael Thomas said donations are being accepted for the Pruitt Bridge memorial planned for the park. The memorial will include a display of steel sections of the north end of the old bridge on state Highway 7 that crossed the Buffalo National River. It was demolished last year after the new replacement bridge was opened to traffic.

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Election centers ADA compliant



BEFORE



AFTER

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Before and after photos of Log Hall Church, one of 11 Newton County voting centers, showing ADA modification that have been made.



TIMES PHOTO/JEFF DEZORT

Newton County Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Coordinator Stan Taylor, left, and Newton County Clerk Donnie Davis met recently to go over the checklist ensuring all of the voting centers in the county are ADA compliant.

By JEFF DEZORT

Newton County Times

When Newton County voters go to vote at an election center in the upcoming preferential and school board elections they may notice some differences. All 11 centers have been modified to ensure they are compliant under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

On March 3, 2020, the county's election commission had 19 precincts, located in 18 polling place locations and one Early Voting polling place location, including buildings that are privately, or publicly-owned. The commission is responsible for selecting each polling place and ensuring the accessibility of each polling place. Most of the voting sites were at either com-

munity buildings, fire stations or churches.

During Early Voting on March 2, 2020, and during Election Day on March 3, 2020, the United States surveyed the county courthouse used for Early Voting and all 18 of the polling places used during the election. The United States observed that all of the polling places surveyed contained architectural barriers that rendered the facilities inaccessible to voters with disabilities, such as a lack of accessible parking areas and accessible routes due to gravel and grass ground surfaces; excessively sloped ramps, some without handrails and edge protection; numerous gaps and level changes along exterior routes and

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Plant sale grows green for library

Staff Report

The Friends of the Newton County

Library held its annual plant sale last week. Many

people turned up to exchange their green cash for

green plants to help the library and its many programs.



Norma Pruitt, a Newton County Master Gardener, was on hand to help shoppers identify plants and answer questions about their care.



FOL member Betty Stivers shows off some plants she was personally purchasing during Friday's sale.



FOL President Mark Wilson, Betty Stivers and Norma Pruitt gathered around a wheelbarrow full of garden care products that was being raffled off during this year's plant sale.

DEATHS

Walter Lee Aulds, 51
David Haenn, 75
William Henderson, 59
Ronald Pierce, 24
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Wanda Ruble, 81

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JEFF DEZORT/STAFF

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center EMS personnel greeted visitors at the Info/Job Fair and distributed information about the hospital and the many career opportunities that are available.

School students attend job fair

Staff Report

The third annual Info/Job Fair held Friday, April 29, at Bradley Park attracted many local school students.

This event brought together the United

States Department of Agriculture, Ozark Opportunities, Inc., Survival Flight, Arkansas Forestry Commission, National Park Service, North Arkansas College, North Arkansas Re-

gional Medical Center, Boston Mountain Rural Health Clinic, University of Arkansas Extension Service and many more with information about their organizations

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Jasper Postmaster Mike Black announces retirement

JASPER — Jasper Postmaster Mike Black has announced his retirement and a reception in his honor will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at the Quality Inn Convention Center in Harrison.

Black began his 33-year U.S. Postal Service career in Pevely, Missouri. His retirement becomes effective May 31 (2022).

He began as a part time clerk. Prior to that, he served in the Marine Corps for 12 years.

In 1989 he was selected as USPS finance manager in Ballwin, Missouri, continuing to instruct trainees and to serve in positions of increasing responsibil-

ity through the years.

He was named Jasper postmaster in 2001.

Black is a graduate of Fontbonne University in Clayton, Missouri, where he earned a bachelor of business degree.

He and his wife, Charolette, have been married 45 years. They have eight children and eight grandchildren.



MICHAEL BLACK

Weather

70% chance of showers/storms	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
Cloudy With a high near	Sunny With a high near	Mostly Sunny With a high near	Sunny With a high near
75°	73°	80°	84°
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More than \$2,000 have been donated so far towards the project estimated to cost \$6,000. The display will not only preserve a piece of the county's history, but serve as a memorial to the many local families who had members build the past bridge as well as those who helped to build the new one, Thomas said.

The committee wants to have a master schedule of events and a park reservation system in place soon to prevent double booking of the park and facilities.



JEFF DEZORT/STAFF

National Park Service park rangers such as Lauren Ray pictured talking to visitors participated in the Info/Job Fair at Bradley Park last Friday.

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and job opportunities they offer.

The event's organizer, Deborah Alexander, said she was pleased the event could be held this year after taking a two-year hiatus due to the

COVID-19 pandemic. She said she was excited to see so many students attending this year's program as both elementary and senior high students were bused in waves to the park from the nearby school.

Besides meeting the professionals in the medical and public service fields, the students got to ask questions and take home information that they will hopefully go over with their

parents and develop an education plan that will help them reach their career goals.

The fair also gave adults assistance in finding a job or change to a new job that meets their interests. Several organizations represented also provided information and resources for those individuals and families in need of social assistance. The fair provided one stop shopping for those particular needs.

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protruding objects. In addition, the United States observed a lack of operable accessible voting machines at all polling places, including at Early Voting.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) also received substantiated complaints alleging that the polling places were inaccessible to voters with disabilities.

In June, 2021, the Newton County Quorum Court passed a resolution and an ordinance answering the DOJ's warning that deficiencies under the ADA existed at some voting locations in the county.

Brad Brown, the county's legal adviser, said the DOJ sent a list of deficiencies to the county election commission, but the election panel does not have budgeted funds to address the problems. Corrections had to be made by the next regular election in 2022. The county was also required to appoint an ADA compliance coordinator to make sure polling locations are accessible under the law.

Brown said DOJ officials wanted to work with the county and election commission to ensure changes are made by the next election.

The county has about 40 new direct-recording electronic voting machines. The election commission consolidated the polling locations into 11 voting centers. Voters can vote at any of the centers even if they're not located in their home precincts. Just about all of the locations needed some modifications to meet the ADA requirements.

County Clerk Donnie Davis told the justices of the peace the election commission doesn't want to close any more polling sites. If locations cannot be brought into compliance other locations would have to be found. Davis also did not know if the state would assist funding the work.

The quorum court also voted to amend the county's 2021 budget ordinance regarding employees and compensation adding an ADA compliance coordinator position. Brown said essentially this person would have a check list of all ADA requirements and go to each polling site and make sure all the items on that check list are met.

In November, 2021, Taylor was hired as the county's ADA compliance coordinator at an hourly wage of \$15 per hour.

Moving ahead to the end of April 2022 with early voting looming on May 10, Davis and Taylor are going over the checklist and they are satis-

fied the needed work has been completed.

Taylor said his job required him to take over 40 hours of courses in order for himself to be certified under the ADA Title I employment regulations. Among those courses were: Performing Accessibility Assessments of your Facilities; Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Part 1-2; ADA 2010 Standards Parts 1-3; Parking Lots (and the ADA); ADA Compliant Bathrooms and Title II Policy Modification. Most of the courses were taken over the internet. Taylor's credentials include a certificate of achievement from the New England ADA Center and a certificate from the Southeast ADA Center showing Taylor successfully completed the required course of study in ADA Foundations.

Taylor said he filed a report that included documentation as well as before and after photos of each voting location to the prosecuting attorneys office which forwarded them on to the DOJ.

The total cost of the changes hasn't been completely totaled, but Davis and Taylor both estimate it to be around \$40,000. The most expensive item was the concrete used to provide handicapped parking pads and safe access to the buildings.

Davis commended Roy

Gano, a professional concrete finisher in Jasper, for building the concrete pads for the handicapped parking. Taylor said Gano's construction techniques, using steel rebar, almost ensures the parking spaces will outlast the buildings. County workers performed a lot of the work with Billy Sams providing dirt work at the sites.

Many people helped when needed, said Taylor. Local residents took keen interest and watched while the work was being done at their buildings, Davis said. These buildings are used for other important community events, not just for voting, he pointed out.

Taylor noted the ADA requirements address far more than parking spaces and ramps. Individuals with mobility impairments have disabilities including walking and vision impairments. He said one standard says that a door handle must be able to be activated with 5 pounds of pressure in order for the door to open.

Davis wanted it to be made clear that even when the ADA mandates were not in place no one has ever been turned away from voting at any of the county's polls. Any challenge that presented itself was overcome, he emphasized.

Taylor, an Assemblies of God minister, said he saw his

employment with the county in this project as an extension of his ministry. He said he doesn't plan to use his certification for no other purpose than to help people in need. He said he would gladly serve as a consultant if other organizations have facilities that need to meet the ADA.

Voting locations for the upcoming elections are: Mount Judea Fire Station, Swain Community Building; The large A-frame building at Marble Falls Resort on state Highway 7 Spur; Western Grove City Hall, Parthenon Community Building; the county's old nursing home building on West Court Street in Jasper; Lurton Community Building, Ponca Fire Station, Log Hall Church, Deer Fire Station and the Low Gap Church.

Early voting is from Tuesday, May 10, to Monday, May 23, at the Newton County Courthouse, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Election Day is Tuesday, May 24. Polls are open from 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

This year the county has been split into two different Senate districts. Senate district 24 includes: Dogpatch, Western Grove, Hasty and Polk townships. The rest of the county will be in Senate district 28.

Consultants release statewide map of broadband access

From the Arkansas Senate

LITTLE ROCK – A six-month survey of Internet access in Arkansas has been completed, and state officials now have a more accurate roadmap of which regions need more investment in broadband technologies.

They also have a clearer idea of how much that investment will cost. With up to \$350 million, broadband can be provided to about 100,000 households. Then it gets even more expensive. To provide Internet capability to the last 10,000 isolated homes in Arkansas will cost about \$200 million.

There are 1.7 million households in Arkansas, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. A total of about 210,000 households lack adequate broadband access, according to the statewide broadband study that was released recently.

Of those 210,000 households lacking broadband, about 100,000 are eligible for existing state and

federal programs and the remaining 110,000 households are in areas where no government program exists. Those are the households for which it will cost about \$550 million to connect them to high-speed Internet.

The standard of high speed broadband capacity steadily goes up. The statewide study set it at 100/20 megabits per second. The first number refers to download speed and the second number to upload speed.

In the early days of the Internet, still images and text made up the majority of content on web sites, and the data that consumers uploaded and downloaded.

Now, consumers expect to listen to audio, such as podcasts that can last more than 10 minutes. They expect to watch videos, and send them to friends, family and business associates.

Consumer expectations have helped drive a remarkable growth

in broadband capacity. For the past 30 years it has averaged growth of more than 50 percent a year.

The exponential growth in capacity is expected to continue, so the state study recommends that providers be required to “future proof” all new networks they install. That means they should be required to install technology that is proven to be able to handle demands of tomorrow. Fiber optic cable is an example.

The study recognizes that the monthly price paid by consumers is a factor that can cause an area to be lacking in service. In other words, if the government pays a provider to install a system that nobody can afford, that provider has not served the area with high speed Internet.

The study recommends \$50 a month per household, or less, as the standard for describing broadband as affordable.

The consulting firm that did the study, Broadband Development Group, held more than 300 com-

munity meetings and surveyed more than 18,000 Arkansas residents.

The firm worked with 29 broadband providers and electric co-ops, and with the Farm Bureau, the Municipal League, the state Chamber of Commerce, the Association of Arkansas Counties, the Arkansas State Library Association and the Arkansas Sheriffs Association.

The state Education Department, Transportation Department, State Police, UAMS, the Economic Development Commission, Arkansas PBS and the Division of Agriculture helped.

The COVID-19 pandemic provided a huge impetus for the project, because so many students and employees had to work from home. Federal covid relief funds have been essential for much of investment in broadband that the state has made over the past three years. Since July of 2019 the state Broadband Office has distributed \$386 million in grants to local communities.

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What's going on

Farmers Market on the square in Jasper, Tuesday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Friday 12 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission will stock 800 catchable channel catfish in the Compton Community Pond for four fishing derbies coming on each Saturday in May.

The American Legion Fishing Derby being held on May 7. **The Compton Busy Beavers 4-H Fishing Derby** will be May 14. **The Compton Volunteer Fire Department Fishing Derby** will be May 21. **The County Line Baptist Church Fishing Derby** will be May 28.

Each fishing derby will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 11 a.m., at the Compton Community Pond located at Compton Community Fire Station No 1, ½ mile north of Compton on state Highway 43, the local address is 13577 Highway 43 North, Compton.

All children 15 and under are encouraged to come.

Attention Newton County residents! To obtain your 911 address please contact the Newton County addressing office at 870-446-2966 or come by Monday - Friday 8-4:30. The office is located upstairs of the courthouse.

ASP DL testing facilities now open. At each facility written exams are given from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the skills exam is by appointment times only. Jasper – The 1st Tuesday of the month. Newton County Sheriff's Office, 300 North Spring Street.

Jasper Kiwanis Club meets 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Ozark Cafe.

Al-Anon Meeting, a support group for family and friends of alcoholics. We meet every Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Methodist Fellowship Hall, 400 Clark St. in Jasper. You can also join us via Zoom. For more information, call 479-857-8281 or 870-446-2402.

The Newton County Library Board of Trustees meets the first Monday bimonthly (Feb., April, June,



Order Mother's Day baked goods today; next fish fry Friday

The Newton County Senior Activity and Wellness Center's next fish fry will be Friday, May 6, from 12-1 p.m. and then from 3- 6 p.m. There will be deliveries made in the Jasper city limits from 12- 1 p.m. Call ahead to put in your order.

Also, the Mother's Day bake sale deadline is today, May 4, at 4:30 p.m., pickup will be Friday, May 6, before 12:30 p.m.

The center will be closed May 30, for Memorial Day.

Wellness Center memberships are currently available for seniors 60 and over. It costs \$18.75 a month, for below 60 it is \$25 a month. Check with

your insurance as you may qualify through Silver Sneakers, said center director Nickie Henderson.

Are you 60 or above, here is the weekly van schedule to Jasper:

Monday - Western Grove and Hasty

Tuesday - Mt. Judea, Vendor and Bass

Wednesday - Mockingbird Hill, Deer and Nail

Thursday - Shiloh, Mt. Sherman and Parthenon

Fridays - Jasper City Limits

To schedule please call 870-446-5531.

The regular daily meal charge for guests under age 60 and carry outs is \$6.50.

Menus

May 4-11

- **Wednesday** - Honey baked ham, sweet potatoes, seasoned beets, wheat roll and frosted cake.
- **Thursday** - Sloppy Joe, baked French fries, green peas and carrots and banana pudding.
- **Friday** - Lemon pepper chicken, dill roasted potatoes, buttered corn, wheat roll and fruit gelatin.
- **Monday** - Honey chicken, baby bakers, buttered carrots, wheat bread and applesauce.
- **Tuesday** - Meatloaf with ketchup topping, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll and fruited gelatin.
- **Wednesday** - Tuna salad sandwich, potato chips, garden pea salad and fruit salad.



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The members of the Sewphisticated Scrappy Gals EHC Club - Glenda Odgen, Lavonne Fowler, Mary Quincey, Rose Szabrowicz, Judy Wilt, Karen Durham, Nancy Keeling, Cindy Creager and Amy Dodson. Not pictured is Marsha Horton.

With spring in EHC comes change and growth

The Newton County EHC Quilters Club has recently had a spring type growth spurt in membership. The club has added five new members to their roll. These new members will allow this great organization to help more non-profit groups and people in need of a quilt blessing. The members have been working hard to make the most of our area at the Newton County Extension office by

cleaning out, organizing materials, and rearranging furniture.

The members of the club also realized that not all the club member's volunteer hours were being reported to the Newton County EHC Council, so the group agreed to bring up this issue to the entire group at the 2022 Spring Fling, to become a main club in the county instead of just a project club. The group even selected a new name for

the club, the name selected was Sewphisticated Scrappy Gals EHC Club.

The club meets twice a month, the first and third Thursday, at the Extension Office in Jasper from 9 a.m. until about 2 p.m.. The group usually eats lunch together and enjoys some good fellowship. For more information on this club contact President Rose Szabrowicz at 446-6007.

before the meeting.

Newton County Chamber of Commerce's regular monthly meeting is on the third Thursday. The next meeting is at noon on Thursday, May 19, at The Ozark Cafe.

The Jasper City Council normally meets at City Hall on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The next meeting is May 19.

The monthly board meeting for **Newton County Healthcare Association, Inc.**, meets the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 31, at 5 p.m., in the Conference Room of Newton County Nursing Home.

Newton County Historical Society meets the last Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Bradley House Museum in Jasper. Public is invited. The next meeting is May 31.

Jasper Community Garden members meet on the first Monday of each month at the Jasper United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be June 6.

The Newton County Quorum Court meets the first Monday of each month at the courthouse beginning at 7 p.m., unless the first Monday is a holiday, then the quorum court meets on Tuesday night. The next meeting is June 6.

REUNIONS

Shatswell Family Reunion

All descendants of Thomas C and Elizabeth 'Betsy' (Peoples) Shatswell are invited to meet at the pavilion at Bradley Park in Jasper on Saturday, May 14, for the annual Shatswell Family Reunion. It will start at 10 a.m. and a potluck lunch will be served at noon.

Bring family pictures or stories to share. Picnic tables with benches are on site but you might want to bring your own chair. Decoration at Crossroads Cemetery is on Sunday, May 16.

Hotchkiss coming to speak to gardeners

The Newton County Master Gardeners are hosting a class featuring Robert Hotchkiss who will be speaking on the topic "Pollinator Friendly Plants for Homeowners."

The class will be held on Tuesday, May 10, at 4:30 p.m. in the Newton County Extension Office classroom. All those interested are welcome to attend. The monthly Master Gardener meeting will be held following the presentation.

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Walter Aulds, 51, of Marble Falls

Walter Lee Aulds, 51, of Marble Falls, died at Washington Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, April 27 (2022). Funeral was 1 p.m., Saturday, April 30, at Union Baptist Church with Pastor Bill Melton officiating. Burial was at Maple Leaf Cemetery under the direction of Coffman Funeral Home of Harrison.

The son of Bobby and Linda (Layton) Aulds was born March 29, 1971. He was a member of Union Baptist Church. Walter was the owner of Aulds Electric, starting the business in May 2003.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Walter is survived by his wife of 20 years, Kristie Aulds; his children, Abbey, Layton and Hannah; his mother,



Linda Aulds; his sisters, Anita Brown and Judy Madewell; his brother, Ruben Aulds and other relatives.

Pallbearers were Bob Parkhill, Trey and Tate Brown, Glendon and Gavin Lackey and Luke Madison.

Honorary pallbearers were Pat Houston, Chris Cox, Paul Hendric, Jason Phillips, Mike Crow, Jarrett Taylor, Eric Watson, Lonnie Pyshty, Brian Conner and O.D. Chaney.

Wanda Ruble, 81, of Harrison

Wanda Mae Ruble, 81, of Harrison, died at Hospice of the Hills Hospice House in Harrison, Saturday, April 23 (2022). Funeral was 10 a.m. Friday, April 29, at Holt Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Phillip C. Collie II officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

The daughter of the late Frank James and Opie Lee Freeman Hampton was born at Mt. Judea, Aug. 22, 1940. She married Donald Ray Ruble on June 17, 1964, at Harrison. She worked as a veterinarian technician for several years for North Arkansas Veterinarian Clinic. She worked with Don on the farm, helping with the cattle and was a member of Elmwood Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Faye Smith.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Donald Ray “Groucho”



Ruble of Harrison; a son, Bradley Ray Ruble, of Harrison; two sisters, Alice Fuchs, of Mammelle and Sue Barger, of Bryant; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Pallbearers were Camarron Pemberton, Scott Ruble, J. W. Smith, Sam Smith, Kenny Royce and Gerald Taylor.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Cathy Clary and the staff of Hospice of the Hills.

Memorials may be made to Elmwood Cemetery Association, Post Office Box 3345, Harrison, Arkansas 72602.

Ronald Pierce, 24, of Van Buren

Ronald Allen Pierce, 24, of Van Buren died at home, Tuesday, April 26 (2022). Funeral was 10 a.m., Monday, May 2, at Coffman Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper with Roger Greenhaw officiating. Burial was in Smith Cemetery at Vendor.

A graduate of Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Ron spent his entire 36-year teaching career at Hackett High School in Hackett where he was a math teacher.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Wanda McGowan Pierce.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Nancy Guthrie Pierce; a son, Eric James Pierce, of Moore, Oklahoma; a daughter, Fallon Kortum, of Fort Smith; two brothers, James Herbert Pierce, of Lead Hill and Dwight Pierce, of



Mt. Judea; two sisters, Vicki Pierce Finch, of Mt. Judea and Nancy “Sue” Pierce Moore, of Lead Hill.

Pallbearers were Joey McCutcheon, Sheldon Boyd, Jimmy Holt, Mike O’Neal, Bernie Finch and Robert Moore.

Honorary pallbearers are Robert Guthrie, Jr. and Ronald Moore.

Memorials may be made to the Mayo Clinic’s Philanthropy division - <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/> (DESIGNATE YOUR GIFT TO ALS RESEARCH).

Eudell Ragland, 89, of Omaha

Eudell Elland Ragland, 89, of Omaha, died at Cox South in Springfield, Missouri, Sunday, May 1 (2022). Visitation will be 5-7 p.m., Thursday, May 5, at Roller-Christeson Funeral Home, Harrison. Interment will be in Bellefonte Cemetery.

The son of the late Walter C. and Lessie S. Bridges Ragland was born at Nogo, Arkansas, July 2, 1932. Eudell graduated in 1952 from Valley Springs and attended the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Eudell played basketball at Bellefonte and Valley Springs schools and won four state championships, Allstate Championship Jr. Boys Team at Bellefonte in 1949, and State Championships 1950-1952 at Valley Springs. He was inducted into the AIC 1956 Basketball Hall of Fame.



He went on to become a coach at Mt. Judea.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Ann Ragland and Poneta “Ruth” Ragland; his significant other, Brenda Reid; his brothers, infant Walter Junior and Sid Ragland, and his sister, Johnnie Earnhart.

He is survived by his son, Chris Ragland, daughters Allane Gass, Nicole Risley and Ronnie Long and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Mt. Judea, Valley Springs, or an athletic department of choice in his honor.

David Haenn, 75, of Mt. Judea

David Anthony Haenn, 75, of Mt. Judea, died at his home Tuesday, April 26 (2022). Cremation and arrangements are with Coffman Funeral Home of Jasper. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

The son of the late George John and Ruth Ann Haenn was born in Ft. Worth, Texas, July 25, 1946. David

moved from Grass- range, Montana, to Mt. Judea where he lived for 46 years.

David is preceded in death by his wife, Jan Haenn; his brother, Mike Haenn and his son Bryan Cook.

David is survived by his sons, Shawn Cook and Jason Cook; his daughter, Erin Dufner; his brother, Eric Haenn and five grandchildren.



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Recent Deaths

Walter Lee Aulds, 51, of Marble Falls, died at Washington Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, April 27 (2022). Funeral was 1 p.m., Saturday, April 30, at Union Baptist Church. Burial was at Maple Leaf Cemetery under the direction of Coffman Funeral Home of Harrison.

David Haenn, 75, of Mt. Judea, died Tuesday, April 26 (2022). Cremation and arrangements are with Coffman Funeral Home of Jasper. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

William Henderson, 59, of Springdale, died Friday, April 29 (2022). A memorial service will be held at later date. Arrangements by Wasson Funeral Home.

Ronald Pierce, 24, of Van Buren, died Tuesday, April 26 (2022). Funeral was 10 a.m., Monday, May 2, at Coffman Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper. Burial was in Smith Cemetery at Vendor.

Eudell Ragland, 89, of Omaha, died Sunday, May 1 (2022). Visitation will be 5-7 p.m., Thursday, May 5, at Roller-Christeson Funeral Home, Harrison. Interment will be in Bellefonte Cemetery.

Wanda Ruble, 81, of Harrison, died Saturday, April 23 (2022). Funeral was 10 a.m. Friday, April 29, at Holt Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

20 deaths attributed to flu

As the flue season continues into spring the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) reports a total of 20 deaths attributed to influenza. The total number of deaths for last season was 24.

During flu season, ADH produces a Weekly Influenza Report for clinicians. The report provides information on flu activity in the state. The report also compares influenza- like-illness (ILI) in Arkansas to activity in the U.S. ADH receives reports of only a fraction of flu cases since it only requires reports of hospitalizations, deaths, and outbreaks. Therefore, it is important to understand that the information in the weekly update is representative of the timing and location of activity, but it does not reflect the overall burden of disease. It is presumed that there are many more people actually affected than the report shows. Clinicians and policy makers may find the report helpful in terms of communicating to colleagues and patients about the current status of the flu season.

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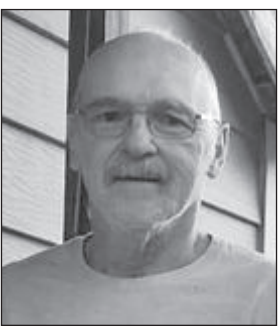
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William Henderson, 59, of Springdale

William Allen Henderson, 59, of Springdale, Arkansas, died April 29, 2022, at home. He was born October 20, 1962, in Springdale, Arkansas, to Lester Bernie Henderson and Georgia Mae (Self) Brown. He grew up in Newton County in Shiloh, Arkansas and later met his wife of 40 years, Claudia Mitchell. Bill worked at Tyson Foods for 35 years doing poultry processing maintenance and loved being outdoors whether it was hunting, fishing, gardening, pitching horseshoes, or working on vehicles. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester, and Georgia; brother, Roy Henderson; stepfather, Marion Brown.

Survivors include his wife, Claudia of the home; daughter, Amy Mathews and husband Troy of Nob Hill, Arkansas; sons, Thomas Henderson and wife Amber of Nob Hill, Arkansas, Justin Henderson and wife Jenny of Cave Springs, Arkansas;



brothers; Delbert and Jeffery Taylor; sister, Nancy Aufleger; six grandchildren, Mikyla Mathews, Kerwyn Mathews, Teagan Mathews, Zac Pugh, Noah Pugh, and Rayden Henderson; uncle and aunt, Roy and Reba Self of Shiloh, Arkansas and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 9, 2022, at Sonora Baptist Church in Springdale, Arkansas, with brother Danny Williams officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service starting at 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday May 9, 2022, at Sonora Baptist Church in Springdale. To sign the online guest book, please visit www.wassonfuneralhome.com.

SWAIN

By Kathy Martin

Happy May birthdays to Laura and Lyndsey Carney, Jerry, Dequita and Brandy Williams. Happy birthday to Benton, Randal and Donovan Davis, Billy Paul Matlock and Julie Villines, Yolanda Martin. Donna Adams and Donna Dodson Rocole, Loreshia Heffley, Susie and Rocky Martin, Malachi Pettis, Wrenlee Anne Hallum and Cohan Lager. I saw where Glendon Daniels and Clinton Daniels and Randall Edgmon celebrated another birthday. Jan Lewis threw a birthday party for grands Benton and Lily. Congratulations to Terry and Becky Carney who celebrated their anniversary last week. Terry gave Becky some beautiful flowers. Doyle and James Carney were visited by their great-grandbaby. Congratulations to Evan and Bailey Middleton, Brent and Alexis Martin who celebrated their 1st anniversary.

Congratulations to our Deer Seniors graduating this year. We're so proud of all our Deer School graduates. We pray blessings over all as they start a new journey in their lives. Congratulations to Deer FBLA State Conference and placed divisions and Mr Wooten recognized for 5 years service. Congratulations to Deer FFA judging teams topped 4th out of 71. Congratulations to Kloi Martin and her Kingston Jr. High track team winning district.

We extend "get well" wishes to Johnny Martin and Peggy Sparks. We're so glad she got to come home. Elana Martin is still in the boot and hoping her ankle is healing well. Also Candy Rocole got a broken foot and praying she heals quickly.

We've visited our families this week, Rocky and Jesse have been helping Johnny out selling cows and fixing fences. We saw Craig, Loreshia, Travis, Kaiden and Olivia Heffley for a short visit. We spent the evening with Jesse Martin and family to see the twins play "Arkansas" and enjoyed time spent with Don and Sydna Daily, too.

I enjoyed visiting with old friends at the senior center last week. Helen Reynolds and Nelda Casey were working hard on their Wheels for Meals fundraiser. I missed seeing Jean and Dennis Brasel again.

This month is Memorial Remembrance and usually decorations are scheduled at area cemeteries. Cassville Baptist Church will not have their regular service on the May 15th for decoration.

Happy Mothers Day to all our wonderful mothers! You are so important in your calling and I pray Gods blessings over you.

Gone, but not forgotten: Little Buffalo River Bridge

From the Encyclopedia of Arkansas

The Little Buffalo River Bridge is a concrete T-beam bridge located on Arkansas Highway 327 at its crossing of the Little Buffalo River about 1.5 miles northwest of Parthenon (Newton County). It was constructed in 1939 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), a Depression-era public relief agency.

The first white settler in the area where the Little Buffalo River Bridge is located was John Belah, who moved there in the 1830s. A road through the area connecting Jasper (Newton County) to Clarksville (Johnson County) was in place by 1844, and the village of Mount Parthenon (now Parthenon) was established seven years later.

During the Great Depression, Newton County officials decided to take advantage of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal and seek funding for improvements to the rural county's infrastructure. In 1938, they succeeded in landing WPA Project No. 665-63-1-169 to "improve, construct and reconstruct county-owned roads," including what was then known as Buffalo Road where the bridge would be located.

The crossing of the Little Buffalo River would call for a long bridge, so the WPA elected to build a T-beam structure, using a construction technique that had been in use since 1910 to construct long-span beam bridges while using the minimum amount of concrete necessary. The Little Buffalo River Bridge was completed in 1939.

The structure includes seven thirty-foot spans for the 210-foot-long reinforced-concrete T-beam bridge. It is fifteen feet tall and twenty-two feet wide, with a seven-inch-thick concrete deck with three integral fourteen-by-twenty-eight-inch beams spaced seven and a half feet apart. It features reinforced concrete railings on both sides, with their one-foot square posts integrated into the structure. The bridge's ashlar masonry-faced abutments and piers feature concrete footings and caps and measure fourteen feet high and twenty feet wide, with thicknesses tapering from one and a half feet at the top to six feet at the bottom.

The Little Buffalo River Bridge, the longest reinforced concrete T-beam bridge in the state, continues to serve vehicular traffic in its rural section of Newton County in the twenty-first century. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 26, 1995.

For more information go to: <https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/little-buffalo-river-bridge-14840/>

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AS LIFE GOES BY

By ELAINE LAUNDERVILLE

Each year the different cemeteries in the area have a Decoration Day to celebrate the lives of family members. My family goes to Union Hill on the first weekend of May. It is always good to see family; Butch and Colleen Harrison, Rosalie Harrison Hernandez and her husband, Don Phillips, Scott Phillips, John and Wanda Phillips, Jane Shipman, Jackie Humbard and Bob and Karen Garner, and daughter, Sherma, Johnny Gus Hudson, Larry Reynolds, Vernon and Judy Fowler, Stan and Dianna Henderson, Jimmie Harrison and wife, Mary Lynn and Bill Beckham, Betty and Gerald James, Wayne and Oleta Hughes, a number of Brasels, and so many others. There were so many people there that I am at a loss for names. It was a beautiful day to visit.

Our weather is still changing since spring hasn't settled in. Gardens are being started with hopes of warmth for growing plants soon.

Last week: It is exciting to see spring activities happening. It has been two years since many of the activities were a part of our lives. The sports world has bloomed into "the place to be." Baseball and softball are fun to watch and play and many people are out riding bikes, walking, hiking or getting out on the river. People who garden are preparing their gardens and planting certain things that can stand cold, rainy weather waiting for sunshine and warmth.

The trees and grass are popping out in colors showcasing the beautiful flowers everywhere. Hopefully, the winds will not have blown in more damaging weather. Having cold and then warm weather changes are conducive to some bad weather events. Springdale is still cleaning up after their tornado and other areas of the country are doing the same.

Pay attention to the weather reporters. It could save your life. Spring is a time of change.

I had an eye examination and found I am having scar tissue build up from my cataract surgery a couple of years ago. I need to have surgery on the 22nd to remove the tissue. It will make my vision better, hopefully.

Living in Newton County and especially in Jasper can be a busy place if you just get out and join in all or some of the activities that go on. Something everyone will be interested in watching develop in the Bradley Park was what Michael Thomas had shared at a Council meeting. The Crouse Construction Company had donated 25 feet of structural steel from the north end of the old Pruitt bridge that was being replaced, to the city of Jasper. An engineer has been hired to design a symbolic replica of the old bridge. This project will be funded with donations, which can be dropped off for JAPC at Jasper City Hall or mailed to JAPC. The Jasper Advertising and Promotion Commission (JAPC), P.O. Box 434, Jasper, AR 72641, will be happy to get your donation.

I love it when the Beautification Committee gets involved in keeping Jasper and surrounding areas beautiful! It is appropriate that Katherine Nance is involved in helping to restore the bridge at the park. She lived right there at the bridge as a child. Visiting with so many people who hated to see the bridge gone makes me think a lot will donate to preserve it. Every dollar will help make this project get done faster. Idea: Maybe class groups would like to give money as a group. The bridge was built in 1931, so everyone went across the bridge many times!

Have a great week!

Extension Corner: Tax refund offers chance to build wealth

By TRACY COURAGE

U of A System Division of Agriculture

Fast facts:

- Tax refunds can help build financial security
- Use refunds to pay down debt, build emergency fund, save for goal
- 'Spend a little, save a little' strategy allows flexibility

LITTLE ROCK — Now that the 2021 tax filing deadline has come and gone, many consumers are eagerly awaiting their tax refunds and perhaps planning how to use them. While there's endless spending possibilities, the best choice may be not to spend at all.

If you're willing to delay gratification a while, a tax refund check can go a long way in helping consumers gain financial stability if used for paying down debt, building an emergency fund or saving toward a goal.

"It's easy to go on a shopping spree or buy something you've wanted all year long," said Laura Hendrix, associate professor and extension personal finance expert for the University of Arkansas System

Division of Agriculture. "Before giving in to unnecessary spending, make sure you are in a secure financial situation."

The IRS typically issues nine out of 10 refunds within 21 days of electronic filing, though the COVID-19 pandemic is causing delays in the process in some cases, according to the Internal Revenue Service's website. The average payment is \$3,263, which is \$448 more than last year's \$2,815.

Before refunds arrive, taxpayers should have a strategy in place. A "spend some, save some" strategy is good for consumers who have some immediate expenses they need to cover.

IRS Form 8888 allows taxpayers to direct deposit their respective tax refunds across multiple accounts.

"You can split it up into different funds so that part of your money goes into a savings account and the other part goes into a checking account," she said. "The part that goes into your savings is money you don't see so you're less likely to spend it."

Hendrix also urged people to reflect on their values and their vision of how they want their life to be before spending.

"Most things in life come with a price tag — home ownership, a college education, a new car, a secure retirement. Visualize that and know that we are all using our resources — our time and our money — to achieve our dreams. With some delayed gratification, that tax refund can be a step toward attaining your dream."

Hendrix offers these tips for making the most of your tax refund:

Pay down debt. Use at least part of the refund to pay off credit card debt. Make additional payments to the principal amount on home or car loans to reduce the amount you will pay in interest.

Save for a rainy day. Personal finance experts recommend you save enough to cover at least two to six months of expenses, so you don't have to borrow money to pay for a major car repair, medical emergency, or other unexpected expense. If you don't have an emergency fund, use your tax refund to start one.

Save for future financial goals. Put tax refund money into a retirement or investment fund where it can grow, or set aside money for long-term goals such as buying a home, a car or paying for college.

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Sports

Hogs win series with Ole Miss

By OTIS KIRK
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FAYETTEVILLE — No. 5 Arkansas got a pair of two-run home runs on Sunday to sneak past Ole Miss 4-3 and take the series in Baum-Walker Stadium.

For Arkansas it was the 12th consecutive SEC home series they have won, but it took some clutch hitting on both Saturday and Sunday to pull it off. Ole Miss won the series opener 4-2 on Friday night. On Sunday, both Chris Lanzilli and Michael Turner hit two-run home runs to allow the Razorbacks to win. Dave Van Horn was pleased to survive a close game Sunday.

“Bottom line, man, we got a win,” Van Horn said. “That was our ultimate goal today, was to win the series. We had two big swings with two outs. Two two-run homers. Lined out a couple of times. We just flipped 10 hits around basically. Eight other hits. We couldn’t string them together, but our pitching staff did a great job and there’s the defense again.”

Jaxon Wiggins struggled some in the start. He only worked three innings and gave up all the runs to the Rebels. Zack Morris and Brady Tygart each worked three innings allowing a combined two hits over the final six innings. Morris (4-0) struck out one and walked two while picking up the win. Tygart worked the final three innings and pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the ninth to get his seventh save of the season.

On Sunday after Ole Miss jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first the Razorbacks responded in the bottom of the third. Cayden Wallace doubled to right field to start the inning. After a strikeout, Chris Lanzilli hit a Derek Diamond pitch over the fence for a 2-1 lead.

However, the Rebels struck back in the top of the fourth to go on top 3-2. That was all for Jaxon Wiggins and Taylor came in and shut the Rebels down.

“Wiggins, he just didn’t throw the ball over the plate enough, and they were getting geared up and Morris came in and gave us three full innings, counting the one in relief, and then two more,” Van Horn said. “Mixing it up a little bit, enticing a couple of ground ball double plays, I think.”

In the bottom of the fifth, Lanzilli reached on an infield hit. Michael Turner followed and put one over the fence in right field to close out the scoring for the game.

The Hogs and Tygart had to survive a ninth inning when the Rebels loaded the bases all on walks. Tygart got Ole Miss’ Tim Elko to fly out to center field with the bases loaded to end the game. Van Horn wasn’t pleased with some of the calls by the home plate umpire on Sunday in that ninth inning.

“Then Tygart just threw outstanding in my opinion,” Van Horn said. “It says he walked four there. I don’t know if I’m buying that. I’m going to look at some information. I just know what I’ve been told by people. I’m off to the side. You guys have

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1A-1East track complete



PHOTOS BY JEFF BRASEL/STAFF
Omaha’s Shelby Whitehurst (left) edges out Western Grove’s Kelley Middleton in the 100 Meter Dash in the 1A-1East District Tournament held last week in Harrison.



Kingston’s Koren Davidson leaps during the High Jump competition in the 1A-1East District Track Meet in Harrison.



Kingston’s Lila Hartness sprints out in front in the 100 Meter Hurdles in the 1A-1East District Track Meet. She won the event by 1.14 seconds.

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HARRISON — Before the inclement weather moved into Harrison on Thursday, the 1A-1East District Track Meet was held at Harrison High School’s F.S. Garrison Stadium.

The track meet had only three high schools so only four placements in each event scored points. A first place finish resulted in

five points for the team. Second earned three points; third place, two points; and fourth place, a single point.

The Kingston girls scored 111 points to win the event. Omaha was second with 41 points and Western Grove was third with 29.

Omaha won the boys event with 88 points. Kingston edged Western Grove for second place. The Yellow Jackets scored 49 and

Western Grove had 48.

The top two athletes in each event move on to the state meet.

Quitman will host the Class 1A State Track Meet on Wednesday.

Kingston is the defending Class 1A State champion. The Lady Yellow Jackets also won the Class 1A State Cross Country Meet in November. The team is trying to put together its third state championship in a row.

We didn’t get to see it

Our traveling sports couples took a day off and headed to Kansas City to see the Royals play.

That Friday night happened to be a game with the Detroit Tigers.

We struck up some conversations with fans from Detroit that had made it to the game. There were a lot of them.

Of course at every major league game there are fans from other cities that make it to the games to watch their team play.

During our talk, they had stated that they were following the Tigers around to see a piece of history. They were trying to see Miguel (Mickey) Cabrera get his 3,000th hit.



Jeff **BRASEL**
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Cabrera is an undrafted first baseman from Venezuela. He spent five years with Miami before being traded to Detroit in 2008.

He averages .310 when in the box and has been an everyday player for the Tigers with the exception of two seasons when

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Legal Notice

CITY OF JASPER, ARKANSAS COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1.
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ARKANSAS REGULATING THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING CODES; CONTAINING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE.
WHEREAS it is deemed in the best interest of the City of Jasper for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens that an ordinance be established to provide sound, safe, economical and innovative solutions for all citizens and for all who access businesses and services: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JASPER, ARKANSAS:
SECTION 1. DEFINITION
Commercial Building: A structure used for multi-family, office, hotel/hospitality, mixed use, industrial purposes or special purposes, i.e., bowling alley, stadiums, etc.
SECTION 2. RESPONSIBILITY OF CITY OFFICIALS
City Clerk is the person who will issue permits authorized by this Ordinance. This person will issue permits by following the guidelines of this Ordinance.
1. The Permit Request must be signed by the owner or designee who will present the permit to the Planning/Land Use Committee for recommendation to the Council. The owner may have his/her designee present the plan. The owner or designee must sign the pla 2. The City Council shall be the final authority on matters relating to this Ordinance. The City Council shall be the sole authority for waivers of this Ordinance.
SECTION 3. REGULATIONS
Commercial districts generally. The target goal of the commercial district is to provide safe, inviting, accessible structures in which businesses may provide goods and or services to city residents and all others wishing to access those goods and services. Specific goals include:
a. Consideration of site selection based on need and choice.
b. Consideration of drainage/water runoff and its effect on the site and the surrounding areas.
C. Protection of Jasper's Commercial Historic District by regulating building height, bulk and materials in relation to neighboring buildings.
d. Consideration of signage appropriate to the natural environment in Jasper.
e. Consideration of traffic and parking in Jasper, and
f. Promotion of desirable land use and development to protect district character and to conserve land and building values.
SECTION 4. PERMITTED USES
a. Multifamily
b. Office
c. Retail
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e. Mixed Use
f. Industrial
g. Special Purpose (Bowling alleys, Gyms, etc.)
h. Does Not include travel trailers and singlewide mobile homes unless in permitted location for sales of such trailers and mobile homes.
SECTION 5. PERMIT PROCEDURES
a. Permit Request. Permit Seekers must apply for a permit with the City Clerk at the City Hall. The City Clerk will assist with information regarding regulations, prohibitions, requirements and paperwork. b. Person Responsible for Project to be permitted. This person will provide written acknowledgement that work performed on permitted project will follow AR construction, plumbing, electrical and mechanical codes. The Public Works Director is responsible for ensuring required inspections are complete and timely.
c. Permit Time Limits. The City will make every effort to approve the permit request in a timely manner. If the City takes no action on a permit request within forty-five days, the permit is assumed to be approved.
d. It shall be a violation for any person to erect, alter, move or improve any building or structure until a building permit has been obtained if the changes to such building or structure exceed \$10,000.
SECTION 6. PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE
Violation of this Ordinance or any part of this Ordinance shall result in a civil fine of not less than \$25.00 or not more than \$100.00 for each day such violation continues.
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The City and its officers, agents and employees shall have no liability of any nature for any actions, omissions, or other matters in any way concerning the subject matter of this ordinance.
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SECTION 9. CONFLICTS
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of said conflict.
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It is hereby found by the City of Jasper that an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.
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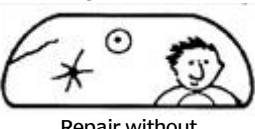
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NO. 51PR-22-16
NOTICE OF OPENING ESTATE AND FILING OF CLAIMS
Name: Phyllis J. Reser
Last known address of decedent:
HC 31 Box 20 Jasper, AR
Date of Death: March 24, 2022
An instrument dated 15th March 1996 was on April 14, 2022, admitted to probate as the last will of the above named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed personal representative thereunder. Contest of the probate of the will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.
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This notice first published 4th day of May, 2022.
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Apply for an Arkansas elk hunting permit beginning May 1

LITTLE ROCK — The application period for Arkansas's public land elk hunting permits is open from 8 a.m., May 1 until 11:59 p.m. June 1. Hunters interested in pursuing Arkansas's largest big-game animal can apply beginning May 1 at <https://ar-web.s3licensing.com> and select the Special Hunt Applications button to begin the process.

Eighteen public land elk tags (12 antlerless and six either-sex tags) will be available through the online permit system for Arkansas's 2022 elk hunting season.

The drawing for permits will be held at the Buffalo River Elk Festival, which is planned to make its return June 24-25 in Jasper.

Three additional permits will be drawn at the festival for people who register on site at the event. On-site applicants must sign up at the festival and be present to win at 5 p.m. on June 25. Applications for these permits will be available from 1-4 p.m. June 24 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 25 at the Newton County Senior Center.

Applicants for Arkansas public land

elk hunt permits must have a valid Resident Sportsman Hunting License or must be a holder of a Lifetime Sportsman's Permit. Only residents of Arkansas may apply. Applicants must be 6 or older as of the beginning of the hunt to participate. Anyone with 18 or more violations points is ineligible for the permit.

Hunters with access to private land in elk country will follow the same regulations as last year, using a quota system instead of drawn permits. Anyone may purchase a Private Land

Elk Permit (labeled PLE in the AGFC licensing system) for \$5 in addition to a valid resident Sportsman Hunting License or nonresident All Game Hunting License. Hunters getting private land permits should wait until May 15 to purchase to ensure it is valid for the coming hunting season.

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5			13
13	4	17	

5	3	5
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8	0	2

Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

R P T A Y M E I T

Answer: Party Time

Jasper FFA member named finalist for the World Food

By HANNAH CHAMBERS
University of Arkansas Media Intern

HOT SPRINGS — Evan Seay from the Jasper FFA Chapter was named a finalist for the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute at the 95th Arkansas FFA State Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas, April 25-27.

Seay’s paper focused on malnutrition in Peru. He discussed how to help solve the problems malnutrition creates.

Seay is the son of

Kenny and Sonya Seay. His FFA advisor is Mason Dorrell.

Seay will attend the Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, this fall.

The Arkansas Youth Institute was held on the University of Arkansas campus April 7. During the institute students discussed global challenges with experts, local leaders and their peers.

FFA is an integral part of the Agricultural Education division in

the Arkansas Department of Career Education. The Arkansas FFA Association has more than 15,900 members and 229 chapters. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. To learn more about the Arkansas FFA, visit arkansasffa.org.

Harrison receives ATU scholarship



PEARL ANN HARRISON

Pearl Ann Harrison, of Mt. Judea, has received a Presidential Honors Transfer Scholarship for the fall 2022 semester at Arkansas Tech University, the university announced.

This \$6,000 scholarship is awarded on academic merit and has a total potential value of \$18,000 over three years.

She has a 4.0 GPA and is a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member, TRIO Student Support Services member and is recognized for attending the first generation Student Career Leadership Conference, Academic Excellence and TRIO Scholarship recipient.

She also provides supplemental instruction and tutoring services at North Arkansas College.

Pearl Ann is the daughter of Dwight and Susan Harrison, and Quinnell Land and Paul Vail.



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Arkansas Weekly Livestock
Wednesday, April 27, 2022

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Feeder Cattle:	520(68.3%)	908(81.9%)	452(81.6%)
Slaughter Cattle:	156(20.5%)	181(16.3%)	70(12.6%)
Replacement Cattle:	85(11.2%)	20(1.8%)	32(5.8%)

Compared to last week: Feeder steers mostly 1.00-4.00 lower except the better 500-600 lbs steady to 3.00 higher. Feeder heifers 1.00-5.00 lower. Quality of most feeders not as good as last week. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 lower. Supply included: 68% Feeder Cattle (38% Steers, 43% Heifers, 19% Bulls); 20% Slaughter Cattle (81% Cows, 19% Bulls); 11% replacement Cattle (8% Stock Cows; 42% Bred Cows, 14% Bred Heifers, 36% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 24%.

Feeder Steers					Medium and Large 1 - 2				
Medium and Large 1					Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	5	371	371	160.00	160.00
7	315-333	325	195.00-216.00	208.87	10	475-492	485	152.00-155.00	153.18
17	350-395	379	205.00-213.00	210.00	10	509	509	146.00	146.00
3	390	390	190.00	190.00	5	645	645	147.00	147.00
5	400-430	412	200.00-211.00	205.11	5	990	990	99.00	99.00
10	430-449	446	175.00-192.00	179.22	Medium and Large 2				
5	465-495	477	189.00-211.00	194.30	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	500-533	517	182.00-199.00	190.10	5	320-348	333	148.00-160.00	151.34
9	516	516	164.00	164.00	11	350-390	375	142.00-158.00	146.73
7	550-564	562	180.00-188.00	181.12	2	370	370	130.00	130.00
7	564	564	166.00	166.00	11	405-445	424	132.00-155.00	144.73
6	600-640	624	166.00-172.00	167.86	4	465-495	476	143.00-150.00	147.44
3	602	602	166.00	166.00	5	500-540	520	138.00-146.00	141.39
13	661	661	169.50	169.50	5	570-590	581	128.00-142.00	135.20
4	660	660	160.00	160.00	3	623	6123	138.00	138.00
1	890	890	132.00	132.00	1	655	655	111.00	111.00
Medium and Large 2					4	705-735	723	110.00-115.00	112.26
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Feeder Bulls				
1	325	325	182.00	182.00	Medium and Large 1				
4	362-390	372	165.00-205.00	187.15	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	405-440	426	165.00-188.00	172.83	3	338	338	199.00	199.00
13	461-495	475	150.00-183.00	170.36	4	368-392	380	190.00-200.00	195.16
2	525-540	533	155.00-160.00	157.54	4	389	389	168.00	168.00
3	550-585	567	150.00-170.00	159.79	3	445	445	178.00	178.00
1	775	775	123.00	123.00	13	455-495	482	175.00-180.00	176.87
Feeder Heifers					2	495	495	150.00	150.00
Medium and Large 1					2	515	515	166.00	166.00
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	3	550-595	572	157.00-174.00	165.44
5	350-390	364	162.00-176.00	166.60	13	600-645	622	145.00-168.00	155.15
1	360	360	150.00	150.00	8	658-678	668	137.00-152.00	145.55
16	400-436	418	156.00-173.00	165.22	2	742	742	152.00	152.00
14	409-439	430	154.00-162.00	158.73	2	760	760	145.00	145.00
4	465-480	471	150.00-169.00	156.44	1	820	820	124.00	124.00
5	480-493	488	152.00-153.00	152.61	Medium and Large 2				
15	500-545	521	148.00-163.50	154.09	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	533	533	147.00	147.00	2	335-340	338	175.00-183.00	179.03
7	563-595	573	146.00-153.00	150.39	1	375	375	188.00	188.00
6	620	620	147.00-148.67	148.67	2	445	445	160.00-175.00	167.50
5	650-695	668	137.00-148.00	142.17	6	450-495	478	140.00-159.00	152.20
2	720-735	728	129.00-135.00	131.97	7	508-545	519	138.00-156.00	147.57
13	745	745	137.00	137.00	1	600	600	125.00	125.00
1	865	865	127.00	127.00	1	730	730	110.00	110.00
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It’s spring 2024, and the solar eclipse is coming

By LORA W. DAIL

Today is April 8, 2024, about noon. You haven’t been to town for a while, so you decide to head down the mountain. And run into people. Every where. Pulled off the side of the road. Clogging pull outs. Spreading out picnic cloths. And you wonder...what in tarnation is going on!

Today at about 2:00 CST, a total solar eclipse will change a (hopefully) sunny, Spring Newton County day into a dark, starry, Newton County night for about five minutes!

What is being called the Great North American Total Solar Eclipse of 2024 will begin; casting a complete moon shadow on the Pacific Coast of Mexico near Mazatlan. The shadow will enter the United States in south Texas and cut diagonally across the United States to Maine, to exit North America in Canada. Thirteen states will be in the path of this complete shadow, including Arkansas. The eclipse will take about four hours from start to finish.

That’s all well and good, what about all of these people?

A total solar eclipse is A Big Deal! They are pretty rare, scientists love them, and they are extremely cool! As the moon moves between the Sun and the Earth, daylight begins to fade. It’s eerie, like someone attached a dimmer switch on the Sun. As more of the sun is eclipsed, birds get quiet, cows look at

each other in confusion, and bugs stop making bug noises. The light keeps fading.

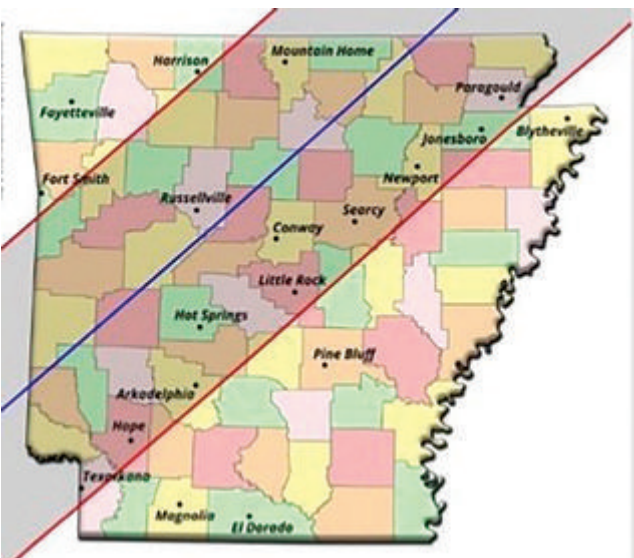
Here’s the best part: Newton County will be smack dab in the middle of “The Path of Totality.” The moon will be just the right size to block out the entire Sun! Using safety glasses, if you look up at the sun, you will see the Corona (the rays) around a black circle (the moon’s shadow). It will stay that way for about five minutes as the Moon moves through.

During the eclipse, pitch dark will fall over Newton County! In the middle of the day! This is the big deal part! Which explains all of the people in your front yard!

People will travel from everywhere to see this eclipse. Nationally and Internationally. It is estimated that 80% of the adult population travelled to see the last total solar eclipse in 2017. You may remember the non-stop television coverage leading up to the August 21, 2017 eclipse. That eclipse began in Oregon and exited in North Carolina offering viewing chances across the middle of the entire United States.

This time, viewers will have 13 state destinations to choose from, including Arkansas.

The tourism departments are already gearing up, anticipating that up to 20 million people will travel to see the eclipse. That could be almost two million visitors to 13 US states at the same time! Typically



eclipse tourists stay for days and will need all of the goods and services that go with a short vacation: hotels, food, bathrooms, and gift shops! There will be eclipse tours and International travelers.

Newton County, the city of Jasper, the National Park Service, and the Newton County Chamber of Commerce have begun planning for this influx so that we can manage our guests, take care of our residents, make a little money, and showcase Newton County as a return destination for visitors (though hopefully not all at once!).

Planning begins for solar eclipse

Staff Report

The next solar eclipse isn't due until April 8, 2024, but Newton County will be in the narrow path of totality of it which is expected to attract eclipse watchers to the daytime spectacle like an electric porch light attracts flying insects at night.

The Jasper Chamber of Commerce held a public meeting Thursday afternoon, April 28, at the Carroll Electric Building in Jasper to talk about planning and to hear from Jessica Morgan the Sweetwater, Tennessee, city recorder and chair of the 2017 Eclipse Sweetwater Planning Committee, about what her town experienced. She spoke to the group via the internet.

Planning is need for everything from providing lodging to managing trash from the large number of people coming to witness the event. Chamber officials say this planning will be needed if the community wants to not only survive the invasion, but profit from it. Morgan said Sweetwater turned the astronomical challenge into an astronomical success that earned the city an extra \$90,000 in tax revenues.

Morgan said Sweetwater reached out to other cities and counties to help supply resources and vendors. People are going to come, not just to Jasper, but to surrounding communities as well.

Sweetwater experienced totality for two minutes and 37 seconds on Monday, Aug. 21, 2017, but the town of 6,000 had to manage thousands of visitors for several days before and after it.

In the months leading up to the event, the city initiating branding in advertising on local websites, promoting a theme with an art contest and yard signs. A logo was designed that appeared on t-shirts and almost everything else sold in connection to the eclipse.

Make sure to reserve portable

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Newton County Chamber of Commerce director Toinette Madison and Lora Dial, chairman of the chamber 2024 Eclipse Committee led a public planning meeting recently at the Carroll Electric Building. Featured was an internet discussion with Jessica Morgan, the Sweetwater, Tennessee, city recorder and chair of the 2017 Eclipse Sweetwater Planning Committee. She gave some insight on what Newton County could expect and offered some planning tips.

toilets a year ahead of time and start stocking up toilet paper, now, Morgan advised.

Because the eclipse attracts families there were a lot of children to plan for. There were play areas set up for the children, who unlike their parents really didn't care about the eclipse and went about doing their own thing. With parents taking their eyes off their children to observe the eclipse, the children had over 2 minutes to wander off. To avoid lost children, each child wore a wrist band on which their parents would write down their cell phone number. If a child needed reunited with a parent, a staff worker would call the number and tell the parent where the child was waiting for them.

Traffic and parking issues had to be addressed and a shuttle system was developed. There was also a prime location set aside for photographers. Not only did photographers have to pay to use this area, but they also had to give permission for the town to use any of the photographs they took.

In the U.S. the path of totality, where the moon covers the sun completely, causing a total eclipse, runs from Texas to Maine. A partial eclipse will be visible across nearly all of North America. Totality is expected to last up to 4 minutes and 27 seconds.



Public access and the Buffalo River Trail expanded

National Park Service
Buffalo National River

The National Park Service (NPS) has purchased a 64 acre tract of land within the legislated boundaries of Buffalo National River, making it possible for all people to access this tract of land within the park. This formerly private inholding was an important key to completing a segment of the Buffalo River Trail/Ozark Highland Trail. Located on the south side of the Buffalo River in Searcy County, between Rocky Creek and the South Maumee River Access, this property offers great views of the river and 64 more acres for visitors to explore, birdwatch, backcountry camp, and hunt. Visitors can now hike on the maintained trail all the way from Richland Creek to Dillards Ferry.

“We are very excited about this new access for the public along the Buffalo River. What better way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of America’s first national river, than to open more areas for visitors to enjoy. I would like to thank the Buffalo River Foundation for their dedicated work to get this property included in the park. The volunteers from the Ozark Society and the Ozark Highland Trail Association have also been great partners in building and maintaining the Buffalo River Trail/Ozark Highland Trail in this area,” said Buffalo National River Superintendent Mark Foust.

The NPS used Land and Water Conservation Funds to purchase the property from the Buffalo River Foundation. The Buffalo River Foundation is a non-profit land trust whose mission is “to conserve for public benefit the natural, recreational, scenic, historical and productive values of the Buffalo National River.”



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Members of the Ozark Society, Searcy County Chamber of Commerce, Ozark Highland Trail Association, and Buffalo National River Staff gathered for a ribbon cutting at the Grinders Ferry Buffalo River Trailhead on April 25, 2022.



Carl Malcolm Bear

Darlin’, “Celebrating You!” and Your “Going Home” to Jesus a year ago (May 2), “Heaven Just Got Sweeter”! All who knew You miss You just as much as we do. You were that kind of guy...”A Life Toucher”. Darlin’, you still touch lives as we share your testimony.

Our community embraced the 2021 “Carl Bear Spirit of Christmas Lighting Award” in your memory. Your “Lights Guys” introduced it with hopes of this becoming an annual event. Your “Glowing Light” shines down illuminating everyone’s Christmas lights, even Brighter!

We are Grateful You are no longer in pain—we know where You are, and having Jesus in our hearts, we will see You again! As one of God’s servants, you did all for His Glory. You were forever humble, kind, loving, caring, all in the name of the Lord. We miss you, Darlin’, thanking God for the days we shared with you!

Loving You Forever & Always,

Beverly, Veronnica, Greg, Joshua, Cora, Andrew, Zack, Kaysee, Zylar, Zane, and “Little One to Be”