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The Ozark Mountain School Board (from left) Superintendent Jeff Lewis, Travis Dixon, Gary Lovell, Randy Brumley, Donald Morris, Ben Taylor, Jesse Rose and Travis Freeman discuss what's next for the District. TERRI IVIE SMITH PHOTOS/STAFF

OMSD School Board votes on consolidation

By TERRI IVIE SMITH

WESTERN GROVE — The Ozark Mountain School District held its regularly scheduled board meeting Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Western Grove campus. All board members were present. After approving the minutes from the November meeting, the board went into executive session to discuss personnel and staffing. Upon returning from executive session, the resig-

nation of School Resource Officer Alex Clover was accepted. The group moved on to the subject of strategic planning for the Bruno-Pyatt, St. Joe and Western Grove locations. The District currently does not have enough students at each campus to meet the enrollment requirements set by the Arkansas Department of Education at each campus. The district must have a plan in place to meet enrollment requirements or risk closures.

Currently, the school board's strategic plan involves moving high school students from all three campuses to the Western Grove campus and allowing elementary students to remain at their campuses. Plans for a new school are in the works to house the entire district in a modern building that is designed to fit the needs of the students. Three community meetings have been held, one See **CONSOLIDATION**, Page A2



Citizens stayed after the school board meeting to voice their opinions about the inevitable upcoming changes that lie ahead for OMSD Schools.

Septic remediation launched in Buffalo

Staff Report

ROGERS — H2Ozarks, a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and improving water quality in the White River Basin and throughout the Ozarks region, announces the launch of the Septic System Remediation Program for residents located within the Buffalo River Watershed. This program offers financial and technical assistance to homeowners in need of septic repair or replacement. See **SEPTIC**, Page A2

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Mike Mills nominated for tourism secretary

By Staff report

Governor-elect Sarah Huckabee Sanders announced her intention to nominate Mike Mills, of Ponca, as the Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism. "Mike Mills is one of the premier outdoor recreation and tourism leaders not only in the state of Arkansas but across the country, and I am proud to announce my intention to nominate him as the next Secretary of Parks, Heritage and Tourism," Sanders said. "Arkansas is the Natural State – and from our unparalleled natural beauty to our world-class outdoor recreation to our rich cultural heritage, we have an incredible story to tell. Together, we will share it with the rest of the nation and the world and take our state to the next level." "I am honored that Governor-elect Sanders has nominated me to be the Secretary of Parks, Heritage and Tourism – and ready to get to work growing our outdoor economy," Mills said. "It's time to unleash the Natural State's potential to be a true leader in parks and tourism, improving access for all Arkansans and our visitors to world-class outdoor recreation." Mills is the founder and owner of Buffalo Outdoor Center (BOC) – Arkansas' first log cabin resort. Mills has worked in the tourism



Then-Arkansas gubernatorial candidate Sarah Huckabee Sanders was in Jasper last summer along with her family. They were visiting Bubba's Buffalo River Store. Pictured with Sanders are proprietor Walter "Bubba" Lloyd and Newton County Sheriff Glenn Wheeler. Sanders said she, her husband, Bryan, and children, Scarlett, Huck, and George were going on a scheduled float trip on the Buffalo National River arranged by the Buffalo Outdoor Center of Ponca. STAFF

business for more than 48 years. He has served 40 years on the Tourism Development Foundation, 39 years on the Arkansas Travel Council, 28 years on the Board of America Outdoors Association, and 25 years on the Ozark Mountain Region Tourism Association. He was a founding member of Arkansas Resorts and a charter member of Arkansas

Scenic Highway 7 and Arkansas Scenic Rivers Commission. He also spent 18 years on the Arkansas Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission. From 1982 to 1986, Mills served as the Arkansas Director of Tourism where he started Partners in Tourism, and in 2018 he was inducted into the Arkansas Tourism Hall of Fame.

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Water/sewer projects receive ARPA funding

By Staff report

LITTLE ROCK – Word was received last, Dec. 2, that the City of Jasper has received \$1,935,000 to carry out water system improvements. That's 100% of the project's projected cost. It also received \$5 million for improvements to its wastewater treatment plant. The total cost projection is \$5,009,000. Marble Falls Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Disposal Suburban Improvement District No. 1 also received \$409,000 for its sewer improvements program project estimated to cost a total of \$1,609,614. The formal announcement was made by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture. According to the released statement, the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission

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Weather cancels council

By Staff report

The Jasper City Council cancelled its regular December meeting Thursday, Dec. 22 due to forecasts of severe winter weather. Mayor Jan Larson said items on the agenda could wait until January.



BRCC out of project funds

By Staff report

When the Buffalo River Conservation Committee was established by Governor Asa Hutchinson in 2019, it came with \$2 million to be spent on initiatives identified by feed-back from local landowners, county and municipal officials, tourism industry representatives, conservation organization, agricultural groups and other stakeholders within the Buffalo River Watershed. The committee chose to address four topic areas of unpaved roads; cost-share programs for agriculture; water and wastewater system infrastructure; tourism and tourism impacts. At its quarterly meeting held via Zoom last March

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23, Wes Ward, secretary of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture and committee chairman, announced the committee has just under \$50,000 left to appropriate to projects. The original funding included \$1 million from the governor's discretionary fund and \$1 million from private donors. Ward called the committee's funding "flat" as no appropriations were made to the committee during the recently completed fiscal session of the state legislature, and no continuation of donations have been announced. Members of the committee are the secretar-

ies of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, Department of Energy and Environment and the Department of Health. Wes Ward, secretary of the agriculture department, is the chairman. Most of the secretaries attended the meeting virtually so leading Friday's meeting was Cynthia Edwards, deputy secretary of agriculture. Leading projects in the watershed are those in Newton and Searcy counties. The Cave Mountain Road Project was initiated in spring of 2021 to widen the steep dirt road that

leads many visitors to the popular Hawksbill Crag/Whitaker Point. Tree and debris removal was completed for approximately 75% of the project area before being temporarily halted due to the presence of the federally endangered northern long-eared bat and gray bat. The Buffalo National River released an Environmental Assessment for the project last February with public comment period closing last March. It is anticipated work will resume soon. This project was approved for \$397,400. Newton County has received its first disbursement of funds totaling \$215,814. See **BRCC**, Page A2

FOUR DAY FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Showers	Showers	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
60	54	57	52
47	43	37	

Newton County turned 180 years old

By Staff report

Newton County turned 180 years old tin 2022. It became Arkansas' s 46th county on Dec. 14, 1842, named for Thomas W. Newton, an Arkansas congressman.

Toinette Madison and Yolanda Martin, of the Newton County 180 Years Committee, dropped by the Newton County Quorum Court last June 6, and made a short presentation during the public comment period at the start of the meeting.

Madison said events calling attention to the county's anniversary were being scheduled during the year.

Martin said the committee and the Kiwanis Club introduced introduce programs and contests in the county's schools that focus on local history.

In addition, the Newton County Fair Board adopted the anniversary theme, "Keeping it real for 180 years" in its programs and events including the annual parade.

Newton County Extension Agent Adam Willis presented, "The History of Farming in Newton County" at the Newton County Library.

The committee was assisted by the Newton County Library and the Newton County Historical Society.

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Retail development progressing in Jasper

Staff Report

The way was cleared in 2022 for the approval of a building permit for the construction of a new retail project in Jasper. The permit hinged on the city's acquisition of an easement for an eight-inch sewer line.

Family Dollar/Dollar Tree was planning to build a store on Court Street between the building that includes the Subway restaurant and the Carroll Electric building.

Mayor Jan Larson told the city council that an agreement was reached between the property owner and the business owner for granting the easement on the east side of the property.

There will be access to the sewer line by anyone who wants to build behind the new store. That line becomes the city's line, Larson said.

The new store opened last fall.

New Jasper City Limits signs were approved by the city council in 2022. STAFF PHOTO

Buffalo National River celebrated park's 50th anniversary

By Staff report

Buffalo National River celebrated the rich cultural and geological history of the area and the creation of the park through a series of special events scheduled throughout 2022 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Buffalo National River. Buffalo National River was originally designated by Congress as a public park in 1972 to conserve the unique scenic and scientific features of the area, while preserving as free flowing an important segment of the Buffalo River for the enjoyment of a future generations.

Preparation for and presentation of these events were made possible by the hard work and volunteerism of many park and community partners, including Buffalo National River Partners and Buffalo River Historic Jail and Museum.

The Arkansas Public Broadcasting System announced that "First River: How Arkansas Saved a National Treasure," a feature length documentary marking the 50th anniversary of the Buffalo River's official designation as America's first national river, would premiere on Arkansas PBS at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 8. Produced by the Ozark Society, the film explores the river's conservation history as well as contemporary issues facing Arkansas's Buffalo National River.

The movie highlights activities in the 1960s to protect the Buffalo National River from plans by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to construct two dams on the waterway. The 53-minute film recognizes the work of Arkansas conservation advocates, state governors and Congressional officials that led to the designation of the Buffalo River as America's first National River in 1972. The river remains one of the longest undammed rivers west of the Mississippi to this day.

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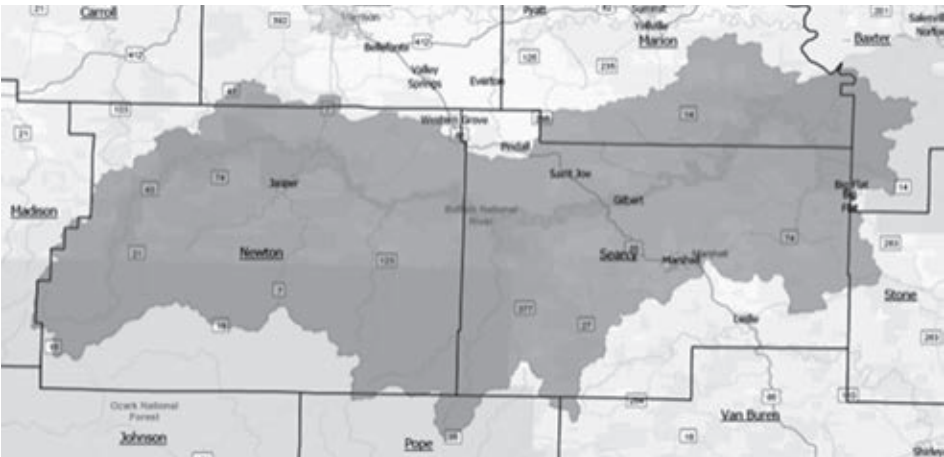
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SEPTIC

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Septic systems treat residential wastewater and are most common in rural areas where access to centralized sewer systems is limited. While septic systems are generally minimally disruptive to the environment, systems that are inadequately designed or improperly maintained can become ineffective and lead to failures that pose risks to both public and environmental health.

This program aims to repair or replace failing septic systems and help prevent potential pollutants from entering the groundwater and nearby surfaces waters. The Buffalo River was designated as the nation's first National River by an Act of Congress in 1972. The Buffalo National River serves as a substantial tourist attraction for Arkansas, drawing an estimated 1.2 million visitors annually. The watershed encompasses 1,343 square miles and 878,080 acres. It is drained by over 2,000 miles of streams. It includes parts of Madison, Newton, Boone, Pope, Marion, Van Buren, Searcy, Baxter, and Stone Counties. Most of the watershed lies in Newton and Searcy counties with the smallest portion lying in



Map of the Buffalo River Watershed CONTRIBUTED GRAPHIC

Van Buren County.

"The program is life changing. It promotes human health; it promotes environmental quality, and it promotes the economic vitality of our region," said Carin Love, Chief Operating Officer of H2Ozarks. Homeowners may receive funding as a combination of a grant and/or zero-interest loan from H2Ozarks. The grant/loan proportion is based on household income, where up to 90% of the total project cost may be covered by the grant, which requires zero payback by the homeowner. The remaining project costs are financed as a zero-interest loan to

the homeowner. H2Ozarks administers this program in the Beaver Reservoir Watershed as well. Both programs are funded by Arkansas Natural Resources Division.

For more information about this program visit www.h2ozarks.org/arseptic, email septic@h2ozarks.org or call Stefanie Reynolds at (479) 225-2963.

About H2Ozarks: H2Ozarks is a 501©(3) non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and improving the water quality of the White River Basin and throughout the Ozarks through public outreach, public policy, education, research, and action projects.

CONSOLIDATION

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held at each campus, to inform the public and allow for comments. The public stressed a desire to keep things as they are, however, experts in the field have firmly stated that will not be an option with current enrollment numbers being low and on the decline. The schools will enter fiscal distress in the 2023-24 school year.

Superintendent Jeff Lewis states, "Not a person in this district wants to do this. This is a need. We have lost students and current students are graduating and leaving the area. This is the most difficult decision that the board and myself have ever had to make." Lewis announced at the first public meeting that he was available for questions from any concerned persons by email at hsquestions@omsd.k12.ar.us or by calling the St. Joe campus.

A resolution was presented by Teddy Stewart, attorney for Bequette, Billingsley and Kees and representative for numerous school districts in Arkansas, to the board to review.

Board members Jesse Rose, Ben Taylor and Gary Lovell voted against the proposal, bringing the vote to 4 to 3. In this situation, the board must petition the Arkansas Department of Education if the decision was not made unanimously.

A spokesperson who is in agreement with the consolidation will have 15 minutes to present their case, as will the opposition, followed by a 5 minute wrap-up. Decisions from the Board of Education are expected after the February meeting is held.

Lewis thanked the board members for their input and dedication to the communities they serve and promised that information and updates would be passed along as quickly as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

BRCC

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The Cane Branch Road Project in Searcy County began in early September and was compelled in mid-October 2021. The work was inspected and has been declared completed. The projects specifics included installation of culverts not he site to slow the water velocity and erosion potential. This project was approved for \$231,935 of which all funds have been disbursed to Searcy County.

The Cave Creek project includes the investigation of the feasibility of improving three stream crossings and unpaved roads along Cave Creek in Newton County. The assessment was carried out by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the Nature Conservancy, Newton County Road department and the Arkansas Unpaved Road Program.

The three crossings included Cave Creek Road, County Road 252 in the Gene Rush Wildlife Management Area and County Road 264 near Bass.

Construction continues on County Road 252 with an estimated completion date of January 2023. The Nature Conservancy sub-awarded \$100,000 to Newton County for construction of a 100-foot span that will replace undersized culverts. Newton County will provide over \$150,000 of cash and in-kind costs. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is providing \$30,000 towards the project due to inflated material costs.

The Natural Resources Division and Newton County signed an agreement to improve stream connectivity and unpaved road conditions at County Road 5070. The project will entail replacing undersized culverts with a 28-foot wide bay 100-foot-long span and improving unpaved approaches. Newton County will provide \$176,847 to match the Natural Resources Division \$140,346 of

federal funds. An initial disbursement of \$70,173 was sent to Newton County last Nov. 1.

Two major wastewater system infrastructure projects are currently in progress in Newton County.

The Marble Falls wastewater treatment plant does not operate well due to its being sized for a time when there was a larger community and a fully functioning amusement park at Dogpatch. The outfall for this facility discharges into Mill Creek that leads to the Buffalo National River.

Next steps will be getting an approved engineering service agreement with Great River Engineering, and the new owners of the former park property. Funding is being secured to expand the project.

Following a public hearing at the courthouse last Nov. 2, the commissioners of the Marble Falls Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Disposal Suburban Improvement District No. 1, signed documents to issue sewer revenue bonds from the state for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping extensions, betterments and improvements to the district's sewer treatment facilities.

The bond issue will help pay for phase I focusing on bringing into compliance existing infrastructure and preparing to expand the sewer system for future development.

This authorization of bond issuance is in the principal amount of approximately \$610,000. The bonds are being issued by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission which is also awarding the project a grant of about \$1 million. This provides just a portion of the total project cost.

The \$1.6 million is for the existing sewer system area serving the area's two dozen or so residences and seasonal overnight rental businesses.

Once the bond issue and loan process is finalized, the approved plans for

phase I will be put out for bid.

The improvements will allow for up to three times that amount and expand in phase II that includes the Marble Falls Nature Park, one of many projects of the Johnny Morris Foundation. The park will be similar to the Dogwood Canyon Nature Park in Missouri dedicated to exposing the public — particularly children — to nature and conservation. Features of the park include trout streams, teaching children how to fish and care for streams, horseback riding, free range elk, deer and buffalo.

The City of Jasper's existing wastewater treatment facility discharges into the Little Buffalo River approximately six miles upstream from its confluence with the Buffalo National River.

Necessary improvements to the wastewater treatment facility include a new sludge processing facility that would house a sludge press and associated chemical feed equipment, site pump station improvements, new low equalization basin and general site plumbing rehabilitation. The \$250,000 provided by the BRCC would work in conjunction with a \$440,000 loan and a \$1,351,750 loan with principal forgiveness from the Arkansas Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund approved for the city by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's National Resources Commission in 2020. In June , 2021, the \$250,000 approved by the BRCC was provided to the city, the loans approved by the Natural Resources Commission were closed and the contract for Phase 1 of the project was awarded. Construction began in September on the pump station.

Over the past few months the Jasper project has encountered numerous issues that have delayed the construction of the lift station. The sub grade conditions encountered at the pump site has required the need to work with a specialty contractor to build a foundation system to support the lift station.

YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Newton County and adjoining counties (Boone, Carroll, Searcy, Madison, Pope and Johnson): six months for \$23.72 or 12 months for \$35.58

Mail out of County (elsewhere in Arkansas): six months for \$29.50 or 12 months for \$44.40;

Out of State: Digital - 1 month for \$2.91 or 12 months for \$28.15.

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Questions? Call (870) 446-2645.

State Capitol Week in Review

By From SEN. BREANNE DAVIS

LITTLE ROCK – The legislature's list of accomplishments in 2022 is lengthy and significant.

During a special session in the summer, legislators reduced income taxes for about 1.6 million Arkansas taxpayers by moving up the effective date of the tax cuts adopted last year. The tax cuts will save Arkansans an estimated \$500 million a year.

During the fiscal session in the spring, lawmakers approved \$5,000 salary supplements for police officers, parole officers and probation officers. State troopers received \$2,000 supplements. Also, starting salaries for state troopers were increased from \$42,357 to \$54,000.

Also during the fiscal session, legislators approved using \$37.6 million to eliminate a waiting list for people with developmental disabilities.

Over the next three years about 3,200 Arkansans with disabilities will get Medicaid services at home or in their community. Previously, they could only get care in an institution.

The state Medicaid program also expanded services for some of the most vulnerable citizens, including about 12,500 women with high-risk pregnancies.

More Medicaid benefits will be available to veterans aged 19 through 30, and to people in rural areas who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness or a substance abuse disorder. Medicaid expanded eligibility to include young people from 17 through 27 years of age who have been in foster care, young people 19 through 24 who have been incarcerated and young people aged 19 through 24 who have been in the custody of the state Youth Services Division.

In 2022 the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and Arkansas immediately began enforcing Act 180 of 2019 to make abortion illegal in Arkansas except to save the life of the mother. The attorney general said that Act 180 made Arkansas the most pro-life state in the nation.

Anticipating that the Supreme Court ruling would result in greater numbers of unplanned pregnancies in Arkansas, the legislature appropriated a million dollars for pregnancy resource centers. Grants are available for centers that traditionally have been known as crisis pregnancy organizations.

Also, adoption agencies, maternity homes and social service agencies qualify if they provide material support and assistance to pregnant women,

in order to help them with delivery of their babies.

Legislators approved funding for a 498-bed expansion of the North Central Prison Unit at Calico Rock. The state wants to build more space for serious offenders. County sheriffs have said they now have to hold more violent offenders in their jails, endangering staff and other prisoners who are in jail for minor offenses.

Thanks to legislative action, county jails will receive higher state reimbursements for housing state inmates when there isn't enough space in state prison units. Now the state pays counties \$32 a day per inmate. That will increase to \$40 a day.

The legislature provided \$10 million for body cameras, bullet proof vests and other equipment that protects officers.

The legislature authorized the state Education Department to use \$50 million from reserve funds for grants to school districts that need school safety upgrades.

Also in 2022 the legislature approved funding for statewide upgrades in broadband access, for local drinking water and wastewater systems and for child care centers to cover expenses caused by the pandemic.

Sharing gratitude for holiday heroes

During this season, we're fortunate to have time to reflect on the past year and look ahead for what's to come. That can stir lots of feelings, but appreciation and excitement are usually right at the top of the list.

We're blessed. Even amid trying times, we get to call a wonderful state and great country home, with freedoms and opportunities that are the envy of the world.

That's a lot to be grateful for.

The holidays seem to bring those truths into even greater focus as many of us are surrounded by family and friends, have the ability to take a break from daily routines and become even more aware of the things that matter most.

Yet it's also important to recognize that some of our loved ones and neighbors don't get to experience these special moments in quite the same way.

These ordinary citizens don't seek out recognition or need the applause of others for doing what they're passionate about and trained in. They just show up day in and day out, shift after shift, doing their jobs even when the rest of the world seems to stand still.

Our first responders, service members, health care workers



JOHN BOOZMAN
U.S. SENATOR

and other essential personnel across various sectors often sacrifice their own convenience at this festive time of the year.

We might or might not notice when a nurse in our extended family misses out on the annual gathering or feel the void when a neighbor's parent, child or sibling who is deployed overseas is absent on Christmas morning. But the reality is this happens in communities throughout our state and across the nation more often than we realize.

Sometimes it means just a brief interruption that is possible to accept and see past. But for others, the separation may be frequent, prolonged or even permanent.

This sacrifice is to be applauded. It gives the rest of us great comfort to know that, if disaster strikes or a truly ur-

gent need arises, our fellow citizens are prepared to help even when that means missing out on or putting off a celebration that has been weeks or months in the making.

Sadly, for those families who have lost loved ones in the line of duty, their holidays are never the same.

This is the case for two more Arkansas families this Christmas. Stuttgart Police Sergeant Donald Scoby and Benton County Detective Paul Newell both perished in recent weeks while performing their duty to protect and serve their communities.

That means this holiday season will feature painful changes to family traditions and episodes of joy and grief mixed together as they mourn and remember these men.

Christmas, New Year's and other holiday observances that mark this season truly are a time for joy. This year, as we gather together with our family and friends to take in all the wonder and thrills, I hope all Arkansans will join me in pausing to remember and express the gratitude we feel for the holiday heroes sacrificing in ways large and small.

They represent the best of us and we are proud to call them our loved ones and fellow

W.I.N.S. in 2022

As 2022 comes to an end, I have been reflecting on my time as Governor and looking forward to what is ahead.

In January, I announced my W.I.N.S. initiative for my final year as Governor. Each letter in W.I.N.S. stands for a pillar that I have focused on to boost Arkansas to success. Workforce Training, Infrastructure, New Economy Jobs, and Strengthening Arkansas Families all aim to push Arkansas to being the best place the state can be – and help Arkansas WIN.

Arkansas has continually grown economically over the past eight years. Thanks to the people of Arkansas, we have made this state one of the premier locations for business owners to put their roots down and conduct business that gives well-paying jobs to hard-working Arkansans and puts more money into our state.

As this year, and my term, is coming to an end, Arkansas has never been in better financial shape than we are right now. We have lowered taxes, funded services, and we have over \$2 billion in reserve accounts.

Even in the face of a pandemic, the state's economy, like Arkansans themselves, remained resilient. In 2021, Arkansas was ranked number two in the nation for states with the most pandemic-proof small businesses. That speaks not only to the hard work of business owners who have chosen to live in Arkansas, but to the small business environment, workforce support, and resource access our state's infrastructure had in place, ready to help small businesses.

Arkansas small businesses were rightfully ranked as having the greatest potential to bounce back because they had the least to bounce back from. Arkansas never shut down throughout the pandemic. Our state kept working, and our consistently low unemployment rate over the past few years reflects that. In fact, there are over 120,000 more people employed now than when I took office in January 2015.

The future success of our state demands that we improve the training of our workforce. Now with initiatives like the 'Ready for Life' program, it is easier for employees and employers to find each other, and it will offer business leaders a quick snapshot of the employee pool in Arkansas as they recruit talent.

Our infrastructure is the backbone of everyday operations in this state, and it is worth investing in to create a better quality of living. That is why we have invested almost \$500 million in rural broadband expansion in our state.

In terms of new economy jobs, we expanded our high-tech jobs from the steel industry to software development, and this growth will continue with the recommendations from the Council on Future Mobility Report.

Lastly, but certainly not least of the pillars of my W.I.N.S. initiative – strengthening Arkansas families. Over the past year, my focus has been to give families the best chance of success and to protect Arkansas children from child abuse and crime.

In November, I announced a monumental expansion in rural health services with the ARHOME Medicaid program. Thanks to the great work of the teams at the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Life360 HOMEs will address the complex challenges facing many of Arkansas's most vulnerable residents, including individuals in rural areas with serious mental illness and those in need of addiction services. I look forward to watching the full potential of this transformative program as it unfolds in the months and years to come.

As we conclude 2022, I am grateful for the W.I.N.S. we have had this year in improving our workforce, investing in our infrastructure, creating new economy jobs, and strengthening Arkansas families.



ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS

Looking Forward

As the year and the 117th Congress comes to a close, I am grateful to reflect on my time in the House of Representatives serving Arkansas' Fourth Congressional District. It is my highest honor to represent my constituents in Congress, and it is a privilege I never take for granted.

I value service to my constituents above all else, and this year, I am proud to share that my staff helped 1,070 constituents navigate the Federal bureaucracy, processed 1,302,845 pieces of constituent mail, provided U.S. Capitol tours to 355 Arkansas families, and sent constituents 21 flags flown over the U.S. Capitol. I spent countless hours traveling from one corner of the Fourth District to the other – from Madison County all the way to Ashley County – visiting with residents, community leaders, and local officials to ensure I stayed abreast of any challenges our friends and neighbors were facing. I also brought several of my House colleagues to the District to show them how the excellent



BRUCE WESTERMAN
U.S. CONGRASMMAN FOR
ARKANSAS'S FOURTH DISTRICTS

work done by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division, our private forest owners, and the local U.S. Forest Service officials in Arkansas can be replicated across the United States to prevent the yearly forest fires that devastate so much of the American West.

We have accomplished many great things this year, including the introduction of a bill to reopen overnight camping at Albert Pike, legislation to make prescription drugs more affordable and accessible for all Americans, and a bill to unleash American energy production and prevent any President from restricting production in the future. I also

co-sponsored many pieces of legislation to fight the opioid epidemic, support school safety, and invest in our local law enforcement.

In truth, we are just getting started. Next year, in a Republican majority, I am looking forward to becoming Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee and bringing the fight to increase American energy production to the doorstep of this Administration. I will continue to advocate for Conservative values including the Right to Life, lowering the debt, securing the border, backing the Blue, and so much more. One party rule in Washington, D.C. is over and Republicans are ready to hit the ground running to bring reason and responsibility back into our nation's Capitol.

As always, please reach out to my office if we can assist with any issues regarding a federal agency or if you are coming to visit Washington, D.C. I am thankful to continue serving the great state of Arkansas for another year, and I look forward to another Congress bringing Arkansas voices to Congress.



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Deaths

Coy Glen Brasel, 78, of Jasper, died Monday, Dec. 19 (2022). Visitation was Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Coffman Funeral Home in Jasper. The funeral service was 10 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 22, at the funeral home. Burial was in Jasper Cemetery.

Burl Faight, 94, of Jasper, died Tuesday, Dec. 20 (2022). There will be a memorial service at a later date. Cremation arrangements are by Coffman Funeral Home of Jasper.

Regan Ann McGill, 47, of Parthenon, died Sunday, Dec. 18 (2022). A private service will be held at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are by Coffman Funeral Home of Jasper.

The Newton County Times is pleased to publish death notices of reasonable length at no charge to the family. Expanded obits, with more detail and information, may be purchased as paid advertising through a funeral home or by calling Lynn Blevins at the newspaper at (870) 743-0606.

OBITUARIES

Regan McGill, 47 of Parthenon

Regan Ann McGill, age 47, of Parthenon, AR, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2022.

The daughter of Wayne Robie and Debbie Kemp was born October 17, 1975, in Dallas, Texas.

Regan was a beloved wife and daughter. She married Trevor in 1998 and they lived in Newton County for 21 years. She loved this area and the land that she lived on. She enjoyed hunting and animals. She had many pets of all kinds. She loved to ride and raise horses. And she was the Law Maker of the Reynolds Mountain.

She is survived by her husband Trevor McGill and her mother, Debbie Kemp.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Cremation and arrangements are by Coffman Funeral Home of Jasper.



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The son of the late Menless and Lola (Adams) Faight was born in Deer, Feb.18, 1928.

He is survived by his children, Marsha Jones, of Oregon and Steven Faight, of Washington.

Coy Brasel, 78, of Jasper

Coy Glen Brasel, 78, of Jasper, died at home, Monday, Dec. 19 (2022). Visitation was Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Coffman Funeral Home in Jasper. The funeral service was 10 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 22, at the funeral home with Pastor Steve Holt and Pastor Raymond White officiating. Burial was in Jasper Cemetery.

The son of the late Guy and Jessie (Breedlove) Brasel was born in Parthenon, May 14, 1944. Coy was a member of the Jasper Assembly of God Church. He was the secretary and Sunday school superintendent. He was a volunteer at the Jasper Fire Department for 20 years and managed the Jasper Cemetery for 12 years.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey Glen Brasel.

Coy is survived by his wife, Judy Wallace Brasel, of Jasper; his daughter, Tamara Brasel McKinley; his brothers, Garland Brasel, Jerry Brasel, Billy Wayne Brasel, Roy Brasel, Kenneth Brasel and Harold Brasel; his sister, Janice Essex; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Michael McKinley, Clayton Daniels, Jackson Barbers, Seth Stuart, Dustin Blevins, and Chris Blakney.

Honorary pallbearers were Brother Jim Martin, and all of Coy's brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews.



\$100,000 for fire departments

Staff Report

It took a while, but the Newton County Quorum Court got permission last April to appropriate some of the county's American Rescue Plan Act pandemic stimulus funds to the county's 11 volunteer fire departments and the Emergency Medical Services building.

The quorum court passed ordinances necessary to appropriate \$100,000 that the emergency services organizations can apply for. Divided evenly, each department could receive just a little

over \$9,000.

The federal funds released to states and local governments in 2021 totaled \$195.3 billion. Recipients must obligate the funds by Dec. 31, 2024, and spend them by Dec. 31, 2026.

Newton County received \$1,505,929 that was processed through the Arkansas Treasury Department's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

However, the money could only be spent according to rules put out by the U.S. Treasury.

Since receiving the

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funds, Newton County officials have wanted to provide funding for several projects including buying radios and equipment for the volunteer fire departments, but were denied.

According to the Association of Arkansas Counties, key changes between the Final Rule and the Interim Final Rule included new flexibility to use Recovery

Funds to invest in broadband infrastructure, services and programs to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including capital investments in public facilities, and investments in housing and neighborhoods, all of which counties advocated for.

The AAC notes counties will be required to submit an annual recovery plan performance report, which will include descriptions of projects funded and information on performance indicators and objectives of each award.

Jasper School opens FEMA shelter

Staff Report

Jasper School District Superintendent Dr. Candra Brasel welcomed visitors to the Jasper School's newest addition. The school's FEMA Shelter was opened last November to allow the public to take a peek inside.

The school district's Newton County campus became eligible for the grant when the county's FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan was accepted by the federal agency in June 2019.

The school district received a \$1 million grant from FEMA. The district was approved to spend up to \$500,000 of its Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds for the project.

Building Fund money was also used to pay for the \$1.9 million reinforce concrete structure. Circle M Construction Management, Inc., and Modus Studio of Fayetteville, are the project manager and architect respectively.

The building's occupancy load is 5 square feet per person and 10 square feet per handicapped person. The occupancy limit is 624 persons, including four handicapped.

This structure is available as a safe gathering place for students and staff in case of a tornado or other emergency during

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the school day, and will also be available to the community after school hours or unless the school is hosting a special event in which the community is invited.

In the event of a tornado warning during school hours, the school will evacuate all students and staff into the safe room. If space allows, community members will be allowed inside the shelter. However, the school gets first priority of the use during school hours.

In the event of a tornado warning outside of school hours, the doors facing east will be unlocked for the community. As soon as the tornado warning has expired, everyone will be required to evacuate the premises.

The safe room will be used as physical education space during the school day. All of the equipment inside the safe room is the property of the school and should not be removed or used without permission of the school.

The safe room will not be available for rent.

Besides the open room, there are restrooms and a space for an office for staff use.



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Early Jasper businesses

By BARBARA LEROY

In 1886, a weekly newspaper called the Arkansas Wheel was published in Jasper. A couple of copies of this paper can be found online, and the ads give a glimpse of the businesses of Newton County at that time. As may be expected, most businesses advertised were in Jasper.

A. F. Davis (Alexander Franklin Davis) had a general merchandise store located on the north side of the square. His stock included groceries and dry goods, and he would take produce, ginseng, and yellow root in trade. Alexander F Davis was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1837, and was living with his wife in Jasper by 1860. For much of his life, he was a farmer, and a prosperous one. In 1870, for example, he owned \$1,500 in real estate and \$660 in personal property. The 1880 census listed him as being a farmer, so he became a merchant sometime after that. By 1900, he was living near Harrison and was again a farmer. He died in Harrison in 1905.

At the southwest corner of the square was the business of Elijah Collins. He sold toiletries, drugs, and was a compounding pharmacy. Elijah Collins was born around 1825 in Virginia. He was living in White Township in 1880 and was farming. Nothing more is known about him.

Wammock and Hudson had a general store, also located on the southwest corner of the square. It is not clear which Hudson was in the business, and there are no records of a Mr. Wammock.

Besides merchants, there were attorneys. F. O. (Frederick Orton) Boomer was one of them. He was born in New York state in 1834. He moved west to Illinois by 1850. He later moved to Missouri and was living and farming in Jackson Township in Newton County by 1880. He was admitted to the bar by 1886, and remained in practice in Jasper until his death in 1913.

G. B. Moore and W. B. Moss were partners in their law firm, whose offices were above the J. B. Moss store. Sam W. Davis also had offices in Jasper. He was a lawyer and clerk of the circuit court. He was born in 1854 in Newton County. He died in 1890 and is buried in Jasper Cemetery.

B. B. Hudgin had his attorney’s offices in the court house.

Realtors were also found in Newton County in 1886. C. D. Davis and J. S. Hudson had a real estate office on the south side of the square.

Jasper also had its own “tonsorial artist,” namely Duster Snow, who was born in Johnson County, Arkansas in 1874. He had a barber shop in Jasper until sometime after 1910. According to his obituary, he served as Newton County sheriff and was later a deputy U.S. Marshal. He moved to Kansas around 1920, and then to Oklahoma by 1940. He died in Harrison in 1960.

There were several practitioners of the healing arts in Newton County, and many had their offices in Jasper. C. F. Caldwell advertised himself as a “painless dentist.” No more is known about him.

Dr. W. A. Harris was a physician, surgeon, and oculist.

Dr. David Smith was also practicing in Jasper.

More next week

Barbara LeRoy is the author of “Which Side Were They On?,” a new 302 page book listing biographical sketches of the Newton Countians who were involved in the Civil War, available for sale either in the Bradley House Museum or by purchasing online at www.newtoncountyar.com. The book sells for \$33.

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AS LIFE GOES BY

By ELAINE LAUNDERVILLE

While sitting in my easy chair, I jerked awake and realized it was Sunday night. I went to church on Christmas Eve to sing in the choir and didn’t attend church on Sunday. Really throws old people off when schedules change. We had brass, bells, and the choir singing together and separately. We sang “Joy to the World” with the congregation the first two verses and then we sang the last verse with

the brass playing behind us, loudly! The church was full so the sounds were good.

My heating system freezes up sometimes, especially when it is VERY cold. Amazing how we depend upon heat to make our night go well. We had two nights of a cold house. Monday I will contact the man who checks our system. Christmas morning, Elisa, came upstairs and reported we had a Christmas miracle because the heater came

on. Thank goodness!

We have the AutoZone Liberty Bowl game with Kansas on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. on ESPN. I am looking forward to the game.

Living in cold zones is not something I like to think I could live in. The snow was beautiful as it fell. The temperatures have been frigid, and my birds have eaten like their lives depended upon it. They have puffed out their feathers and look like they have puffy

coats on. The male and female cardinals came in groups to eat. They are beautiful birds. My two feeders are off my deck near my sunroom windows. I love being up in the bird’s world.

Many of my friends are contracting COVID or the flu lately. Please be careful and be aware of who is sick and stay away from them. There have

Have a good week and enjoy the New Year events. Happy New Year 2023.

SWAIN

By KATHY MARTIN

Happy New Year friends and neighbors! It's 2023. Blessed we are for another opportunity to live life with a new start. This is the first day of the rest of your life. May this year be the year of the Lord for Spiritual awakening, reconciliation and renewal.

Happy January birthdays to: Peggy Adams, Larry and Debralee Alexander, Latoya Brown, Dorlin Brown, Jared, Kim, and Barbara Curtis, Daisy and Bridget Clayborn, Becky Carney, Jessica and Betty Davis, Kenny Eddings, Kaye Hefley and grandson Dakota, Kendria Haston, Jerry Liggett, Ryan Martin, Ella Grace and her papa Anthony McCutcheon, Marie Proctor, Charlotte Ramsey, Nina Rowland, Paulette Rocole, Scot Roberson, Bobby and Crystal Young, Marsha Willis, my sister Freda Williams and son, Doyle Williams. Johnnie Carlton celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends at the Deer Community Center. Gerald Dillow and

Karen Edgmon celebrated another birthday. Jim Bo Brasel, Lurton, will celebrate his 80th birthday in January and called Johnny Martin to tell him he'll finally beat him at something because Johnny won't turn 80 until February.

Happy anniversary to our neighbors, Donna and Charlie Rocole, also Bill and Mardell Phillips.

We send out prayers for healings to Phyllis Ellis, Kloi and Skylea Martin, Hallie and Marshall Pettis babies have been sick. I enjoyed my short visit with Mahalie. Their packages keep getting delivered here instead of next door.

Congratulations to Rylea Martin for being selected as a Homecoming maid in Jasper. She sure was beautiful and looked all grown up.

We always enjoy the holidays visiting with families and the feasting on the big dinners! Laura Carney had all her grandchildren and greats over for her traditional Christmas cookies baking. Those cookies will surely taste good with the snow ice

cream she freezes up for Mr. Doyle.

I sure miss celebrating Christmas at our little church but our changing circumstances have certainly taken its toll. Now it's these freezing temperatures. Praying for all the elderly in our community especially during these difficult weather conditions. Be sure and check on your elderly family and neighbors. Jesse and Rocky Martin are so good to check on us and bring us things we need. Rocky is sporting a newer truck. He said he just got tired of being left on the side of the road. Even good mechanics get tired of working on their vehicles. Lunie Smith called and check on Johnny and we were so glad to hear his praise report.

God has a great plan for this coming year as we focus on what's most important in our lives. It's really not about this life anyway, but the life to come. The only thing you can take with you when it's your time to go, is the life you've left behind. Happy New Year to all!

Legislative Council approves spending of funds

Staff Report

LITTLE ROCK – Legislators finished the calendar year with a final round of recommendations for spending federal relief funds and reserve funds.

The recommendations include using another \$93.8 million for broadband projects and \$20 million to upgrade computerized case management for the state court system.

Also, \$6.25 million was recommended to help cover the expenses of opening the new Sevier County Medical Center.

The subcommittee also recommended using \$75 million from reserve funds for expansion of a prison unit in Calico Rock. It would add space for 498 beds.

Sevier County has been without a hospital since 2019, when the previous one at DeQueen closed. Since then, voters in Sevier County approved raising their sales tax by half a cent to back a bond issue for new hospital construction.

Rural hospitals have been hard hit by the pandemic and have submitted numerous requests for financial aid. The subcommittee decided to hire an independent firm to analyze requests from as many as 26 rural hospitals.

The state Administrative Office of the Courts has been installing a computer system over the past two years, and will be able to accelerate the process with the \$20 million allocation. Updating technology used in Arkansas courtrooms should improve collection of fines, fees and restitution. It will make enforcement of court orders more efficient, an official at the courts told legislators.

A modern digital system can send messages to people reminding them of scheduled dates in court and due dates for fines and other payments. In Arkansas more than 1.2 million court cases are processed every year.

The funding of broadband

projects is part of a massive state investment to provide high-speed Internet access to all areas of Arkansas. Almost \$400 million in grants have been awarded for 163 projects by the Arkansas Rural Connect program.

The actions were taken by the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Subcommittee (PEER) of the Legislative Council. Its agenda has been lengthy and its meetings well attended since it became the legislative panel that considers requests for federal relief aid.

A steering committee appointed by the governor makes initial recommendations, but the legislature has the ultimate authority under the state Constitution for government spending.

Arkansas received more than \$1.5 billion in American Rescue Plan relief funds. In addition, hundreds of millions of dollars in other categories have been designated for Arkansas recovery projects. The PEER subcommittee has seen its workload grow significantly due to the amount of relief funds flowing into Arkansas and the number of proposals for spending it.

At the final PEER meeting of the year, legislators expressed differences of opinion about how to prioritize the remaining applications for relief funds. State finance officials estimate that less than \$300 million in relief funding is left to allocate. However, PEER has more than \$700 million in requests for funding.

Some of the most heated comments were made when legislators discussed funding requests that were not approved. Some senators on PEER disagreed with proposals to fund localized projects based on negotiations among influential legislators, because it would not be fair to applicants and lacks transparency.

The senators prefer a grant system that allows communities to apply for grants, and the applications are awarded on merit or need.



Jasper coach Mike Parker talks with his team during a timeout. The Pirates are being recognized on the state level in the Arkansas Sports Media Boys High School Basketball Polls. JEFF BRASEL/STAFF

Bergman, Marshall moving up in rankings

Jasper getting votes

Staff Report
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Three local senior boys teams received recognition in the latest release of the Arkansas Sports Media Boys High School Basketball Polls. Bergman checks in at the No. 4 spot in the Class 3A rankings with a 16-4 record. Marshall enters the Class 2A poll at No. 5 this week with a 14-3 record. Jasper is on the outside looking in after receiving votes in Class 1A.

The Overall Poll had four teams receiving first-place votes this week. Jonesboro holds a 9-1 record and leads the way followed by North Little Rock and then Little Rock Central. Blytheville is the first undefeated team and sits in fourth. Bentonville is fifth and Bentonville West holds at No. 6. Farmington is 13-0 and landed in the No. 7 spot this week with Lake Hamilton in eighth and Fayetteville at ninth. Greene County Tech enters the poll at No. 10 with a 12-0 mark. Class 6A is a familiar line with Jonesboro leading the way followed by North Little Rock,

Little Rock Central, Bentonville and then Bentonville West. Lake Hamilton is the top team in Class 5A. Greene County Tech is a close second and Sylvan Hills takes third. Little Rock Parkview is fourth while Vilonia and Nettleton are tied for fifth. Blytheville leads Class 4A followed by Farmington. Both teams are undefeated on the season. Dardanelle moved up to third from fifth. Little Rock Christian is fourth and Little Rock Mills falls to fifth. Osceola is the top team in Class 3A while Baptist Prep jumped two spots to take second

this week. Lisa North climbed to third while Bergman moved up a spot to fourth. Manila fell three lines to No. 5 after a double digit loss to Bergman. Sloan-Hendrix in on the top line for Class 2A while 10-0 Rector is one vote behind in second. Marianna is third and Fordyce is fourth. Marshall is 14-3 and enters the poll at fifth. On Tuesday night, Sloan-Hendrix came from behind to beat Marshall by six points. Class 1A is led by County Line followed by Marked Tree and then The New School. Nevada County is fourth and Wonderview is fifth.

Arkansas Sports Media Boys High School Basketball Poll

Following is the Arkansas Sports Media High School Boys High School Basketball Poll, including the Overall Top 10 teams and the top five in Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A, as voted by a panel of sports media from around the state for the week ending December 17. Ranking is given with first-place votes received, records, total points and last week's rankings:

OVERALL				
	Record	Pts	Prv	
1. Jonesboro (5)	9-1	88	1	
2. North Little Rock (2)	9-2	70	5	
3. LR Central (1)	10-3	68	2	
4. Blytheville (2)	12-0	57	8	
5. Bentonville	9-2	56	3	
6. Bentonville West	9-1	53	6	
7. Farmington	13-0	32	9	
8. Lake Hamilton	9-2	29	7	
9. Fayetteville	8-3	26	4	
10. Greene Co. Tech	12-0	17	—	
Others receiving votes: LR Parkview 12, Nettleton 9, Conway 7, Marion 7, Pine Bluff 6, LR Mills 4, Sylvan Hills 4, Bryant 2, Cabot 2, Springdale 1.				

CLASS 6A				
	Record	Pts	Prv	
1. Jonesboro (5)	9-1	42	1	
2. North Little Rock (4)	9-2	34	5	
3. LR Central (1)	10-3	27	2	
4. Bentonville	9-2	21	3	
5. Bentonville West	9-1	16	—	
Others receiving votes: Fayetteville 8, Conway 2.				

CLASS 5A				
	Record	Pts	Prv	
1. Lake Hamilton (4)	9-2	35	1	
2. Greene Co. Tech (4)	12-0	32	4t	
3. Sylvan Hills	7-4	23	2t	
4. LR Parkview (1)	5-3	21	2t	
5. Vilonia	10-3	11	4t	
(tie) Nettleton	8-3	11	—	
Others receiving votes: Marion (1) 7, Pine Bluff 5, Russellville 3, Maumelle 2.				

CLASS 4A				
	Record	Pts	Prv	
1. Blytheville (7)	12-0	45	1	
2. Farmington (2)	13-0	40	2	
3. Dardanelle (1)	12-2	21	5	
4. LR Christian	8-3	15	4	
5. LR Mills	5-6	14	3	
Others receiving votes: Waldron 8, Brookland 5, Gravette 1, Fountain Lake 1.				

CLASS 3A				
	Record	Pts	Prv	
1. Osceola (6)	4-1	38	1	
2. Baptist Prep (2)	9-1	33	4	
3. Lisa North (2)	12-0	30	5t	
4. Bergman	16-4	4	5t	
5. Manila	10-2	16	2	
Others receiving votes: Dumas 6, Rose Bud 2, West Fork 1.				

CLASS 2A				
	Record	Pts	Prv	
1. Sloan-Hendrix (7)	15-2	43	1	
2. Rector (3)	10-0	42	2	
3. Marianna	7-2	23	3	
4. Fordyce	8-0	12	—	
5. Marshall	14-3	11	—	
Others receiving votes: Buffalo Island Central 6, Acorn 4, Riverside 4, Lavaca 3, Bigelow 2.				

CLASS 1A				
	Record	Pts	Prv	
1. County Line (8)	20-0	44	1	
2. Marked Tree (1)	8-1	34	2	
3. The New School	19-1	28	3	
4. Nevada (1)	12-1	18	5	
5. Wonderview	14-5	10	4	
Others receiving votes: Jasper 5, Guy-Perkins 5, Shirley 5, West Side Greers Ferry 1.				

Arkansas adds 23 recruits to 2023 Class

By OTIS KIRK
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FAYETTEVILLE — Arkansas signed 23 recruits on Wednesday the first day of the early signing period. Only one commitment, Ashdown tight end Shamar Easter, didn't sign. He's expected to sign on Feb. 1 and choose between the Hogs and South Carolina. The Hogs added one surprise on Wednesday when former Pitt defensive end John Morgan III, 6-2, 265, signed with them. He visited last weekend and was expected to wait a couple more weeks before making a decision. "We signed 19 high school players and four out of the transfer portal," Pittman said. "Early

signings. We had 13 on defense, 10 on defense, six defensive backs, four D-lineman, four offensive linemen, three linebackers, two quarterbacks, two wide receivers, a running back and a tight end. We signed guys from 10 different states. Three from the state of Arkansas in Jacolby Criswell, Quincy Rhodes and Joey Su'a. 16 of the 23 December signees are coming in early, so they'll be here in January. Currently, we're in the top 25 in 247Sports and 17th in Rivals. I'm really excited about the guys we have coming in. We still have another guy or two that we're on in high school, and the rest of our scholarships will be used in the transfer portal." Criswell, 6-1, 205, is the

former Gatorade Player of the Year in Arkansas while at Morrilton High School. He spent the past three years at North Carolina, but opted to enter the portal and choose the Razorbacks. "Jacolby Criswell, I didn't get him the first time," Pittman said. "Wanted him. Went over there to Morrilton and I was too late. Had five or six days, one time to go over there. North Carolina had done a good job, and I couldn't out-recruit them in a day or a week. But we got him this time, so we're really glad about that." At North Carolina, Criswell didn't get many opportunities to play. When he did play Criswell See **HOGS**, Page A8

OMSD teams find mixed results against Cotter

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WESTERN GROVE — The home games continued at Western Grove for the Ozark Mountain Bears and Lady Bears. The game on Tuesday night against Cotter had different results as the previous contest. The Bears picked up a conference win against the Warriors, 39-32, and the Lady Bears fell, 61-49. In junior boys action, the Junior Bears downed Cotter, 52-22. Senior Boys In a low-scoring affair, Ozark Mountain's senior boys had enough points to post a 39-32 win over Cotter. The middle two periods allowed the Bears to build a little lead. Ozark Mountain outscored Cotter, 12-9, in both frames. Walker Collins did the heavy lifting in the second frame. He had eight points

for the Bears in the third period. Gavin Freeman had eight points of his own with three of those coming on a three-point play and three others on a 3-pointer. Ozark Mountain led 32-27 with one period left. Freeman scored four more points in the fourth frame while Briggs Reddell had a bucket. Leading the Bears in scoring was Freeman with 16 points. Collins added eight, Marcus Fields five, Reddell and Ethan Brumley four each and Mason Gilmore two. Senior Girls Eight missed free throws in the second period allowed Cotter to take a lead that they didn't give up on the way to posting a 61-49 win. Cotter moved ahead, 19-15, after the first period. Jailyn Jackson had five points for the Lady Bears while Chloe See **OMSD**, Page A8



Kingston Lady Yellow Jacket Karli Myers handles the ball for her team. Myers and the Lady Yellow Jackets are receiving votes in the Arkansas Sports Media High School Basketball Poll. RODNEY BEAVER/STAFF

Bergman, VS in state polls

Kingston girls receiving votes

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NORTH LITTLE ROCK — Bergman's Lady Panthers are holding where they left off last year. Following an undefeated season capped by a state championship, the girls in blue-and-gold remain atop the Class 3A rankings while sitting at No. 8 in the Overall Poll with a 17-2 record. Valley Springs' Lady Tigers are gaining respect with a 14-7 record at the No. 5 spot in the Class 3A rankings. Cabot and Farmington are the only teams in the Overall Poll that are undefeated. Conway is the unanimous No. 1 in the state-wide poll followed by North

Little Rock and then Cabot. Greenwood and Bentonville are tied for the fourth spot. Farmington holds one of Bergman's losses and the Lady Cardinals are slotted at No. 6. Springdale Har-Ber has the seventh spot with Bergman close behind in eighth. Ninth belongs to Nashville and Fort Smith Northside holds down No. 10. Class 6A looks much like the main poll with Conway leading the way and North Little Rock a distant second. Cabot is third with Bentonville in fourth and Springdale Har-Ber holding fifth. There will be no undefeated team in Class 5A. Greenwood is 8-2 and leads the rankings. Nettleton follows in See **POLLS**, Page A8

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Producers: Winter can mean more problems with predators

Editor's note: This is the second part of a two-part article on predator control on farms and ranches.

PINE BLUFF – Controlling predators on a farm or ranch is not easy, Dr. David Fernandez, Extension livestock specialist and interim dean of graduate studies and continuing education for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, said.

“Remember that all organisms need three keys for survival – food, shelter and water,” he said. “Eliminate any one of these, and the organism will leave or perish. Water is not possible to eliminate since your animals need water too. You can attempt to disrupt predator denning locations, but that may violate state or federal wildlife laws.”

Dr. Fernandez advises denying predators access to food, namely your livestock. Good fences are

key in keeping livestock safe. Electric fencing is especially useful against dogs, coyotes and hogs. Place a hot wire about 6 inches off the ground around the perimeter. You may have to add an offset hot wire at the top of the fence to keep coyotes and dogs from jumping over. Additional electric wires may be needed to prevent predators from slipping through the fence. Four-inch square wire can prevent predators from entering property.

“Trapping, shooting, poisoning and harassment are common methods of controlling predators,” Dr. Fernandez said. “But all of these methods are coming under increasing public scrutiny and regulation as public sentiment about animals evolves beyond pets and begins to encompass wildlife. Be careful to closely follow state and federal laws



Guardian animals help deter predators CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

when using one of these methods.”

Serious consequences can result from killing protected species or out-

of-season game animals. For example, crows, which can injure or maim young livestock, are considered migratory game birds and

are protected under state and federal game laws. Guardian animals help deter predators. Equids, such as donkeys and

mules, can be effective against dogs and coyotes. Only use equids individually since they will often herd together with other equids leaving the sheep and goats to fend for themselves, Dr. Fernandez said.

Llamas have been used to deter canine predators. Some llamas will attack canine predators. However, llamas primarily serve to discourage the predators from approaching since they are too large to attack.

Livestock guardian dogs have a long history of successful use. Use guardian dogs in pairs at the very least so they can protect each other in a fight, or so one can remain with the livestock while the other intercepts the predator. Three or more dogs are better, since one will stay with the livestock while the other two attack the predators.

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Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers under 700 lbs steady to 8.00 higher mostly 2.00-5.00 higher. The offering included several groups of weaned cattle some of them value added that sold for a premium. Had some loads of 700-800 lb yearlings that sold good. Slaughter cows steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter bulls steady to 6.00 higher on a light test. Supply included: 88% Feeder Cattle (67% Steers, 28% Heifers, 5% Bulls); 10% Slaughter Cattle (87% Cows, 13% Bulls); 2% Replacement Cattle (7% Stock Cows, 93% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 57%.

FEEDER CATTLE				
STEERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
17	300-345	326	202.00-211.00	208.24
29	365-393	376	200.00-230.00	217.56
5	405-430	423	200.00-202.00	201.41
4	455-458	457	191.00-204.00	195.73
13	505-540	521	180.00-210.00	193.25
18	560-590	580	176.00-198.00	180.74
46	604-635	608	167.00-175.00	174.42
5	635-645	643	155.00-168.00	157.57
13	658-665	661	173.00-179.00	173.46
18	657-668	660	158.00-163.00	161.54
369	708-740	720	169.00-180.00	177.92
1	740	740	160.00	160.00
67	758-794	793	167.00-177.50	177.20
6	810-825	823	164.00-165.00	164.16
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
16	413-445	421	195.00-199.00	196.06
7	455-494	477	195.00-196.00	195.59
51	500-525	511	175.00-202.00	186.83
31	559-587	579	165.090-175.00	171.13
9	586	586	179.50	179.50
36	6-7-625	622	180.00-185.00	184.19
55	672-679	678	169.00-179.50	177.80
40	700-744	717	157.00-167.00	164.44
129	789	789	176.50	176.50
3	848	848	162.00	162.00
STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	315-345	333	160.00-181.00	173.22
6	380-396	392	177.00-197.00	182.25
17	400-448	438	175.00-196.00	184.92
3	448	448	150.00	150.00
2	420	420	198.00	198.00
4	460-465	461	167.00-190.00	179.28
5	450-458	453	190.00-195.00	192.02
19	505-548	529	150.00-177.00	166.39
9	538	538	178.00	178.00
20	565-590	572	148.00-167.00	158.22
10	602-648	624	145.00-159.00	153.30
7	660-685	675	146.00-160.00	154.96
1	775	775	160.00	160.00
STEERS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	445	445	120.00	120.00
1	550	550	123.00	123.00
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
12	313-330	316	160.00-175.00	170.90
8	355-375	368	171.00-189.00	184.02
43	405-442	430	166.00-190.00	180.24
35	450-465	461	152.00-181.00	177.99
4	452	452	183.00	183.00
64	509-549	528	159.00-176.00	171.79
10	503	503	176.00	176.00
21	560-571	570	160.00-169.00	167.15
4	562-585	574	144.00-152.00	148.08
3	615-640	628	156.00-161.00	157.63
7	625	625	161.00	161.00
12	626	626	169.00	1689.00
2	655	655	156.00	156.00
4	659	659	148.00	148.00
8	733-736	735	145.00-152.00	149.38
4	725	725	154.00	154.00
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HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	361-385	366	162.00-168.00	163.40
8	484	484	154.00	154.00
6	535	535	149.00	149.00
14	512	512	173.00	173.00
13	552	552	154.00	154.00
11	579	579	173.50	173.50
15	646	646	159.00	159.00
9	696	696	151.00	151.00
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	308-345	326	139.00-167.00	148.51
6	355-392	371	140.00-160.00	146.37
11	405-442	423	143.00-170.00	150.95
4	442	442	160.00	160.00
25	455-598	477	130.00-153.00	143.89
18	500-545	513	128.00-155.00	141.77
13	550-594	576	130.00-146.00	140.35
24	6-7-635	619	126.00-146.00	135.20
2	742	742	144.00	144.00
7	775	775	126.00	126.00
2	852	852	110.00	110.00
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	350	350	120.00	120.00
1	405	405	113.00	113.00
2	450	450	130.00	130.00
1	510	510	105.00	105.00
1	550	550	105.00	105.00
1	610	610	115.00	115.00
BULLS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	325	325	204.00	204.00
4	360-398	389	194.00-200.00	195.39
10	417-425	418	191.00	191.00
3	455-495	482	175.00-190.00	179.72
2	510-535	523	161.00-165.00	163.05
2	615-635	525	140.00-152.00	146.10
1	650	650	148.00	148.00
9	704-730	708	133.00-146.00	135.03
1	845	845	123.00	123.00
1	865	865	132.00	132.00
1	945	945	114.00	114.00
BULLS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	340	340	175.00	175.00
1	391	391	152.00	152.00
4	435	435	164.00	164.00
1	455	455	160.00	160.00
7	500-545	522	135.00-150.00	142.28
13	550-590	573	115.00-141.00	131.09
8	605-635	613	134.00-135.00	134.26
4	655-668	662	130.00-138.00	135.28
BULLS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	480-495	488	125.00-130.00	128.31
SLAUGHTER CATTLE				
COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1400	1400	69.00	69.00
5	1155-1380	1301	70.00-74.00	72.03
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
16	915-1390	1129	60.00-69.00	64.65
27	885-1345	1169	69.50-74.00	72.16
COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
10	900-1215	1064	57.00-65.00	62.06
3	1055-1185	1105	68.00-70.00	68.97
2	960-965	963	50.00-53.00	51.50
2	970-1175	1073	42.00-44.00	42.90

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Staff Report

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages you to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the crop deadline of 12/31/2022.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available.

The following crops in Boone/Newton County have a NAP application deadline of 12/31/2022: MIXFG-IGS-GZ.

You can determine if crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP by visiting the RMA

website.

NAP offers higher levels of coverage, from 50 to 65 percent of expected production in 5 percent increments, at 100 percent of the average market price. Producers of organics and crops marketed directly to consumers also may exercise the “buy-up” option to obtain NAP coverage of 100 percent of the average market price at the coverage levels of between 50 and 65 percent of expected production. NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production.

For all coverage levels, the NAP service fee is the lesser of \$325 per crop or \$825 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of \$1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Beginning, underserved, veterans and limited resource farmers are now eligible for free catastrophic level coverage.

Federal crop insurance coverage is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Agent lists are available at all USDA Service Centers or at USDA's online Agent Locator. You can use the USDA Cost Estimator to predict insurance premium costs.

For more information on NAP, service fees, sales deadlines, contact your Boone County USDA Service Center at 870-741-8600 Ext 2 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

Qualified veteran farmers or ranchers are eligible for a service fee waiver and premium reduction, if the NAP applicant meets certain eligibility criteria.

AR pushes corn, rakes in more winter wheat

By JOHN LOVETT
University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture
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FAYETTEVILLE — High temperatures, drought and elevated input costs drove Arkansas corn and grain sorghum production down in 2022, while heavy rains hampered winter wheat.

Jason Kelley, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture professor and wheat and feed grains extension agronomist, said the

drought and high temperatures hit at a crucial point for corn growers.

“For corn, the pollination period is very critical for the plant to have water, and that lined up right when we were trying to get started on irrigation,” Kelley said. “It was a tough year. Irrigation is effective, but it is never effective as a good, widespread rain.”

Kelley noted that the weather from Memorial Day to July 4th significantly impacts corn yields, and that time was very hot and dry this

year. Even though about 95 percent of the state's corn acres can be irrigated, the drought and heat still took a toll on yields, he said. Farmers struggled to get corn irrigated timely because, in many instances, they were also trying to flood rice and irrigate soybean.

Arkansas farmers harvested 690,000 of the 710,000 acres of corn planted in 2022, according to estimates from the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of acres planted was down 16.5 percent from last year. The state average yield was 176 bushels per acre, down 4.3 percent from the prior year's 183 bushels per acre.

For the past 10 years, Arkansas has averaged 181 bushels per acre. Kelley said that the state's average yields have increased by 100 bushels per acre in the past 40 years through a combination of better farming practices, more irrigation, improved hybrids and more nutrients.

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More than 2,500 sweaters gathered in drive

Staff Report

CONWAY – Arkansas PBS and 47 libraries across the state (including the Newton County Library in Jasper) have collected more than 2,500 sweaters in the 2022 Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood Sweater Drive held Nov. 5-30 as a tribute to Fred Rogers and his example of being a caring neighbor. Items collected in this drive are now being distributed by various local charities as frigid temperatures are forecast to enter the state this week.

During the Neighborhood Sweater Drive, members of the community donated new or gently worn sweaters, as well as other cold-weather clothing, at participating libraries, the Arkansas PBS headquarters in Conway and the First Friends Preschool in Rogers. Participating libraries were encouraged to choose recip-

ient organizations for the items they collected. The 20 organizations chosen for distribution include the Salvation Army, the Children’s Advocacy Alliance, public schools, senior centers and nursing homes, and many more.

Anyone in need of sweaters can contact the following libraries to learn more about distribution:

Newton County Library in Jasper.

“All of us, at some time or other, need help,” Fred Rogers said. “And, whether we’re giving or receiving a sweater, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world.”

“That’s one of the things that connects us as neighbors – in our way, everyone is a giver and receiver.”

The statewide Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood Sweater Drive was sponsored by Crain Buick

GMC of Conway and 911 Restoration. Additional information is available at myarpbs.org/sweaterdrive.

To help set the tone for a “comfortable” visit with his young viewers, Rogers put on a sweater and changed into sneakers to help children settle in for “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.” All of Rogers’ original sweaters were knitted by his mother, Nancy McFeely Rogers. Each year, she knitted a dozen sweaters and gave them to family and close friends at Christmas.

For more than 40 years, “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” PBS’s longest-running children’s series, earned four Daytime Emmys. As a testament to his legacy, Rogers received a Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997 and was recognized in 2002 with a Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s

highest civilian honor, for his contributions to children’s development and education using broadcast television.

The Fred Rogers Company was founded by Rogers in 1971 as the nonprofit producer of “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” for PBS. In the years that followed, it not only created hundreds of episodes, but it also extended Rogers’ values and approach to other efforts in promoting children’s social, emotional and behavioral health and supporting parents, caregivers, teachers and other professionals in their work with children. The Fred Rogers Company continues to build on his legacy through a wide variety of media and by engaging new generations of children and families with his timeless wisdom. Additional information is available at FredRogers.org.



Anyone in need of sweaters can contact the following libraries to learn more about distribution: Newton County Library in Jasper. TERRI SMITH/STAFF

County receives almost \$1 million in federal funds

Staff Report

The Newton County Quorum Court learned last November that the county had recently received \$947,167.42 from a new federal program.

The Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATC) is a general revenue enhancement program that provides additional assistance to eligible revenue sharing counties and eligible tribal governments.

According to the Treasury Department, the American Rescue Plan appropriated \$2 billion to Treasury across fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide payments to eligible revenue sharing counties and eligible Tribal governments for use on any governmental purpose except for a lobbying activity. Specifically, the American Rescue Plan reserves \$250 million to allocate and pay to eligible Tribal governments for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023, and reserves \$750 million to allocate and pay to eligible revenue sharing counties for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023. Under this program, recipients have broad discretion on uses of funds, similar to the ways in which they may use funds generated from their own revenue sources.

Newton County Clerk Donnie Davis said the county apparently will receive a similar

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amount of funds in 2023. He described the funding as a bump in the federal government’s annual payment in lieu of taxes to the county based on the amount of federally held property in the county.

The quorum court adopted an ordinance establishing a County General Sub-Fund called the Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund to place the money.

The money was divided between three departments.

County General received \$50,000 for building materials and supplies and \$150,000 for other miscellaneous.

The Sheriff’s office and jail received \$70,000 for construction in progress and \$130,000 for vehicles.

County Road received \$547,167.42. County Judge Warren Campbell said he plans on using this money to purchase five new road graders for the department.

Treasury said specifically, the American Rescue Plan directs the Secretary to reserve \$750 million to allocate and pay to eligible revenue sharing counties for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023, taking into account economic conditions of each eligible

revenue sharing county using measurements of poverty rates, household income, land values, and unemployment rates as well as other economic indicators, over the 20-year period ending with Sept. 30, 2021.

Eligible revenue sharing counties must request funding by January 31, 2023. The first payment will be available immediately and will be made to eligible revenue sharing counties on a rolling basis. Treasury expects to make the second payment after the start of calendar year 2023.

Recipients may treat these funds in a similar manner to how they treat funds generated from their own revenue. Programs, services, and capital expenditures that are traditionally undertaken by a government are considered to fulfill a “governmental purpose.”

All funds are available to recipients until expended or returned to Treasury.

Recipients will be responsible for submitting an annual Project and Expenditure report to Treasury, which is expected to require data on obligations and expenditures by category of use and certification that funds have not been used to fund lobbying activities. Treasury has released detailed reporting guidance, Treasury said.

War, weather drive 2022 agriculture rollercoaster

By MARY HIGHTOWER
U of A System Division of Agriculture

LITTLE ROCK — Markets seeking stability after a year of COVID found new turbulence in 2022 as war erupted in the Ukraine and Mid-South farmers found themselves on a weather rollercoaster ride.

A spring with too much rain, followed by a summer of too much drought, overshadowed any market optimism going into planting time.

“As farmers were in the field preparing to plant their crop, Russia invaded Ukraine fueling uncertainty across the world and in agricultural input markets,” said Hunter Biram, extension economist for the University of Arkansas. “We saw prices paid for chemicals, fertilizer, and fuels increase by about 10 to 15 percent over 2021 after there was a 30 percent increase in the prices paid for chemicals, 60 percent increase in prices paid for fertilizer, and 50 percent increase in the prices paid for fuels relative to 2020.”

“Any potential relief the high commodity prices provided was essentially eliminated by these increases in input prices,” Biram said.

According to the 2023 Division of Agriculture crop enterprise budgets,

nitrogen fertilizer is projected to be about 6 percent lower relative to 2022 but still 14 percent higher relative to 2021. Phosphate and potash are projected to be up some over 2022 at around 1.6 percent and 0.5 percent higher, respectively. Diammonium phosphate, known as DAP, and defoliant, key inputs used in cotton production, are projected to be up 7 percent and 10 percent respectively over 2022. Insecticides and fungicides, which are key inputs used in rice production are projected to be up 98 percent and 18 percent, respectively, over 2022.

Spring rains came — lots of it — as farmers were getting crops in the ground, slowing progress and worse, “causing a great deal of yield loss. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency, of the \$1.4 billion in rain-related losses across the U.S., \$0.4 billion were primarily in the Mid-South states,” Biram said. “In Arkansas, we saw \$171 million in losses account for half of the total coverage purchased in 2022. Prevented planting claims were the primary driver of losses with 81 percent of the losses directly attributed to prevented planting.”

Too much water turned to too little as summer began. Farmers in Arkansas had to make some tough choices.

Horse owners cautioned following recall of alfalfa product

Staff Report

LITTLE ROCK – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture cautions horse owners and handlers in Arkansas following a voluntary recall of alfalfa cubes from Manzanola Feeds due to a possible Clostridium botulinum health risk.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a notice on December 17 advising horse owners not to feed Top of the Rockies alfalfa cubes with the date codes 111222, 111322, 111422, 111522, and 111622. This product has been recalled by Manzanola Feeds of Manzanola, Colorado, which distributes directly to feed stores and co-ops in the

following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin. Further distribution is possible, so it is important to check the date codes located on the front of the bag.

The FDA is aware of at least 98 horses in four states that showed neurologic symptoms. These cases of illness and death in horses are being investigated in cooperation with state departments of agriculture in Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Texas. The symptoms in the cases reported are consistent with botulism, and further testing is underway. At least 45 of these horses have died or were euthanized due to declining health.

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Season’s Greetings: Does Baby New Year give you the creeps?

By DANNY TYREE

Perhaps one reason I never get invited to New Year’s Eve parties is that I tend to overanalyze things. Take Baby New Year (a.k.a. “Bundle of White Male Joy”), for instance. Society’s reliance on this iconic tyke in editorial cartoons, greeting cards and advertising campaigns causes me to lose more sleep than the ball drop in Times Square. Most people blithely accept a half-naked, curfew-deprived newborn gallivanting about the countryside unchaperoned, but I see it as one more troubling repercussion of the “Defund Child Protective Services” movement. For the kid’s sake, it’s a good thing no one has revoked the self-defense “crawl your ground” laws yet.

From mid-December through mid-January, images of Baby New Year are ubiquitous; but we still possess only a maddeningly sketchy picture of his agenda. Every autumn as the jack-o-lanterns make way for turkeys, folks inevitably ask, “Where did the year go?”

That’s an excellent question. We almost never see Baby New Year again until late December when he has deteriorated into osteoporosis-plagued Old Year. What is he doing in other seasons, at other life stages? Is he using his sash to hide his zits? Does his noisemaker drown out his mother-in-law? Is he using his trusty hourglass to keep track of his Viagra?

There’s something creepy about the way the kid invariably

becomes decrepit in a mere 12 months. I don’t care if he can say “Mama” or “Dada.” My question to him is “Can you say, ‘more research funds for extreme glandular conditions, please?’”

We’re supposed to feel comforted by the annual ritual of Old Year “passing the torch” to Baby New Year, but there’s always the risk of Old Year setting his stereotypical beard on fire in the process! Why can’t years aspire to being The Year World Peace Was Achieved instead of The Year I Became ZZ Top?

Time after time, Old Year lets the naïve, effervescent Baby New Year take the reins, without any warning of the “nothing new under the sun” mixture of earthquakes, pestilences, economic hiccups and celebrity scandals that will inevi-

tably ensue. Occasionally, an Old Year will try to blink out a warning in Morse Code, but the cata-racts cause miscommunication. (“Put the kibosh on term limits? Thanks, sir!”)

I am deeply frustrated by the inconsistency of the mythology. Sometimes Baby New Year starts as an infant, sometimes as a toddler. He bears a suspicious resemblance to Valentine’s Day mascot Cupid. Old Year sometimes is and sometimes isn’t conflated with Father Time. (Father Time is reportedly not keen on the title, musing, “I’m going to beat the snot out of the Old Year in which paternity tests were introduced.”)

As my son Gideon reminded me, the animated holiday special “Rudolph’s Shiny New Year” contains helpful backstory on one particu-

lar New Year (“Happy”) and the Archipelago of Last Years, where the Old Years go to retire. But I’m not sure I accept that cartoon as canonical. It has the distinct aroma of a Chinese disinformation campaign, especially the uncut version with the Island of Non-existent Lab Leaks.

On a brighter note, you could make a billion dollars if you could write a book on “What to Expect When You’re Expecting Baby New Year.”

Of course, your fortune might still meet a curve ball. (“Alec Baldwin just accidentally nuked the computer servers holding your money! Oh, the cryptocurrency...!”)

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National park rangers and law enforcement officers from Newton County are pictured with local youth in this year’s “Kids, Cops and Christmas” shopping event. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Shopping with cops again a success

Staff Report

On Monday, Dec. 12, the Jasper Police Department held the annual Kids, Cops and Christmas event. Donations are collected throughout the year and the counselors at Newton County schools choose the children to participate. Law enforcement officers took them shopping at Walmart and to lunch at the Ozark Cafe’ with ice cream for dessert.

In many instances the

children purchase Christmas gifts to give to others. Park rangers from Buffalo National River joined the event held on Dec. 12. Eight children from Newton County had the opportunity to spend time with park rangers and local law enforcement officers while shopping for items on their Christmas lists. The shopping trip was followed by lunch with local law enforcement officers.

Park rangers participated in a second Kids, Cops,

and Christmas event on Dec. 19. The rangers joined the Searcy County Sheriff’s Office, Marshall Police Department, and Arkansas State Police and treated 20 kids to a shopping trip in Clinton, Arkansas.

“These community events are such a great way for park rangers and local youth to connect in a meaningful and fun way around the holiday season,” said Noel Mays, Chief of Visitor and Resource Protection.

Memory Shirt Pillows for fundraiser

Staff Report

Last Fall, the Newton County Sewphisticated Scrappy Quilters made Memory Shirt Pillows. This project was a one-time fundraiser. Although the quilters receive many donations of fabric, they need to raise money to pay for supplies such as batting, thread and notions. They also pay to have some of the quilts professionally quilted. So, fundraisers like this and quilt raffles help to offset expenses. The quilts are donated to local charities.



From left to right; Karen Durham, Nancy Keeling, Rose Szabrowicz, Cindy Creager, Glenda Ogden & Mary Quincey. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Arkansas State Parks to celebrate the new year with First Day Hikes

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas State Parks encourages Arkansans to start the new year on the right foot with First Day Hikes on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023. Led by America’s State Parks, First Day Hikes encourage everyone to celebrate the new year with time spent outdoors, focusing on healthy habits and lifelong memories.

“Visiting a state park is a great way to get outside, enjoy nature and welcome the new year with family and friends,” said Stacy Hurst, secretary of the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and

Tourism.

This nationwide annual tradition targets the first of January and the start of a new year to promote year-round recreation and healthy lifestyles that can be experienced locally in state parks.

“First Day Hikes have become a family tradition for many Arkansans,” said Shea Lewis, director of Arkansas State Parks. “Some families visit the same park every year while others pick a new park to visit each year. We applaud their efforts and challenge all Arkansans to join in and start a First Day Hikes tradition

of their own.”

Visitors to Arkansas State Parks can participate in the initiative by taking a self-guided hike or going on a ranger-led hike on the first day of the year or “First Weekend” (Dec. 31- Jan.2). Participants can get a free sticker commemorating Arkansas State Parks’ centennial this year in one of two ways: going on a guided hike at a state park on Jan. 1 and receiving the sticker from the park or completing a self-guided hike at a state park and logging their miles at ArkansasStateParks.com/FirstDayHikes.

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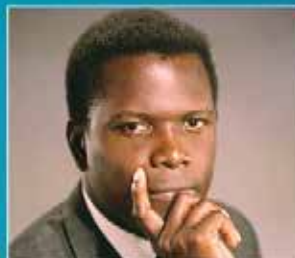
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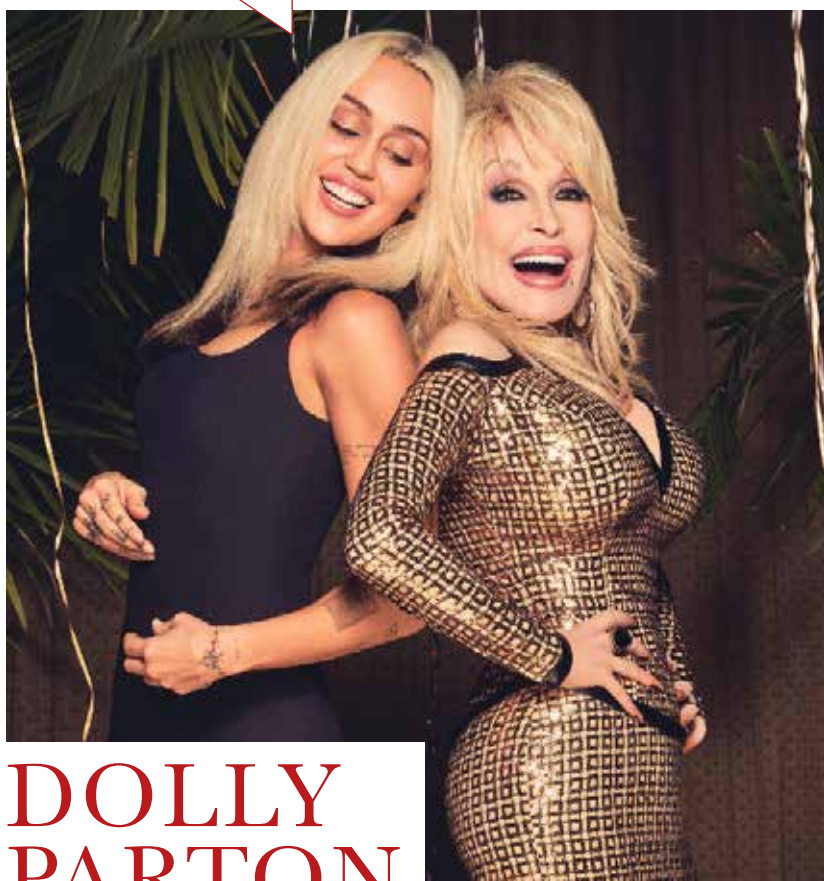
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DOLLY PARTON

The “9 to 5” and “Jolene” singer, 76, will ring in 2023 co-hosting the second iteration of *Miley’s New Year’s Eve Party* (Dec. 31 on NBC and Peacock) alongside her god-daughter, Miley Cyrus. They will be joined in Miami by an A-list of musicians and celebrities for a live New Year’s celebration that’s sure to be a fun-filled night of entertainment. (You also can stream *Dolly Parton’s Mountain Magic Christmas* on NBC.com and Peacock.)

How did it come about that you’re joining Miley on her New Year’s Eve show? Miley was in *Dolly Parton’s Mountain Magic Christmas* and we had fun with that. It’s the strangest thing how we’re so bonded together and we seem to know each other and work so well together, and are similar in a lot of ways. So, when we started talking about her New Year’s Eve show, she said something like, “You’re going to have to do that with me sometime.” I said, “Oh, I’m not going to New York, it’s too cold.” And she said, “I don’t do it from New York, I do it from Miami.” I said, “Well.”

Miley said, “Would you do it with me?” I said, “How about now?” So, we just decided on the spot before she left Dollywood that I was going to do it with her.

Any special plans for the night? We started talking about clothes while we were still at Dollywood. We started talking about skits. We started talking about music and all that we can do, so it’s going to be a fun show. It’s going to be pretty much us being us.

“The whole idea of Christmas has always been special to me. The family gathers, the food, all the decorations everywhere. I love the giving and the receiving, I love the shopping and the wrapping presents, and I love the fun.”

If you weren’t doing the New Year’s Eve show with Miley, how would you normally ring in the New Year? With good friends, good food, black-eyed peas and all those Southern things that you do. You have family and friends over and you celebrate. At midnight you kiss somebody you don’t love and act like you do, or you kiss somebody and then you think you *do* love them. I just try to have fun with it like everybody else.

Do you make resolutions? I believe we ought to make them. I think it makes you feel better about yourself. But it’s like you eat everything you can get your hands on before you go on a diet. You know how you do that? You make every resolution you can in hopes that you’re going to do it, but then you fall off the wagon shortly after.

What are you hoping for in 2023? I’m hoping for more unity, for more love, for more compassion and more of what we need right now before we all go down the tubes. I’m just hoping for a better year. Every year I hope for that, and I will continue to hope that year in and year out. **P**

The Parade Don't Miss List



ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA THE MUSICAL DEC. 25 ON NETFLIX

This adaptation of the Tony and Olivier award-winning musical stars **Emma Thompson** as Agatha Trunchbull and **Alicia Weir** as Matilda Wormwood.



AMERICAN MASTERS: GROUCHO & CAVETT (DEC. 27 ON PBS)

What fun to explore the special friendship shared by Emmy Award-winning television personality **Dick Cavett** and iconic comedian **Groucho Marx** through new interviews with Cavett, footage from Marx's visits to *The Dick Cavett Show* and other rare recordings.



WHITE NOISE (DEC. 30 ON NETFLIX)

Adam Driver, **Greta Gerwig** and **Don Cheadle** star in this Noah Baumbach film based on the acclaimed Don DeLillo novel.

Here's what's on our entertainment radar for the week ahead.

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THE 45TH ANNUAL KENNEDY CENTER HONORS

(DEC. 28 ON CBS AND PARAMOUNT+)

The prestigious Kennedy Center Honors, which recognize artists for their contributions to American culture through the performing arts, take place each year at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The 45th annual show, which was recorded on December 4, celebrates these honorees:

GEORGE CLOONEY "Growing up in a small town in Kentucky I could never have imagined that someday I'd be the one sitting in the balcony at the Kennedy Center Honors," the actor and filmmaker, 61, said. "To be mentioned in the same breath with the rest of these incredible artists is an honor."

U2 "In December 1980, we made our first trip across the Atlantic to America," said the iconic Irish rock band made up of Bono, 62, The Edge, 61, Adam Clayton, 62, and Larry Mullen Jr., 61. "We consider America to be a home away from home and we are very grateful to the Kennedy Center Honors for welcoming us into this great clan of extraordinary artists."

AMY GRANT "Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine ever receiving this prestigious honor," the contemporary Christian pop

singer-songwriter, 62, said. "Thank you for widening the circle to include all of us."

GLADYS KNIGHT "I have been blessed with so much in my life and this certainly stands with those achievements at the top of that list," said the legendary singer of soul, gospel, R&B and pop, 78. "You could never have told me as a young girl that I would be honored on a stage such as this—it would have been the dream of all dreams."

TANIA LEÓN "My first thoughts went to my ancestors: they believed in my dreams, and what we lacked in material wealth, they made up for in spirit, encouragement and support," said Leon, 79, who is a Cuban-born American composer, conductor and educator. "My thanks go to the people who have blessed my path and given me the chance to be heard."

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A MAN CALLED OTTO

(IN LIMITED THEATERS DEC. 25,
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Tom Hanks, who has been called “the modern James Stewart,” is once again doing what he does best, playing an everyman. In his latest role, the Oscar winner stars as grumpy, 60-year-old Otto Anderson, who gives up on life after experiencing the double whammies of losing his wife and being forced to retire from his job of nearly 40 years. So, he decides to end it all. But his attempts are constantly interrupted when a young family moves in next door, and he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol (Mariana Treviño). Check out these fun facts about the California native, 66.

► His favorite baseball team is the Cleveland Guardians. He purchased a stone in the front of Jacobs Field (now Progressive Field) when it was built.



Hanks is a third cousin, four times removed, of **President Abraham Lincoln**. And he is a seventh cousin, once removed, of **George Clooney**.

► Hanks once worked as a hotel bellman, carrying bags for the likes of Cher, Sidney Poitier, Slappy White and Bill Withers.



He received the Distinguished Public Service Award, the United States Navy’s highest civilian honor on Veterans Day 1999, for his work in *Saving Private Ryan*.



him in 2002 by **Steven Spielberg**.

► The asteroid “12818 Tomhanks” was named after him.



After a one-shot guest appearance on *Happy Days*, director Ron Howard asked him to read for a secondary role in *Splash*—and he got the lead role instead.

WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON?



They both won back-to-back Best Actor Oscars. The first to do so was **Spencer Tracy** for *Captains Courageous* (1937) and *Boys Town* (1938). Hanks won for his work in *Philadelphia* (1993) and the second for *Forrest Gump* (1994).

THE WEIGHT SEESAW



+30 for *A League of Their Own*



-30 pounds for *Philadelphia*



+/- 55 for his before/after in *Cast Away*

ROLE RECALL

There was a time when Hanks did not win every role. He auditioned for the part of Joel Goodson in *Risky Business*, which went to **Tom Cruise**. And Hanks lost the role of Peter Banning (Peter Pan) in *Hook* to **Robin Williams**.



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PARADE LOOKS BACK AT SOME OF THE MOST COLORFUL STARS WHO PASSED AWAY THIS YEAR, INCLUDING MANY WHO HAD GRACED OUR PAGES.

BY DILLON DODSON

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

SHE LIVED TO SERVE HER COUNTRY

April 21, 1926–Sept. 8, 2022

More than 75 years ago, *Parade* featured a cover story on Princess Elizabeth celebrating her upcoming 21st birthday. “For her, 1947 is a year when things will happen,” the magazine said. “She will have her stipend from the states raised to \$60,000 annually, will become Britain’s most important emissary of good will and indisputably the world’s most eligible girl.” Rumors of the princess’s attraction to 25-year-old Prince Philip of Greece were noted in the article, which outlined Elizabeth’s duties, including changing a tire as part of her war service as a Waac. No one knew that this first child of the Duke and Duchess of York (later King George VI and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother) would indeed marry Prince Phillip in a few months’ time and inherit the English throne in 1952 at the young age of 25.

As queen of seven independent Commonwealth countries, she oversaw the Northern Irish Troubles, United Kingdom devolution, African decolonization, the U.K. both joining and leaving the European Union and more. Her royal family—including sons (now King) Charles and Andrew, daughter-in-law Diana and grandsons William and Harry—have been fodder for much pop culture discussion, as has the continued relevance of the British monarchy. The Queen died of old age at 96.



NICHELLE NICHOLS

Dec. 28, 1932–July 30, 2022

Communications officer Uhura shared one of the first interracial television kisses when aliens forced her and Captain Kirk, in a 1968 episode of *Star Trek*, to do so. As a pioneering Black actress in a significant role (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once persuaded her to stay on the show), Nichols became a role model to many. She died of heart failure at age 89; her ashes were sent into deep space.



COOLIO

Aug. 1, 1963–Sept. 28, 2022

Growing up in Compton, Calif., in 1963, rapper Coolio found hits with “Watcha Gonna Do,” “Fantastic Voyage,” “1, 2, 3, 4 (Sumpin’ New)” and “Too Hot,” but it’s the Grammy-winning “Gangsta’s Paradise” that brought him superstardom. The man who was a regular on *Hollywood Squares* and who performed the theme song to Nickelodeon’s *Kenan & Kel* died of cardiac arrest at age 59.

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OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN

WE HONESTLY LOVE YOU

Sept. 26, 1948-Aug. 8, 2022

Newton-John had five No. 1 Billboard hits, including "I Honestly Love You," "Have You Never Been Mellow" and "Physical"; won 4 Grammy awards, all in different categories; sang the song that earned *Grease* a Best Song Oscar nomination, and founded the Olivia Newton-John Foundation Fund for research into plant-based cancer treatments.

"I don't know what this year will bring, but I'm enjoying the moment and appreciating the day and not thinking too far ahead," the Australian singer-actor-dancer told *Parade* in early 2021. A three-time cancer "thrivor" as she called it, Newton-John was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1992, 2012 and 2017. "Many people have gone on this journey, and I feel extremely lucky that I've been on it for so long—the alternative is not so good," she said.

Over the years, she'd learned to live in the present. "When I was younger, I worried more about the past and future. But going through a lot of experiences and hospitalizations made me realize that this is all we have—right now," she said. When she died at age 73, her former *Grease* castmate John Travolta said, "My dearest Olivia, you made all of our lives so much better. Your impact was incredible." Her foundation lives on, still searching for a cure.



HILAREE NELSON

Dec. 13, 1972-Sept. 26, 2022

The first woman to summit Mount Everest, Nelson, 49, died during an avalanche after reaching the top of the Himalayas' Manaslu, the world's eighth-highest mountain.



MEAT LOAF

Sept. 27, 1947-Jan. 20, 2022

The theatrical *Bat Out of Hell* Grammy winner was a vocal opponent of COVID vaccine mandates. He died of the virus at 74.



MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

May 15, 1937-March 23, 2022

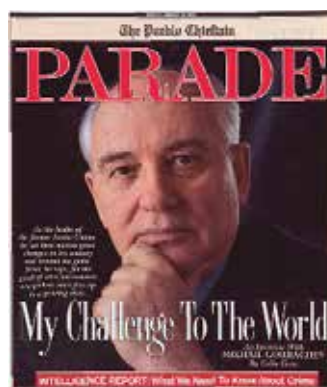
As President Bill Clinton's Secretary of State, Albright was, at the time, the highest-ranking woman in the history of American government. She died of cancer at 84.



ROBBIE COLTRANE

March, 30 1950- Oct. 14, 2022

"He was an incredible actor and a lovely man," said Daniel Radcliffe of his *Harry Potter* costar. "Hagrid" died of heart issues at 72.



MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

THE LAST SOVIET LEADER

March 2, 1931-Aug. 30, 2022

After a long illness, the last leader of the former Soviet Union and the man who tore down the Iron Curtain died at age 91. Born into a peasant farming family in 1931, Gorbachev reached the top of the Communist Party in 1985, and during his six-year tenure he worked with President Ronald Reagan to reduce nuclear arsenals, won the Nobel

Peace Prize and introduced economic reforms known as glasnost (openness) and perestroika (restructuring).

In 1994, *Parade* interviewed the then private citizen who was traveling and speaking around the world. He'd become president of the newly formed Green Cross International, an organization whose aim was to focus attention on policies that create environmental hazards. "We need a global focus," he said, via an interpreter. "We can't build an ecologically safe future unless nations work together." You may also remember the internationally broadcast (except in Russia) Pizza Hut commercial in 1998 that featured the former leader.



CHARLES McGEE

ONE OF THE LAST
TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

Dec. 19, 1919–
Jan. 16, 2022

During World War II, the United States called upon the Tuskegee Airmen, the first Black fighter pilots and other military personnel in the Air Force, to fight the Germans. McGee, a Tuskegee fighter pilot, racked up more than 6,308 flying hours in a 30-year military career that took him to the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

The man, who became an Eagle Scout in 1940, believed in lifelong learning and went back to school, graduating from college in 1978. After his induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 2011, he said in a speech, “Get an education, because you can’t take advantage of opportunity if you’re not at least initially prepared.” A few years earlier, President George W. Bush awarded McGee the Congressional Gold Medal, the country’s highest civilian award. And in 2020, he was promoted to President Brigadier General by President Donald Trump. McGee died in his sleep at the age of 102.



BOB SAGET

May 17, 1956–Jan. 9, 2022

At just 22, he won a student Academy Award for a documentary about his nephew who underwent facial reconstructive surgery, and he directed a television movie about his sister who died of systemic scleroderma. But it was comedy that took Saget to career heights and dueling public images—one as the raunchy standup comic who was the target of a Comedy Central roast, and the other as the family-friendly dad on ABC’s *Full House* and the nice-guy host of *America’s Funniest Home Videos*. Blunt head trauma after a fall caused his death at 65.



JOE TURKEL

July 15, 1927–June 27, 2022

The Shining’s surreal bartender died of liver failure at 94.



MABLE JOHN

Nov. 3, 1930–Aug. 25, 2022

The first female signed to Motown Records died at 91.



STEPHEN “TWITCH” BOSS

Sept. 29, 1982–Dec. 13, 2022

The Ellen DeGeneres Show DJ and dancer died of suicide.



IRENE CARA

March 18, 1959–Nov. 25, 2022

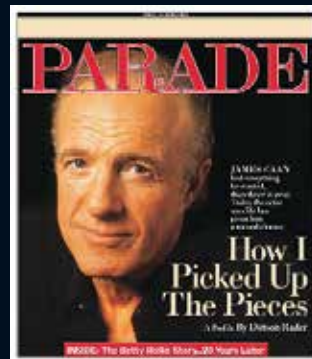
The singer of “Fame” and “Flashdance” died at 63.



PAUL SORVINO

April 13, 1939–July 25, 2022

Outside of being father to Oscar-winning actress Mira Sorvino, the actor did his own great work, with actor-director Warren Beatty in *Reds*, *Dick Tracy*, *Bulworth* and *Rules Don’t Apply*; as Lord Capulet in Baz Luhrmann’s *Romeo + Juliet*; as Henry Kissinger in Oliver Stone’s *Nixon*; alongside James Caan in *The Gambler*; as mobster crew chief Paul Cicero in Martin Scorsese’s *Goodfellas* and more. The Tony nominee for 1973’s Pulitzer Prize-winning *That Championship Season*, Frank Costello in *Godfather of Harlem* and Phil Cerreta on *Law & Order* died of natural causes at age 83.



JAMES CAAN

FROM GODFATHER TO ELF

March 26, 1940–July 6, 2022

A civil rights-era football player in *Brian’s Song*, hothead Sonny Corleone in *The Godfather*, a jewel robber in *Thief*; tortured author in *Misery* and Buddy the Elf’s father in *Elf*—these are just some of the famous roles played by Caan, who died of a heart attack at age 82.

Caan spoke with *Parade* many times, most notably in 2000, when he talked about his struggles with success. “Maybe that goes back to my father,” he said. “I loved him to death, but he never said he loved me. I never felt worthy.”

BOB RAFELSON

MOVIES AND MONKEES

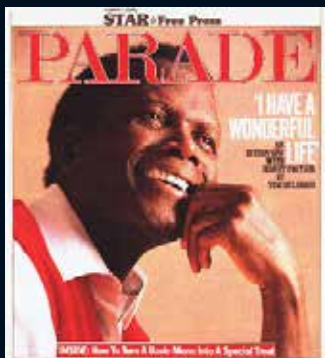
Feb. 21, 1933–July 23, 2022

TV producer Rafelson co-created The Monkees band and comedy show, but that was

just a jumping-off point for his career. He produced Dennis Hopper’s *Easy Rider*, his own *Five Easy Pieces*, Peter Bogdanovich’s *The Last Picture Show* and 1981’s *The Postman Always Rings Twice*. The writer, director and producer died of lung cancer at age 89.



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SIDNEY POITIER

A BLACK ICON

Feb. 20, 1927-Jan. 6, 2022

The first Black actor to win a Best Actor Oscar—for 1963's *Lilies of the Field*—Poitier went on to star in films and mini-series including *The Defiant Ones*, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, *In the Heat of the Night*, *Separate But Equal* and *Mandela and de Klerk*. Also a civil-rights-movement icon, the native of Miami, Fla., was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1974, received a Kennedy Center Honor in 1995 and was awarded a Presidential Medal of Freedom by Barack Obama in 2009. No cause was given for his death on Jan. 6 at age 94. "My goal was to become the best actor in the world," he told *Parade* in a 1988 cover story. "It was not to become the best Black actor in the world." He admitted it wasn't always easy being Hollywood's first Black leading man, "but I always knew I'd handle myself right," he said. "My mother made sure of that."



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EMILIO DELGADO

May 8, 1940-March 10, 2022

Sesame Street's Luis the handyman died of multiple myeloma at age 81. For 44 years, starting in 1971, the Mexican-American actor played the owner/repairman at the Fix-It Shop, which he shared with Maria (whom he married in a 1988 episode). He also can be seen in *Hawaii Five-O*, *House of Cards*, *Lou Grant* and more, and later performed with the band Pink Martini. You can celebrate Emilio Delgado Day every Oct. 15, inaugurated by former New York mayor Bill de Blasio.



JULIE POWELL

April 20, 1973-Oct. 26, 2022

In 2002, an aspiring New York writer not adept at cooking vowed to cook all 524 recipes from Julia Child's *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* in one year. Powell's blog about the monumental task garnered thousands of readers. The project influenced digital food writing and was turned into a book, which was later adapted into a film starring Amy Adams and Meryl Streep. Powell, also the author of *Cleaving: A Story of Marriage, Meat, and Obsession*, died of cardiac arrest at age 49.



TAYLOR HAWKINS

Feb. 17, 1972-March 25, 2022

While on tour in South America, Foo Fighters drummer Hawkins, 50, experienced chest pain and died at the band's hotel in Bogotá, Colombia; 10 substances were later found in his system. The musician was once Alanis Morissette's touring drummer before joining Dave Grohl's Foo Fighters after the original drummer left. He also recorded with his own band, Taylor Hawkins & The Coattail Riders, and formed the supergroup NHC with members of Jane's Addiction.



ESTELLE HARRIS

April 22, 1928-April 2, 2022

Born in the Hell's Kitchen area of New York City and raised in an industrial Pennsylvania town, Harris appeared in dozens of TV commercials before finding her spot as the mother of George

Costanza (Jason Alexander) on *Seinfeld*. Her shrill, distinctive voice gave personality to Mrs. Potato Head (in Pixar's *Toy Story* franchise) and she was familiar to younger viewers in the recurring role of the hotel employee Muriel in *The Suite Life of Zack & Cody*. Fans also know her from the films *Out to Sea*, *My Giant* and *Brother Bear*, as well as a slew of TV appearances, including spots for kitchen and cleaning products, dolls, dog food, telephone service and more. She died of natural causes at age 93.

NAOMI JUDD

Jan. 11, 1946-April 30, 2022

Born in the coal-mining town of Ashland, Ky., singer-songwriter Judd relocated to California before moving to Nashville in 1979 as a single mom with two kids—one who'd grow up to be her musical partner, Wynonna, and the other an acclaimed Hollywood actress, Ashley. As a duo with Wynonna, she won nine Country Music Association Awards and five Grammys, and had 14 No. 1 country hits, including "Grandpa (Tell Me 'Bout the Good Old Days)," "Have Mercy," "Why Not Me," "Love is Alive" and "Mama, He's Crazy." After decades of struggling with depression, Naomi died April 30 at age 76 of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at her Tennessee home.



LORETTA LYNN

April 14, 1932-Oct. 4, 2022

Country music singer-songwriter Travis Tritt echoed many other celebrities and musicians when he paid tribute to the woman whose song-titled autobiography, the *Coal Miner's Daughter*, became a Sissy Spacek-starring biopic. "She was always an inspiration to those of us who grew up listening to and loving real country music. Her kindness, strength and devotion to country music and her fans will be deeply missed," he said. "They don't make 'em like her anymore." Lynn, who was famously born in Butcher's Hollow, Kentucky, died at her Tennessee home after seven decades of trailblazing female country music.

Although she saw some success in the early 1960s and held regular performances alongside Patsy Cline at the Grand Ole Opry, it wasn't until 1966 that her song "You Ain't Woman Enough (to Take My Man)" made Lynn the first female country artist to write a No. 1 hit. Soon she became what many consider the first successful female songwriter in Nashville. Other early hits included "I'm a Honky Tonk Girl," "Blue Kentucky Girl" and "Don't Come Home a' Drinkin' (With Lovin' on Your Mind)." Later songs sometimes had a more progressive twist, including "I Wanna Be Free," "As Soon as I Hang Up the Phone," "Rated 'X'" and "The Pill."

Lynn won three Grammy Awards, seven American Music Awards, eight Broadcast Music Incorporated awards, 14 Academy of Country Music awards, eight from the Country Music Association and 26 fan-voted Music City News awards.



ANGELA LANSBURY

MYSTERY'S FAVORITE SLEUTH

Oct. 16, 1925-Oct. 11, 2022

With a career spanning seven decades—in music, film and musical theater—you wouldn't be wrong to think that Lansbury could do anything. Her death at 96 brought out the stars, remembering her talents and warmth. "Nobody did *Mame* quite like her," Kristin Chenoweth said in a tribute. "Angela Lansbury, who graced the stage for decades winning five Tony awards, and brought the sleuthing Jessica Fletcher into our living rooms for a dozen years, has passed," tweeted George Takei. "A tale old as time, our beloved Mrs. Potts will sing lullabies to us now from the stars."

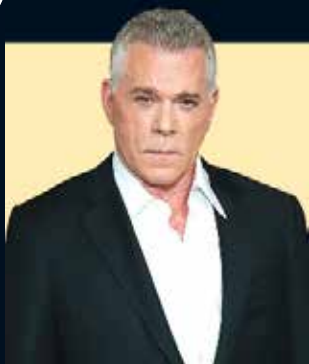
Before *Mame*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Sweeney Todd*, Lansbury started out hot with her first film role playing a maid in 1944's *Gaslight*, for which she earned a Best Supporting Actress Oscar nomination. She went on to appear in *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, *The Manchurian Candidate* (she earned Oscar nominations for both), *State of the Union*, *Death on the Nile* and many more.

But it was her performance as mystery writer J. B. Fletcher on TV's popular *Murder, She Wrote* that really won over the masses. For the role, Lansbury earned an Emmy nomination every year for the 12 years the show was on. She didn't win, but she certainly won our hearts. When *Parade* interviewed her in 1989, she was talking up her own "health and beauty" plan, called "Angela Lansbury's Positive Moves," that she'd created for "women her age" (she was 64). The Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire died of natural causes at age 96.



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for a collection of her best roles.

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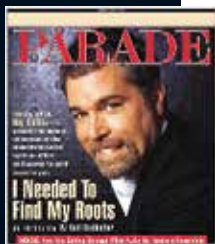
RAY LIOTTA

A REALLY GOOD FELLA

Dec. 18, 1954-May 26, 2022

Born in New Jersey, actor Liotta played many Hollywood roles, including Frank Sinatra in the HBO movie *The Rat Pack*, Joey Perrini on the soap opera *Another World*, an ex-convict husband in *Something Wild* and a man with a mentally impaired brother in *Dominick and Eugene*. But perhaps his most famous roles were mob lifer Henry Hill in Martin Scorsese's *Goodfellas*, baseball legend "Shoeless" Joe Jackson in *Field of Dreams* and drug trafficker George Jung's father in *Blow*.

Liotta had told *Parade* in 2001 that he had been haunted by the fact that he was adopted. "When I was younger, I felt like damaged goods." But he'd recently met his biological mother and realized that her giving him up was an act of grace. "Now I realize she was not being selfish. Meeting her enabled me to realize the gift she gave me—it allowed me to move on." And so he did. Following his most recent appearance, in the *Sopranos* prequel movie *The Many Saints of Newark*, Liotta was shooting a new film, *Dangerous Waters*, when he died in his sleep at age 67.



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WILLIAM HURT

March 20, 1950-March 13, 2022

Hurt was Oscar-nominated for Best Supporting Actor for *A History of Violence* and Best Actor for *Children of a Lesser God*, *Broadcast News* and *The Kiss of the Spider Woman* (which he won), and appeared in dozens of other films, including *Altered States*, *Body Heat*, *The Big Chill*, *Into the Wild*, the *Avengers* films and more. The native of Portland, Ore., also had TV roles in *Dune*, *Frankenstein*, *Humans* and *Damages*, and he won a Best Actor Tony award win for his work in *Hurlyburly*. Hurt died of prostate cancer at age 71.



GUY LAFLEUR

Sept. 20, 1951-April 22, 2022

Named one of the 100 Greatest NHL players in 2017, the right winger played five Stanley Cup championships and 17 seasons. He died from lung cancer at age 70.



SALLY KELLERMAN

June 2, 1937-Feb. 24, 2022

Best-known for playing Army head nurse Margaret "Hot Lips" O'Houlihan in the 1970 *M*A*S*H* film, the native of Long Beach, Calif. died of dementia at age 84.



JIM SEALS

Oct. 17, 1941-June 6, 2022

Famous (with Crofts) for hits like "Summer Breeze" and "Diamond Girl," Seals went on to run a coffee farm in Costa Rica. He'd had a stroke in 2017, and died at age 79.



COLIN CANTWELL

April 3, 1932-May 21, 2022

The Hollywood designer famous for working on 2001: *A Space Odyssey*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *Star Wars* died of dementia at age 90.



BETTY DAVIS

July 26, 1944-Feb. 9, 2022

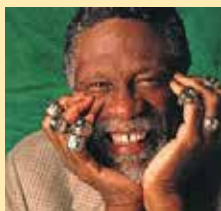
Davis's hits include "They Say I'm Different" and "Nasty Gal," and she wrote the Chambers Brothers song "Uptown (to Harlem)." She died of natural causes at age 77.



TONY DOW

April 13, 1945-July 27, 2022

The actor best known for being Beaver's older brother Wally became a sculptor, started a construction company and survived two bouts of cancer before dying at 77.



BILL RUSSELL

Feb. 12, 1934-July 31, 2022

A winner of eight straight NBA championship titles and 11 total with the Boston Celtics (as both a player and the league's first Black coach), Russell first won a gold medal at the 1956 Olympics, led Mississippi's first integrated basketball camp and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011.

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GILBERT GOTTFRIED

Feb. 28, 1955–April 12, 2022

Beginning his stand-up comedy career at the age of 15, Gottfried spent a short 12-episode stint at *Saturday Night Live* in

1980 before appearing in *Beverly Hills Cop II* with Eddie Murphy. He was also in *The Adventures of Ford Fairlane* and *Look Who's Talking Too* and was a frequent guest on TV's *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno* and *Last Week Tonight With John Oliver*. He's perhaps most memorable for voicing Digit in PBS Kids' *Cyberchase*, the Aflac duck and Iago the parrot in *Aladdin*. The regular at Comedy Central's celebrity roasts died of myotonic dystrophy type 2 at age 67.



LOUISE FLETCHER

July 22, 1934–Sept. 23, 2022

Famous for playing Nurse Ratched in 1975's *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Fletcher won the Best Actress Oscar for the role. She died of natural causes at age 88.



VANGELIS

March 29, 1943–May 17, 2022

Dead of heart failure at 79, his memorable music—the *Chariots of Fire* soundtrack reached No. 1 on the U.S. charts and won him an Oscar—lives on.



VIN SCULLY

Nov. 29, 1927–Aug. 2, 2022

The 2016 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient and man behind the phrase "Hi, everybody, and a very pleasant good evening to you, wherever you may be" died of unexplained causes at age 94. For 67 years, Dodgers fans enjoyed his play-by-play commentary.



DAN REEVES

Jan. 19, 1944–Jan. 1, 2022

As a 1965 NFL rookie running back for the Dallas Cowboys, Reeves began an eight-year career that included two Super Bowl appearances. He went on to coach and was one of only nine NFL coaches to ever win 200 games. He died of dementia at age 77.



LOUIE ANDERSON

Mar. 24, 1953–Jan. 21, 2022

Native Minnesotan Louie Anderson was an Emmy winner for the Zach Gali-fianakis comedy series *Baskets*, a two-time Day-time Emmy winner for the animated children's show *Life with Louie* and an author and stand-up comedian known for his honest, family-friendly funnyman style. He hosted the TV game show *Family Feud* from 1999 to 2002 and appeared in the movies *Coming 2 America* and *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Anderson died of blood cancer complications at age 68.



LEONARD KESSLER

Oct. 28, 1920–Feb. 16, 2022

Our Tooth Story: A Tale of Twenty Teeth, *Mr. Pine's Purple House*, *Last One in is a Rotten Egg*, *Crunch Crunch*, *Plink Plink*, *Do Baby Bears Sit in Chairs?* and *Big Red Bus* are just a few of the more than 300 books written and illustrated by Kessler, a native of Akron, Ohio, who was at one time the roommate of pop-art pioneer Andy Warhol. He died at age 101.

LESLIE JORDAN

BIG LAUGHS IN A SMALL PACKAGE

April 29, 1955–Oct. 24, 2022

Leslie Jordan appeared in a number of television shows, including *Ally McBeal*, *Pee-wee's Playhouse* and *Reba*, and films like *The Help* and *The United States vs. Billie Holiday*. But the diminutive actor (he was just under 5 feet tall) may be best known for his Emmy-winning role in *Will & Grace*, three roles in *American Horror Story* and his social media presence during the COVID-19 pandemic. The man behind the play *Hysterical Blindness and Other Southern Tragedies That Have Plagued My Life Thus Far*, about growing up gay in Chattanooga, Tenn., was a beloved gay icon to many. "He was one of the funniest people I ever had the pleasure of working with," posted Sean Hayes who worked with Jordan on *Will & Grace*. "Everyone who ever met him, loved him."

Jordan had most recently been playing Phil on *Call Me Kat*, starring with Mayim Bialik, who called him a "mentor and a beloved friend. They broke the mold when they made Leslie Jordan." He was 67 when he died in a car wreck (it is suspected a medical emergency caused him to crash).



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IVAN REITMAN

A LEGENDARY PRODUCER

Oct. 27, 1946–
Feb. 12, 2022

During a conversation with *Parade* in 2021, movie-comedy legend Reitman teared up when

asked about working with his director son Jason on the *Ghostbusters* sequel, *Afterlife*. “I didn’t think I’d ever see this. I get emotional just thinking about it,” the producer said. Reitman helmed the original *Ghostbusters* and was also the producer behind *National Lampoon’s Animal House*, *Beethoven*, *Space Jam*, *Killing Me Softly*, *Old School*, *I Love You, Man* and *Up in the Air*. He produced and directed *Stripes*, *Twins*, *Kindergarten Cop*, *Dave* and *No Strings Attached*. “I’m the first director to complete a film with my father sitting next to me,” joked son Jason, who clearly was enjoying every minute of it. His father died at age 75 of unspecified causes.



JERRY LEE LEWIS

ROCK ‘N’ ROLL’S WILD MAN

Sept. 29, 1935–Oct. 28, 2022

The 1957 singles “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Goin’ On” and “Great Balls of Fire” turned the world upside down with Lewis’ wild boogie-woogie songwriting and performing. “The Killer’s” piano-banging career was on fire, but that changed when a British journalist found out the rock ‘n roll musician had married his 13-year-old cousin. Gigs slowed and his label dropped him, but he later resurged with Nashville country, duets albums and more. Though controversial, Lewis is credited with pioneering rock ‘n roll. He died at age 87; no cause was given, though he had suffered from various afflictions.



BERNARD SHAW

May 22, 1940–Sept. 7, 2022

CNN’s first chief anchor, Shaw, retired from the network in 2001 after a 21-year career in which he covered the Tiananmen Square student revolt, the First Gulf war, presidential elections and much more. “Bernie Shaw started out with all of us CNN babies back in 1980,” Katie Couric wrote on Instagram. “He was sometimes gruff but always a sweetheart. Back when the backdrop

of the newscast was a working newsroom, he would whip around in his chair and yell, ‘Typewriters!’ and we’d all lift our hands from the keys while the cameras were rolling, pretending to type so we wouldn’t make any noise.”

Before CNN, Shaw was a Marine who asked Walter Cronkite how to be a journalist, a radio reporter who interviewed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a CBS correspondent covering Watergate and an ABC correspondent whose team snapped the only aerial pictures of the Jonestown massacre. He died of pneumonia at age 82.



ROBERT MCFARLANE

July 12, 1937–May 12, 2022

A decorated Marine, McFarlane became President Ronald Reagan’s third national security adviser in 1983. In 1985, McFarlane became caught up in the Reagan administration and CIA affair known as the Iran-Contra Affair, which was almost entirely blamed on him, the

only player to admit guilt. He attempted suicide in 1987, survived and later founded an energy-focused international business consulting company. He died of a lung condition at age 84.



AARON CARTER

Dec. 7, 1987–Nov. 5, 2022

In 1997, nine-year-old singer and rapper Aaron Carter, the younger brother of the Backstreet Boys’ Nick Carter, released his debut self-titled album and became Nick’s band’s tour opener. He soon made TV appearances in *Lizzie McGuire* and *Sabrina, the Teen-age Witch* and charted two Top 20 albums. After his childhood stardom, Carter struggled with drug addiction; he died of suspicious circumstances at the age of 34.



GALLAGHER

July 24, 1946–Nov. 11, 2022

There may only be one person who has crushed tens of thousands of melons with a sledgehammer as part of his act. That man is Gallagher, the “Wizard of Odd” and 1980s comedian known for his beret and striped shirt, who performed more than 100 shows a year for 30 years. He sometimes had been criticized for insensitive jokes. Gallagher died of organ failure at age 76 after numerous heart attacks.



DAVID McCULLOUGH

July 7, 1933-Aug. 7, 2022

McCullough's extensive research and narrative style won him two Pulitzer Prizes, for the presidential biographies *Truman* and *John Adams*; two National Book Awards, for *The Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal* and *Mornings on Horseback* (about a young Teddy Roosevelt); and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded in 2006. The prolific author, film narrator and subject of the 2008 HBO documentary *Painting with Words* died at his home at 89.



MARGARET KEANE

Sept. 15, 1927-June 26, 2022

The artist's paintings of gloomy children with giant eyes earned millions of dollars beginning in the late 1950s. Yet she didn't initially receive credit, as her first husband was fraudulently passing off her paintings as his own. She proved she was the artist in a 1986 court case, and her story was turned into the 2014 biopic *Big Eyes*. Keane died of heart failure at age 94.



JEAN-LUC GODARD

Dec. 3, 1930-Sept. 13, 2022

The Academy gave the French-Swiss film director of *Breathless* (and other classic films) an award in 2010 for pioneering the 1960s' French New Wave film movement. Godard died of assisted suicide (after suffering multiple ailments) at age 91.



SACHEEN LITTLEFEATHER

Nov 14, 1946-Oct. 2, 2022

When Marlon Brando won the Best Actor Oscar for *The Godfather* in 1973, Littlefeather, a Native American actress and activist, walked onstage instead. She spoke of Hollywood's ill portrayal of Native Americans and how the Wounded Knee protest in South Dakota kept Brando away from the ceremony. The first Native American woman to grace the Oscars stage spent her life advocating for Indigenous causes. She died of breast cancer at age 75.



PETER BOGDANOVICH

July 30, 1939-Jan. 6, 2022

The Oscar-nominated director of such popular movies as *The Last Picture Show*, *Paper Moon*, *What's Up, Doc?*, *Saint Jack*, *Mask* and *The Cat's Meow*, was quite the Hollywood hotshot.

Embracing the high life of a successful movie auteur, he dumped his wife for *Last Picture Show* actress Cybill Shepherd, had an affair with Playboy bunny Dorothy Stratten—and landed acting gigs in *The Sopranos*, *Kill Bill Volumes 1 and 2* and *It Chapter Two*. The New York native died of Parkinson's disease at age 82.



MIKE HAGERTY

May 10, 1954-May 5, 2022

A frequent guest star on TV, Hagerty appeared in *Married... With Children*, *Murphy Brown*, *The Drew Carey Show* and *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, and also in the films *Dick Tracy*, *Wayne's World* and *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me*. *Seinfeld* fans may remember his 1994 guest role as a vintage clothing store owner, and *Friends* viewers loved him as Mr. Treeger, the building super. Hagerty died after suffering a bad reaction to an antibiotic at age 67.



KIRSTIE ALLEY

A VERY FUNNY LADY

Jan. 12, 1951-Dec. 5, 2022

"Be funny," Alley told *Parade* that was the only direction Woody Allen gave her when she asked for advice on the set of his movie, *Deconstructing Harry*. That was no problem at all for the actress, who'd kept everyone laughing for six seasons of *Cheers* (winning her an Emmy) and who'd had success with John Travolta in the *Look*

Who's Talking movies. During the 1987 *Parade* interview, Alley talked about the joy of working on a new TV series, *Veronica's Closet*. "I love it," she said. "It's so natural and funny."

Her children, Lillie and True Stevensen, announced her death at 71: "As iconic as she was on screen, she was an even more amazing mother and grandmother. Our mother's zest and passion for life, her children, grandchildren and her many animals, not to mention her eternal joy of creating, were unparalleled and leave us inspired to live life to the fullest just as she did." Alley died of colon cancer.



Go to [Parade.com/kirstie](https://www.parade.com/kirstie) for 10 of her best roles.

Ask Marilyn

| BY MARILYN VOS SAVANT |

Find solutions to Marilyn's puzzles and this week's Numbrix on the next page!



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Before Irving Berlin wrote “White Christmas,” did Americans long for a snowy holiday?

—Henry Hiner,
Ashland, Ohio



Nope! And most of us likely don't know Berlin's introduction to the song, which is not quite as enchanting as its verse: “The sun is shining, the grass is green, the orange and palm trees sway. There's never been such a day in Beverly Hills, L.A. But it's December the 24th, and I'm longing to be up north.”

The “White Christmas” phenomenon was aided by a buildup of captivating Currier & Ives imagery from the second half

of the 19th century, then Norman Rockwell's snowy Christmas scenes in the first half of the 20th century, plus the song “Jingle Bells,” which became associated with the holiday around the same period, and then the song “Winter Wonderland,” written in the thirties.

All this snowy charm set the stage for Irving Berlin and Bing Crosby to work a musical holiday miracle, creating a long-lasting national desire for a largely unattainable white Christmas along with the biggest-selling pop song of all time.

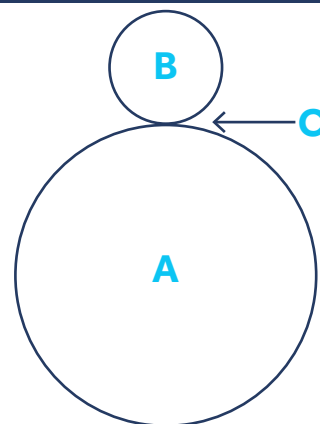
CLASSIC ASK MARILYN

THE CIRCLE PROBLEM

FROM EARLY 1990s

Dear Marilyn,
Let's say circle A is stationary and has a circumference of three inches. Circle B is free to roll around the perimeter of circle A and has a circumference of one inch. If circle B, starting at point C, rolls completely around the perimeter of Circle A, returning to point C, how many revolutions will it have made?

—Woody Wooldridge, Tampa, Florida



HOLIDAY SONG SCRAMBLE

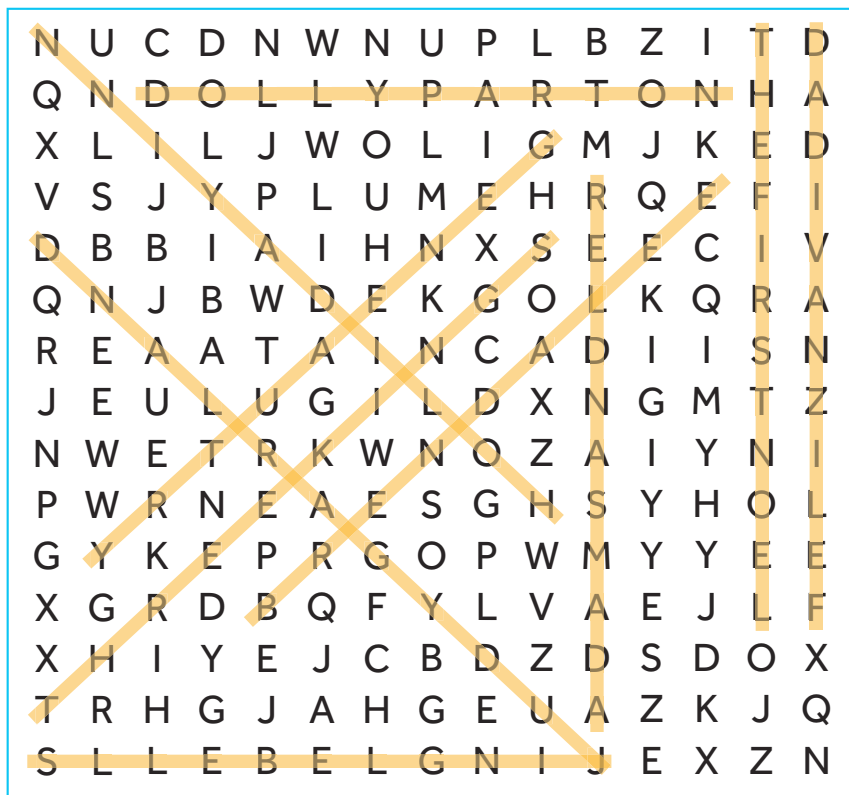
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1. In what 1942 film did Bing Crosby first sing "White Christmas"?
2. This person originally sang this holiday song in the movie, *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*.
3. Which singer convinced the lyricist of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" to change the words for the film *Meet Me in St. Louis*?
4. Who broke out with the song "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" in 1958?
5. Who wrote the song that rhymes "menorah" with "Dinah Shore-ah"?
6. This Christmas song is often sung in English and in Spanish.
7. Which holiday song doesn't mention Christmas at all and was written for an 1857 Thanksgiving church service?
8. What royalty trio is the subject of the Christmas song that kids like to rhyme "of Orient Are" with "smoking on a giant cigar"?
9. This song uses a French word that means "Christmas" or "Christmas carol."
10. Who made "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" into an international smash in 1949? (This person also co-wrote "Here Comes Santa Claus.")

SOLUTIONS



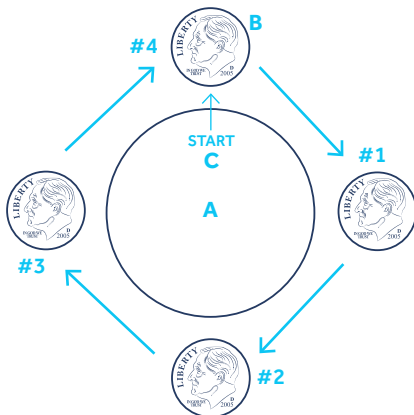
HOLIDAY SONGS SCRAMBLE

Here are the answers that appear in the Scramble:

1. HOLIDAY INN
2. DOLLY PARTON
["Hard Candy Christmas"]
3. JUDY GARLAND
4. BRENDA LEE
5. ADAM SANDLER
["The Chanukah Song"]
6. FELIZ NAVIDAD
7. JINGLE BELLS
8. THREE KINGS
["We Three Kings of Orient Are"]
9. THE FIRST NOEL
10. GENE AUTRY

THE CIRCLE PROBLEM

The answer is four. If we see B as a small coin with a figure on it, its bottom at C, it will turn four somersaults on its axis as it traces a path around A before returning to its starting position.



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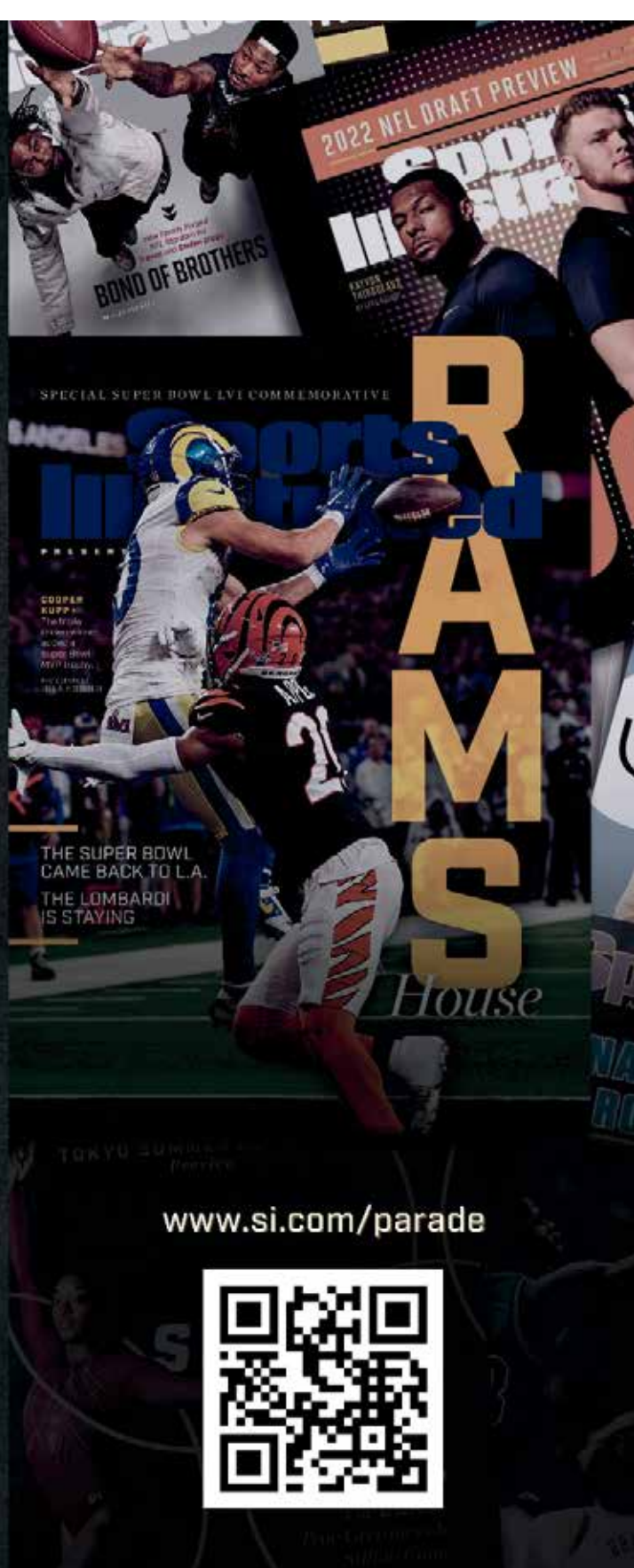


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