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Young farmers grand marshals of fair parade

Newton County Young Farmers for 2023 were the grand marshals of this year's Newton County Fair Parade held last Saturday morning in downtown Jasper. They are Brook Shepherd, 15, of Hasty and Hayden Moening, 16, of Vendor. See more photos of this year's parade participants inside this edition of the Newton County Times. JEFF DEZORT/STAFF

Bradford announces candidacy for district judge

Staff Report

After 26 years as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Wes Bradford wants to serve the public in a different role and has announced he will run for the position of District Judge for Boone, Newton and Searcy counties. The current District Judge is the Honorable Gail-Inman Campbell, who will retire at the end of her term in December 2024. The election for District Judge is nonpartisan and will be held during the primary elections in March 2024. The District Court presides over traffic violations, misdemeanor or offenses, violations of ordinances, preliminary hearings on felony matters, and civil matters involving contracts and personal property. The court also has a small claims division which provides a forum



Wes Bradford

for citizens to represent themselves and the cases are tried informally with relaxed rules of evidence. Wes is a native of Harrison and graduated co-Valedictorian of his high school class. He was a starter on the offensive line for the Harrison Goblins and threw the discus in track. He attended his first two years of college at what was then North Arkansas Community College. He then transferred to the Uni-

versity of Arkansas in Fayetteville where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and a law degree. Wes is the Treasurer for the Boone-Newton Bar Association. He is an active member of his church. He is a past board member, president and Lion of the Year for the Harrison Lions Club and remains a club member. He has been a leader with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America and is currently a leader with Trail Life USA. And, he is the volunteer head coach for the Harrison School District's youth trapshooting team. Wes has been married to his high school sweetheart, Carol, for 29 years and they have two sons: Jacob who recently

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Reid to seek state representative seat

By Staff report

Timmy Reid of Marshall has announced his Republican candidacy for State Representative, District 27, which covers all of Newton County, all of Searcy County, all of Izard, portion of Stone and Baxter Counties. Reid's main desire is that the communities he would represent should prosper and as representative, he will work hard to ensure exactly that. At age 57, Reid has been a lifelong resident of Searcy County. He and his wife of 37 years, Theresa, are the parents of two sons and have three wonderful grandchildren. As a contractor and cattle farmer, Reid has experienced success through long hours and hard work. He is a mem-



Timmy Reid

ber of the Searcy County Cattleman's Association and will be a strong advocate for all of agriculture. He will seek to provide an environment for entrepreneurs and the self-employed that helps property owners. Reid is also the President of the Dustin Reid memorial foundation. This foundation was established in 2019 as a 501C-3, Non-Profit organization. The mission of the foundation is to give back to the communities in Searcy County, AR,

through fund raising events and donations. The foundation gives three scholarships to the Searcy County graduating seniors with an interest in Agriculture and Trade Schools. One of the scholarships is given in the memory of Bennie Drewry. Another goal of the foundation is to provide financial help with travel expenses for Searcy County families, or former Searcy County residents, whose children are seeking health care/treatments away from home. He will work hard, not only to attract more businesses that supply higher quality and better paying jobs for our future labor force, but he will see that our current labor pool is trained and equipped to fill those newly created positions. See **REID**, Page A2

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Jasper School District reports enrollment growth

By JEFF DEZORT
Newton County Times

JASPER — Student enrollment at the Jasper School District is on the rise. As the new school year has just begun total enrollment district-wide stands at 870. That is the highest enrollment figure recorded by the school district since 874 students were enrolled in 2014. The report does not include preschool and Headstart students. Superintendent Dr. Candra Brasel presented the enrollment report to the school board when it met Monday, Aug. 21. The growth in enrollment has been significant since the COVID-19 pandemic year of 2019-2020 which saw enrollment drop to a modern era low of 746 students. The report shows enrollment climbed to 781 at the end of the 2022 school year and jumped to 800 student by the end of the 2023 school year. The report goes back to 2013 when the school district had a reported enrollment of 911 students. While the growth of enrollment is encouraging, the superintendent reminded the board enrollment totals for the third quarter of the school year are used to determine the amount of state funding the school district will receive in the future. Efforts will have to continue to be made to retain current students and to attract new ones. The report looks at individual buildings in the school district and showed growth across the board. Jasper Elementary has 265 students. Jasper High School has 206. Kingston Elementary has 116 and Kingston High School has 105 students. Oark Elementary has 109 students and the high school has 69. Those totals bring enrollment in the district the present 870.

Livestock show grand champion



Madison Adams exhibited the grand champion market lamb at last week's Newton County Fair Livestock Show. Her brother, Daxton, is shown holding the grand champion banner. More show champions and reserve champions are pictured inside this edition of the Newton County Times. JEFF DEZORT/STAFF

FOUR DAY FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
78	51	79	56
		84	61
			86

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The Med Plaza to open

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The North Arkansas Regional Medical Center (NARMC) Board of Directors on Tuesday, Aug. 22, heard from President/CEO Sammie Cribbs, reporting that services at The Med Plaza on Highway 65 will begin in September. Many remember it as the Bear State Bank building. NARMC will be hosting an opening “sneak peak” from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Med Plaza building.

Cribbs said she is excited for the new building’s expansion of services to Harrison and surrounding rural communities, while acknowledging that struggles continue across the country in the healthcare industry. She cited a recent news article reporting that 23 maternity units shut down just this year, as well as 11 recent hospital bankruptcies and closures.

The Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform reported earlier this year that more than 150 rural hospitals nationwide closed between 2005 and 2019. Another 19 shut down in 2020, more than any year in the previous decade. Only six more closed in 2021 and 2022, because of the financial assistance hospitals received from the federal government during the pandemic.

Cribbs said, “The struggle with reimbursement challenges and payor contracts remain a huge concern for healthcare systems. We are seeing those concerns as well.”

She added, “In addition to the struggle with reimbursement that has not increased to hospitals and physicians, we are struggling to manage inflation.”

The healthcare industry is not immune to inflation as the NARMC and hospitals nationwide continue to see rising costs with

supplies and wages. In addition, healthcare providers across the country continue to see challenges with programs that support rural hospitals at the federal level, such as the 340B program.

340B providers like NARMC contract with local pharmacies that provide medications to patients. However, many pharmaceutical manufacturers have imposed limitations and barriers, hindering access to medications through 340B contract pharmacies. These restrictions, designed to drive manufacturer profits, come at the expense of the healthcare providers that prescribe medicine in local communities.

The partnership with 340B contract pharmacies carries benefits to eligible healthcare providers.

“It allows us to recognize savings that go directly back to supporting community healthcare services as Congress intended,” said Chief Operating Officer Josh Bright who has often spoken about the importance of the 340B Drug Pricing Program.

Cribbs closed her report by congratulating Charles “Chuck” Copeland for being honored as a recipient of the esteemed 2023 Jack Williams Award for First Responders for EMS. Copeland is currently the Communications Chief for NARMC EMS and is responsible for overseeing the EMS dispatch center and the entire communication system for EMS. He has been with NARMC for 29 years and has served in a variety of capacities, from advanced EMT on the ambulance to dispatch supervisor and communications chief.

Cribbs stated, “Chuck has dedicated his life to serving his community, and today we have the opportunity to celebrate this with him.”

BRADFORD

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graduated from North Arkansas College and will be attending College of the Ozarks, and Matthew who is a junior at Harrison High School.

“In District Court, the Judge is the finder of fact and must be able to effectively analyze both sides of a case before applying the law and deciding the outcome. In Circuit Court or District Court, a prosecutor must not only know the case he or she will present, but also must know or at least anticipate the case to be presented by the defense, and a full-

fore must also be able to effectively analyze both sides of a case. This is why I have the skill set needed for District Judge. I have spent many years developing positive working relationships with attorneys, law enforcement officers, public officials, and those who work in the various areas of our court systems. I will continue to support and defend at all times the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. I would be honored to be your next District Judge.”

New laws will protect integrity of elections

From the Arkansas Senate

LITTLE ROCK – The Arkansas legislature enacted a lengthy list of new laws to strengthen the integrity of the elections.

Act 620 grants more power to the state Board of Election Commissioners to detect and prevent voter fraud. The board has been conducting an audit after each general election, and Act 620 requires an audit after primary elections also. The new law sets up a review of elections every two years for the board to investigate any indications of wrongdoing, primarily in absentee voting and voter registration.

Act 620

Makes it a felony to forge someone’s signature on applications for voter registration or for absentee ballots.

Act 444

Outlines the rights of poll watchers, to ensure access to all parts of the election process. Poll watchers must complete an online training course,

set up by the state board of Election Commissioners.

Act 444

The main goal of this law is to make sure that poll watchers have uniform and fair access to all stages of the voting process. For example, they’re to be allowed within three to six feet of the check-in area.

Poll watchers may bring a list of eligible voters and may challenge a ballot by speaking to an election official. However, they may not interfere with anyone’s ability to vote, either by harassment, intimidation or coercion. They must wear name tags and may not wear political badges promoting a candidate or an issue.

Act 441

Requires the Secretary of State to use multiple strategies to ensure the integrity of voter registration lists.

One strategy is to compare our lists with those in other states, to prevent a person from registering

and voting in more than one state. Another strategy is to make full use of the Social Security Administration’s file of people who have died.

The Secretary of State’s office will develop an address verification process. The office will report annually to the legislative Joint Performance Review Committee on the accuracy of voter registration records.

Act 353

Prohibits county election officials from using a drop box for the collection of absentee ballots. Unless absentee ballots are sent through the mail, they must be delivered into the hands of someone in the physical office of the county clerk.

Act 320

Also tightens the rules governing absentee ballots. It requires anyone who goes to the county clerk to drop off absentee ballots for another person to present a photo ID. Anyone who helps a voter

fill out an application for an absentee ballot must provide his or her name, address and signature on the application.

Act 320

Prohibits county clerks from distributing unsolicited absentee ballots or applications to potential voters. County clerks may make the applications generally available online or in their office.

Act 141

Creates a new criteria to allow a voter to use an absentee ballot. If you are prevented from voting in person due to an observance of your religious discipline or due to a religious holiday, you will be eligible to vote absentee.

Act 462

Changes the laws governing the creation of new political parties. It requires 10,000 signatures to establish a new political party ballot. The threshold had been 3 percent of the total votes cast in the most recent race or governor.

OMSD finances solid

By TERRI IVIE SMITH
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ST. JOE — The Ozark Mountain School District held its regular meeting Thursday, Aug. 17, at the St. Joe campus.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes from the July meeting were approved unanimously.

The monthly financial report showed the district is in strong financial shape, and should remain solid with the savings from running one high school as opposed to three.

Ken Rich from the Arkansas Public School Resource Center (APSRC) attended via live stream and confirmed the state of the finances of the district.

Next, Dan Lovelady from First Security spoke to the board and offered his expertise in school finances and planning. Lovelady explained that the funding per student for the 2023-24 school year would be \$7,618 per student. This is slightly higher than the \$7,413 funding per student in previous years.

He explained that mills are set to expire in 2027 and the school needs to plan to get voters on board to extend the funding.

The board will find out if the new campus is approved in May or June of 2024. If funding is approved, monies will arrive in 2025. Partnerships for construction must commit without knowing if funding is approved or not.

The next few months will involve making preliminary decisions and making plans for the new school.

Board members have been instructed to begin looking for suitable properties for the new school location. The main concerns will be septic facilities, highway and utility access and visibility. It was revealed that in Arkansas, schools may purchase property and buildings without prior permission, but selling is much more difficult. Selling property or assets requires review and permission from the state.

The board entered into executive session to discuss personnel, returning at 8:44 p.m. to announce that Dr. Linda Trice will be on hand as Psychological Examiner; Sharon McCutcheon will be a Level I cook at Western Grove; Melissa Smith will be reassigned to teaching Business at the new high school.

The board announced an expected 13 students transferring in to the district and 5 students leaving. The enrollment total at this time is 529 students, which is the same as last year.

Entergy continues to send bills with errors on them since the solar farm began operations.

Graduation is proposed to be held at North Arkansas College. Dates and times will be announced at a later date.

REID

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With a focus on senior citizens he said, “I have seen funding for services to our elderly plummet and many of our senior citizens are falling to the wayside.

Our senior centers are doing a great job with available resources, but many are struggling to provide proper services and care. That’s not right!”

He said, “The only reason I am running for this office is to serve. I want to help others.”

He says he intends to do just that as State Representative. To speak to

Reid directly, just call (870) 448-6372.

In closing Reid stated, “I would appreciate your vote for Republican State Representative, District 27.”

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Help spruce up Lost Valley Sept. 9

Are you, your family, or your group (scouts, 4H, Master Gardeners) looking for a volunteer opportunity in a beautiful setting? Look no further. Buffalo National River Partners, the official Friends group of the Buffalo National River, will be conducting a stilt grass pull in Lost Valley on Saturday, September 9.

Stilt grass is an invasive species native to Asia. It appeared in the U.S. in 1919, probably hitching a ride as packing material for shipments from China. Wherever it grows, it crowds out native plants. The good news: it's easy to pull up. The bad news: it's really hard to eradicate. However, for several years now efforts in Lost Valley,

the most visited area in the Buffalo National River, is paying off. Lost Valley is located in the Buffalo National River park just off highway 43 between Ponca and Boxley. Follow the signs. To find out more and to sign up, go to the Buffalo National River Partners calendar for Sept. at bnrpartners.org/calendar.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Attention Newton County residents

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

ASP DL testing facilities now open

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

Jasper Kiwanis Club

- Meets 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Ozark Cafe.

Al-Anon Meeting

- Support group for family and friends of alcoholics. The Jasper meeting now meets via Zoom every Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information and Zoom ID, call 479-857-8281 or 870-446-2402.

Campbell Edgmon Post 93 of the American Legion

- Hosts open mic night on the first Friday of each month from 6-8 p.m., at the Legion Hut in Jasper. The next event is Sept. 1.

American Legion, All you can eat pancakes and waffles with butter and syrup

- Scrambled eggs and sausage patties, biscuits and sausage gravy, along with coffee, milk, and orange juice. Only \$8 on the first Saturday of every month, starting at 7 a.m., at the American Legion Hut in Jasper. Served by Boy Scouts from Jasper/American Legion Troop 446. The next breakfast will be Saturday, Sept. 2.

Jasper Community Garden

- Meet on the first Monday of each month at the Jasper United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Sept. 4.

The Newton County Quorum Court

- Meets the first Monday of each month at the courthouse beginning at 7 p.m., unless the first Monday is a holiday, then the quorum court meets Tuesday. The next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Western Grove City Council

- Meets the first Tuesday of the month. The council meets at 7 p.m., at the Western Grove City Hall. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Newton County LEPC

- Meetings are on the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Jasper Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be Sept. 11

The Friends of the Newton County Library

- Meets the second Monday of each month at noon at the library in Jasper. The next meeting will be Sept. 11.

Deer/Mt. Judea Board of Education

- Meets the second Monday of each month at noon at 6:30 p.m. Meetings alternate between the Deer and the Mt. Judea campuses. The next meeting will be Sept. 11.

Newton County Single Parent Scholarship Board

- Meets the second Tuesday of each month, at 1:30 p.m., at the Newton County Library. Next meeting is Sept. 12.

The Newton County Resource Council

- Meets the second Tuesday of each month, at 5 p.m., at Jasper City Hall. The next meeting is Sept. 12.

The Newton County Hometown Health Initiative

- Meets the second Thursday of each month at the Jasper Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be Sept. 14.

The Jasper School District Board of Education

- Regularly meets the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, Sept.18, at the Kingston School Cafetorium.

Buffalo River Conservation Committee

- The Buffalo River Conservation Committee and its sub-committees will hold a quarterly meeting at 11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Carroll Electric Cooperative Building in Jasper.

Newton County Chamber of Commerce

- Regular monthly meeting is on the third Thursday. The next meeting is at noon on Thursday, Sept. 21. Location changes.

American Legion Auxiliary

- Meets the third Thursday at 4 p.m. The mission of the Auxiliary is to support the veterans. The next meeting is Sept. 21.

Jasper City Council

- Meets the third Thursday at 6 p.m. at Jasper City Hall. The next meeting is Sept. 21.

Newton County Healthcare Association, Inc.,

- Meets the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 5 p.m., in the Conference Room of Newton County Nursing Home.

Newton County Historical Society

- Meets the last Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Bradley House Museum in Jasper. Public is invited. The next meeting is Sept. 26.

Community Matters

- A group representing churches and non-profit organizations serving Newton County meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., at the Jasper Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be Sept. 28.

Senior center royalty on parade



Newton County Senior Activity and Wellness King and Queen Keith and Niki Riffle, toss candy to the crowd lining Jasper streets during last Saturday's fair and rodeo parade. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

AREA BRIEFS

Master Gardener fall classes announced

The Newton County Master Gardeners have announced it will offer five training sessions this fall.

The sessions will be held on Wednesdays in October and November at the Newton County Extension office. Also this year there is an online self paced option. Come to the Newton County Extension office to register by Wednesday Sept. 20.

BRCC meeting in Jasper Sept. 21

The Buffalo River Conservation Committee will hold a quarterly meeting on September 21, at 11 a.m., at the Carroll Electric building in Jasper. The committee will hear updates from the subcommittees and review any project submissions.

The BRCC was established by Governor Asa Hutchinson in 2019. It came with \$2 million to be spent on initiatives identified by feedback from local landowners, county and municipal officials, tourism industry representatives, conservation organization, agricultural groups and other stakeholders within the Buffalo River Watershed. The committee has about \$69,000 of the original \$2 million appropriation remaining.

Official State Holiday Bulletin

The State of Arkansas will observe Labor Day as an official state holiday on Monday, September 4, 2023, announced the Secretary of State's Office.

State Capitol offices and state buildings will be closed. However, the State Capitol building will be open to the public from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Pope County pageant Sept. 9

The 2023 Pope County Fair Pageants are scheduled for September 9 at the Atkins High School Auditorium beginning at 4:00pm.

Miss contestants must be single females between the ages of 18-23 and a resident in Pope County. The Teen contestants must be single females between the ages of 14-17 and meet the same resident requirements. Entry fee is \$50.

The Little Miss Fair Queen and Little Mister Fair King pageants are open to all residents in the state of Arkansas. Age divisions for girls are 0-18

months, 19-35 months, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-13 years and Boys ages 0-3 years and 4-Up. Entry fee is \$35.

Ms. and Elite Ms. contestants must live, work, or reside in Pope County. This is for ladies ages 24-34 and 35-55 years old. Entry fee is \$50.

Entry forms are available on the website www.popecounty-fair.com.

Deadline to enter is September 1.

For more information about these pageants, contact Amanda at 479-518-6110 or e-mail popcofairpageants@gmail.com.

D/MJ board talks changes

By TERRI IVIE SMITH
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DEER — The Deer/Mt. Judea School Board held it's regular meeting Tuesday, Aug. 15, at the Deer campus.

The first order of business was to approve minutes from the July meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, student achievements and improvements will be discussed at every school board meeting. Improvement of student performance is expected, and classes having less than ten students will not be counted.

The ASPIRE testing method to track student progress will not be used any more. The ATLAS test will replace the ASPIRE method.

The board plans to have the "Student of the Month" attend a board meeting.

Six students will transfer to Jasper from Deer, and seven students are scheduled to transfer in to the district. The number of students at both Deer and Mt. Judea cam-

pus are expected to increase.

It is customary for the district superintendent to attend meetings and represent the district at O.U.R. Co-op meetings and the board agreed that practice shall continue.

The student handbook will contain a "no hats indoors" policy, along with a policy stating cell phones must remain turned off during class time.

The district announced a partnership with Arkansas Tech University that will allow high school students to take college courses.

A rental house at the Deer location needs a lot of work. The board will decide whether or not to keep utilities on at the location.

A decision to switch to Anderson Propane for the school's propane supply was approved. Lines and parts are being replaced to remain complaint with safety standards.

Aliza Jones will attend the next meeting to discuss facilities at both campuses.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



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Deaths

William (Bill) Custer Hensley, 84, of Mission, Kansas, died July 24, 2023. Celebration of Life was held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 13, at Porter Funeral Home, Lenexa, Kansas.

Virginia King, 78, of Bentonville, died Saturday, Aug. 19 (2023). A memorial service will be held at the Nelson Berna Funeral Home in Rogers, Oct. 9, at 11 a.m.

William Parker, 79, of Harrison, died Sunday, Aug. 20 (2023). Visitation was Friday, Aug. 25, 2023 at Coffman Funeral Home of Harrison. Graveside service was 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 26, at Plumlee Cemetery.

Carl Wild, 81, of Marble Falls, died Monday, Aug. 7 (2023). A private memorial service will be held. Arrangements by Westfield Chapel of Springdale.

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

William Parker, 79, of Harrison

William "Bill" Franklin Parker, 79, of Harrison, died at The Springs of Mt. Vista, Sunday, Aug. 20 (2023). Visitation was Friday, Aug. 25, 2023 at Coffman Funeral Home of Harrison. Graveside service was 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 26, at Plumlee Cemetery. Robert Huber officiated.



The son of the late William Coleman and Myrtle Bea (Spencer) Parker was born in Compton, Sept. 7, 1943. Bill retired from ARKHOLA after 20 years of service.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Doyle C. Parker; two sisters, Fern Davidson and Margie Villines and other relatives.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Pauline Parker; two daughters, Lisa Davidson and Christine Holder; a brother, Jerry Parker; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Tyler Smith, Daylin Davidson, Gene Holder, Tyler Holder, Kevin Parker, and Mike Parker. Honorary pallbearers included Bobby, Kenneth, Charlie, Ricky, and Cecil Farmer, Willie Villines, and Jerry Parker.

Virginia King, 78, of Bentonville

Virginia Spackman King, 78, of Bentonville, died in Rogers, Saturday, Aug. 19 (2023). A memorial service will be held at the Nelson Berna Funeral Home in Rogers, Oct. 9, at 11a.m.



The daughter of the late Thomas and Margaret Baker Spackman was born in Wilmington, Delaware, Nov. 5, 1944. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Bentonville. She was a former resident of Jasper. She was a former GED teacher and spent a number of years working in the College of Engineering at the University of Arkansas. She was a stroke survivor and spent the past two decades in several assisted living facilities across Northwest Arkansas.

Survivors include her three children, Kris King, Matt King and Jasmine Henson and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville, 901 NE J St., Bentonville, AR 72712.

Carl Leonard Wild, 81, of Marble Falls

Carl Leonard Wild, 81, of Marble Falls, Arkansas, passed away on August 7, 2023. He was born on October 15, 1941. Carl was an incredible human being, known for his kindness, generosity, thoughtfulness, creativity, and sense of humor. He was a friend to everyone he met, and his presence had a calming effect that made everyone comfortable. Carl had a passion for woodworking and would create beautiful pieces from the wood he harvested from his tree farm. He cherished his family and friends and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Carl was an avid reader when you could get him to sit still.



Survived by his spouse, Jerilyn Kay Fredrickson Wild, Carl leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness. He is also survived by his sisters, Betsy Wild Meyers and Nancy Wild Kleinkerfues, and his children, Mary Wild and Rob Wild. Carl was a proud grandfather to Max Oleson, Taylor Hall and spouse Matt Hall, Tanner Wild, and great-grandfather to Ryder Hall. He was also a stepfather to Christina Simmers and Nicola Simmers Robb, and a step-grandfather to Sarah Hanson and Sawyer Robb.

Carl's parents, Frances Sabanish Wild and Leonard C. Wild, and his sister Kathleen Mary Wild, preceded him in death.

In addition to his successful career in sales, Carl's true passion lay in designing and building machines. He accomplished this at several companies throughout his career. Carl's educational journey included attending Mora Public High School and St. Cloud State College. He was the Minnesota State High School Wrestling Champion.

Carl's hobbies included woodworking, forestry, and golf. He enjoyed spending his time in nature, working with his hands, and challenging himself on the golf course scoring a hole-in-one two times.

A private memorial service will be held by the family to honor Carl's life. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Arbor Day Foundation (arborday.org) in his memory.

Carl Wild was a remarkable individual who touched the lives of many. His memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

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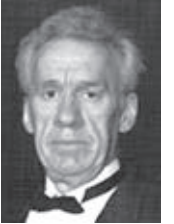
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William Hensley, 84, of Kansas

We are sad to announce the passing of William (Bill) Custer Hensley, 84, of Mission, Kansas, on Wednesday, July 24, 2023, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He was surrounded by his family. Bill was born in Cave Creek, Arkansas March 10, 1939. He was a graduate of Jasper High School, Jasper, Arkansas in 1956. He served his country in the United States Navy for four years. After the military, Bill worked in printing industry his entire career in greater Kansas City area, retiring at 62 years of age. Bill was a loving husband, beloved father and very proud grandfather. He enjoyed reading books, going to the gym, taking long walks, an avid hunter, loved going to his grandsons baseball and basketball games. Just simply enjoyed life being with his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 33 years Cindy Hensley, his three sons: William James Hensley his wife Annette, Michael Joseph Hensley his wife Michelle, Raymond Jason Hensley. two grandsons, Travis and Jarrett Hensley, sisters Hazel Lively, Maxine Christian, brother Morris Greenhaw, many beloved nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brother PJ Hensley and his sister Emma Faye Keys and many half siblings. His legacy of his life and good times will be remembered by his family. He will be greatly missed for his sense of humor. Visitation was 1 p.m. followed a Celebration of Life at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13 (2023) at Porter Funeral Home, 8535 Monrovia Street, Lenexa, KS 66215.



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AS LIFE GOES BY

By ELAINE LAUNDERVILLE

While visiting with Helen Jones recently, I learned the Jasper Alumni Association have planned to get together for one day, October 7, 2023. I have missed seeing classmates for the last few years. Since I hadn't checked the Jasper Alumni page on Facebook, I missed seeing classmates were getting together last year. I have been contacted in the past about the plans and missed last year's plans. I understand it is a picnic at noon. As I find more information, I will let you know.

Hopefully you have noticed the Fall color tour dates that have been announced. There have been some fun activities added. On Friday, October 13th Sam's Throne will be featured. Then on Saturday, October 14th, the tour will feature Tim Ernst's Gallery. On Friday, October 27th, the Ponca Color Fest will feature Haunted History of Newton County. Then on Saturday, October 28th, the Ponca Color Fest will feature a Murder Mystery Tour.

The addition of excursion tours on September 8th and 9th will finish up at the Buffalo River Bluegrass Festival. The Backroad Bootlegger Jeep Tour on Saturday, September 23rd on the Moonshine Run Route should

be fun. The Jeep Tour price is \$40 per vehicle/ not per person. There is more information in the August 23rd edition of the Newton County Times.

The Jasper Advertising and Promotion Commission has a very nice calendar of fall and Winter events listed in the paper. Cut it out and get it on your calendar. Don't miss anything!

Here it is Razorback football time again. Everyone will be watching the boys play and hopefully, will see some real talented players. The high school teams have been playing in the heat all ready. A person must be a real fan to sit out in the heat to watch games.

Looking at the calendar, I realized my mother and daddy got married on August 31, 1932. They rode in a wagon to Missouri to get married. On their way back they stopped at PD Flats to make some molasses to be able to pay for the trip. They were married for a long time. Daddy died at the age of 88, and Mother died at the age of 89. Daddy was born October 11, 1905, and Mother was born December 17, 1914. They had six children, seventeen years apart from first child (Robert) to the last child (John David).

Have a great week!

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Ava Brasel, first female nominated for county office in Arkansas

By BARBARA LEROY

Ava Brasel was born in Jasper Feb. 2, 1897, the daughter of James and Lula Lee (Douglas) Brasel. Her father had been postmaster in Jasper, a merchant, and a farmer. She graduated high school and became a bookkeeper for the Newton County Bank by 1920. That was the year women were given the right to vote, and she entered politics with gusto. She joined the Democratic Party, despite the fact that her father, her employer, and most of her co-workers at the bank were all Republicans. In October 1920, the Democratic Committee of Newton County nominated her for the position of county treasurer. She accepted the nomination and became the first woman nominated for county office in the state of Arkansas. Newspaper accounts at the time said she had support of many of her Republican friends as well as Democrats. Despite this, she lost to Guy Moore.

She remained living at home and working as a bookkeeper at the bank until 1930, when she married Skeavington H. Brandon on Christmas Eve. The couple moved to Harrison where she took on the role as housewife while her husband worked as a traveling salesman for a textile company. He passed away in 1973. The couple had a child, a son named Henry Brasel Brandon. He graduated from the University of Arkansas Medical School in 1954 and founded the Northwest Arkansas Urology Clinic. Ava passed away in Harrison April 12, 1991, and was laid to rest in Jasper Cemetery.

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.

EXTENSION CORNER

Healthy after-school snacks essential for school kids

From the University of Arkansas Extension Service

The new school year has begun, which means new routines for kids, and in most cases, a shift in parents' weekly schedules, Teresa Henson, Extension specialist-program outreach coordinator for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, said. For many, the new routine may include the need for parents to rethink habits and foster healthier ones by providing nutritious after-school snacks for their kids.

"Children need after-school snacks, especially after a long day of school," Henson said. "Kids look forward to that after-school pick-me-up. It is essential to have healthy snacks for kids to eat when they get home."

The 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans mentions that kids need snacks because they are an integral part of fulfilling their daily nutritional requirements from all the MyPlate food groups, she said. Following MyPlate helps to provide the recommended foods



that can be healthy snacks for kids. Below are some easy, healthy after-school snack ideas for parents to have on hand.

- Protein packs (nuts, muffins, cheese and meat)
- Fruit kabobs
- Popcorn

- Baked homemade chewy granola bars using whole-grain oats and dried fruit
- Muffins
- Trail mix
- Sliced fresh fruits and yogurt dip
- Cheese sticks and fruit
- Parfaits
- Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on 100% whole wheat bread
- Whole grain snack crackers and cheese

- Unsweetened applesauce sprinkled with cinnamon served with a whole-grain graham cracker (for a taste similar to apple pie)
- A 100% whole-grain pita pocket stuffed with ricotta cheese and Granny Smith apple slices. Add a dash of cinnamon for extra flavor.

"Eating lean protein and fiber-rich carbohydrates, such as cheese sticks and fruit, provides lasting energy," Henson said. "The bottom line is that having healthy snacks accessible for your kids after school is part of a well-balanced and nutritious diet."

Countdown to the Great American Eclipse

By TERRY ATWOOD

Here is some interesting info from NASA you should keep in mind if you are in a position to be asked about viewing the total eclipse of the sun next April 8. "Sky and Telescope" magazine discusses it in their October 2023 issue. Misinformation leads to disappointment as the survey discovered.

Interesting fact — NASA conducted a survey of those who attended the 2017 total eclipse of the sun and first timers gave it an 8 out of 10 rating. Anyone who has seen a total eclipse

of the sun knows it always rates an 11 out of 10. What happened? It turns out that two-thirds of those who traveled for the eclipse drove CLOSER to the path of the Moon's shadow (the totality path), but NOT INTO IT, the survey noted. "...they thought that it would increase the level of totality observed" the closer they got to the path of totality.

WRONG! There is only one level of totality. Anything less is a partial eclipse, in which it doesn't get particularly dark or cold, you can't observe the Sun's corona or prominences, and you

don't see stars or planets in the daytime. You do not get more totality at the centerline of the eclipse path — you get a longer duration eclipse. YOU DO NOT GET SOME LEVEL of totality outside the shadowpath . . . you only get a disappointingly partial eclipse. Be sure and clarify that to anyone who asks about it.

Good advice: Never look at the sun without eye protection. That is good advice WITH ONE EXCEPTION for those within the path of totality. Better advice: It is more accurate to say, "Except during totality, don't look at the sun

without eye protection." The survey showed that some people kept their solar glasses on during totality and missed the experience of seeing a total eclipse of the sun.

After Ruth and I experienced our first total eclipse of the sun we told everyone we talked with that you should experience a total solar eclipse at least once in your lifetime — it is the most beautiful and awesome celestial phenomenon you will ever experience. So much happens during those few minutes of totality — and it is all in silence. You don't watch it, you experience it.

Man sentenced for killing a bald eagle

By U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Arkansas

EL DORADO — A Magnolia man was sentenced on June 15, 2023, to 24 months of federal probation, with the first 60 days to be served on home detention and ordered to pay \$2,025 dollars in restitution and fees on one count of Aiding and Abetting in the Taking of a Bald Eagle. The Honorable Magistrate Judge Barry A. Bryant presided over the sentencing hearing in the United States District Court in El Dorado.

According to court documents, on January 16, 2022, Officers with the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission were dispatched to Lake Columbia, which is within the Western District of Arkansas, El Dorado Division. Upon arrival, officers made contact with a witness who advised that he was duck hunting with his children when he observed a Bald Eagle fly over their location. The witness observed a subject shoot the Bald Eagle. The witness then observed a subject go out and retrieve the bird from the water. Shortly thereafter, officers made contact with Christopher Lane Shackelford, age 20. Shackelford initially de-

nied shooting the Bald Eagle, but later confessed to the officers.

Bald Eagles are protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The violations of these statutes can carry maximum criminal penalties of up to \$250,000 and/or two years in federal prison.

U.S. Attorney David Clay Fowlkes of the Western District of Arkansas made the announcement.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission investigated the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney's David Harris, Bryan Achorn and Graham Jones prosecuted the case.

Anyone with information concerning violations of wildlife crimes is asked to call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement in Conway, AR at (501) 513-4470; or contact the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission at (833) 356-0824 or text your tip to TIP411 (847411) (charges may apply).

Related court documents may be found on the Public Access to Electronic Records website @ www.pacer.gov.

Bluegrass festival at Bradley Park Sept. 7-9

The 21st annual Buffalo River Bluegrass Festival at Bradley Park in Jasper will be held Sept. 7, 8 and 9. Admission: Thursday, \$10; Friday \$10; Saturday afternoon and evening \$12 and a three-day pass is \$25. No charge for children 12 and under.

Thursday, 6:30 p.m., is all gospel featuring Unashamed Gospel Bluegrass; Kendall & Jesse Edgmon Gospel; Greenland Station Bluegrass Band; Lost Creek Band and Spanky & Shirley.

Friday 6:30 p.m. features The Charla Freeland Band, The Gravel Yard, Bob Hammons and the Good News Boys, Possum Trot Bluegrass Band and Greenland Staton Bluegrass Band.

Saturday, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. will feature Interstate Thirty, The Butler Creek Boys, Spillwater Drive, River Bend Bluegrass and Ozark Mountain Five.

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From the Newton County Extension Office

"Well, the 2023 Newton County Fair is in the books and the Staff at the Newton County Extension Office would like to think all the buyers, elected officials, teachers, volunteers, fair board members, parents and other family members who helped make this years fair a success," Said Adam Willis, staff chair.

"If you get the opportunity to personally thank any of these people who sacrificed their time, money and sweat to ensure all went well, I strongly encourage you to do so. Always remember this is a joint effort that could not happen without countless hours and work from many people. Thanks again to all the people involved we appreciate all you do to help our County," he said.

Pictured below are the grand champion and reserve champion livestock and their exhibitors of the 2023 Livestock show held on Aug. 14.



1. Best of Show breeding goat was exhibited by Madison Adams. **2.** Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat was shown by Cobie Chaney. **3.** Goat Sr. Showmanship award went to Cobie Chaney. **4.** Hayden Hudson, left, showed the Market Hog Reserve Grand Champion. **5.** Karley Willis earned the Hog Junior Showmanship award. **6.** Reserve Champion Goat was exhibited by Kelsey

Tennison. **7.** Chase Motherwell showed the Reserve Champion Replacement Heifer. **8.** Reserve Champion Born and Bred Market Goat was shown by Madison Adams. **9.** Breann Samsel showed the grand champion replacement heifer, and earned the Cattle Senior Showmanship award. **10.** Grand champion breeding goats exhibited by Kelsey Tennison. **11.** Goat Jr. Showmanship award went to Isaac Campbell, right. **12.** Brook-

lyn Tennison, left, earned the livestock show's Hog Senior Showmanship award. **13.** Reserve Champion Breeder Goat was shown by Bayler Phillips. **14.** Grand Champion Newton County Born and Bred Market Goat was shown by Daxton Adams. **15.** Grand Champion Market goat was exhibited by Ashley Ricketts. **16.** Brooklyn Tennison showed the breeding hog Best of Show as well as the Grand Champion Market Hog.

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PITTMAN READY TO START FOOTBALL SEASON

By OTIS KIRK
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FAYETTEVILLE — Arkansas' season opener on Saturday has been moved up to noon from 3 p.m., but regardless of kickoff time Sam Pittman is ready to get it started.

He paid respect to Western Carolina, coming off a 6-5 season in 2022, on Monday.

"It's game week obviously, and we're excited to have an opportunity to get over to Little Rock and play Western Carolina," Pittman said. "Kerwin and Kade Bell do a wonderful job with that team offensively. I think they set records last year in touchdown passes and records for total offense. A lot of bubbles. A lot of things that are concerning to us that we've been practicing on now going into today will be Day 4 for Western.

"Defensively they have some really good pass rushers and defensive ends and guys in the back that can run. Offensively I forgot to mention their wideouts and their running back. Very explosive guys. We're going to have our work cut out for us. First games are always scary because of the unknown. Unknown about the opponent. Unknown this year about our own team. But we're really excited to get over there and play a fine Western Carolina team."

The game will be played in Little Rock's War Memorial Stadium and one of the favorite things there for fans is tailgating. Pittman was asked on Monday if he's concerned the earlier start will hamper tailgating at the stadium?

"No, I'm not worried about tail-

gating," Pittman said. "I can tell you that. I know that's going to make people mad, but I don't care. We're trying to do what is best for our team and what's best for the fans. We're trying to. I imagine tailgating three hours before when it's nine o'clock and it's 88 degrees versus 96 or 95 or whatever it will be if you started at noon, I would think it would be better for the fans. We play five of our first eight games on the road. So, when the heat

those things. I just thought it was the smartest thing for us once the heat became a factor to move it up for the safety of our kids and for our fans."

The Hogs announced six captains on Friday night. They are quarterback KJ Jefferson, running back Raheim "Rocket" Sanders, offensive guard Brady Latham, kick-er Cam Little and defensive ends Landon Jackson and



came out there was a decision to make as we are going to move it forward or are we going to move it backwards. Moving it backwards, if it starts at six or seven, you're going to get the team home at 1:30 or 2:30 in the morning versus 7:30.

"We don't have a break until after Week 8, and obviously you guys know we have a four-game spread there on the road. It just made no sense to me to move it back and get our kids back here at 1:30, 2, 2:30 in the morning for a game where we could move it up. Tailgating should be cooler. The game should be cooler. As you well know, if the game starts at six you are out there at four o'clock and it's 96 degrees out there for tailgaters, pregame, Hog Walk, all

Trajan Jeffcoat. "The team selected them," Pittman said. "We don't have any influence on them. We're not in the locker room with them. We're not with them every day outside of football. The weight room, how they work, the accountability... So, there was a few that was certainly high in votes, and then the rest of the guys were all about the same. So, we decided to go with six this year. I think we've gone maybe five one year, I think.

"But it was so close that I didn't want to be the guy that made the decision on one vote here or there on whether you could become a captain or not. We decided to go with six. I thought it was really good. We have good leadership on our team. Basically because

of the voting is why we decided, because of the closeness of the vote is why we decided to go with six."

The depth chart included several others including left tackle on offense. Redshirt sophomore Devon Manuel has missed some time with an injury and redshirt freshman Andrew Chamblee stepped in for him.

"Dev had that spot," Pittman said. "He's been beat up just a little bit. We haven't gotten him quite back yet full speed. It just depends on how long it goes before he can go full speed. If he gets to mid-week, I don't think there is a decision. I think Chamblee has earned that right. If it's today and things [that Manuel is back], we'll see who plays better over the next few days."

Redshirt freshman Isaiah Sategna is likely to be very busy on Saturday. He is listed in an or situation at wide receiver with Jaedon Wilson and then first-team kickoff and punt returner.

"He was the most consistent back there," Pittman said. "Obviously we believe in Bryce (Stephens) and things of that nature. But he was the most consistent catching the football on the kickoff. He returned one a Saturday ago for a touchdown on kickoff. We're going to let him have it and see what he does. But he's very talented. The other guys are, too, but you can only have one. Kind of like a quarterback back there. You can only have one. You try to pick the best one and let it go. That's why we decided, just his consistency in practice."

KICKOFF MOVED UP TO NOON FOR SEASON OPENER

By UA COMMUNICATIONS

FAYETTEVILLE — Football season will start a little earlier for the Arkansas Razorbacks with kickoff for the season opener vs. Western Carolina moving up to noon for Saturday in Little Rock at War Memorial Stadium.

The Razorbacks and Catamounts were originally scheduled to kick off the 2023 season at 3 p.m. inside War Memorial but with the weather forecast calling for temperatures in the mid 90s and high humidity on Saturday afternoon, shifting the game time up will allow for safer conditions for the student-athletes on the field and fans in attendance.

The flexibility to move game time came with the game being broadcast on SEC Network+/ESPN+. As part of the Southeastern Conference's new deal with ESPN, schools are allowed to dictate kick time for games streamed on SECN+/ESPN+.

KUTAS IS LIKELY TO START IN FIRST GAME



Razorback sophomore offensive lineman Patrick Kutas from Memphis, Tenn. pass blocks during the 2022 Liberty Bowl against Kansas. Kutas is looking to make a start for Arkansas in the first game of the season. CRAVEN WHITLOW/NATE ALLEN SPORTS SERVICES

By OTIS KIRK
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FAYETTEVILLE — Patrick Kutas is a talented sophomore offensive tackle who will very likely make his first start as a Razorback against Western Carolina on Saturday, Sept. 2.

Kutas, 6-foot-5, 313-pounds is set to replace Dalton Wagner at right tackle. He has been running first team since last spring and seems to be set to hold onto the spot. Gone are Wagner, Luke Jones and Ricky Stromberg from last season. Kutas was asked if the offensive line has something to prove?

"Definitely," Kutas said. "I do think we have something to prove. We're just a young group on the outside. Having these experienced guys just tells a lot that they don't move the older guys out. They trust us as the younger guys to play out there."

Arkansas does return center Beaux Limmer (moved from right guard) and left guard Brady Latham. Both are gaining some All-SEC attention. It

appears they will be joined by Kutas, left tackle Devon Manuel and right guard Josh Braun.

Kutas and the tackles have had to go up against some very talented defensive ends in practice and the scrimmages.

"It was an odd transition," Kutas said. "You're so used to the interior and having help from everybody, not being on the island as you are as an offensive tackle. So that was definitely hard to get used to. And just footwork, hands, eyes, communication — you're the one getting the play call and you've got to echo it down the whole line, so you're kind of the head of everything besides the center."

Among the ends are Landon Jackson and Trajan Jeffcoat, both candidates for All-SEC if the Hogs have a big season.

"Definitely some of the edge guys like Trajan Jeffcoat, John, Landon Jackson," Kutas said. "Each is just a different type of player. On the edge, you're on an island, and these guys can go power, they can go speed, you have to be ready for ev-

erything."

Kutas spent the majority of last season playing some guard and center. Was it Sam Pittman or Cody Kennedy that suggested tackle to you?

"It was both of them," Kutas said. "Really it wasn't much of a conversation. It was more of an opportunity for me. Obviously I attacked that opportunity. It's an opportunity to run with the 1s, get to play, so it was no question."

Kutas also talked about the learning curve for he and Manuel as well as Andrew Chamblee and the other tackles.

"There was a curve there definitely, but I think with Coach Kennedy and Coach Pittman always there for us and always getting us in the film room, technique on the field, just drilling the little things, it's been smooth," Kutas said. "The older guys, a lot of experience on the inside and they've definitely made that transition smoother."

Arkansas continues to practice each day waiting for the season opener.

Booker has more on mind than football



Razorback senior defensive lineman Anthony Booker Jr. from Cincinnati, Ohio works on his pass rushing at practice Wednesday afternoon inside the Willard & Pat Walker Pavilion in Fayetteville. The Razorbacks begin the season on Sept. 2 in Little Rock against Western Carolina. CRAVEN WHITLOW/NATE ALLEN SPORTS SERVICES

By OTIS KIRK
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FAYETTEVILLE — Wednesday's press conference following Arkansas' football practice had talk about more than just sports.

For instance, Maryland transfer defensive tackle Anthony "Tank" Book-

er, 6-4, 351, talked about Kung Fu Panda.

"I just thought it was a cool character," Booker said. "They said you can be any character, I thought it was a good character. A cool character in that movie. So, why not?"

Booker was asked if he

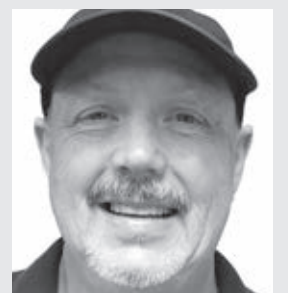
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Razorbacks have an interesting schedule

I never walked uphill both ways to school and back home in snow.

I have ridden on the school bus home on a snowy day from school when the chains on the bus broke free and beat the holes in the cover and busted up the seat that was above the hub.

I have also been at school when it was this warm and shorts were something that wasn't worn to school. Air conditioning in schools was never heard of back in the



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1980s. I have been excited about football season on the Arkansas side as well as our high schools.

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Last night, Harrison kicked off the season in a toasty setting.

Hopefully, next week the weather will be a little more on the normal side.

Despite the heat, the football season shapes up to be a great year.

This is the last year of regular scheduling in the SEC as we added two more teams for next year.

The Razorbacks go to some great places this season to play.

A trip to LSU and Ole Miss are always good visits. I have never been to LSU, but I hear it is an extremely toxic environment.

Arkansas tailgating is okay, but the Grove at Ole Miss is about five times better.

It is something to behold. The stadium is not the best, but it does have a great light show that rivals another SEC venue.

Sandwiched in between those two road games, is the annual visit to Arlington and Jerry World at the Dallas Cowboy facility.

This is a fun trip to play Texas A&M. Part of the fun part is the extra days of searching for food and shopping in the Metroplex.

After the Hogs play LSU, Texas A&M and Ole Miss on the road, they make another trip the next week.

This time the Hogs are on the road to Alabama.

The Bryant-Denney Stadium is not all that it is cracked up to be. Don't get me wrong, it is wonderful to watch a game in the storied place.

However, you can't move from section to section. There is no way to get to the school's merchandise store from most of the stadium.

Don't get me wrong, I didn't mind that, we had already dropped enough money on sweatshirts.

The light show here is great. I enjoyed it very much.

After four weeks of being on the road, the Hogs will get a home game.

Then there is one last trip. Arkansas plays at Florida on Nov. 4. This is a game that the Brasels will make this year along with the Arlington trip.

Tailgating will take a turn for the fun side at Arkansas. There will be three games in November at home. Fans had better find the long handles to sit out before the game.

Road games are fun. I may enjoy them more than the home games.

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LINEBACKER ROOM FULL OF YOUNG PLAYERS

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FAYETTEVILLE — Travis Williams has a linebacker room that has a mixture of young players, sophomores and transfers, but he feels very confident in the job they can do.

Williams not only coaches the linebackers but serves as the defensive coordinator. His room is led by redshirt sophomore Pooh Paul and sophomore Jordan Crook. A pair of transfers are also making an impact. They are South Florida's Antonio Grier Jr. and Cincinnati's Jaheim Thomas. Three freshmen, Alex Sanford, Carson Dean and Brad Spence also are drawing praise.

"You can tell the guys like each other," Williams said. "Bringing high school guys in and guys out of the portal with guys that were already here and trying to put it all together. First of all, the guys like each other. Effort is really what we've been kind of honing in on, and trying to fly to the ball. The great thing is they're trying to do exactly what we're asking them to do. We tell them there's going to be stuff we have to correct every day, but control what you can control. It's fun to coach those guys."

Paul was nursing a minor injury last Saturday and didn't scrimmage. That gave Thomas a chance to get more reps. In 29 games with the Bearcats, Thomas had 95 tackles, including 34 solo, seven for loss, 2.5 sacks and three quarterback hurries. Williams liked what he saw.

"It was good to get him out there and get those scrimmage reps," Williams said. "He didn't go through spring ball at the last place he was at, and to get him some live reps was always good. And we went in with the mindset to get him a lot of reps just to see if he could work the rust off

or whatever you want to say. He did a really good job. He's doing a good job. Very smart, very detailed, takes a lot of notes. I'm happy he's with us."

Paul started the Missouri and Kansas games last year, but played a lot while Bumper Pool was nursing an injury. Crook started the bowl game against Kansas when Drew Sanders opted out. Grier played 48 games at USF compiling 238 tackles, 139 solo, 23.5 for loss, 10 sacks, five forced fumbles, two recovered, a pair of interceptions, six quarterback hurries and three pass breakups.

"All three of those guys are doing a great job," Williams said. "It's a new defense for all of those guys. What's always exciting is to see the growth and football IQ and learning what we're doing and different concepts. All of those guys have a good football IQ. All of those guys love to come to work and come out to practice. It's been good."

"Pooh is very detailed. He takes pride in his performance. Same thing with Crook. Same thing with Antonio. Even when you watch them in the summer workouts and the way those guys bond together and work together. We need all of them. We need everybody in that room. We talk in the terms of we don't have starters, we have standards. If you uphold the standard, you will play. All of those guys work well together. I'm proud of all three."

The freshmen are also competing for playing time. Spence and Dean enrolled at midterm and Sanford in June.

"I think all three guys have bright futures here," Williams said. "All of them have a great pace of being able to help us at some point this year on special teams and maybe on the defense. All of those guys have a skillset and you can see they are SEC players. Brad Spence is one we're putting at so many different



Razorback linebackers sophomore Jordan Crook (left) from Duncanville, Texas and junior Brooks Both from Harrison run through coverage drills at Friday's practice. The Arkansas linebacker room is full of inexperience. CRAVEN WHITLOW/NATE ALLEN SPORTS SERVICES

positions because he can do so much, but all those guys have high ceilings and we're very, very happy with their progress right now."

Williams was asked if there's any specific intangibles involving the three true freshmen?

"I take all three of those guys and just shoutout to their high school coaches," Williams said. "All of those guys learn ball pretty quickly and easily. Like Brad Spence is doing some really good things out there. Carson Dean is doing some really good things. Alex didn't go through spring ball and you can just see right now he's just running to the ball as fast as he can go. He likes to play physical and he's learning the system. He's just 12 days into practice, but you can see the skillset in all three of those guys."

It wasn't just Thomas that got some extra reps and stepped up with Paul out. Crook also took advantage of the situation.

"Just a true leader," Williams said. "He's a warrior. I love the kid. In the workouts when they're racing or doing sprints he's always trying to be first. He wants to lead. He has that mike linebacker

mentality that you want on your team. We see all of those guys... like Crook is a starter for us. Pooh is a starter for us. Antonio is a starter. Jaheim is a starter. Those guys are going to play, even the freshmen. We need all of them. Crook is a really, really good leader and a really good person. I'm glad he's on our team."

Thomas actually played against Arkansas last year in the season opener. He had seven tackles, including five solo and a 0.5 for loss against the Razorbacks.

"It was a great atmosphere," Thomas said. "It was a big crowd. It was good ball also. Being able to play in that atmosphere and make plays, I feel like that attracted me to come here."

Williams was asked about Thomas' skillset just as he walked in the interview room on Friday.

"He just walked in the room, so I can't really say too much," Williams said laughing. "Really good skillset, smart, can change direction and he brings length to the room. He can cover out of the backfield. He's doing a really good job for us."

He also added what Thom-

as is like behind the scenes.

"Quiet," Thomas said. "Quiet. You see him in the back right now. He's not saying anything. He don't say anything in the meetings. He'll ask questions, but quiet and very detailed. A pro. Takes notes. He'll come talk to you one-on-one and ask questions. He's one of those guys that just loves ball and is always taking notes down and getting the fine details of everything."

Harrison redshirt junior linebacker Brooks Both is also expected to make an impact this season.

"Brooks Both is improving," Williams said. "Brooks Both, man, he gets a lot of reps for us on special teams and defense. He's very valuable to our team."

He's someone who may help on special teams?

"There ain't no probably," Williams said. "He is. Coach (Scott) Fountain loves him, because he does a great job. He does a good job of coming to work everyday and we're proud he's on our team. He really helps us out a lot."

Both played in nine games in 2022. Both and the Razorbacks will hold a closed scrimmage on Saturday.

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is all soft and cuddly like a panda?

"I don't know about all that," Booker said. "But he's a friendly guy. But when it's time to work he works. That compliments my game."

Florida transfer guard Josh Braun, who goes against Booker in practice every day, doesn't think he is a panda on the field.

"I mean, look at this guy," Braun said sitting next to Booker. "It's an immovable object right here. Definitely his power is his key thing. Just going against that every day just helps me hone aspects of my game

that I don't really get to see against smaller, quicker guys. So, I'm very thankful that he came here and I get to go against him every day."

Braun didn't talk about Kung Fu Panda otherwise, but instead talking his favorite growing up.

"I grew up on Lord of the Rings," Braun said. "I've been watching Lord of the Rings since I was a kid. First video game I played was Lord of the Rings: Two Towers and Game Cube. Those are some of the first books I read, too. I'm Lord of the Rings through and through."

Booker also paid tribute to how difficult it is to go against Booker each day in practice.

"I would say Braun is a strong guy," Booker said. "Very good with his hands. Great in the run and pass game. Going against him helps me and my game. It's been great competition against him."

Booker was asked if he is a lunch pail and hard hat type of guy on the field?

"I would say that describes me pretty well," Booker said. "I bet that was probably my dad or somebody like that. I know he likes to use that saying. But I think that compliments

my game pretty much. Just come in and work."

Booker had options out of the transfer portal, but has no regrets he chose Arkansas.

"I've been enjoying myself so far," Booker said. "Just love getting around the people. The people are really nice here. The fanbase is really great. Coach (Deke) Adams and Coach Pitt (Sam Pittman) are genuine people just like my teammates. I'm happy to be here."

Braun echoed much of that statement when asked about his time at Arkansas thus far.

"Same thing my teammates have said," Braun said. "The people here are fantastic. Beyond that, the weather, the nature here. Arkansas is a great state all around from the mountains to the trees to the people. I love every aspect of it."

Arkansas being in the SEC also didn't hurt Arkansas' chances of landing Booker.

"Really wanted to play in the SEC," Booker said. "Really, Coach Pitt did a great job of recruiting me in the portal and had a relationship with him before in high school. So, just build on from that. And just competition in the SEC, going against guys like Braun, Brady (Latham),

Beaux (Limmer), and also being in a great room in our defensive line. Just wanted to add a little bit to that."

Braun also had another compliment for Booker.

"I know I said power is his main thing, but don't let him fool you," Booker said. "He's quicker. He's the quickest guy I've seen this size. He's got some speed to him, now. Don't discount him on that."

Braun was originally committed to Pittman, but at the University of Georgia. When Pittman left for Arkansas then Braun headed to Florida.

"It wasn't as hard as you think it would be," Braun said. "Throughout the recruiting process, we were very candid with the coaches that were interested in me. And they were with us as well. And he said that the only job he would ever leave for is Arkansas. And so, when it came up that he got the Arkansas job and he left, it wasn't like he — I mean he told us up front that it was the only job he'd leave for. So, I didn't hold any ill will against him. He's living out his dream and I'm just thankful that I get to be a part of his dream and help him reach the next level."

But as it turned out Pittman and Braun would have a second opportunity to connect on the college level.

"Yeah, I mean coming out of high school I wanted to play for Coach Pittman," Braun said. "So I knew that if the situation ever arose that I would need to enter

the transfer portal, most likely I would end up playing for Coach Pittman."

Braun didn't exactly connect with the new coaching staff at Florida headed by Billy Napier.

"Coaching transitions are hard," Braun said. "Ultimately it wasn't a good fit, and so I had to make the decision that was best for me and my family. However painful that decision was. The people who need to understand the decision I made, understand the decision I made and I have to live with that."

Before leaving the presser Braun wanted to add a little more to his statement about Florida, a team Arkansas plays this season.

"I don't want to give the impression ... I don't regret my time at Florida," Braun said. "I learned very valuable lessons that will benefit me throughout my life. The circumstances that I had to leave were unfortunate. I had to leave the team halfway through the season, which nobody wants to do. I talked about it with the offensive line before I did it, so they were well aware. And when I said the people who need to know, I wasn't saying you don't need to know. I was just saying that I made peace with the people at Florida whose opinion I wanted to still be good with me."

Arkansas opens the season on Saturday, Sept. 2, in Little Rock's War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock.

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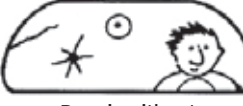
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'Keep the air moving, keep the water cool' to help poultry flocks survive summer heat

By RYAN MCGEENEY
U of A System Division of Agriculture

LITTLE ROCK — With the extreme heat felt across much of the United States this summer, agricultural producers need to take measures not just to protect themselves and their laborers, but also their crops and livestock as well.

Zac Williams, extension poultry husbandry and management specialist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said that for both commercial producers and backyard hobbyists, keeping chickens alive through the summer heat comes down to a few basics.

"Keep the air moving and keep the water cool," Williams said. "For commercial producers, that means making sure your ventilation system, including exhaust fans and evaporative cooling pads, are working properly. For backyard chicken keepers, that means making sure there's shade available.

"In either instance,

chickens need cool water, and plenty of it," he said. "It's not enough to just put out adequate amounts of water in the morning. It's going to get warm, and that's just not as effective. In commercial houses, managers need to flush those water lines multiple times a day for the same reason."

Williams said that if backyard chicken keepers want to put out fans for their flocks, that's fine. They should not, however, bring live poultry into their homes to avail them of the air conditioning.

"You can bring all kinds of diseases into your house doing that," Williams said. "I'd never recommend anyone bring chickens into their house."

Ounce of prevention Williams warned that if chickens do begin suffering from heat stress, producers will begin seeing production losses. It can be very difficult to bring poultry back from a heat-related illness, so it's best to be proactive.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,"

Fast facts

- Proper ventilation, adequate water are essential
- Live poultry should never be brought into the home
- Division of Ag fact sheets available for free download

he said. "Chickens are actually kind of hardy. But if it gets up to 100, all you can do is give them the tools they need to survive."

He also noted that some producers may add electrolytes to their flocks' water supply, which can help the animals endure the heat of summer.

Commercial chicken houses in Arkansas produced more than 7.3 billion pounds of chicken meat in 2022, and produced \$693 million in eggs.

The Division of Agriculture has several free publications available that producers may find useful, including research-proven techniques for Getting Broiler Houses Ready for the Summer and sprinkler systems that help keep flocks cool.



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ARKANSAS WEEKLY LIVESTOCK				
Wednesday, August 23, 2023				
Total Receipts:	188	969	591	
Feeder Cattle:	168 (88%)	744 (76.8%)	505(85.4%)	
Slaughter Cattle:	20 (10.6%)	190 (19.6%)	76 (12.9%)	
Replacement Cattle:	10(0.5%)	35 (3.6%)	10 (1.7%)	

Compared to last week: The better 400-550 lbs steers mostly weaned 5.00-14.00 higher not enough of other classes for a trend however there was a lower undertone. Feeder heifers mostly steady to 7.00 lower on a light test. Not enough slaughter cows for a trend. Slaughter bulls 2.00 lower. Light run today due to extremely high temperatures in the area. Supply included: 89% Feeder Cattle (46% Steers, 45% Heifers, 10% Bulls); 11% Slaughter Cattle (61% Cows, 39% Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (100% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 8%.

FEEDER CATTLE					BULLS-Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)						
STEERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)					Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	2	395	395	245.00	245.00		
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)					5	402-435	421	233.00-263.00	250.75		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	6	465-498	492	239.00-254.00	250.85		
10	462-485	478	255.00-266.00	262.81							
STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)					COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
2	312	312	240.00	240.00	1	1735	1735	113.00	113.00		
2	452	452	255.00	255.00	COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)						
6	532-546	541	245.00-253.00	250.38	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)					2	1040-1255	1148	104.00-106.00	105.09		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	2	1110-1145	1128	107.00-110.00	108.48		
3	355-395	368	259.00-260.00	240.00	COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)						
8	402-427	418	251.00-263.00	256.80	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
11	450-490	478	241.00-258.00	250.37	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
5	505-535	523	251.00-253.00	252.18	22	1000-1055	1028	88.00-90.00	89.03		
5	568	568	241.00	241.00	2	880-1065	973	82.00-86.00	84.19		
5	602-625	608	220.00-241.00	230.79	2	845-975	4	0.00-66.00	52.07		
1	715	175	210.00	210.00	REPLACEMENT CATTLE						
2	758	758	217.00	217.00	BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit/Actual Wt)						
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)					Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	2-4	T1	1	1615	110-126.00	118.59	89.03
10	468-475	472	245.00-251.00	247.98	Please Note: The above USDA LPGA price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be included in the report. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted.						
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)					Explanatory Notes:						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Stage (Cattle) - Represents pregnancy stage (0 = open; T1 = 1st Trimester, 1 to 3 months; T1-2 = 1st/2nd trimester, 1 to 6 months; T2 = 2nd Trimester, 4 to 6 months; T2-3 = 2nd/3rd Trimester, 4 to 9 months; T3 = 3rd Trimester, 7 to 9 months; T1-3 = all trimesters, 1 to 9 months; E = Exposed; B = Bred)						
4	350-355	353	230.00-240.00	235.00	Age - Numerical representation of age in years.						
4	400-435	423	230.00-241.00	328.40	BULLS-Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)						
3	515-545	532	236.00-240.00	238.03	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price		
6	550-580	574	200.00-230.00	220.18	2	505-540	523	247.00-269.00	257.63		
2	640	640	200.00	200.00							
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt/Actual Wt)											
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price							
1	350	350	200.00	257.63							



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Farmers for Tomorrow fundraiser set for Sept. 14

By JOHN LOVETT
University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture

FAYETTEVILLE — The Center for Arkansas Farms and Food will hold a fundraising event 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, to support the Farmers for Tomorrow fund, a program to help aspiring farmers start their small farm businesses.

Dandelion Heart will provide live music, and Chef Haley O'Brien will prepare heavy hors d'oeuvres using ingredients grown by Center for Arkansas Farms and Food, CAFF, students in Fayetteville. Each guest will receive drink tickets for beers from Fossil Cove Brewing Co., Arkansas wines, or cocktails made with blackberries from the farm. A non-alcoholic version of the blackberry drink will also be available.

The event will be at the Milo J. Shult Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 1005 W. Meade St., in Fayetteville. CAFF is a part of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, the research arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

Farmers for Tomorrow raised \$5,000 at the inau-

gural fundraiser in 2022. Brian Foster and Frank Ostapowicz, two graduates of CAFF's Farm School and Apprenticeship programs, received equal portions of the fund to help start their farms.

Foster started Sunny Acres Farms and sells produce at the farmers markets in Fayetteville and Goshen, and through community supported agriculture subscriptions. The former restaurateur also offers recipes with his produce at the markets.

Ostapowicz started Purple Finch Farms in Prairie Grove, selling produce in the region's markets. Foster and Ostapowicz were among the first CAFF Farm School and Apprenticeship Program participants in 2021. According to Heather Friedrich, CAFF program manager, the program is designed to strengthen and expand the region's food and farming system, enhance local communities, and provide opportunities for farmers, food entrepreneurs, and food system leaders.

Ticket purchases and donations are an investment in the community's regional food system, the local economy and food security, Friedrich added.

Through the Farmers for Tomorrow Fund, CAFF aims to raise \$10,000 annually to assist new Arkansas farmers.

Once former CAFF Farm School students or apprentices have acquired farmland in Arkansas and are ready to break ground, they can apply for start-up funds from Farmers for Tomorrow, Friedrich said. The funds are designated for purchasing tools, equipment, irrigation materials and seeds.

General admission tickets to the Farmers for Tomorrow fundraiser are \$65 per person, or \$330 for reserved tables of six people. Event tickets include complimentary food and drinks. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the event website, <http://farmersfortomorrow.org/>.

For those who may be unable to attend but still wish to support Farmers for Tomorrow, the registration form includes an option to make a donation.

The 2023 event is sponsored by Arkansas Farm Bureau, Adventure Subaru, Farm Credit of Western Arkansas and the Division of Agriculture, allowing all proceeds from the event to go directly to the Farmers for Tomorrow fund.

Arkansas State Plant Board holds first meeting after new appointments

Staff Report

LITTLE ROCK — On Aug. 24, the Arkansas State Plant Board held its first meeting after Governor Sanders appointed eight new members on August 15. The new members are:

Kyle Baltz, Pocahontas. Term expires August 15, 2028.

Robert Thorne, Marion. Term expires August 15, 2028.

David Wallace, Jr., Crawfordville. Term expires August 15, 2028.

Sammy Angel, Lake Village. Term expires August 15, 2028.

Robin Ralston, Atkins.

Term expires August 15, 2028.

George Dunklin, Humphrey. Term expires August 15, 2028.

Garrett Frost, Mariana. Term expires August 15, 2028.

Jon Bierbaum, Lake Village. Term expires August 15, 2028.

The new members were given introductions to staff and updates on sections and programs within the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Plant Industries Division, including the Regulatory Services Section, Quality Control Section, Pesticide Section, and Bureau of Standards. The Board also received

a report from the Department's Abandoned Pesticide Collection Program in which, to date, 5.8 million pounds of abandoned pesticides have been safely collected and disposed of.

The Arkansas State Plant Board also elected the following officers:
Chairman — Matthew Marsh
Vice Chairman — Bruce Alford
Secretary — Sam Stuckey

Additionally, the Board approved enforcement settlements associated with two Pest Control Program violations, 39 Pesticide Program violations, and 144 Bureau of Standards violations.

LOCAL MATTERS.

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Methodist outreach prepares for disasters

By JEFF DEZORT
Newton County Times

United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) is ready to respond to disasters here at home or anywhere around the world.

Janice Mann, a member of the Jasper Methodist Church, presented information about the faith-based program to members of Community Matters, a coalition of Newton County churches and other non-profit organizations working together to provide assistance to those in need. The networking organization met for its monthly meeting at 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall in Jasper.

Assisted by two short videos, Mann explained how UMCOR works with both governmental and non-governmental organizations to bring humanitarian relief to the people living in disaster areas. The organization, working through the Arkansas Conference, connects with communities at both regional and local levels.

Besides providing relief supplies, UMCOR works with Arkansas United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, part of the Methodist Global Ministries movement. It offers opportunities for both lay and clergy to utilize their skills and talents in Christian service. VIM volunteers serve at home in local outreach providing community training sessions and around the world in short term mission journeys.

Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service (NOMADS) is probably the church's best kept secret, Mann said. NOMADS provide volunteer labor for Methodist organizations. These volunteers travel on more prolonged missions. Their work includes new construction, remodeling, and repairs for churches, children's homes, camps, colleges, outreach missions and disaster rebuilding. These team members do maintenance, cleaning, painting, electrical, drywall, sewing and flooring.

Mann noted the recent split in the denomination which resulted in restructuring of some congregations.

Mann said that has had no impact on UMCOR as it continues to help all in need.

Each month one of the Community Matters member organizations is offered the opportunity to spotlight a service or a resource it can provide.

The Community Matters at large membership officially accepted the Mt. Judea Area Alliance as a new coalition member in a unanimous vote Thursday.

Community Matters is still a new community action organization and it established several task groups. Among them is the Communications Committee. It is charged with developing a logo for the organization, establishing a Facebook page and a website as well as managing email communications to group members. The proposed website will include posts from active members, and will contain meeting minutes to provide public transparency. It will be used as a primary tool to encourage new memberships.

Community Matters is working with the Newton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to get the word out about the April 8, 2024, solar eclipse that will put parts of the county in total darkness for just over two minutes that afternoon. The natural phenomenon is expected to attract an inestimable number of visitors to the area. Volunteers will be needed in many areas to help meet the needs of these visitors.

There was also a discussion for the need for establishing cooling shelters throughout the county where residents who do not have air conditioning can escape the extreme temperatures that have been experienced in recent days.

There have been reported proposals to begin planning for an animal shelter in the county.

It was also noted that a new non-profit foundation board has been incorporated in the county to serve as an umbrella for non-profit groups that do not have 501(c)3 fiduciary status.

The next Community Matters meeting will be held Sept. 28 at the church.

Tentative plans are being made to hold the Oct. 27 meeting at the Rock Haven Bible Camp at Hasty in hopes to attract new members who are unable to travel to Jasper for the regular meetings.

Learning Center of North Arkansas opening new doors in Jasper

Special to the Times

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September will be an exciting month for Jasper and its surrounding areas. The Learning Center of North Arkansas will open its doors to provide quality childcare. TLCNA is staffed with certified and trained teachers and paraprofessionals.

"This is a long time in coming, but we are ready to open our doors to the precious children of Newton County," said the chief executive officer of TLCNA Karla Gray. "We will enhance the learning that the children are receiving. Our goal is to make it an easy transition into kindergarten. We want those students to be prepared."

TLCNA is a private, non-profit organization that serves individuals from birth to age five. The focus is to give families support and enrichment in a child's development.

Children with developmental disabilities are provided services through early intervention which evaluates the child's developmental level and creates a plan for remediation through individualized goals and objectives. The goal is to reach their age-appropriate milestones during their time at TLCNA. Kindergarten readiness activities are offered through Arkansas Frameworks to prepare children to meet the requirements of the Arkansas Kindergarten Readiness Checklist.

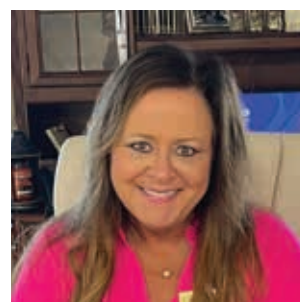
"Sometimes a child is a little behind in some processes of learning," said Gray. "We have the resources in place to help them to overcome whatever has them struggling. We provide speech, occupational, or physical therapy. We are all about the students."

For children birth-5, services are a designated curriculum, daily schedule, outdoor activities, breakfast, lunch, and snacks, transportation, and transition to public school.

"We know the struggles that families face each day," commented Gray.



The Learning Center of North Arkansas Jasper campus is located at 228 South Stone Street, beside the library. This is an early photo taken during construction.



Karla Gray is the chief executive officer of TLCNA. "We want to offer our services to all children," said Gray. For children birth-5, services are a designated curriculum, daily schedule, outdoor activities, breakfast, lunch, and snacks, transportation, and transition to public school.



Chasity Little is the director of The Learning Center of North Arkansas Jasper campus. TLCNA is staffed with certified and trained teachers and paraprofessionals.

"We want to take as much pressure off of the parents and grandparents as possible. That is one of the reasons that we offer healthy, nutritional snacks and meals for our students."

Also available are developmental evaluations, individualized treatment plans, speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

TLCNA also offers private pay childcare option for individuals who may not qualify for the other programs. The monthly



TLCNA is a private, non-profit organization that serves individuals from birth to age five. The focus is to give families support and enrichment in a child's development. Pictured is a staff member reading to children at one of its other centers.

charges are based on the annual calendar and are due on the first of each month. Full payment for the month is required and is non-refundable based on attendance.

"We want to offer our services to all children," said Gray. "We have a great program of which we are proud. We want to see young minds developed to explore and discover life in a happy, safe, structured format."

The Learning Center of North Arkansas continually meets the strin-

gent requirements of the licensing entities of the Department of Education, Division of Developmental Disabilities, and Child Care Licensing.

The new TLCNA Jasper campus is located at 228 South Stone Street, beside the library. Chasity Little is the site director for the campus, and she has a master's degree in early childhood education. If you are interested in a paraprofessional position or enrolling a child, you may call 870-204-2912.

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