



Roses bloom alongside a garden sculpture at Wildflower B&B in Mountain View. See more late autumn blooms on page 1B.

County budget work underway

By Steve Watkins

Stone County Quorum Court officials are assembling a 2021 budget much as they would a jigsaw puzzle as a result of a new mandate taking the hourly minimum wage to \$11. Justice of the Peace and Budget Committee Chairman Stan Townsend said there were “late nights and long hours” that went into the new year’s budget proposal that leaves just under \$30,000 in projected carryover.

The overall budget is about \$3.2 million.

“On a budget this size, that’s pretty tight,” Townsend said. “It’s almost nothing.”

The minimum wage mandate complicates the county’s wage structure bringing low-seniority employees near the same wage as others with more experience, sometimes eliminating the gap that would normally exist. To retain a fair difference, Townsend said the committee recommended a 3 percent across-the-board raise for all county employees, which he acknowledged made the budget tight.

As a partial offset to

the increases, the court will entertain a proposal to eliminate part of a past wage and salary program that increased hourly wages by 15 cents and 10 cents respectively at 90 days and 12 months.

Fee increases in another area will make up the difference in the overall budget picture.

The court approved a 4 percent tonnage rate increase for sanitation services to offset a disparity between disposal costs and billing over the last four years.

It means a 3.5 cent per pound increase on large-volume tonnage to governmental agencies and private entities. Bag rates of \$2 per bag, or a maximum of \$5.41 for 160 pounds or less will remain the same.

Townsend said Covid-induced reductions in recycling have contributed to a 12 percent tonnage increase over last year, with another 6 percent projected for next year. The rate increase will take disposal charges to just more than \$70 per ton.

JPs will vote on the 2021 budget during the December meeting.

In other business at the regular meeting last week, the court:

- approved Christmas bonuses for full-time and part-time employees at \$300 and \$150, respectively.

- heard a jail progress report from County Judge Stacey Avey who said construction may begin as early as March. Avey said builders are studying the possibility of steel, unit-type cells for the jail.

- approved a fee of \$54.50 per day for housing “non-county” inmates. The move is prompted by actions of the Mountain View City Council and its desire to withdraw from an interlocal agreement regulating dispatch services and inmate housing. The agreement is set to terminate in February.

Mountain View School District plans to request millage increase

By Edie Sutterfield

Mountain View School District will propose a millage increase next spring in an attempt to head off an anticipated shortfall in the operating budget.

Supt. Brent Howard said the request – an increase of 7 mills on Stone County property tax – will most likely go before voters in May.

Arkansas has a constitutionally mandated minimum millage rate (or property tax rate) that school districts must levy for the maintenance and operation of schools. This rate is set at 25 mills and is called the Uniform Rate of Tax (URT).

Mountain View School District has a millage rate of 28.91 mills, which is the second lowest in the state and has not been increased in 16 years, according to Howard.

He noted that mandated teacher raises, along with minimum wage increases, are taking a toll.

“We’ve got to do something because over the 16 years, we’ve been stretching it, and it’s just not working anymore,” he said.

“The best figures that I’ve gotten for us to sustain where we’re at is to go up 7 mills. Even at that, that doesn’t even

put us at the state average,” he said.

Howard said it has been remarkable what the county schools have been able to do with the district’s relatively low millage, including their good test scores.

Howard provided the school board with copies of a letter to the public on the issue, and they briefly discussed it last week.

Board member Eric Perry questioned some points raised in the letter, including the mention of “operational inefficiencies.”

“Maybe I’m looking at that too critically, but to me before we ask for a millage increase we have to first have our house in order,” Perry said.

Board member Mark Bauerlein said he understood Perry’s point that it makes it sound like the district is doing something wrong. But he feels the inefficiencies referenced in the letter result from the district’s having three campuses and having to provide money for all of them.

“I mean, you can sugar coat it,” Bauerlein said. “I run a business ... and you know from the way we’re spread out it can’t be efficient. If it were a pure business deal, a businessman would have already shut it

down and done something different years ago when they saw the losses start coming.”

Howard then asked the board whether they wanted to pursue a federal grant for a safe room on the Rural Special campus, which was also discussed at last month’s meeting.

Constructing a safe room at Fox has been a goal of the district for several years. If this grant is secured, the district will be committed to matching a portion of the funds, and construction cost is uncertain.

Lori Dobbins expressed some concern about committing to the project and said it would be good if they could delay it for some time and see what the community does on the millage.

“Bringing the elephant into the room here, the whole thing that concerns me, here we are wondering what we’re gonna do with that school, and then we’re gonna build something and we’re gonna have that there. And then if it doesn’t work out and we don’t get the millage ... now we’ve got even more into it.”

Howard said he could inquire about whether the grant might still be available later.

However, Dobbins made a motion that they

proceed with the grant application, and this was approved.

In other business, the board:

- approved a proposed after-school feeding program, which will provide evening meals for all students at no cost to the district. Meals will be sent home with students who are at school, and virtual students will have the opportunity to pick them up each day. This program will continue through the COVID-19 pandemic. It is subject to approval by the Arkansas Department of Education’s Child Nutrition Unit.

- approved a \$500 Christmas bonus for all 246 staff members. Howard commended the staff on how hard they have worked this year and recommended the bonuses. Bauerlein also commented on how hard the teachers have worked.

- hired Lisa Friddle as janitor at Rural Special and accepted the resignation of Tony Conley as bus driver.

- heard a report on enrollment: 1,594, which was down about four from the previous month. Howard said kids are coming and going. No bullying reports have been filed.

- approved one student transfer from Mountain View to Timbo.

City proceeds with citation plans

By Lana Mason

Mayor Roger Gardner plans to continue working with the city’s sanitation department to create a trash citation ordinance to curb theft of services and illegal dumping.

Gardner explained businesses lease dumpsters and are having them filled and overflowing with trash from people in the county.

While he hates to fine people for throwing away trash, he explained it’s not fair to the one who is paying to use the dumpster. He said businesses need to place “not for public use” on their dumpsters, noting there is already wording in place allowing officers to cite offenders with theft of services.

Also, some households are putting out as many as 34 bags of trash to be picked up, he noted. The sanitation department recommended residential pickup to include a six-bag limit (40-gallon bags or equivalent), a 40-pound weight limit on trash cans, and no loose trash. Sanitation department employees reported trash cans being very heavy, requiring three men to lift them. Some cans are often full of cat litter, and some soaked with rain water.

Gardner noted that he doesn’t want to raise

rates because a few people are abusing the system. He also noted the county has been discussing raising the sanitation tipping fee.

Gardner asked the council if the ordinance should include a warning first and then a citation.

Councilman Dana Woods said the council has been discussing the issues for months and needs to “go ahead and do something.” He recommended Gardner to continue working with the sanitation department to create an ordinance and then bring it before the council for a vote.

Also at the meeting, the council agreed to move forward with building a basketball court and applying for grants to fund the tennis court rehab. Gardner said there are basketball goals on the tennis court and kids play out there a lot. He said he would like to see a new basketball court built behind the walking trail bathrooms. The council agreed to move forward with the plans. Woods stated the county should be asked to help fund the project.

In other business, the council:

- agreed to purchase a one-ton cab and chassis from Mountain View Chevy in the amount of \$40,491, at state bid

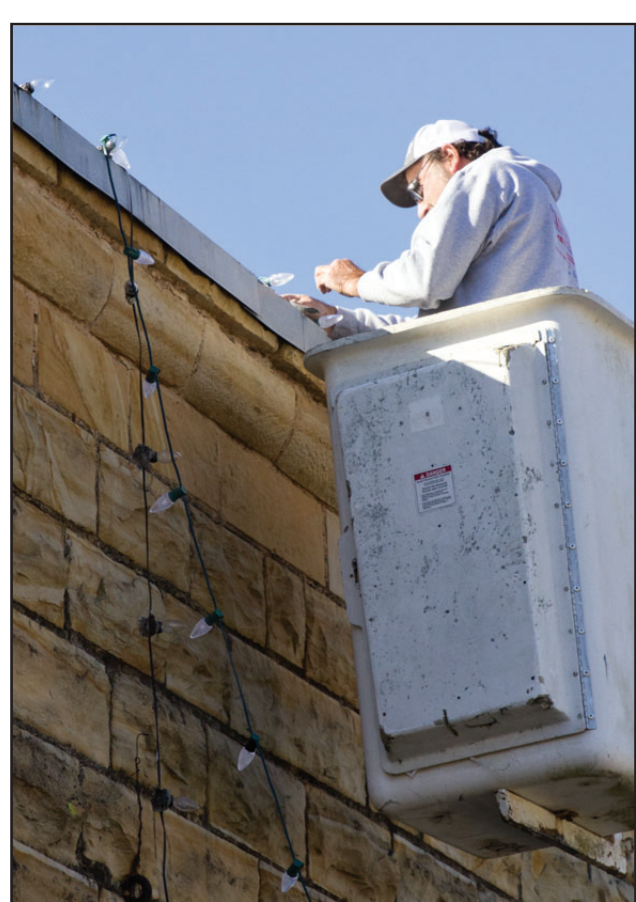
price. The truck will be used by the water department.

- agreed to move forward with having the old downtown water tower painted. The estimate for the tower to be power-washed and painted is \$58,000. Gardner said contrac-

tors will come to view the tower before placing bids. He also noted the water tower is not in service.

- agreed to pursue details of how the city can legally sell land. Bill and Kathy Oliphant

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Jim Price of Homestead Heating and Cooling installs new LED lights on top of Main Street buildings last week. The project covering the south side of the courtyard cost about \$4,500. More will be replaced as funds are available. The lights should be more efficient and less trouble than the multiple strands being replaced.

COVID-19 UPDATE

STONE COUNTY	
Positives	430
Active Cases	17
Recoveries	391
Deaths	22
ARKANSAS	
Positives	133,040
Active Cases	16,531
Recoveries	114,312
Deaths	2,183
UNITED STATES	
Positives	11,114,151
Deaths	246,758

Numbers are current as of each Monday as reported by the Arkansas Dept. of Health and CDC. Numbers now include probable cases for state and county.



OFFICERS' ACTIVITY

Mountain View Police Dept.

Mountain View Police Department officers reported the following calls for service during the two-week period ending Nov. 13:

- A disturbance at a residence on Sylamore Avenue. Everything was okay.
- A complaint of loud music and a vehicle blocking the road on Lackey. Officers spoke with subjects and requested vehicle moved along with turning radio down
- Assisted county deputies on a call. Officer stopped the vehicle and held for deputies.
- A deer vs. vehicle accident, report taken.
- An accident involving a dump truck on Sylamore Avenue. State Trooper worked the accident.
- A two-vehicle accident on private property; exchange of information given to parties involved.
- Informed by dispatch of a vehicle coming towards city of a possible intoxicated driver; state trooper intercepted.
- Took a report at police department for possible rape.
- Called to a residence for a child biting another child; parents consulted. No report taken.
- Traffic stop resulted in driver being arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) and Possession of Mari-

- juana.
- Served a felony warrant at the county jail.
- Assisted county deputies with a traffic stop involving a subject wanted for felony charges.
- Responded to a fire alarm at Mountain Lodge Apartments, False alarm, smoke detector was going off.
- Responded to a business alarm; building was secure and key holder reset alarm.
- Called to Circle K for a male subject harassing customers; male was arrested for active warrant.
- Responded to Days Inn for a verbal dispute; arrest made after K-9 verified narcotics in vehicle.
- Responded to a call of a male subject jumping in and out of traffic. Subject was issued citations and released.
- Called to Circle K for a female who was on property after being banned; female was issued a citation and removed from property.
- Called to a bank in evening when a person's card was not returned from ATM. Bank employee contacted.
- Traffic stop resulted in male subject being arrested for DWI Drug and possession of a controlled substance schedule VI.
- Officers made 85 traffic stops and issued 91 written or verbal warnings.

Tree Lighting, parade planned

Festivities set for Dec. 5 in Mountain View

Mountain View's Christmas Committee is making plans for this year's tree lighting and parade on Dec. 5, as well as the business window decorating contest.

Activities are set to begin at 2 p.m. that afternoon. Everyone is invited to help decorate the community tree by filling out and hanging provided ornament tags

with a wish, prayer or memory message.

Pam Setser is coordinating musical entertainment from 2 to 5 p.m.

Timbo Assembly of God Church will present a live nativity on the courthouse.

Plans are being made for other activities including photo op scenes, hot chocolate

and s'mores, ornament making, etc.

Story time for all ages begins at 5 p.m.

The parade will start at 5:30 and will begin at City Hall and end at Centennial Bank's Main Street branch. The theme is "My Favorite Christmas Song." Centennial Bank is donating prize money of \$200 for first place, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place.

The bank is sponsoring window decorating prizes as well, at \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place. Winners will be announced at the tree lighting.

Anyone who would like to enter the parade or business window decorating contest is asked to contact Michelle

Atchison at 870-615-0644. There is no cost to enter.

The tree lighting will follow the parade and will include additional entertainment, caroling and a visit from Santa.

Anyone who would like to volunteer and/or donate toward activities is asked to contact Debbie Jadrich at 870-615-9062.

Court cases resolved

The following cases were resolved in Stone County Circuit Court:

- Neil J. Breaux, 46, pleaded guilty to criminal simulation, a class A misdemeanor, plea bargained down from a felony forgery charge. He was sentenced to 12 months suspended imposition of sentence, fined \$1,000 and charged \$520 court costs and fees.
- Steven L. Hindman, 54, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, schedule II, less than 2 grams, a felony. He was sentenced to 60 months probation, fined \$1,500 and charged \$895.
- Rebecca D. Avey, 40, pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, both felonies and DWI drugs, a misdemeanor. She was sentenced to 60 months in the Arkansas Department of Correction with 104 days jail time credit, fined \$2,500 and charged \$1,145 court costs and fees.
- Denephew B. Malone, 35, pleaded guilty to breaking or entering, a felony, and theft of property, a misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 12 months probation, fined \$1,500 and charged \$770 court costs and fees.
- Dennis A. Telles, 65, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, a felony and possession of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 24 months probation, fined \$1,000 and charged \$545 court costs and fees.

Correction

A Stone County Circuit Court article that ran in the Oct. 28 edition of the *Stone County Leader* incorrectly listed James Travis Adcox, 27, as being charged with possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine. The correct charge should have been possession of a controlled substance, marijuana, a felony due to the weight of the marijuana, but a less serious charge. The error was made on the police affidavit and the Information, both of which listed the incorrect charge, but the correct description of the incident, in which only marijuana was found.

Felony charges filed

The following charges were filed in Stone County Circuit Court.

- Joseph Dale Kane, 58, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia with purpose to use methamphetamine, a felony and possession of drug paraphernalia with purpose to use marijuana and DWI first offense, both misdemeanors. His bond was set at \$2,500.
- Dewayne Orvil Knight, 52, was charged with: possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia, both felonies and possession of a controlled substance, marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, both misdemeanors. He was charged as a habitual offender. His bond was set at \$10,000.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

From Sheriff Lance Bonds

The following information is taken from the daily activity logs of deputies with the Stone County Sheriff's Office.

During the week of 11/6 - 11/12 deputies responded to:

- Trespassing call on Hwy. 110. One subject arrested.
- A call on a possible DWI on Hwy. 66. No contact.
- A U.S. Forest Service arrest for drug paraphernalia.
- A call on theft on Rocky Road. Subjects located and cited.
- A break in at the Optimus area.
- A deer vs car on Hwy. 66 near county line.
- A vehicle pursuit near county line. Charges pending.
- Assisted the fire department with a truck fire on Cove Road.
- A possible domestic at Marcella. No charges.
- A verbal domestic on Hwy. 263. Parties separated.
- A call on a person in a vehicle on Herpel Road. No contact.

Deputies also:

- Assisted a deputy with a traffic stop.
- Made a stolen vehicle report on Roasting Ear Road.
- Made numerous

transports and transports to prison.

- Served numerous misdemeanor warrants.
- Made numerous calls on livestock out.
- Assisted Alison Sylamore Fire Dept. with brush fire on River Ridge Road.
- Made a motorist assist on Hwy. 9 south. Changed a tire.
- Recovered a stolen vehicle at Big Flat.
- Recovered a stolen vehicle from Stone County in Little Rock. Suspect arrested. Extradition pending.
- Recovered a stolen side by side in Searcy County.

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Nixon hosts finals for Ranch Sorting

The Ranch Sorting State Finals were held at Nixon Arena Saturday. Contestants from Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois competed in the event where numbered cattle are sorted from one pen to another in numerical order. Winners were: Beginner Wendy Hutchins of Guion; Amateur, Bill Nixon of Mountain View and Masters, Bill Nixon of Mountain View. The event was sponsored by local businesses. Event host Bill Nixon said the Ranch Sorting practice sessions are held Tuesday nights and the public is welcome to watch.

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Ranch sorting competitors work as a team to cut specific cattle from the group.

Holiday raffle to benefit recycling

The Stone County Recycling Center is having a \$1,000 Christmas Cash Giveaway raffle.

Available at all banks in Mountain View, tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Tickets can also be purchased on Venmo by searching for Stone County Recycling Center on the app. Put name, phone number and address in the description.

The fundraiser is to purchase a new box truck for the recycling center. At least \$5,000 is needed to match a \$15,000 grant from White River and Planning Development. Most box trucks cost around \$25,000-\$30,000 so there is a goal of \$10,000 for the fundraiser.

In addition to the banks, tickets will be available at Moonshot Coffee.



Bill Nixon brings another group of cattle into the area to be worked.

Issue with land purchase, water rates topic for city

By Lori Freeze

The Fifty Six City Council debated problems with the purchase of a tract of land being sought for the pump station to provide water flow from the connection to the Mountain View water system during its regular meeting last week. Residents were also provided with a copy of new water rates that will go into effect when the new line goes into service.

Mayor Earnestine McDaniel reported that there are delays in the process of purchasing the 100 ft. x 100 ft. tract from Don Clements. The site is on Buck Pond Road, which is a county road with 60-foot easement. County Judge Stacey Avey had agreed that if the land purchase was not complete by the time the pump is ready to install, it could be placed temporarily, and possibly permanently, within the county road right-of-way.

Council members Aaron Byrd and Jake Owens asked if the county right-of-way plan could be pursued as the permanent solution and the land purchase be dropped. McDaniel said that Avey was to meet with Water Superintendent Delvin Freeman and Glen Crymes of the county's emergency management office to look at a potential site. It was requested that she ask about it being permanent.

The necessary permanent easement from the U.S. Forest Service for lines crossing federal land is under 30-day public input period, McDaniel said.

With Arkansas National Guard members planning to conclude their water hauling service at the end of the month, timing to get the temporary line in service is crucial. City Recorder-Treasurer Christina Byrd urged residents to contact the governor's office and request the service be extended.

the city has been able to achieve progress in eight to nine months what normally takes two to four years because of the emergency situation. The amount of loan on the \$2 million project will be less than \$400,000 at 1.75 percent interest.

In response to water customer Ralph Marshall who said the city was being run incompetently and officials should have acted sooner to solve the water issue, Aaron Byrd (the fire chief who was recently appointed to the council to fill a vacancy) noted that an emergency could not be declared until the system physically ran out of water.

Another resident asked about rates going up, and McDaniel provided information showing current rates and increased rates that were determined by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission. The base rate inside the city limits will increase from \$29.31 per 1,000 gallons to \$45.50 per 1,000 gallons. The base rate outside the city limits will increase from \$30.68 to \$52. Similar increases are designated for three extensions outside the city limits and

for commercial customers.

Later in the meeting, incoming council member Megan Freeman suggested the community could have fundraisers to help pay down loans and meet other obligations. McDaniel said residents being off work during the pandemic might limit their ability to contribute. Aaron Byrd agreed, saying he can't get residents to pay fire dues. "Everyone is squeezing money," McDaniel suggested waiting until the final numbers are in for the system and consider holding fundraisers in the spring.

Freeman also posed other questions regarding city hall hours, and the possibility of using the city truck to help with hauling trash when the trash truck is out of service.

Sanitation sets holiday pickup

City of Mountain View Sanitation Department will be closed Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving. Trash pickup for Nov. 26 will be on Nov. 25. Pickup for Nov. 27 will be Nov. 30.



Randy Carr of Mountain View, right, competes in Saturday's event.

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Opinions

Letter to school patrons

Action needed to avoid fiscal distress

In recent years, Mountain View School District has experienced a steady decline in operational and building fund balances. The decline in balances does not pose an immediate threat to the financial security of the district, but the financial shortfalls must be addressed at a steady and calculated pace to avoid future fiscal problems.

The financial decline is not a product of mismanagement of funds but a combination of funding shortages due to a loss of students, operational inefficiencies inherent in the structure of the district, inefficiencies in the funding formula for small schools within a district, and low millage rates.

The sum of the operating fund and building fund has declined from \$7,153,000 in 2017 to \$5,285,000 in 2020 and is projected to drop to \$3,800,000-\$4,000,000 at the end of the current school year. At this rate, it is very likely that the district will be in some level of fiscal distress as recognized by the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in 2-3 years.

Depending on the level of financial instability, DESE will be involved in the financial decisions of the district. The DESE fiscal distress levels range from a watch list to a complete state takeover. In the last levels of fiscal distress, the State Board of Education has the statutory authority to terminate the contract of the Superintendent and remove the local board. State takeover is very unlikely, but intermediate steps before the takeover are very possible without some corrective action.

The funds that must be monitored closely are the operation fund and building fund in order to get an accurate picture. Both of these funds must be monitored individually and cumulatively. The operating fund is based on a funding matrix that is intended to provide each student with an adequate and equitable education. It is calculated on an average daily membership (ADM), and funding amount for each child in the state is the same each year. Local mills above the state required minimum mills (25 mills) can be used for other purposes that are usually unrestricted.

The millage for Mountain View School District is 28.91 and the state average is 38.76. Mountain View's millage rate is among the lowest in the state.

If the district had the state average millage rate, it would generate an additional 1.6 million for the operation of the district based on current assessment and 100% collection.

Based on the current financial status and current structure, approximately 7.0 additional mills will be needed to adequately fund the district. This will generate an additional \$1,125,000 for the operation and maintenance.

Local taxes to fund school districts are based on real, personal, and utility assessments and the local millage rate.

A mill equals 0.1 percent of the assessed value. This translates into \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value. In Arkansas, property is assessed at 20 percent of its market value.

As an example of the financial impact to an individual taxpayer, if the district millage is raised an additional 7.0 mills:

If your real property is valued at: \$100,000, your property should be assessed at 20 percent, and 1 mill would cost you annually \$20.

Taxes owed = (Assessed Value X 20%) X (Millage rate/1000)

Taxes owed = (\$100,000 X 0.2) X (28.91/1000)

Taxes owed = \$578 at current tax rate

Each additional mill will cost \$20 based on a \$100,000 assessment. An additional 7.0 mills will make the total millage for the school district 35.91 which is 2.85 mills below the state average. This increase will cost the individual taxpayer \$140 annually.

Current tax (28.91 mills) - \$578

Tax with additional 7.0 mills - \$140

New tax - \$718 (based on \$100,000 assessment and 35.91 mills)

If the homeowner is eligible for the Homestead Tax Credit, the amount of taxes owed may be reduced by \$375.

Other options to consider to address the financial shortfall include:

- Achieve maximum efficiency with current operating practices and structure
- Compress and freeze the current salary schedule
- Combine schools within the district and the possibility of positions being absorbed or eliminated
- A combination of these options may be more appropriate for the district.

Sincerely,
Brent Howard
MVSD Superintendent

Letters from readers

Points countered; no concession needed

In reply to "Election concession should not be withheld" published Nov. 11 in the Leader:

(1) There is NO office of "President Elect" (2) Voter fraud was detected in places. (3) The Lincoln Project is leaning left (see who the members are). (4) The Electoral College has not made a declaration yet, therefore no concession is required.

As for terrorist threats, I didn't read where the writer was directly affected. Safety/well-being is one's concern every day. Anger is detrimental and change is always coming. If one takes change to the extreme (riots or???) what does that say about those people! Revival and Christ must be the better way!

Gloria Netzel
Mountain View



THE FLATLANDER

By Steve Watkins

Favorite Christmas things

We're rapidly moving into the holiday season, y'all. Thirty-six shopping days left until Christmas.

By all means, shop local if you can. Local merchants need our help now more than ever. But if you find yourself in a time crunch, feel like you're not ready for the crowds, or just need to make it about convenience this year, these are 15 of my favorite things. Some ideas for family and friends, or a gift to yourself, if you please. I shower myself with gifts some years.

In no particular order:

•**Stainless kitchen bowl set:** I'm a kitchen guy. Cooking is a way to make people happy, and it's also my therapy for the end of a stressful day, or writing or managing some project. There is nothing simpler and more practical than a nice set of stainless bowls for mixing or food prep. They hold up well, clean up well, and they look good as a part of any chef's ensemble. Get a nice set of six for under \$25.

•**Wind chimes:** A few days ago I was standing out on our front porch watching the mighty White River roll along, and there was a steady breeze from the southwest that felt so good. But something was missing. If there is one quality to Round Bottom Valley, it's the quiet. I needed something blowing in the wind to give it just the right accent. \$9 and three days later it arrived. A set of windchimes with just the right tone to add another bit of peace to the valley. I enjoy them enough that I'm ordering a second, larger set with a deeper tone.

•**CupFone by WeatherTech:** This is one of those conveniences I use daily, and wouldn't be without one. WeatherTech is the same company that makes durable, water resistant floor board covers for most vehicles. In recent years, they developed a smart phone display stand that has a custom fit to most vehicle

cup holders. It has every adjustment you need to see your phone's display, and is particularly handy when you're using your phone for directions. I've tried other display mechanisms that attach to your vents and every other place, but they all just make me cuss because none really work. CupFone hasn't let me down yet. Available for around \$35.

•**Bird feeder:** Whether you're just an amateur window watcher, or one who takes birding more seriously, Stone County is a birder's paradise with dozens of species from yellow-billed cuckoos to worm-eating warblers. For your seed feeders, go with standard black-oil sunflower seed available in bulk, or black thistle. These will bring cardinals, tufted titmice, wrens, chickadees, grosbeaks, nuthatches, and many more. The White River valley is prime territory for catching hummingbirds on southern migration during fall. And you can easily make your own food for the hummingbirds. Adequate feeders will range from \$10 to \$100.

•**Garden & Gun magazine subscription:** A great magazine for rural folks who call the South home. Published six times yearly, *Garden & Gun* has great personality profiles on Southern figures, culture and trends. You'll rediscover old recipes like your grandmother's Watergate salad that you may just want to introduce to the family. Rick Bragg's columns

are always great reading. Subscribe for \$15 a year.

•**Flannel sheets:** Do I really need to say anything else? If we ever install a nap room at the *Stone County Leader*, my bed/rest area will have flannel sheets. I'm not looking for that to happen any time soon, mind you, but when it does, my choice is made. King and queen sets begin in the \$40 range.

•**Battery-powered leaf blower:** Okay, for the longest I had a complex about battery-powered garden tools. Real men use fuel, right. Not necessarily. Battery-powered tools have come a long way. Charges last longer and they are more powerful than ever. And they're clean. My 40-volt blower is perfect for cleaning the front porch and our pavilion deck in seconds. A good one will run you \$250, and if you're getting one, make it a good one.

•**New Year 2021 Planner:** A diverse livelihood and older age that dictate documenting important thoughts and dates demands a central, go-to location for the things in my life that can't afford forgetting. My preference is a simple leather, spiral bound calendar for one or two years that displays every month over two pages in big block format where multiple events and thoughts can be recorded on a single day. Extra-wide margins for additional notes is a big help. \$10-\$40 covers this helpful tool.

•**Portable battery pack:** An item that stays with me all the time and close

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Options offered to test deer for CWD

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is offering a variety of options to have harvested deer tested for chronic wasting disease for free throughout the 2020-21 deer hunting season.

This year, the AGFC will continue its extensive system of drop-off containers throughout the state, as well as its work with taxidermists and regional offices to pull samples for hunters and have them tested. With regional offices and drop-off sites, hunters will have 100 locations around Arkansas to drop off their deer's head for testing. An additional 52 taxidermists also will be able to pull samples for hunters free of charge.

"Last year we took in 6,622 CWD samples from hunters," AJ Riggs, AGFC wildlife health biologist, said. "All testing on deer is completely voluntary, so we are very happy with the number of people taking advantage of the opportunity to have their deer tested."

Although no verified cases of CWD being transmitted to humans currently exist, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly encourage everyone to have deer from a known CWD-positive area tested before consuming the meat. Testing also assists the AGFC with ongoing disease surveillance in the State's deer herd.

It is easy to get a deer tested through a drop-off location. Simply bring the deer's head with 4 to 6 inches of the neck attached and any antlers removed to the location and place it in one of the provided plastic bags with your name and contact information on the card provided. The AGFC will collect these samples and have them analyzed by the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission laboratory. Testing results should be available within two to three weeks.

Test results will be posted through a secure system at www.agfc.com/cwd.

"We also will call the hunter personally for any test that comes back with CWD being detected," Riggs said. "We can make arrangements to dispose of the meat properly for them."

Riggs says staff also will notify hunters via phone if their sample

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would like to purchase 15 acres of city-owned land that joins their property.

- approved paying a \$13,740 invoice from Brooks Jeffrey for creating a new website and domain for the city.

- discussed the use of \$40,000 in an inflow and infiltration account. Woods questioned why the funds were there. Gardner said the funds were placed in the account several years ago from the general account for an emergency fund for the water department.

- discussed the need for a camera to run sewer lines to locate problems. The last price the city received on a camera was \$10,800, Gardner said.

Arkansas Wildlife

News from the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

is not usable for some reason, so it is important to give complete information with their deer's head.

Testing locations will remain open until Feb. 28, the last day of the archery deer season.

A list of official testing locations is available at www.agfc.com/cwd as well as the latest regulations and news about the disease in Arkansas. Arkansas modern gun deer season opens Nov. 14.

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This article is from *Arkansas Wildlife*, a weekly newsletter distributed by the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission.

School to be out for week

Mountain View School District will be closed Nov. 23-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Watkins

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in the briefcase to my yearly planner. I'm inevitably in places for extended periods that have no electricity, or places where the electricity is inconvenient. Newer battery packs will hold four to five phone charges and the packs charge conveniently overnight. They are lifesavers in a tight spot. \$15 to \$40 will cover a good battery setup. I personally recommend RAVPower brand at around \$34.

- **Swiss Army knife:** Always handy. Don't go for the basic, and most folks don't need one with 27 utensils. Go for moderation with a couple of blades, cork-

screw, tweezers, scissor, toothpick, bottle opener, can opener, and a screwdriver. Expect \$35 to \$40.

- **Home weather station:** I don't have one yet, but it's on my list for this year, and a little elf told me that Santa has placed an Amazon order with his Amex that's already pushing the limit. I'm looking at the Davis Instruments 6250. It's solar powered, records temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, rainfall, wind-speed/direction/chill, dewpoint, heat index, and 22 different alarms for flood, wind, etc. We're not the most connected place down in Round Bottom Valley and I like knowing the conditions. Weathershack.com has this for \$356 and free shipping.

- **Digital recorder:** See New Year 2021 planner above. There are just too many thoughts running through that 54-year old brain that doesn't lock down on memory as well as it once did. And most of my writing ideas come while driving. Not the safest circumstance to record a thought on your smart phone. I pick up my recorder, click a button and talk. Message saved until it can go down somewhere in writing. Tuck back \$40 to \$75.

Now, back to that kitchen gadget obsession. Let's finish it off with three luxury items that every kitchen needs:

- **Food dehydrator:** Also currently absent from la cocina del Watkins, but unnamed sources tell me Santa is making room in a corner pouch of his sleigh. Our garden produced a ton this year, we have fruit trees coming to maturity, and one of these days a deer is going to walk right in front of me and, well, you know the rest of that story. I need a food dehydrator in my life, and found a nice one from Magic Mill I like for around \$179.

- **Vitamix blender:** Honestly, I don't use a blender that often, but when I need one this commercial 1.5 horsepower monster is nice to have. It will do anything. Blade friction so intense it will bring liquid to a boil in just a few minutes, and plus, I love their marketing tag-

line: Powerful enough to liquify a small steer. That's what I'm talking about. Not cheap. Starting around \$450.

- **Kitchen Aid mixer:** Seriously, this is the workhorse of any kitchen. A basic setup comes with a stainless steel bowl and three attachments for mixing and kneading. This machine will literally change a breadmaker's life. I went through enough cheap handmixers through early adulthood and into mid-life to pay for a Kitchen Aid, and if I'd bought it 20 years ago it would likely still be going strong. I bought three last year, one for me, one for my mom, and one for my oldest daughter. Worth every penny starting at \$259.

My Amazon list can easily be made public if you'd like to surprise me this year.

See you in next week's newspaper.

Please don't forget our efforts to help the Officer Santa Foundation. We need many more donations to help kids and families in Stone County this holiday season. Your tax-deductible give can be given at gofundme.com (search Stone County Christmas), or by dropping a donation at the Leader office.

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(Steve Watkins is a reporter for the Stone County Leader. He is the author of two books. He loves chicken and dressing, barbecue, and sweet iced tea. Email him at steve@stonecountyleader.com)



A pink rose blooms near the Stone County Library. See more late autumn blooms on page 1B.

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- Cloth face coverings have been shown to be sufficient for the general public and effective in preventing transmission.
- Face coverings should cover both the mouth and nose to be effective.

Source: CDC

In addition, CDC also recommends that everyone wear cloth face coverings when leaving their homes, regardless of whether they have fever or symptoms of COVID-19. This is because of evidence that people with COVID-19 can spread the disease, even when they don't have any symptoms. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

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How to Walk the Tightrope When Raising Prices

Raising prices can be fraught with risk during good economic times. So what happens if you try to raise prices during bad economic times?

As Hamlet would say, "Ah, there's the rub." If you raise prices, you risk losing clients to competitors. If you don't, decreasing revenue or rising costs can capsize your company. So what's a small business supposed to do?

The Art of Pricing
Raising (and, sometimes, even lowering) prices can be a balancing act. As with any major business decision, pricing should take into account various factors. Here are several to consider.

Analyze costs. First, you need to carefully analyze the costs needed to bring your products or services to market. Such expenses might include raw materials, storage, personnel, advertising, delivery, rent, equipment, taxes and insurance. Failure to cover all these costs in your price will inevitably lead to shrinking profits.

Establish profit margin. Next, it's important to establish an acceptable profit margin. This is where the art of pricing begins. To find your company's sweet spot with regards to pricing, consider researching competitors in your region to determine their pricing for comparable products, raising your finger to the wind to discern the business climate and asking your customers about their preferences.

Listen to your customers. Your customers will tell you if you raised prices too high. They'll either continue to buy your product or seek out a competitor.

Consider incremental price increases. Small, incremental price increases tend to be more palatable to customers than a few large changes. We see this every day in the rising cost of gasoline, utilities and taxes. Many customers can handle incremental inflation...just don't shock them with a huge increase all at once.

When considering pricing, it's important to take a long, hard look at both your costs and the quality of your products and services. Customers will generally pay a premium for goods and services that provide greater value. Successful business owners endeavor to increase both the actual quality of their products and the perception of that quality in the minds of customers. Do both well, and a price increase may be in order.

Church and Family

Obituaries

L.E. Fletcher

L.E. Fletcher, 93, of Timbo, passed away on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at Stone County Medical Center in Mountain View.



He was born on August 22, 1927, in Onia to the late Emmitt and Ella (Balentine) Fletcher. L.E. was a member of Bethany Missionary Baptist Church and worked for 41 years at the Missouri Fire Brick Company. He was a loving son, husband, father, brother, and will be greatly missed by all of his loving family and friends.

Survivors include his loving wife of 74 years, Rodena (Moore) Fletcher; one son, Wayne Fletcher; one brother, Eldo Fletcher; three sisters, Elma Wilson, Mavis Lindsey, and Marilea Duke; four grandchildren, Andrew Fletcher, Robin Johnson, Stephanie Kehoe, and Allison Choate; eight great-grandchildren, Abby Johnson, Joey Johnson, Logan Kehoe, Zack Kehoe, Celia Fletcher, Doreen Fletcher, Owen Fletcher, and Everette Choate; one great-great grandchild, Nevaeh Johnson, along with many extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; children, Doyne Fletcher and Brenda Fowler; brothers, Elmer Fletcher, J.L. Fletcher, and Linville Fletcher, and one sister, Gladys Morrison.

Visitation was Sunday, November 15, 2020, at Bethany Missionary Baptist Church in Onia. Funeral services followed with Brothers Gary Don Fletcher and Roy Jones officiating. Burial was at Pordue Cemetery in Onia.

Pallbearers were Andrew Fletcher, Bryan Johnson, Troy Kehoe, Fred Fletcher, Kevin Stewart, and David Fletcher.

Roller Crouch Funeral Home in Mountain View, Arkansas was in charge of the arrangements.

Pat Balentine

Pat Balentine died at home on Saturday, November 14, 2020, surrounded by family who loved and adored her.



She was born on April 26, 1937, to Tom and Retha (Cross) Burns, at home in Mountain View. Pat was a devoted member of Fifty Six Missionary Baptist Church and faithfully played the piano for the choir for sixty five years. She was an English teacher for 29 years and will be remembered for her devotion to helping students achieve and succeed and for her feisty, spunky spirit.

Pat was known for her God-given talent for writing poetry and stories, her beautiful ability to play the piano and sing hymns, her love for birds especially cardinals, her intelligence and ability to recall trivia, her yard of multi-colored flowers, her ability to walk faster than a speed racer, her great sense of humor, and her

love of pulling antics with her many friends.

Pat is survived by her two daughters, Kim Karrels (Ed) and Cindy Branscum (Keith); son-in-law, Eddie Morgan; sister, Frances Gammill; nephew, Terry Ward; sister-in-law, Betty Ward; nieces, Denise Storey, Dayne Trammell, and Kristy Ward-Ivy; grandchildren, Kasie Cox (Donny) and Hunter Branscum (Candace); great-grandchildren, Brylie and Colt Cox and Kolter and Kasen Branscum.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents; nephew, Ronnie Brightwell; infant son, Bobby Balentine; daughter, Debbie (Balentine) Morgan; and husband, RL Balentine.

She will be remembered as a devoted friend, a dedicated and caring teacher, a faithful servant to God, and a loving wife, mama and grandma to a family who cherished her. Her legacy of love will live on through her family and those who knew her.

Visitation was Monday, November 16, 2020, at Fifty Six Missionary Baptist Church in Fifty Six. Funeral services followed with Brothers Robb Arnold and David Campbell officiating. Burial was at Fifty Six Cemetery in Fifty Six.

Pallbearers were Hunter Branscum, Keith Branscum, Donny Cox, Ed Karrels, Eddie Morgan, and Terry Ward. Honorary pallbearers were RC Alexander, Ronnie Anderson, Jr. Lee Deatherage, Harold Lancaster, and Kenneth Sutton.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in honor of Micah Martin, PO Box 1893, Memphis, Tennessee 38101-9950.

Roller Crouch Funeral Home in Mountain View, Arkansas was in charge of the arrangements.

Patsy Jones

Patsy Jones, 78, of Big Flat, died Sunday, November 8, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock. She was born in Marshall on September 3, 1942, to Jasper Willis Henry and Florence Ellen (Cox) Henry.



Patsy was a dedicated Christian and member of Bethany Baptist Church of Onia. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and sister. Many people have been blessed by her sweet, helpful, and caring nature and friendship. She enjoyed singing, cooking, and helping others in any way she could.

She is survived by her husband of almost 58 years, J.C. Jones of the home; one son, Roy Jones and wife Brenda of Big Flat; two grandsons, Brandon Jones and wife Kala of Greenbrier and Josh Jones and wife Ashley of Onia; one great grandson, Brayden Jones; three great granddaughters, Kaisley Jones, Jacie Jones, and Kesler Jones; two sisters, Diane Brewer of Onia and Virbil Lee Gasaway of Marshall;

along with nieces and nephews, as well as many friends.

Patsy was preceded in death by her parents, Florence and Willis Henry; one sister, Emogene Lloyd; three brothers, Virgil Henry, Martin Henry, and Leon Henry.

Funeral service was at Bethany Baptist Church of Onia on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, with Brother Gary Don Fletcher and Brother Darin Holliman officiating. Interment followed the service at Freeman Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Brandon Jones, Josh Jones, Brayden Jones, Joey Brewer, Rodney Brewer, Randy Gasaway, and Dennis Treat.

Richard M. Clark

Richard M. Clark, Jr., 91, of Salem, Arkansas formerly of Mountain View, died on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at Baxter Regional Medical Center in Mountain Home.



He was born on September 3, 1929, to the late Richard Clark, Sr. and Hattie (Webb) Clark. Richard was a veteran of the United States Army and served his country proudly during the Korean War. He was a retired as a machinist in the cotton mill industry and will be greatly missed by all of his loving family and friends.

He is survived by two sons, Richard M. Clark III and wife Susan, and Roger D. Clark; one brother, C.R. Clark and wife, Lee; one sister, Verla Jean Forth, and husband Garrell; one granddaughter, Lacie Pharis; four great-grandchildren, Ashley Pope and husband Sam, Haley Pharis, Charles Pharis, and Douglas Pharis; one great-great grandson, Hudson Lee Pope and a host of many extended family and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Clark, Sr. and Hattie (Webb) Clark; his beloved wife of 65 years, Alta Jean Warren Clark; one son, David Clark; granddaughter, Laura Clark, as well as many siblings.

A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020, 11:00 AM at Levisy Flat Cemetery in Mountain View where he will be laid to rest next to his wife. Brother Mike Yates will officiate.

Military Honors will

be rendered by the United States Army Funeral Honors Team and the Stone County Honor Guard.

Roller Crouch Funeral Home in Mountain View is in charge of the arrangements.

Wesley Wayne Vickers

Wesley Wayne Vickers, 56, of Mountain View, died November 9, 2020 at his home.

He was born in Kansas City to Glenn and Clarice (Franks) Vickers. Wesley was of the Baptist faith and worked for many years at Cedar America. He enjoyed fishing, watching wildlife and spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed by all of his loving family and friends.

Wesley is survived by his parents, Glenn and Clarice (Franks) Vickers; his loving wife, Bennie (Price) Vickers; son, Eli Dames; step-daughter, Catherine Bentley; one brother, Mike Vickers; one sister, Donna Davis, and two grandchildren.

The family will have a memorial service at a later date.

Roller Crouch Funeral Home in Mountain View is in charge of the arrangements.

Shelia Hargraves

Shelia Dodson Hargraves, 60, a graduate of Timbo High School, died Sept. 22, 2020, in Wichita, Kan., where she was undergoing medical treatment.

She was born Feb. 23, 1960, to Clyde and Lucille Powell Dodson, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, James Hargraves of Texas; stepson Rodney (Alicia) Hargraves and stepdaughters Kimberly and Christa Hargraves, all of Texas; and one sister, Sharon (Adam) Hill of Newton, Kan.

Also preceding her in death were grandparents Marvin and Aggie Dodson and Ott and Velda Stevens Powell.

Funeral and burial was in Colmesneil, Texas.

Nelson Leon Clark

Nelson Leon Clark, the son of Claud Houston Clark and Lovie Josephine McMahan Clark was born January 12, 1962, in Mountain View, Arkansas, and passed away November 14, 2020 at his home in Drasco, Arkansas, at the age of 58.

Nelson was of the Baptist faith. For over 20 years, he worked for

Asphalt Road Construction. Nelson enjoyed playing pool, riding horses, going to the Chuck Wagon races and being a guide for the OK Trading Post. One of his most favorite things was working the Pony Wheel at the different festivals and watching the many smiling faces on the children's faces when they would ride; but even more that he loved to talk and brag about his grandkids.

Nelson loved to be with family and friends, hanging out at Circle K and visiting with people. Nelson was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Nelson is preceded in death by his parents and one nephew Gregory Richardson.

Nelson is survived by his five children; daughter Kim Rackley of Mountain View, three sons, Chris Clark (Kourtney) of Ida, Arkansas, Levi Clark (Tabatha) of Wolf Bayou, Arkansas, Johnny Clark (Samantha) of Drasco, Arkansas, and daughter Ashley Powell of Mountain View.

Nelson had 13 grandchildren and the 14th grandchild due in March.

Nelson is also survived by two sisters, Gayle Richardson (Wes), Tena McElhaney (Robert) and one brother Neil Clark, all of Drasco, Arkansas. Nelson also leaves behind three nieces and one nephew, eleven great nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at the Ben Church of Christ. Visitation will be from 12-1 p.m. Brother Glen Swafford and Brother Don Clark will officiate the service. Burial will be at the Friendship Cemetery in Ben. Under the direction of Mountain View Funeral Service.

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November 1990 30 Years Ago

Congressional District #1 incumbent Bill Alexander defeated unknown Republican opponent Terry Hayes in Stone County by a 2304-1551 margin. Alexander retained his seat.

While Governor Bill Clinton did win the statewide election by 14 percentage points, Sheffield Nelson carried Stone County, receiving 2,158 votes to Clinton's 1,736 in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Olis Lawrence and their two grandsons, Chris Jason and Lance McElroy, spent their vacation in Cleveland, Tennessee, where they met with World War II veterans--Company C 776 Amphibious Tank Battalion.

Mountain View FHA members participating in STAR Events competition were Brandy Gilliam, Holly Gilliam, Bobbie Fletcher, Spring Branscum, Brad Bangs, Alicia Sullivan, and Kara Cullen.

November 2000 20 Years Ago

Veteran's Day will be

observed again this year at Mountain View with a parade and program featuring keynote speakers. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and will follow the traditional route from behind Brown's Laundromat, east end on Main Street to the Bank of Mountain View parking lot.

A monument honoring the late singer/songwriter Jimmy Driftwood was unveiled in a special ceremony at the Ozark Folk Center last Thursday. The memorial, which plays "The Battle of New Orleans" at the push of a button, was erected at the front of the Music Theater.

Kevin McCarn, of Mountain View, made his place in the record books as he passed for 405 yards and led the University of Montecello to a 46-14 victory over Henderson State. McCarn's passing yards in the rain moved him past Randy Huffstickler of UCA, Clint Stoerner of University of Arkansas and Cleo Lemon of ASU to take the lead in the all time Arkansas college career passing yardage record.

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Billy Calvin Bangs

Billy Calvin Bangs (Bill) died Thursday, November 12, 2020, in Mountain View. He was born May 23, 1924, in Mountain View to Andrew Calvin Bangs and Pearl Hinkle Bangs.



Bill is survived by one son, Randy Bangs of Mountain View, two grandsons, Brad (Paige) Bangs of Greenbrier and Keith Bangs of Lowell, Arkansas; three great-grandchildren Abigail Bangs, Jasper Bangs, and Owen Bangs. He is also survived by one brother-in-law, three sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews and numerous close family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Pearl, step-mother Addie, his wife Avice (Sutton) Bangs and his siblings Jerry, J.B., Gladys, Ruby, Mary, and Ruth.

He entered military service on November 18, 1942, as a member of the 8th Army Air Force. He served until his honorable discharge on October 22, 1945, having attained the rank of staff sergeant. While in the Air Force, he flew 28 missions as a waist gunner and belly gunner on B-17's and B-24's, taking anti-aircraft fire on many of the missions over Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland. He was awarded the European African Medals, Eastern Service Medal with four Bronze Stars, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. After discharge he returned to Stone County and married Avice on June 1, 1946. He worked as a logger, owner-operator of Sutton & Bangs and Bill's Service Stations, and as a carpenter for Modern Builders until he retired in 1986.

Visitation was Tues-

day, November 17, 2020, at Flatwoods Cemetery in Mountain View. Graveside services followed the visitation with Brother Gary Don Fletcher officiating. Pallbearers were Littlepage Sims, Laddie Sims, Ladd Sims, Brandon Harlan, Bill Doolin, and Larry Sullivan.

Music was by Littlepage Sims and friends.

Military honors rendered by the United States Air Force Funeral Honors Team and the Stone County Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Flatwoods Cemetery Fund, 802 Highway 5, Mountain View.

William H. Settle

William (Bill) Settle, 89, of Mountain View, died peacefully at home on October 21, 2020.

He was born to William Paden Settle and Mary Evelyn (Galey) Settle on March 8, 1931, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated the University of Maryland in 1954 with a BS degree in Business and Public Administration.

Upon graduation Bill joined the US Navy where he served as a Naval Aviator for five years ending his career with a cruise on the USS Ranger in 1959. He then moved back to the east coast where he met and married the love of his life, Michael. They moved back and forth across the country and finally retired in 1999 to Mountain View. They joined the First United Methodist Church and Mountain View community and spent most of their time volunteering. When Michael died in 2010 of cancer, Bill went right on giving back to the community, always looking for more ways to serve.

In July of 2018 Bill had a major stroke and after two years of therapy, the Lord took him home.

Bill was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Michael; his parents; a still born son, William McKinzie Settle and daughter, Michelle Newton. He is

survived by daughters, Kim Settle (and Margie) of Granite Bay, CA; Jenni Zito (and Paul), of San Diego, CA; Kelle Settle of Mountain View; Wende Phillips (and Darren) of Summerville, SC; William R. Settle (and Angie) of Moab, UT. Five granddaughters: Hayden Michael Price, Josie Aaron Dalton and Grace Olivia Dalton, of South Carolina and Ava Rys Settle and Ella

Settle, of Moab, UT. Four grandsons, Jared Rose and Jake Rose of Utah; Joey Gardner and Al Gardner, of Alexandria, VA; and one great grandson, Gracen Rose of Utah.

Smith Sherwood Funeral Home of Sherwood was in charge of cremation. Bill and Michael's cremains will be joined together and will rest at the Sunnlyland Cemetery.

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STONE COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

The Stone County Library has the following new fiction books: *The Return* by Nicholas Sparks; *The Order* (Gabriel Allon #20) by Daniel Silva; and *Starfish Pier* (Hope Harbor #6) by Irene Hannon.

New mysteries include: *The Night Swim* by Megan Goldin; *A Time For Mercy* (Jake Brigance #3) by John Grisham; and *The Midwife Murders* by James Patterson.

We also have one new nonfiction book entitled, *Speaking For Myself* by Sarah Huckabee.

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SENIOR CENTER MENU/SCHEDULE

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The cost for a meal is \$7 for anyone who is not a member. Guests are always welcome, and everyone aged 60 years and over is encouraged to sign up (free) to be eligible for the member meal which is a \$3 suggested donation.

class, transportation, shopping trips and all other activities have been suspended until the dining room is open.

Following is menu for upcoming days (subject to change):

Wednesday: Poppy seed chicken, zucchini and tomatoes, green peas, bread pudding

Thursday: Ham, pineapple sauce, yam patty, green beans, roll, pecan dessert

Friday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, pears

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Toby Philyaw runs the ball for the Mountain View Yellowjackets against the Hackett Hornets in the first round of the state playoffs in a game that was much closer than the Hackett 38 to Mountain

View 20 score would indicate. Hackett only had 13 more total yards than Mountain View for the game. Photo by Rusty Fraser

MV boys teams win against Cedar Ridge

Mountain View junior and senior boys basketball teams were in action at Cedar Ridge Nov. 10, and both recorded wins. The junior boys won 44-22 with Collin Johnson scoring 12 points and Ryder Scribner adding nine points and four steals. Trevor Downs and Austin McDonald scored seven points each, and Karter Holland nabbed five steals. The senior boys won 47-43 in overtime. Brayden Scribner scored 13 points and gave four assists, while Riley McCarroll added 12 points. Kaedn Henderson led in rebounding with six, and he tossed in five points. Jayden Scroggins tallied six points. Eight players contributed scoring and made seven three-pointers during the game.

Hackett defeats Yellowjackets 38-20 in opening playoff game

Football season ended for the Mountain View Yellowjackets in the first round of the playoffs Friday night in Mountain View when the Jackets came up short against the Hackett Hornets 38 to 20. Mountain View finished the season with a 5 and 6 record and made the state playoffs for the seventh straight year.

Mountain View scored first after a 9 play 56 yard drive, on a 1 yard touchdown run by Elijah Carlton. The 2 point conversion failed, but the Jackets led 6 to 0.

Hackett came back in the second quarter and scored on a 6 yard run, then completed a pass for the 2 points and took the lead 8 to 6.

The Jackets countered with a 10 play 54 yard drive and a touchdown run by Elijah Carlton. The 2 point try failed, but Mountain View regained the lead 12 to 8.

But the Hackett team was able to score twice more before halftime and took a 24 to 12 lead. The Hornets scored again in the fourth quarter on a 16 yard run

making their total 38.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Jackets mounted a 71 yard drive and scored on a 5 yard pass from Elijah Carlton to Sawyer Robinson. A 2 point conversion was good on a Hunter Smith run, for the 38 to 20 final score.

Mountain View had a total offense of 257 yards compared to 270 yards for Hackett.

C. J. Rose rushed for 97 yards

Elijah Carlton rushed for 57 yards, 2 TDs, 5 yards passing, 1 passing TD and 1 reception for

26 yards.

Hunter Smith rushed for 40 yards, Toby Philyaw rushed for 18 yards, Joseph Rentz passed for 44 yards.

Sawyer Robinson made 2 pass receptions for 15 yards and 1 receiving touchdown.

Elijah Carlton made 9 tackles, Lane Miller made 6 tackles, Landon Goins made 6 tackles and 1 fumble recovery, Randal Rorie made 6 tackles, Tanner Trammell made 4 tackles and Aston Nguyen made 3 tackles and 1 sack.

RS senior girls, junior boys win

By Lori Freeze

The Rural Special Rebels split games against Ozark Mountain School District Friday night, with the junior boys and senior girls logging wins. The Ozark Mountain district includes St. Joe, Bruno-Pyatt and Western Grove and the campuses have combined basketball teams. The junior boys pulled

out a 59-56 win after coming back from a four-point halftime deficit. Lonnie Hershberger hit 24 points, Cole Linville 17 and Casen Stevens added 13 to counter the outside shooting of the visiting Bears, which notched nine three-pointers during the game.

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The Lady Rebels led 23-18 at halftime and won 54-43, but the game

was tied at 34 early in the final period after the Lady Bears demonstrated some strong inside play and Rural Special had a shooting lapse. A couple three-pointers from Abbey Linville helped get the team in position to use the clock to their advantage in the game's closing minutes. Perfect freethrow shooting in 12 attempts in the final

three minutes sealed the win.

Overall, the team hit 23 of 24 freethrow attempts during the game. Linville finished with 25 points, while Bailey Perry added 17.

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The senior boys were dominated 70-27, with Caleb Avey and Buddy Morgan scoring 11 points each.

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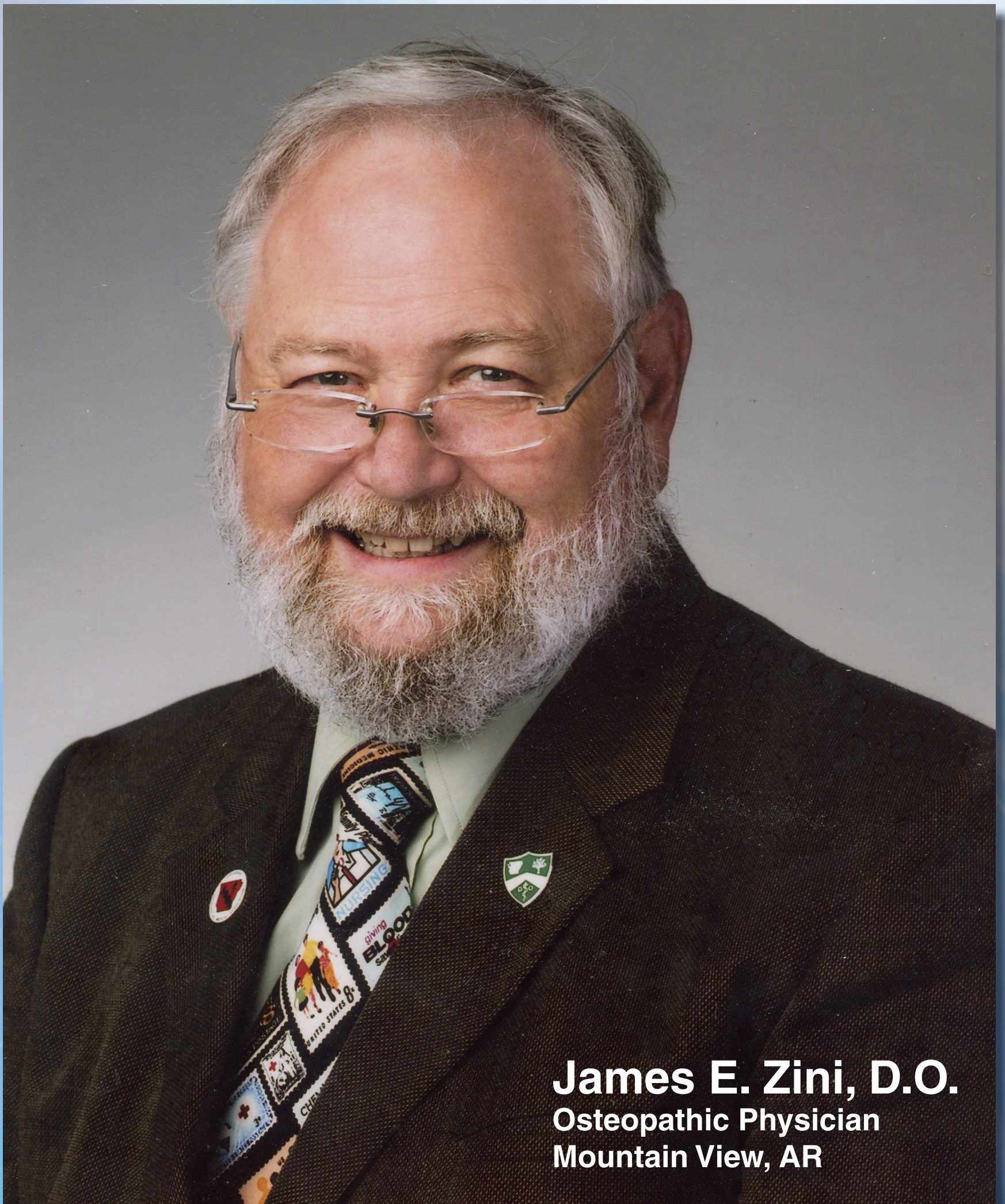
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Ryder Turner of Mountain View shot his first buck, an 8-point, on Nov. 8 during the youth hunt. He was hunting with his step-dad, Zach Brewer.



Rush Stewart, 7, of Rushing killed this 9-point buck with a crossbow Nov. 5 while hunting with his dad, Dustin.



Coleman Rodgers, 16, of Mountain View harvested this 7-point buck at family farm in Stone County opening weekend of modern gun season. His parents are Tom and Judy Rodgers.



Daniel John Adrian McClatchy, 11, of Timbo got his first deer, an eight point, on Nov. 7 with a 20 gauge. He was accompanied by his father, Jessie James McClatchy.

Budget issues top agenda

The 2021 Regular Session begins in less than two months. The Arkansas House of Representatives provides the following update on the ongoing budget hearings in preparation for the session.

Pre-session budget hearings have been extended. They began last month and will continue from now to November 19.

This week, members were presented with the General Revenue Forecast and the Governor's Balanced Budget Proposal. The Governor's plan calls for a reduction of sales tax on vehicles priced less than \$10,000. His proposal also calls for a reduction in the income tax rate for new residents moving into Arkansas.

The proposal includes recommendations for one-time funding from the \$240 million expected budget surplus. Those recommendations include a transfer of \$100 million to the Long Term Reserve Fund and a \$30 million transfer to the Department of Commerce for rural broadband.

By law, the governor is required to submit a balanced budget proposal.

While we take the proposal from the executive branch into consideration, appropriation bills and the budget are ultimately drafted and voted on by the legislature.

The House and Senate Education Committees have recommended an increase of \$99.7 million in funding for k-12 education for the next fiscal year.

The committees recommended an increase of \$86.9 million for fiscal year 2023.

Currently, state funding is \$6,985 per student. The committees' recommendation increases the amount to \$7,131 next year and to \$7,281 in Fiscal Year 2023. The committees' proposal is also reflected in the Governor's proposed budget.

This week, the Department of Finance and Administration issued its economic forecast. For the next fiscal year, the department expects state revenue to increase by \$172 million or 3 percent more than the current fiscal year.

The short-term outlook for the Arkansas economy remains mixed.

The forecast states there are noticeable lags in recovery by travel, conventions, and full-service restaurants.

As a reminder, members can begin filing bills for the upcoming legislative session on Monday, November 16.

You will find a link to all recently filed legislation on our website, www.arkansashouse.org.

We have also posted the General Revenue Forecast and the Governor's Balanced Budget.

The 2021 Regular Session begins on January 11.

Stone County is represented in the State House of Representatives by Michelle Gray of Melbourne and John Payton of Wilburn.

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Plants in downtown Mountain View with blooms persisting into the colder temperatures are, clockwise from top, Angel's trumpet at Inn at Mountain View, Chinese fringe flower at Washington Street Park, and roses, pansies and begonias, all at Wildflower B&B.

Photos by
Lori Freeze



Proposal would decrease used car tax

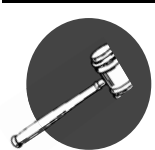
The governor presented a balanced budget proposal to the legislature for next fiscal year. It would authorize about \$5.8 billion in spending from the state's general revenue fund, about three percent more than this year.

The legislature has been working on balancing the budgets of state agencies since mid-October.

The final spending plan for Arkansas state government will be set when the legislature adjourns the 2021 regular session. It begins in January.

The governor's plan would reduce taxes by \$50 million a year for people in low and middle income brackets.

Under the governor's plan, the sales tax would go down on purchases of used cars that cost less than \$10,000. Now, used



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From our state legislators

cars sold for less than \$4,000 are exempt from the sales tax. The new rate would reduce the state sales tax from 6.5 percent to 3.5 percent on used vehicles sold for \$4,000 to \$9,999.

The proposal would encourage upper income families to establish a residence in Arkansas. The top income tax bracket for new residents would be reduced from 5.9 percent to 4.9 percent for the first five years they live in Arkansas.

Legislators questioned the fairness of creating a different income bracket for new residents, when people who have always lived in Arkansas

would pay a higher rate although their income is the same.

Spokesmen for the governor responded by saying that limiting the top bracket at 4.9 percent for new residents would create a clear goal for future reductions for people who have always lived in Arkansas.

When the pandemic hit earlier this year, state budget officials reduced the official forecast, in anticipation of an economic slowdown. Under our balanced budget law, when the economy slows and tax revenue drops off, spending is reduced accordingly. In April the forecast was lowered by more than \$200 million.

The governor's proposed budget would restore many of the spending cuts made necessary in April. Categories that would get funding increases include higher education, health care and human services.

Law enforcement categories scheduled to see increased funding include the state Crime Lab, reimbursements to county jails and crisis stabilization units. The budget for state prisons would increase next fiscal year by 3.9 percent under the governor's proposal, to \$375 million. It has more than 16,000 in custody, with 3,658 staff positions cur-

rently filled.

Community Corrections would get an increase of 6 percent, to \$97 million a year. Its officers supervise offenders on parole and probation. It operates drug courts and six residential treatment facilities. It has 1,304 staff positions now filled. More than 60,000 adult offenders are under the Department's supervision.

Under the governor's recommendation, the Public School Fund, from which state aid is distributed to local school districts, would increase by 1.4 percent, to \$2.25 billion.

The Human Services

Department would get a funding increase of 4.8 percent. It administers Medicaid, services for people with disabilities, long-term care facilities, drug treatment programs and benefits for low-income families such as food stamps.

State support of four-year universities would increase to \$612 million, from \$575 million this year. Support for two-year colleges would increase from \$112 million to \$118 million. In addition, five technical colleges would get a funding increase from \$31 million to \$32 million.

This column is provided by the Senate Information Office. Missy Irvin of Mountain View, State Senator for District 18, represents Stone County.



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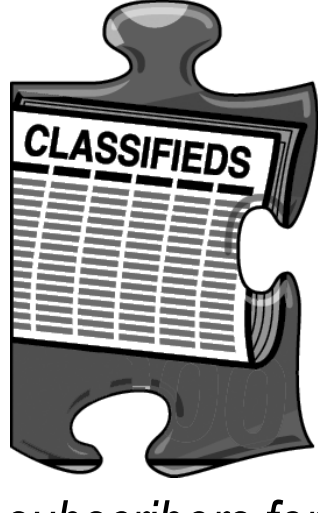
YESTERDAZ GOSPEL Band had a great night of fun last week, and getting ready to start practicing on our Christmas Program scheduled for Dec. 17, Thursday before Christmas, at 6 pm. Our plan is to have a few finger foods after the program is over. If you interested in being in it, please show up this Wednesday night at the Court Square RV Park Theater, with the songs you would like to do, and key if known. I want to close out this year with some humor, great songs and just simply fun and laughter. We have had so much pain, suffering, and devastations, lost many loved ones, jobs, homes, dreams and hope. Maybe we can lift some spirits with your help. I pray 2021 will be a new exciting prosperous year for all of us, especially for America, and Mountain View. Please continue to pray for our Presidential race, and our President, the only one who has worked for America without a cent of pay. Whether you believe it or not, He loves America and wants the best for us. So much division in this country, but with God, all things are possible.

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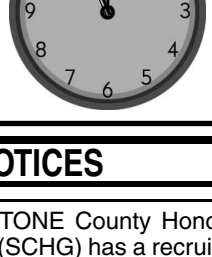
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1 • NOTICES

ROSCO P. Coal Trains Community Outreach Donations are always needed and greatly appreciated. 100% of all donations are used for the rescued Furkids. We are always working saving the lives of the strays, the abandoned and abused animals. When driving take a look around, how many starving dogs do you see walking endlessly along the roadways. They have been rescued, medically treated, spayed or neutered, returned to health and rehomed. How many unwanted litters are being dumped? Our rescue efforts and our affordable low cost spay and neuter clinic has dramatically lowered the numbers. Today puppies are surrendered over and the moms are spayed. It takes a community to make a difference. Please mail donations to RPCT, PO Box 2572, Mountain View, AR 72560. You can use paypal or our donation containers at Creative Impressions, Nixon Animal Hospital or Harps Grocery.

MOUNTAIN VIEW join the Republican Party. Exciting speakers, know the truth and gain new friends. 2nd Tuesday each month, 7 p.m. First Service Bank meeting room.

VETERANS COME join the VFW #12127 Leslie, Arkansas. Must have served over seas in certain areas and certain dates. 870-746-4703 or 870-447-2960 for Post Quarter Master. Meeting every second Saturday, 8 a.m. breakfast served!

VETERANS COME join American Legion. Meet with us every 4th Saturday morning 8 a.m. breakfast served! American Legion Post #131 or call 870-746-4703 or for the adjutant call 870-447-2960.

TO THOSE with loved ones in Fox Cemetery: If you would like to contribute directly to the upkeep of the cemetery, your contributions may be sent to: Fox Cemetery Committee, PO Box 1, Fox, AR 72051. Committee members are interested in your suggestions or concerns in regard to maintenance issues. Current committee members are Jimmy Holland, Jerry Perry and Larry Linville.

FOSTER HOMES needed. Volunteers needed. Donations are always needed and so appreciated. Dog food always needed, we feed Purina Dog Chow, Purina Puppy Chow and some of the furkids prefer Old Roy in the red bag. Call 870-269-7308, Mailing address: RPCT, PO Box 2572, Mountain View, AR 72560.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Fairgrounds EHC Building, 6 p.m. Mondays. Women's meeting, 1 p.m. Tuesdays. Regional meeting, 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Open meeting, noon Wednesdays. Regular meeting, noon Fridays. 870-214-1007 or email mtviewyana.aa@gmail.com for more info.

NOTICE TO Veterans: For free ride to the VA hospitals in Little Rock and North Little Rock, please call the Veterans Affairs Office at 870-269-4277 or William at 870-214-1901.

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130 Religious

MT. JOY Church on Highway 14, 6 miles south of Mountain View just past the Guion turn off on left, invites everyone to come and worship with us. Sunday morning service starts at 10 a.m. Sunday evening service starts at 6 p.m. on second, third and fourth Tuesdays we have bible study starting at 5:30 p.m. See you there. Pastor Truman Bullard and Assistant Pastors Lonnie Baker and Shawn Steiger.

BLUE MOUNTAIN Missionary Baptist Church, 150 years continuous service. Sunday morning services, 10 a.m. Daryl Pitts, Pastor.

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COME WORSHIP with us at Foothills Baptist Church Sunday: 9:45 Sunday School and 11:00 church. Visitors welcome, come as you are. Two miles north of Wal-Mart

1 • NOTICES

FIRST UNITED Methodist Church invites you to worship with us this Sun. 9:30 a.m. Sun. School; 11 a.m. worship.

SYLAMORE BAPTIST Church welcomes our new pastor, Brother Glenn Johnson and his wife, Teresa. Come on out and meet them and enjoy some good fellowship and a great sermon. Everybody is welcome at the small church with a big heart.

SOULS HARBOR River of Life Church located on Oak Street behind Mountain View Telephone Company: Sunday School, 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Worship service, 11 a.m. Praise and Worship Service, Sunday and Wednesday evening, 6 p.m. Pastor Tim and Mary Clark welcome everyone to come and worship with us.

THREE CROSSES Cowboy Church invites you to join us Sunday Mornings at 9 a.m. for Sunday School and Service at 9:45 a.m. at 312 School Avenue.

THE SEVENTH Day Adventist Church invites you to come worship with us on Saturday mornings starting at 9:15 for song service, 9:30 for Sabbath School and 11:00 a.m. Worship Hour followed by fellowship dinner. Tower Loop off Warren Street. 870-269-8544 (please leave message).

1 • NOTICES

ST. MARY'S Catholic Church is located 3 miles west on Hwy. 66, Mountain View. Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. Praying for the rosary at 10:00 a.m. prior to Mass. 870-269-5194.

135 No Hunting

NO HUNTING or trespassing on the 120 acres owned by Rich McCormack at the end of Bobcat Trail in Stone County.

NO HUNTING, no trespassing, no 4-wheelers, no dumping on Davis and Foster Farm.

NO HUNTING, No Running Dogs, No Trespassing of any kind on Anne Reid's property on Fairview Road in Onia.

NO HUNTING or Trespassing on property owned by Linda Pugh.

NO TRESPASSING of any kind on Roasting Ear Creek property owned by Bob and Kay Burton on Clearwater Road north of Newnata.

PROPERTY 694 Lindsay Hill, posted no dogs, hunting or trespassing. Violators will be prosecuted.

NO DOGS, No Hunting or trespassing allowed on Mark & Faye Kieffer's property and the property of Shelby Joe Canard.

1 • NOTICES

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NO HUNTING or running dogs on Virginia or Ronnie Friddle property.

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NO HUNTING, No Trespassing, No running of dogs on property owned by Dr. James and Judy Zini on Blue Mtn. Road.

NO HUNTING, No Trespassing or dogs on property on Blue Mountain right beside Stone Mountain, 200 acres belonging to Inella Morgan Williams. Nothing is to be taken off this mountain and no trees are to be cut. All violators will be prosecuted. If you have any questions call 865-441-7897.

NO HUNTING, no trespassing, or running of dogs on property belonging to Mike Adams or Josephine Hart on Younger Access Road.

1 • NOTICES

NO HUNTING, no trespassing and no running of dogs on Jim and Shirley Wood family farm.

NO HUNTING, No Trespassing, property east of Hwy. 58 on Guion Road. Property belonging to the Barrett's, Upton's, Nettles', and Taylor's. All violators will be prosecuted. No dogs allowed.

140 Personal

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160 Thank You

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I WOULD like to thank all my friends that helped celebrate my 90th birthday with cards, gifts, calls and lunch. I appreciate you all. Ginger Bigalke

WE WANT to thank everyone for the cards, calls and concerns for our Mother Vauda Burns (White) and her passing October 20. We appreciate every one of you. Mother loved Stone County and its people. She knew names and children's names like a book. She loved Walmart for her catching up place. We appreciate Crouch Funeral Home for taking such good care of everything for us. Also, thanks everyone for loving her too. Susie Burns Burrow and Brand Burns families.

2 • VEHICLES

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3 • PETS

310 Pets

PLEASE DONATE your old polyester batting pillows and crew neck sweaters and sweatshirts (any size or color) to the Second Chance Shop on Main St. We need them to make more pet beds to sell at the shop. All proceeds go directly to the Stone County Humane Society's low cost spay/neuter program.

THE SECOND Chance Shop on Main St., run by volunteers for the Stone County Humane Society, is open from 10-4 p.m. on Wed. through Saturday. We welcome your donations, such as household goods, linens, glassware, china, accessories such as belts, purses, but no longer accept shoes or clothing. Pet Beds are available for sale, along with many other items such as knickknacks, small electronics, small kitchen appliances, books, Cds, VHS tapes, picture frames, and many seasonal items. For more info. call 870-269-5200.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VICTOR EDWARD DEYO, deceased
69PR-20-51
NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 234 Fox Run Rd, Mountain View, AR 72560
Date of Death: October 1, 2020.
An Instrument dated the 1st day of December, 2019 was admitted to probate as the last will of the above named decedent on November 9, 2020 and the undersigned has been appointed executrix thereunder. A contest of the probate of the will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. Provided, that claims for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of the notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit on such estate.

This notice first published November 18, 2020.
Christine Deyo, Executrix:
By: Jeff Dobbins, AR Bar # 82226
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 42
Mountain View, AR 72560
870-269-3281

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION CENTENNIAL BANK, Successor in Interest by Merger to Liberty Bank of Arkansas, PLAINTIFF vs. CASE NO.: 69CV-19-050

LISA HAMILTON AND TREVOR FROST, DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal Order of the Circuit Court of Stone County, Arkansas, entered on the 12th day of October 2020, in a certain cause (No. 69CV-19-50) then pending therein between Centennial

Bank, successor in interest by merger to Liberty Bank of Arkansas, plaintiff, and Lisa Hamilton and Trevor Frost, defendants, the undersigned, as commissioner of said court, will offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the County Courthouse in Mountain View, Arkansas, in which said court is held, in the County of Stone, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on the 29th day of December 2020, at 10:00 a.m., the following real property situated in Stone County, Arkansas: Part of the frl NW1/4 of frl Section 16, Township 13 N, Range 8 W, with accretions and being described as follows: Commencing at the locally accepted W1/4 corner of Section 16 as marked by an axle and running South 89° 39' 53" East, a distance of 522.4 feet to a point; thence North 00° 25' 29" East, a distance of 500.0 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 00° 41' 52" East, a distance of 520.0 feet to a set 3/8" rebar; thence North 89° 39' 53" West, a distance of 520.0 feet to set 3/8" rebar; thence North 00° 41' 52" East, a distance of 865.8 feet to a set 3/8" rebar; thence South 77° 35' 00" East, a distance of 623.2 feet to a point; thence South 74° 20' 45" East, a distance of 124.0 feet to a point; thence North 86° 52' 44" East, a distance of 138.0 feet to a point; thence North 74° 12' 23" East, a distance of 342.3 feet to a set 3/8" rebar; thence South 00° 44' 40" East, a distance of 117.2 feet to a 3/8" rebar; thence South 40° 23' 47" West, a distance of 442.9 feet to the beginning point of a curve concave to the east having a radius of 50.0 feet and a central angle of 131° 24' 35" and being subtended by a chord which bears South 19° 32' 09" East 91.1 feet to a set 3/8" rebar; thence southwesterly, southerly, southeasterly and easterly along said curve, a distance of 114.7 feet to a point of reverse curvature at a set 3/8" rebar; thence easterly and southeasterly a distance of 21.7 feet along the arc of said curve concave to the southwest having a radius of 30.0 feet and a central angle of 41° 24' 35" to a set 3/8" rebar; thence South 43° 49' 52" East tangent to said curve, a distance of 1070.8 feet to a set 3/8" rebar; thence North 90° 00' 00" West, a distance

of 483.7 feet to a set 3/8" rebar; thence South 00° 19' 17" East, a distance of 384.2 feet to a set 3/8" rebar; thence North 89° 39' 52" West, a distance of 30.0 feet to a set 3/8" rebar; thence North 00° 19' 17" West, a distance of 384.0 feet to a set 3/8" rebar; thence North 90° 00' 00" West, a distance of 684.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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GIVEN under my hand and seal this 9th day of November 2020.

ANGIE HUDSPETH-WADE, Circuit Clerk
By: Lila Farris D.C. Commissioner

39-2tc

NOTICE OF LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING AND PUBLIC TESTING

In accordance with Ark. Code § 7-5-515 & 7-5-611, the Stone County Election Commission will meet to conduct Logic and Accuracy Testing and Public Testing of all voting equipment to be used in the December 1, 2020 Stone County General Run-off Election. This meeting will be conducted November 19, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Stone County Election Office at 111 N. Peabody Ave., Mtn. View, AR 72560 and will continue until all processes are completed. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Submitted by:
Stone County Election Commission
Ruth Bonds, Chairman
Bud Thurman
Stanton Foll

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Tuesday - 11/17 • H 64 | L 39 °F 0% / 0 in. Sunny. High 64F. Winds light and variable. Tomorrow night 0% / 0 in. Clear. Low 39F. Winds light and variable.
Sunrise - 6:47 am / Sunset - 5:00 pm
Moonrise - 9:34 am / Moon Set - 7:22 pm
Wednesday - 11/18 • H 64 | L 46 °F 0% / 0 in. Sunny skies. High 64F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday night 0% / 0 in. Clear. Low 46F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.
Sunrise - 6:48 am / Sunset - 4:59 pm
Moonrise - 10:37 am / Moon Set - 8:23 pm
Thursday - 11/19 • H 68 | L 50 °F 0% / 0 in. Mainly sunny. High 68F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night 10% / 0 in. A mostly clear sky. Low near 50F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.
Sunrise - 6:49 am / Sunset - 4:59 pm
Moonrise - 11:31 am / Moon Set - 9:27 pm
Friday - 11/20 • H 68 | L 51 °F 10% / 0 in. Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 68F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph. Friday night 10% / 0 in. Clear to partly cloudy. Low 51F. Winds light and variable.
Sunrise - 6:50 am / Sunset - 4:58 pm
Moonrise - 12:17 pm / Moon Set - 10:31 pm
Saturday - 11/21 • H 69 | L 53 °F 20% / 0 in. Partly cloudy skies. High 69F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph. Saturday night 60% / 0.06 in. Partly cloudy in the evening. Increasing clouds with periods of showers after midnight. Low 53F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 60%.
Sunrise - 6:51 am / Sunset - 4:58 pm
Moonrise - 12:54 pm / Moon Set - 11:33 pm
Sunday - 11/22 • H 58 | L 39 °F 60% / 0.51 in. Cloudy with occasional rain showers. High 58F. Winds WNW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 60%. Sunday night 60% / 0.15 in. Cloudy with occasional rain showers. Low 39F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 60%.
Sunrise - 6:52 am / Sunset - 4:57 pm
Moonrise - 1:27 pm / Moon Set - None
Monday - 11/23 • H 53 | L 35 °F 30% / 0.02 in. A shower or two around the area in the morning, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 53F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%. Monday night 20% / 0 in. Partly cloudy. Low near 35F. Winds light and variable.
Sunrise - 6:53 am / Sunset - 4:57 pm
Moonrise - 1:55 pm / Moon Set - 12:33 am
Tuesday - 11/24 • H 52 | L 39 °F 20% / 0 in. Partly cloudy. High 52F. Winds light and variable. Tuesday night 20% / 0 in. Considerable cloudiness. Low 39F. Winds light and variable.
Sunrise - 6:54 am / Sunset - 4:57 pm
Moonrise - 2:21 pm / Moon Set - 1:30 am

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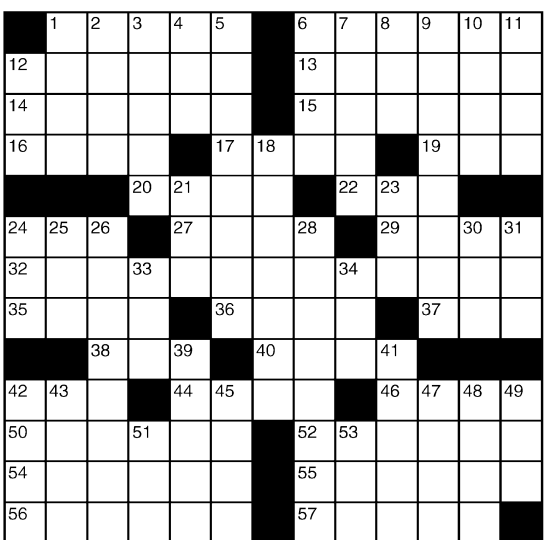
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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Flourish
 - 6 "Rabbit, Run" author
 - 12 Tearjerker
 - 13 Construction piece
 - 14 "Anna Christie" playwright
 - 15 Coats
 - 16 Lima's place
 - 17 Father of Thor
 - 19 Away from WSW
 - 20 Style
 - 22 LummoX
 - 24 Most Wanted List org.
 - 27 Elite alternative
 - 29 Bart's sister
 - 32 Lincoln's election year
 - 35 Region
 - 36 Location
 - 37 Storm center
 - 38 Inseparable
 - 40 Osso buco base
 - 42 A cont.
 - 44 Level
 - 46 Apiece
 - 50 Boardroom props
 - 52 Prophet
 - 54 Half a story-book duo
 - 55 "My heavens!"

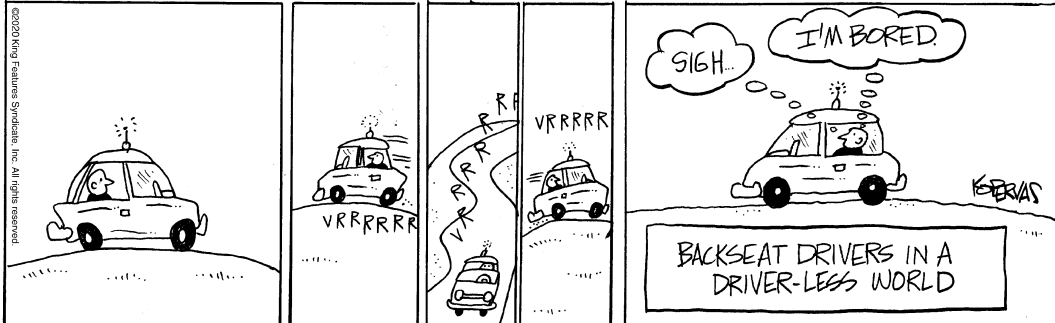


- 56 Clothing
 - 57 Unlike a rolling stone?
- DOWN**
- 1 Part of N.B.
 - 2 Lecherous look
 - 3 Poppy drug
 - 4 Lubricate
 - 5 Tunes
 - 6 Wrinkly fruit
 - 7 Challenge for Laurel and Hardy in "The Music Box"
 - 8 Saharan
 - 9 Obsession
 - 10 "Show Boat"
 - 11 Gaelic music
 - 12 Doo- — music
 - 18 Fool
 - 21 Make a choice, with "for"
 - 23 "The Greatest"
 - 24 Shriner's cha-peau
 - 25 Life story, for short
 - 26 Unknowing
 - 28 Waiting area
 - 30 Pigpen
 - 31 Nap canceler
 - 33 Coy denizen
 - 34 Multitude
 - 39 Old anesthet-ic
 - 41 Starts
 - 42 Turkish poten-tate
 - 43 "Animal House" group
 - 45 Capri or Wight
 - 47 Dogfight partic-ipants
 - 48 23-Down's old name
 - 49 The lady after 53-Down
 - 51 Sixth letter
 - 53 See 51-Down

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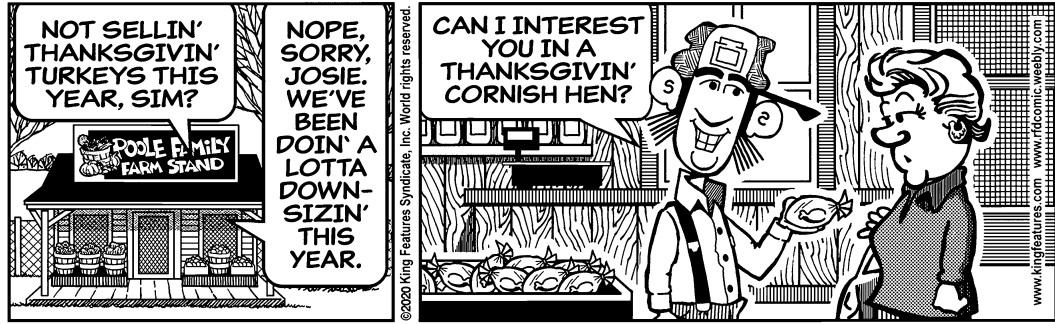
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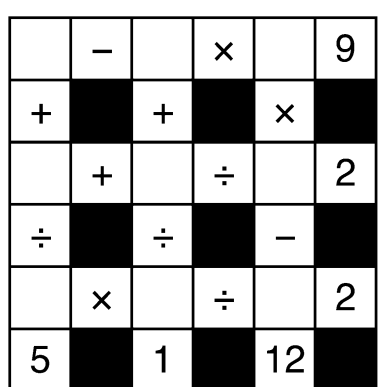
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.



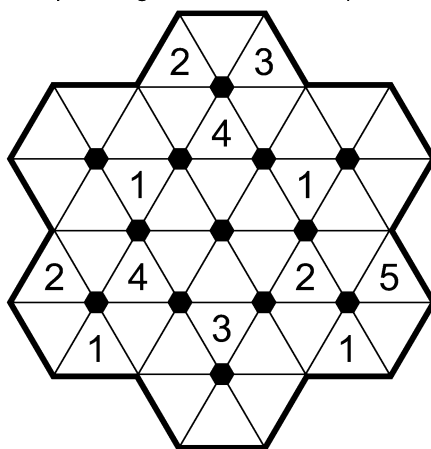
DIFFICULTY: ★★★
 ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy is taller. 2. Picture is vertical. 3. Chair back is different. 4. Fewer papers on floor. 5. Boy's collar is different. 6. Two checks on book.

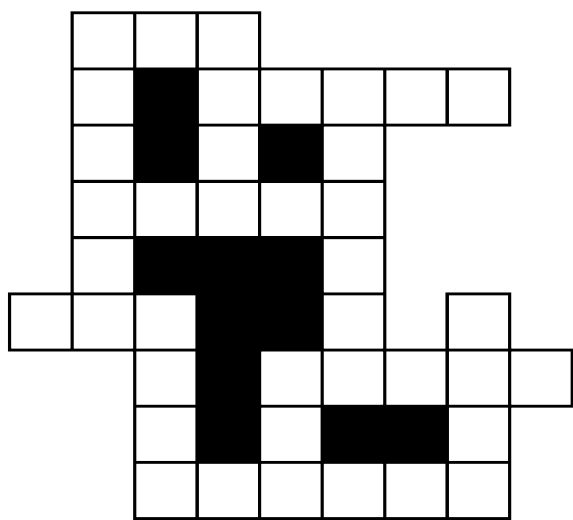
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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

- ONC
- OSHCUL
- ♥ VOSLA
- HIWS
- TASIES
- TES
- ♥ ANLE
- SELIA
- ♥ WLA
- DALNEH
- ♥ PHACE
- ♥ ITLA



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT SOUND DOES A TURKEY'S PHONE MAKE?

- | | | | | | |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| EDWARD | ___ | DARED | SWEDEN | ___ | DENSE |
| ALIENS | ___ | LANES | SERBIA | ___ | BEARS |
| ADORNS | ___ | ROADS | AGENTS | ___ | GATES |
| RAGGED | ___ | GRADE | DIGEST | ___ | DIETS |

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

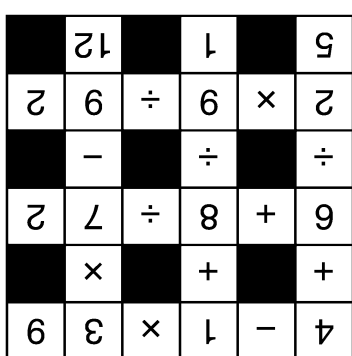
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|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Corn segment | ___ R ___ | Dog shelter | ___ N ___ |
| 2. Aggressive snarl | ___ L | Fully-fledged | ___ N |
| 3. Mishandle the ball | F ___ | Garble one's words | M ___ |
| 4. British biscuit | ___ O ___ | Play division | ___ E ___ |
| 5. "A Fish Called ___" | ___ A | Batons for magicians | ___ S |
| 6. Fruit of the vine | ___ P | Dinnertime blessing | ___ C |
| 7. Commuter boat | ___ E ___ | Hairy, like a cat | ___ U |
| 8. Sharpie, for one | ___ R | Bazaar | ___ T |
| 9. Theme | ___ P ___ | Cod liver oil, e.g. | ___ N |
| 10. Royal abode | ___ C | Taste buds | ___ T |

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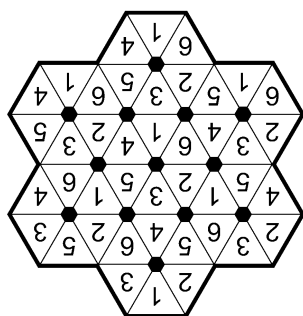
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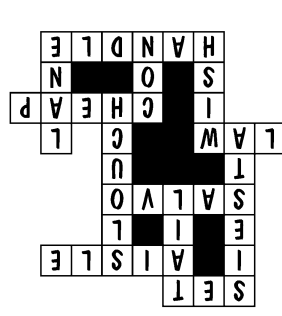
- Even Exchange answers
- Kernel, Kennel
 - Growl, Grown
 - Fumble, Mumble
 - Score, Scene
 - Wanda, Wards
 - Grape, Grace
 - Ferry, Fury
 - Marker, Market
 - Topic, Tonic
 - Palace, Palette

Even Exchange answers

Puzzles4Kids Answer



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