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Lake Area Snippets

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Bingo Heber Springs
2nd Saturday Nite Bingo, November 9, at St. Albert Catholic Church, 21 Park Rd, Heber Springs, AR. "Quick Fire" games begin at 6 p.m. Great Concession stand with good food, and delicious homemade desserts. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun. Smoke free environment.

Town Hall Meeting
The Town Hall meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 3 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the Conference Center.

Community Band
The Van Buren County Community Band in conjunction with members of the CHS Band and CHS and JHS Choirs will perform a Veterans Concert on Monday night, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium. Please come one and all to support the veterans of VBC and enjoy a great evening of music. There will be several veterans receiving Quilts of Honor from Peacemaker's Quilt Guild.

Winter Wonderland
The newest and exciting Holiday Craft Fair is coming to Fairfield Bay in November with Who-ville as the theme, see page 2A for details.

"Night on the Town"
Welcome back, The Willie Nash Band from Branson, MO. Tuesday, December 31, 2019, 8 p.m.-Midnight. Heavy hors d'oeuvres. Champagne Toast at midnight. Tickets now on sale at the Fairfield Bay Conference Center. \$35 in advance, \$40 at Door.

Veteran's Free Meal
The Fairfield Bay American Legion, Fairfield Bay VFW Post 4513, and VFW Auxiliary will serve a free dinner

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ISO Rating Brings Fairfield Bay to a Class 4 Rating

The City of Fairfield Bay has been notified that its Insurance Services Office Classification has been improved to a Class 4 from the existing Class 5. The classification is assigned by the Insurance Services Office, a national organization that evaluates the fire defense capabilities of every fire department in the nation to assist fire insurance carriers in setting appropriate rates. The scale of classifications runs from class 10, essentially no fire services to Class 1 which is typically held by large cities with fully paid firefighting staffs. A Class 4 rating places Fairfield Bay and its Fire Department in the top 5% of volunteer fire departments in the nation. The detailed review examines the capabilities of the Fire Department. The process also examines the capabilities of the water utility and the 9-1-1 dispatching center.

The Class 4 rating is effective on February 1, 2020. While not all insurance companies or policies will offer a rate reduction, it is well worth the effort for residents and businesses to check with their fire insurance carrier to see if there will be a reduction. Also, it is possible that any reduction would not be applied until the next policy renewal date. As is the case with the current and new classifica-



tion, it applies to any property with primary protection from the Fairfield Bay Fire Department within 5 road miles of a Fairfield Bay Fire Station. This includes all properties within the City Limits and much of the surrounding area that has been assigned to the Fairfield Bay Fire Department, both in Van Buren and Cleburne Counties. Fairfield Bay Fire Stations are located at 101 Little Rock Drive, 102 Greenwood Road and 851 Woodlawn Drive.

Fire Chief Douglas Forsman explained, "this improvement in our classification is all about the effort of our volunteer firefighters responding to calls in greater numbers, increased training hours and the quality equipment that is now in place. The hours spent in dedication to our mission make a difference in safety and effectiveness. Together with our partners at the 9-1-1 Center and Community Water, we are very pleased with this recognition of our capabilities."

Commissioners Approve Certificate of Appropriateness

At the quarterly meeting of the Historic Commission, the Commissioners, led by President Charles Thompson and Advisor Dr. Catherine Swift, unanimously approved it's first official application for a "Certificate of Appropriateness" (COA). The request sought endorsement to mount a Barn Quilt Block on the

1850's Log Cabin in the Heritage Center District of Fairfield Bay. The block will be the 16th on the Arkansas Quilt Trail in Van Buren County. A brief ceremony led by Mayor Wellenberger will take place on Tuesday, November 12 at 1 p.m. at the Log Cabin, which is located above the cave on the Indian Hills

golf course. The public is invited to attend. If you wish to see where other quilt blocks are located in Arkansas, go to ArkansasQuiltTrails.com where you'll find the stories describing the quilt block and why it was chosen. There are currently quilt blocks in 43 states and Canada.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4513

We trace our roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves. Out of necessity some of these veterans formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The first formal organizations were in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania but quickly gained momentum nationwide. Today, this brother and sisterhood of the VFW and its Auxiliary stretch across all states and have over 1.6 million

members combined. The united voice of the organization has been instrumental in establishing our current military benefits and has funded and help create military cemeteries, memorials and improved VA medical centers across America. Some of the time honored values of the organization and our Auxiliary are to promote patriotism, honor military service, ensure the care of veterans and their families, serve our communities and respect the diversity and opinions of our nation's veterans. Post 4513 is always welcoming new members and we value your contributions and sacrifice to our country and state.

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WE NEED YOU!

Moving Fairfield Bay Forward needs you! With the assistance of the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Services we are asking you to help us address current issues in the Bay that will provide us with a viable future for our children and grandchildren. We invite you to be a part of this planning and action team by completing a survey. Just follow this link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JJVLKCS>.

The survey will take approximately five minutes to complete. All survey responses are anonymous unless you choose to identify yourself. The results of this survey will be shared at a community meeting in December. Surveys need to be completed by November 20. Thank you for your time and your support.

October Board Meeting Results

On a cold afternoon, there was a total of 25 in attendance. We appreciate all those who attended and also contributed their input.

In the executive meeting a 90 day review of Interim GM, Tommy Hoffman, was done. At the end of the review it was unanimously decided to remove the Interim from his title and he is now the General Manager. The board appreciates the long hours he has worked not only covering the GM position but also the vacant CFO position. We are hopeful Tommy is able to fill the vacant accounting position soon to lighten his load, he has been working 7 days a week and needs a break.

crease from \$20 per year to \$50 per year. The digital version will also have news items added daily and everyone will see great improvements.

The price of the paper in the racks will remain .75. The higher cost for home delivery reflects the extra cost to get it delivered. Someone can buy out of the racks for less than home delivery. We will give 3 choices and let everyone choose which option suites them best.

Previously, the \$35 charge for home delivery was actually costing \$1600 annually per customer. We will now be charging the true cost for each subscription. These small changes will save the club over \$50,000 per year which equals \$1 in dues per member. We are doing everything possible to keep from raising dues!

LAKE AREA WEEKLY

There will be many changes. The digital version will be upgraded and enhanced. The printed version will be printed at the club offices going forward. We are very unhappy with the printers that are printing the paper and are making major changes. The subscription price for the new printed version will be \$80 per year for home delivery, up from \$35 per year. The \$80 reflects a break even cost for home delivery, however the quality of the paper will improve dramatically. The enhanced digital version will in-

LAND FOR HELICOPTER HANGAR

The board voted unanimously to donate land owned by the club to the city for the new helicopter hangar. You have probably heard about the new medical helicopter that will be stationed here enhancing our response time and adding 14 well paying jobs to the area. We applaud Mayor Paul Wellenberger for making this happen!

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Club & City Monthly Meetings

FFB City Council: November 11, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the City Office Conference Room.

Board of Directors: There is no Board of Directors meeting in November. Instead the Board and City officials will meet at the Town Hall meeting which will be held in the Performing Arts Theater at the Conference Center on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 3 p.m.

The Fairfield Bay Community Club Board of Directors announced their future meeting dates as follows:

- Workshops:**
2nd Thursday of each month 9 a.m.
Fireside Room, Little Red
- Board Meetings:**
1:30 p.m. Last Thursday of each month
Executive Session, Fireside Room
3 p.m. Public Meeting, Fireside Room



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Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 16, 2019
10am-4pm

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Located in Fairfield Bay at the Activities Center
(Lion's Den) 365 Dave Creek Parkway



Questions
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It's Time to Start Packing

What is Operation Christmas Child? The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts—filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 168 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 160 countries and territories. In 2019, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 11 million children in countries like Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda and Ukraine. More than 10.6 million shoebox gifts were collected worldwide in 2018, with more than 8.8 million collected in the U.S. The Area Goal for the Arkansas River Valley Area is 16,029 gift-filled shoeboxes. How Can YOU Help? Clinton and the surrounding communities have been participating in the collection of these shoebox gifts. Scores of churches, groups, teams, classes, businesses, families and individuals from our local community have contributed in many ways in the past. The entire community is invited to join in this gift giving ministry. The 2019 Collection Week is November 18- 25. The drop off location this year is 211 First Baptist Road (First Baptist Church in Clinton). Drop off hours are: Monday (18) 10-1, Tuesday (19) 8-10 a.m., Wednesday

(20) 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Thursday (21) 12-2 p.m., Friday (22) 9-11 a.m., Saturday (23) 9-11 a.m., Sunday (24) 12-2 p.m., and the last Monday (25) 8-10 a.m. For involvement/volunteer opportunities or questions, contact Becky Martin, Drop-off Team Leader, at 870-818-7928. What Do You Pack In A Shoebox? Anyone can pack a shoebox. Individuals, families, churches and groups fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys, such as dolls or soccer balls. Do Not Include candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items, such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans. Remember! The Go Store is a one-stop location in downtown Conway where you can find quality items at discounted prices for your Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts! The GO Store is located at 807 Court Street in Conway, AR The GO Store Mission: To offer quality merchandise at discount prices to individuals and groups wishing to pack shoeboxes to benefit Operation Christmas Child and to make items cheaper and more accessible - allowing those packing to send more shoeboxes for the same amount of money; therefore, increasing their impact in spreading The Gospel and making disciples of the nations. You can get more details online at www.conwaygostore.com. Also, more information on what to include and what not to include in your shoebox can be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ. Operation Christmas Child suggests a shipping donation of \$9. Shipping donations can be made online on the Samaritan's Purse website by clicking on the Follow Your Box tab and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. Participants who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement. "This is an exciting week that we plan for all year. We love seeing the faces and hearing the stories of the people who donate shoeboxes each year and we count it as such a privilege to share these gifts with these children in desperate situations!" said Dawn Wilson, Arkansas River Valley Area Coordinator.

Board Meeting

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USE OF VACANT LOTS
Mark Sexton, a multiple lot owner and club member, asked about alternate uses of vacant lots. This is one of the board's top priorities. He was told that to be able to change the use of lots would require an affirmative vote by the members to make the change, and the board will consider including the vote when ballots are mailed next year. The board is currently working on plans that Mark asked about. Many obstacles, including zoning changes that must be approved by the city, have to be overcome prior to making a change.

FACEBOOK MEMBERS FORUM PAGE
It was discussed the possibility of eliminating the forum page due to low membership and 2 other local Facebook pages. It was decided to keep the page and add an additional monitor, Board Member Shelley Dent, to assist David Russel as a monitor of the page. David will get Shelley added as a moderator and trained on how to monitor the page. We are asking members to use the page for answers to questions about the community club, announcements about local events, and use other Facebook pages for things of a personal nature that do not pertain to the club.

MAIN ENTRANCE
The board approved power washing the main entrance while maintaining some of the current features to improve the looks of the front entrance. Two board members, Tom Welch and Bill Fisher, volunteered to oversee this event and actually help do the work. We appreciate their contribution.

PEER GROUP MEETING
Board Member, Shelley Dent, updated the audience and the board about a recent meeting both her and Tom Welch attended in Little Rock. She reported a lot of valuable information that the club can use in the future, lots of ideas and information learned. We appreciate both of them attending the meeting and the information gathered. Thanks Tom and Shelley!

GRINDER PUMPS
The board approved a new grinder pump insurance policy to be finalized in the near future. Notice will be sent to all 620 grinder pump members prior to start of this new policy. An announcement will be made in the near future with all details of this new policy. The new policy will eliminate costly bills between \$2,200-\$2,800 when a pump goes out, and have a small monthly premium and small deductible to lessen the upfront financial impact on the members, when grinder pumps go out. This policy will only affect members with grinder pumps, no other members will be included or affected by this new policy. Full details and implementation dates will be announced in a month or so after notice to members affected. The board's next workshop meeting will be on November 14 at 9 a.m. This will not be open to the public and more than likely will last the entire day while we sort through and try to approve next years budget. There are many things to be finalized as we try to improve things while doing our best to keep from having to raise dues. The December meeting will be a workshop on December 10 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Fireside Room, followed by the joint annual meeting at the Conference Center at 3 p.m. There will be no other board meetings in November and December due to the holidays. As you can tell, the board is continuing its transparency policy, keeping the members informed as much as possible and working hard to improve things in Fairfield Bay and doing all we can to keep from raising dues. The entire board is spending many hours working on multiple issues and will continue to do so. I, along with the entire board want to thank GM Tommy Hoffman for all of his hard work and all the time he has taken to do 2 stressful jobs. You may have seen his vehicle at the club offices 7 days a week, many hours each day. Thanks, Tommy

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors
Thanks and Sincerely,
David Byard
Secretary, Board

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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Fairfield Bay Chamber of Commerce
Business of the Week

Submitted by Jackie Sikes
Business Name:
Little Red Restaurant
Business Owner:
Fairfield Bay Community Club, Rose Shurts, Manager
When did you start working at the Restaurant?
August 4, 2019
What brought you to the bay area?
The beauty and peacefulness of the town.
Why this business?
I was raised in a restaurant my family owned. My Noni taught me how to cook and take care of customers.
Family:
4 children and 10 grandchildren
Hobbies:
I like to golf, reading and boating.
What do you like most about living and working in the bay area?
Almost everyone is from other states so they are very friendly and welcoming to newcomers. Also, the peacefulness and the beauty of the wooded area.



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Fulfilled a Longstanding Wish

Luke Womack answered God’s call to become a priest, but the call also came in the form of a prayer from his paternal grandmother who prayed that one of her four sons would enter the priesthood. None of them were led in that direction, however one of her four grandsons was. Although Father Luke does not remember the story, his family recalls that he told his grandmother, at the age of nine, that he wanted to be a priest. His father’s families were strong Catholics; his mother’s family was not, but she and her sister were accepted into the church when she was 30 years old – the Easter before Luke and his twin brother were born. As Luke considered his life possibilities, he laughingly recalls that, like all young people, his goal was to do something to make a lot of money. And, like most young people, he tried to live life on his own terms, following his own desires and objectives instead of God’s. During his first two years of college at Henderson State in Arkadelphia, he studied U.S. History, which revealed an interest in the history of the church. That interest led him to enroll at St. Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee, Oklahoma, then to Seton Hall Immaculate Conception Seminary and School of Theology in New Jersey, which is one of the largest Schools of Theology in the United States. His life took a different track – a secular track - for a few years, before his quest to the priesthood led him to Little Rock to the House of Formation. The House of Formation provides a place to live and become acquainted with the four pillars of priestly formation - human, spiritual, pastoral, and intellectual - as a person seeks the will of God for their lives. The Little Rock Catholic Diocese recommended him to the Meinrad Seminary and School

of Theology in Southern Indiana to complete his studies. After receiving his Divinity of Theology Degree, and serving as Associate Pastor at Christ the King Catholic Church in little Rock, the Bishop of the Little Rock assigned him to St. Francis of Assisi in Fairfield Bay. He has been here about one year, and will stay until assigned to another parish. He likes Fairfield Bay, and likes being the spiritual father serving the parish. He has friends in the parish, and also has become close friends with other priests in the area so feels satisfied that his life is filled with friends and love for the people he serves and the desire to honor the Lord in all he does. Although his surrender to God changed the course of his life, his grandmother did not live to see her dream come true. He knows she would be proud of the person he is today. Two memorable occasions lead him to know that he is truly in God’s chosen profession for him. He feels especially honored, personally and professionally to have recently been asked to baptize his cousin’s daughter. And, in a different phase of life, he led the funeral service for a woman who was as close as a second mother to him. Father Luke shared that it’s a feeling that is almost indescribable – that feeling of service; a feeling of being such a personal instrument in someone’s life that would not have been possible except for God’s calling. Psalm 129 is the scripture he leans on to know without a doubt that God knows him, knows his struggles, and through the midst of those struggles has chosen Luke Womack, a broken tool, a sinner, to be the tool to bring other people to know the love of the Lord.

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Ozark Health Foundation

Luminaries

Beginning December 2, luminaries will light up Ozark Health and Nursing Center. Purchase a luminary In Honor or In Memory of your special loved one for \$10 per luminary. Your loved one's name will be displayed throughout Ozark Health as well as in the local newspapers during the holiday season. Call Lynda at (501) 745-9714 to reserve your luminary.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FAIRFIELD BAY CONFERENCE CENTER?

ACOUSTIC MUSIC with GREG, JOHN & FRIENDS

Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 6 -8 p.m. (Free Admission)
Music with talented locals & friends.

TUNES with ALLEN

Tuesday, November 19, 6-8 p.m. (Free Admission) Fun sing-a-longs with Allen.

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 12, 2019, 5 p.m.

Come join us in celebrating you, our supporters & Conference Center friends. Cookies & hot chocolate with Santa Claus. Homemade soups & fare available FREE of charge. Please come pickup your tickets so we can have a head count. In addition, EDENSONG CHORALE will be presenting "Christmas Joy." A Christmas Celebration (sponsored by North Central Arkansas Foundation for Arts & Education) at 6 p.m. We'll set the scene for you having a Very Merry Christmas in Fairfield Bay, Arkansas!

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State Capitol Week in Review

From Senator Missy Irvin



November 1, 2019

LITTLE ROCK – The Higher Education Coordinating Board heard a disappointing report about the continuing decline in the number of Arkansas high school graduates who go on to college.

During a recent special meeting, staff from the state Higher Education Department reported that only 47.1 percent of the high school seniors who graduated in 2018 went on to a four-year university or a two-year college.

Elected officials, business leaders and educators have been working over the past several years to increase the number of Arkansas students who eventually earn a degree. A better-educated workforce makes Arkansas more attractive to industries that compete with the best in the modern global economy.

For that reason, the relatively low college-going rate is a disappointment.

What makes the report even more

alarming is that it continues a steady decline from 2014, when 51.6 of our high school graduates went on to college. In 2015 the number dropped to 50.9 percent. In 2016 it fell to 49.8 percent and in 2017 it fell again to 48.2 percent.

The enrollment decline is mainly attributable to trends at four-year universities. In 2014, the number of high school graduates who went to an Arkansas university was 31.9 percent, and that ratio has steadily declined to 28.7 percent last year.

The percentage of high school graduates moving on to study at a two-year college has gone up and down, but remained close to 16 percent.

The number going to a private or inde-

pendent college has dropped slightly since 2014, from 3 per cent to 2.4 per cent of high school graduates.

It is difficult to make precise comparisons between the college-going rate in Arkansas and the national rate. That's because the Arkansas statistics don't include high school students from private schools, only students from public and charter schools. Also, it doesn't account for students who leave the state to attend college.

National averages, derived differently, report that about 67 percent of high school graduates go on to college. That trend has held steady for several years.

In the spring of 2018, Arkansas public high schools graduated 31,745 seniors, of whom 14,965 went to a college or university in Arkansas.

Of the almost 15,000 graduating high school seniors, almost 2,000 went to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Almost 1,600 went to the University of Central Arkansas at Conway and almost 1,400 went to Arkansas Tech at Russellville.

About 1,100 graduating seniors enrolled at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, 768 enrolled at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith and 643 at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. Another 555 of last year's high school graduating class enrolled at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia.

Almost 900 went to Northwest Arkansas Community College and almost 600 enrolled at Arkansas State University at Beebe. Almost 500 went to the University of Arkansas Pulaski Tech.

Educators attributed some of the decline in college enrollment to the state's relatively healthy economy. When jobs are available, young people tend to go to work instead of to college. Conversely, during tough economic times, more people go back to school in order to improve



Representative Stan Berry

On Monday morning, House members were informed of the passing of one of our fellow representatives.

Representative John Walker was elected to the House in 2010 and was serving his 5th term when he passed at the age of 82.

He represented District 34 which includes southwest portions of Little Rock. His public service career stretched far beyond the halls of the Capitol.

Walker attended Yerger High School in Hope until 1952 and continued his education at Jack Yates High School



in Houston, Texas, where he graduated in 1954.

He was the first African American undergraduate student admitted to the University of Texas after the Brown decision in 1954 but was not allowed to attend for racial reasons. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Arkansas AM&N at Pine Bluff (now University of Arkansas Pine Bluff) in 1958 with a degree in sociology. Dr. Martin Luther King was the keynote speaker at his graduation.

Representative Walker earned his master's degree from New York University and in 1964, he received a law degree from Yale Law School.

He embarked on his public service as an attorney soon

after. Walker's first work was as an attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) in New York. In 1965, he opened the first integrated law firm in Arkansas, where he consistently worked to provide equal educational opportunities. Between 1965 and now, Walker has personally been involved in most of the reported racial discrimination cases in the state.

In 2017, Rep. Walker sponsored legislation Act 566, An Act to Create the Helping Our People Excel (H.O.P.E.) Act of 2017 which allowed the state to opt out of federal prohibitions on public assistance for those with drug convictions.

A service for Rep. Walker was held in

the rotunda of the Capitol on Thursday. During the service, House Speaker Matthew Shepherd gave these words, "His sheer presence made our House stronger and our state better. Rep. Walker was one of those statesmen who spoke from experience rather than ego. He could vigorously oppose legislation in committee or on the floor, and immediately following adjournment would visit with those same members with whom he was in opposition to. He was also someone who encouraged others."

We mourn the loss of Rep. Walker and send our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

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Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

David & Terrill Byard Charitable 3 Person Scramble

Everyone had a good time on a cold rainy Saturday. The rain stopped long enough to play 9 out of the 18 scheduled holes. The tournament raised \$10,535 for 11 local charities. This was the most we have raised in the three years we have had the tournament. Amounts raised were FFB Animal Protection League \$2,600, FFB Library \$2,320, Shirley Booster Club \$1,365, Feed the Hungry \$1,320, Fire Department \$805, FFB Rotary \$710, Shirley After Prom \$480, WWAP \$420, VFW \$240, American Legion \$145, Butterfly Group \$130.

I would also like to thank Bill Fisher, Glenn Sisson, Tom Welch, Tippy Smith, Pat Bailey, Karen Tangen, Collene Hall-dorson, Denise Rogers, Linda Lautigar, Samantha Shull, Elaine Enns, Helene Coffman, Jim Coffman, Rebecca Jenkins, Jim Butler for working like crazy making this happen! Thanks to all the participants for playing in the rain and hanging in there. We raised more and had more winners this year than ever before! There were 87 players that played and 52 Ghost players that participated in a golf raffle. There were over 300 prizes distributed to the golfers, ghost players and raffle buyers including 30 TVs and 2 complete sets of golf clubs. Thanks to Rebecca Jenkins for making it all work out on a cold rainy day. We look forward to an even bigger tournament next year.

Sincerely,
David and Terrill Byard

Fulfilling a Wish
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On a lighter note, like other “30 some-things” he likes to read books, and highly recommends the one he is currently reading, “Talking to Strangers” by Malcolm Gladwell. What we should know about the people we don’t know is the core of the story. He likes theology, of course, but also fantasy, the writings of Stephen King, podcasts, music, and believe it or not...video games, and preparing and praying for each service.

When asked if he is treated differently when someone observes his clerical collar, he answered, “in a larger city, it’s more common to see the collar than in our rural area. I’ve noticed that when I run to Craven’s people still recognize me even without the collar, or maybe it’s because they’ve seen me walking my puppy...without my collar.” As a side note...during the Ordination process, a priest becomes a changed person for

the benefit of the sacraments, but still remains the same person. “I am a priest, but I also am still a person. I’m still a person when I’m in my clerics, but I’m also still a priest when I’m in casual clothes.” It seems complicated, doesn’t it?

In this quickly changing world we live in, he wishes that people wouldn’t be so divided, to learn and take heed of what is happening in the secular world and translate that to a pledge to be in church every week to worship and accept God’s grace, whether we’re Catholic or Baptist or another belief of our choosing.

His goal, as is ours, is looking forward to his place in Heaven and to continue to be the guiding influence to others.

We, at the newspaper, extend our welcome and best wishes as Father Luke continues in his desire to be the best priest that he can be.

Our Clutter Busting Library

So many magazines...& too little time! When life gets busy it seems the first thing that literally “gets shelved” is the monthly magazine subscription. Again, that’s monthly (as in, a new batch of them comes in each month) leaving piles of magazines all over the house! Thank goodness my FFB Library mem-

bership includes a new e-magazine service that includes 135+ magazines! From gardening, home decor, and cars...to sports, food, and news...there’s just too many magazines to list! There’s even magazines in foreign languages! A quick & easy visit to the library was all it took to get me started!

Annual
Veteran’s Potluck

We Love VBC will be hosting their annual Veteran’s Day Potluck at the Clinton High School Cafeteria on Friday, November 8 from 5 - 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Please bring a dish to share in a

disposable container. Come join us as we honor our Veterans. We will have entertainment and a special tribute to all Veterans at the end of the evening. Call 501-253-4716 for more information.

Post 4513
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The Auxiliary was established in 1978 with 15 charter members and has exceeded 150 active personnel today. This group supports the post, state and nation in many ways with an expanded role with emphasis on youth programs, Color Guard presentations and V.A. support which includes a clothing boutique

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Financial Focus

If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar plan, you’ve got a powerful retirement-savings tool at your disposal. And yet, how well you do with your 401(k) depends greatly on your choices and actions. What steps can you take to maximize the benefits of your plan?

For starters, be aware that your 401(k) may come with what might be called “standard” features, which you should review to determine their applicability to your situation. These features include the following:

Default deferral rate – When you take a job, your employer may automatically enroll you in the company’s 401(k) plan and assign a “default” contribution rate – the percentage of your salary you will put in to your 401(k). Many companies choose a default rate of 3 percent, although, in recent years, there has been a move toward higher rates, even up to 6 percent. Unfortunately, too many people don’t question their default rate, which could be a problem, especially if it’s at the lower end. If you want your 401(k) to ultimately provide you with as many financial resources as possible, you will likely need to contribute as much as you can afford. So, be aware of your default rate, and, if you can possibly afford it, increase that level. And every time your salary goes

Take Greater Control of Your 401(k)

up, consider boosting your contributions.

Investment mix – When you’re automatically enrolled in your 401(k), the amount you might initially contribute isn’t the only “off the shelf” feature – you also might be assigned a default investment option. One common default investment is known as a target-date fund, which generally includes a mix of stocks, bonds and cash instruments. Your 401(k) plan provider, or your human resources area, will typically base this mix on your age and projected retirement date. Usually, this fund will grow more conservative over time, reflecting the need to reduce the portfolio’s risk as you get nearer to retirement. However, you may not be obligated to stick with the default option. Most 401(k) plans usually offer several options from which to choose. Ideally, you’d want to spread your investment dollars among a mix of these investments to give yourself the greatest growth potential, given your risk tolerance and time horizon. And always keep in mind that your 401(k) is a long-term vehicle, designed to help you prepare for a retirement that may be decades away. Consequently, try to discipline yourself to look past the inevitable short-term drops in your portfolio.

Matching contributions – If your employer offers a 401(k) matching contribution, you should certainly take advantage of it. Consider this: If

you employer matches 50 cents for every dollar you contribute, up to 6 percent of your pay, and you contribute the full 6 percent, you would, in effect, be receiving a 3 percent pay raise (50 percent of 6 percent). That’s like a 50 percent rate of return even before you invest this added money.

Taking control of your 401(k) in the ways described above can help go a long way toward getting the most from your plan – and, as a result, may help get you closer to supporting the retirement lifestyle you’ve envisioned.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.



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North Central Arkansas Art Gallery

Feature Artist Sue Prine

November feature artist is Sue Prine who is new to Fairfield Bay. She moved here in March of this year. Sue is originally from California and relocated to South Carolina for work about 15 years ago. She worked as a computer programmer for over 50 years, most of time with the same company. Sue wrote an electronic store that they still use. Sue said "Writing computer software is creative like art is, it just uses a different side of the brain." She has one son, two grandchildren, and four great grandkids. Her family is the reason she relocated to

Arkansas. Son, Sean Dewart, is a master blacksmith and works in Mountain View, her daughter in-law, Terri, works at the Skillet Restaurant also located in Mountain View. She says "Sean's very talented and has made some remarkable art using iron as his medium, I'm a proud mom." Her grandchildren and great grandchildren also live in the area. Sue loves to read and is currently one of the Fairfield Bay Library volunteers. She also loves to travel and has been to some wonderful destinations. Some of her favorite trips have been to Alaska, Iceland, Galápagos

Islands, France, Switzerland, Canada, and South Dakota. She doesn't travel much anymore but is so happy she went when she did & now can travel through her memories. Sue does not have a formal education in art, but has an artistic family and has always dabbled in some form of art. She loves painting, ceramics, stained glass, and crochet. Sue says she could go on, and is always interested in trying something new. Her favorite subject is animals, and she likes all mediums, but mainly acrylics. She has been a member of the Society of Decorative Painters for over 25 years & always loves the kindness of fellow painters. Sue has been to several art conventions and loves that you can always join in and make new friends with folks from all over the world through having a common interest in painting. When she moved to South Carolina, she joined the Myrtle Beach Society of Decorative and offered to create a website for them and continued that job the entire time she lived there. She has taught several classes for the Myrtle Beach chapter and also from her home. Sue's favorite part was when a fellow painter went home with a piece of art they loved and felt proud of. By attending so many paint conventions, she has taken classes from a lot of



wonderful teachers in all mediums, acrylic, oil, colored pencil, water color and pastel. Some instructors who stand out are Sherry Nelson, Kathie George, Mark Polomchak, Andy Jones, etc. Sue misses her SC friends and hoping the NCAAL will be a happy replacement. She says "Arkansas is such a beautiful state to now call home, I look forward to making life time friends here." Be sure to come see the new exhibit. The NCA Art Gallery brings quality Fine Art to our community with good taste & family values. The new exhibit is featuring the following artist's

artwork: Painters: Luanne Stone, Rema Merritt, Joyce Hartmann, Jim Tindale, Don Crouch, Rebecca Loftis, Sandra Marson, Mary Ann Stafford, Dianne Traylor, Suzann Wagner, Diana Shearson, Leila Berry, Brenda Berry, Yun Kim, Joyce Hubbard, Susan Peterson, Faye Rodgers, Bonnie Hookman, Jeanne Stone, Ellen Kelly, Mary Ann King, Judith Beale, Virginia Potter, Charlotte Rier-son, Sue Prine, Jane Gortney, Karen Massie, Donna Buercklin, Judy Persell, Kathy Weeks. Photography: featuring Brandi

Vandygriff, Ru- aletta Thompson. 3 Dimensional: Karen Gehl, Susan Peterson, Anne Mitchell, Barbara Cornett, Linda Pledger, Don Crouch. The NCA Art Gallery is sponsored by the North Central Arkansas Foundation for the Arts & Education (NCAF&E) and The City of Fairfield Bay. Information or purchase of Artwork contact NCA Art Gallery Coordinator Charlotte Rier-son at chardonn@artelco.com or Conference Center Director Wilba Thompson- 501-884-4202, 110 Lost Creek Park- way, Fairfield Bay, AR 72088

Petit Jean Electric's Weekly Tip

When working outside, use a wooden or fiberglass ladder. Keep the ladder at least 10 feet away from power lines. Never touch anyone or anything in contact with a downed wire. Power lines may be live, stay a safe distance away.

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2. Ramble aimlessly	___ A ___	Astonishment	___ O ___
3. Playful mammal	O ___	Speak out	U ___
4. Pirate's board	___ ___ K	Sow seeds	___ ___ T
5. Small river	___ ___ M	Flash of lightning	___ ___ K
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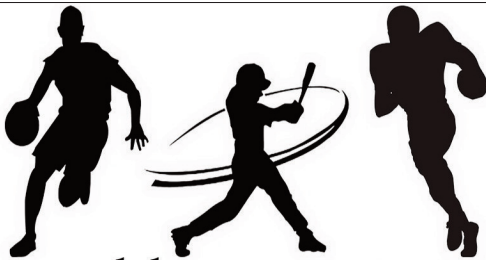
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Thursday, Oct. 31

Norfolk-46 Shirley-39

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Rural Special-53 Calico Rock-38
Shirley-41 Nemo Vista-22
SSBB-55 Timbo-17

Boys

Tuesday, Oct. 29

Concord-65 Calico Rock-50
Mt. Vernon-Enola-74 SSBB-46
Viola-70 Shirley-66
West Side-68 Nemo Vista-50

Thursday, Oct. 31

Shirley-58 Norfolk-55

Friday, Nov. 1

Rural Special-54 Calico Rock-46
Nemo Vista-56 Shirley-54
SSBB-59 Timbo-37



Quitman senior Gracie Smith signed her national letter of intent to play softball at National Park College this past Friday morning at the Bulldog Complex. Pictured with Smith are parents Jennifer and Brandon, siblings Alexis and Oakley and NPC softball coach Jessica Taylor.

Smith inks with National Park College Softball Program

Jackets victorious on Bobcats' senior night

By Jeremy Carson
Clinton School

MARSHALL - The Clinton Yellowjackets (8-1, 5-1) raced out to a 38-6 halftime lead on a cool night in Marshall, cruising to a 45-20 victory to secure the second seed from Conference 3A-2 in the state playoffs.

The Yellowjackets won the toss and elected to receive the first half kickoff. Weston Amos engineered an opening five play, 57 yard drive that culminated with a 34 touchdown pass to Nic Epley. The extra point made the score 7-0 early in the first quarter. After holding Marshall on downs, Clinton took over on their own 35 yard line. A big run by Ethen Drake set the Jackets up 1st and goal from the 1. Drake then found the end zone on the next play to extend the lead to 14 midway through the first quarter.

Following a Marshall put, the Yellowjacket offense went into hurry-up mode, with Amos guiding the offense 67 yards down the field in 4 plays. Amos found Epley open in the endzone for the pair's second touchdown hook-up. Clinton had a

chance to break the game wide open when Ryan Jones recovered Marshall's Daigyn Williams fumble inside the 20 yard line. However, John Riley Hinchey lost the ball on the ensuing series, and Marshall recovered it to extinguish the threat. Marshall's Tyler Horton would find the endzone on a 65 yard touchdown run around the left side to put the Bobcats on the board. Clinton stopped the two point try, and then Ethen Drake took the kickoff 81 yards to the endzone to answer Marshall's score and put the Jackets up 28-6.

Clinton drove the field late in the first half, with Amos finding Hinchey on a screen pass that went for a 36 yard touchdown to make the score 35-6. Marshall had a chance to run out the clock, but Horton fumbled a pitch on fourth down. Blaine Emberton recovered the fumble at the 19 yard line with 2 seconds remaining. Coach Chris Dufrene elected to try for a field goal, and senior Matt Gonzalez knocked the 36 yard field

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By Richard Sharp
Lake Area Sports

QUITMAN-After having already written her name in the Quitman High School history books for girls athletics, senior Gracie Smith signed her national letter of intent to further her education and continue her softball career at National Park College in Hot Springs this past Friday morning before family and friends.

"I'm super blessed to have this opportunity," exclaimed Smith, who also turned 18 on Friday. "I thank God every day for it."

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West Side basketball takes two from Pangburn on road



West Side senior Madison Bailey and the Lady Eagles moved to 4-1 on the season with victories over Nemo Vista (43-31) and Pangburn (70-37) last week.
Photo by Richard Sharp/Lake Area Sports

By Richard Sharp
Lake Area Sports

PANGBURN-The visiting West Side senior high basketball teams swept the host Pangburn this past Friday

night, as the Lady Eagles rolled to 4-1 after crushing the Lady Tigers 70-37 before the Eagles won their second straight game in a 68-48 triumph over the Tigers in the

nightcap. The Lady Eagles (4-1) stayed hot with their fourth consecutive victory, leading the host 17-7, 36-13 and 52-33 at the quarter breaks before coast-

ing to the mercy rule win. West Side junior guard Haley Gentry led a quartet of double-figure scorers with 18 points, as senior Alex Southerland (13) and sophomores Sarah Carlton (12), four three-pointers) and Ashtyn Knapp (12) followed behind. Pangburn (3-2) was paced by Raylene King's 12, getting help from Brynlee Huggins' 11 on three trifectas.

After starting 0-3 on the young season, the Eagles came out as owners of a two-game winning streak after stomping the Tigers 68-48, trailing 10-9 after the first quarter before leading 30-22 and 51-32 at the next two quarter breaks. After a quiet first half that saw him score only one point, junior Malachi Miller dominated the second half with 22 points,

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West Side basketball takes two from Pangburn on road

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closing out with 23 as sophomore Travis Gentry contributed with 10 and Nate Bittle chipped in with eight. Senior Alex Langley guided the Tigers with 12, getting 11 from junior Luke Rolland.

West Side returned home to Brady-Hipp Arena to host Timbo in their first 1A-5 league bout, while Pangburn will stay within the confines of Tiger Arena and welcome Nemo Vista to town for a 2A-5 conference showdown.

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The Quitman Lady Bulldogs celebrate a point from Katelyn Black (center) as coach Dennis Truxler shows his approval during the Lady Bulldogs' 3-0 loss to Crowley's Ridge Academy in the opening round of the Class 2A State Volleyball Tournament hosted by Yellville-Summit High School.

Photo by Richard Sharp/Lake Area Sports

Lady Bulldogs fall to defending champions in state volleyball debut

By Richard Sharp
Lake Area Sports

YELLVILLE-The Quitman Lady Bulldog volleyball team made their first ever state tournament appearance against a program that is no stranger to postseason success last Tuesday, falling to defending state champion Crowley's Ridge Academy by a 3-0 score in the opening round of the Class 2A State Tournament hosted by Yellville-Summit.

Both squads battled back and forth over the course of the first set as Quitman took an early 7-5 lead on a kill from sophomore Jadie Langston, before the momentum swung in favor of the Lady Falcons at 13-10 on a kill from senior Emi Elms. The Lady Bulldogs would eventually knot it up at 15-15 before Elms carried the torch for CRA, reeling off an 8-2 run that saw Elms, sophomore Reagan Howard and junior Josie Widick all come through with kills to win 25-17.

The home team found themselves with an 11-4 advantage on five kills from Elms, however the Lady Bulldogs battled back to knot it at 13-13 on a serve from sophomore Maddie Thompson in part of a 9-2 run. CRA responded with an 12-1 spread that included kills from seniors Mattie Hardin and Lily Newsom for a 25-14 triumph. Freshman Silver Mulliniks led Quitman with five kills in the set.

Mulliniks led off the third set with a kill en route to a 5-3 lead, but the advantage was short-lived after the Lady Falcons grabbed the lead at 9-8 and never looked back after Hardin scored on three serves

and added a kill before freshman Mallory Hollis added four more points on serves as part of a 16-1 scoring run, capping the contest off with a kill from Elms.

Elms led CRA (23-11) with 27 total kills and 16 digs as Mulliniks paced Quitman with 10 kills.

"I'm extremely proud of these girls," said Quitman head coach and superintendent Dennis Truxler. "I was talking to my brother who is a retired coach and he talked about how hard they played and hustled and got in the right positions. He said if you had [Elms], you would be hard to handle, and we know that but I wouldn't trade my girls for anyone."

Quitman finishes the season with an 8-12 record, going 5-6 in 2A Central play to clinch the fourth and final seed to make it to the big dance. The Lady Bulldogs will graduate Gracie Smith, Hanna Hartwick, Kaliean Rohrschieb and Drew Benton and will return lone junior Kassie Rhodes, sophomores Taylor Hooten, Madi Thompson, Katelyn Black, Jadie Langston, Riley Drake and Paige Fenley as well as freshman Silver Mulliniks and more of her classmates. The Jr. Lady Bulldogs finished the 2018 season with an undefeated record of 17-0, winning the 2A Central league title.

"I told these girls to be proud that they made it here knowing they are the first team in program history to do that, and to build upon it," added Truxler. "We had one freshmen and four sophomores out there at one time and have a good freshmen class that will be sophomores next year that will help us and give us more depth."

Smith inks with National Park College Softball Program

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Last season as a junior in 2019, Smith batted .344 with 30 runs, 31 hits, 30 runs batted in, eleven walks, five stolen bases, eight doubles and one triple, tacking on a .909 doubling percentage after tacking up 20 putouts on 22 chances, as Quitman bested their record with a 29-5 mark, taking down Poyen 3-2 once again in the state championship game for a second consecutive crown, bringing Smith's career record to 72-14 with one full season left to play.

"Especially because we are such a small school, it's not very often to play with so many girls that have the same love of the game as I do," added Smith. "I'm very thankful for it."

Smith, who was a member of the 2017 33-3 girls basketball state championship team as well, credited NPC for the small-school environment that reminded her of the one that Quitman has presented.

"Coach [Jessica] Taylor was great as soon as I met her. The atmosphere was small, and that was something I wanted coming from a small school myself."

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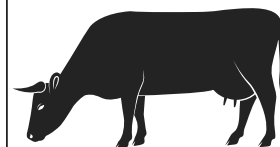
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