



Temperatures as low as 3 degrees and snow accumulation of about three inches made for challenging conditions overnight Sunday. More snow began to fall midmorning Monday as reflected in the photo above, which shows Main Street look-

ing west toward the 5-9-14 junction. Sheriff Brandon Long said roads were slick everywhere but he was not aware of any serious accidents, which he credited to advance weather warnings. - Photo by Rusty Fraser

## Extreme temps cause problems at water intake

As of presstime Monday, water customers across the county were being asked to conserve water after single digit temperatures Saturday night and into Sunday caused pump issues at Mountain View's water intake. Water Department Superintendent Keith Johnson issued a request Sunday afternoon for all customers of the Mountain View system as well as rural associations in the county to conserve water until a normal supply could be restored. The rural departments that purchase water from the system were requested to stop pumping temporarily.

Johnson said multiple employees worked through the night and were able to employ a portable pump borrowed from Batesville.

"When it doesn't stop

up it helps some," Johnson said Monday morning. "Overall, there's not much change."

The Mountain View Water Treatment Plant is located on Ruddell Road near White River. Pumps with special filters to manage soil and debris are used to get water from the river to the plant.

With the below-freezing temperatures persisting around the clock, residents expressed concern about needing to conserve at the same time faucets are left dripping to prevent household pipes from freezing. Conserving water in other ways — by delaying baths and laundry, for instance — was suggested. Also, any water from dripping faucets should be captured in containers for use in cleaning, cooking and watering pets.

## Rush to be next superintendent Mitchell will move up to assistant supt.

By Edie Sutterfield

Mark Rush will serve as superintendent of Mountain View School District for the 2024-25 school year, following a unanimous vote of the board Jan. 8.

Rush, who is currently assistant superintendent, takes over July 1 from Supt. Brent Howard, who announced last month he will retire after this school year, despite having one year remaining on his contract.

The board also voted to hire Dusty Mitchell, who is currently Mountain View Middle School assistant principal, to replace Rush as assistant superintendent.

As part of the hiring motions, they also established salaries of \$102,500 for the superintendent position and

\$92,000 for assistant superintendent.

Other personnel actions included accepting resignations from Timbo teacher Lane Berg and high school janitor Linda Graves. The board also agreed to add the \$50,000 salary of the new mental health counselor to the salary schedule.

Also during the meeting, Finance/Facilities Coordinator Cindy Smith announced the district had received a grant of \$4,835 that will allow the schools to offer more fresh fruit and vegetable options at all campuses.

Mountain View School District is one of 11 schools in Arkansas to receive the Farm to School Kitchen Equipment Grant, a program of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture.

According to information provided by the Department of Agriculture, the Farm to School Kitchen Equipment Grant was initiated last year to increase schools' capacity to process and serve more specialty crops to students through school cafeterias and other school feeding programs. Selected schools will receive grants to purchase equipment, improve school meal quality, and increase student consumption of specialty crops.

Smith said the grant will allow the purchase of four new refrigerated serving lines, with one to be placed in each cafeteria across the district.

The grant is also intended to help schools begin or improve efforts to procure local produce for their cafeterias, and

Smith said this will be done when the opportunity allows.

In other business, the board:

- heard a report from Rural Special staff about their participation in the new Professional Learning Community program. Rural Special Principal Tanya Stewart and a group of teachers discussed recent meetings they have had with colleagues at Mountain View and Clinton. They explained some of the benefits of collaborating and sharing strategies with other teachers who are doing the same work.

- approved two transfers within the district and one going to Westside.

- heard a report on district enrollment, which is steady at 1,548, Howard said.

## Sheriff: additional deputies needed

By Frank Wallis

A proposal for three new deputies for the Stone County Sheriff's Department will likely come before the county's governing body soon.

At the regular meeting last week, county justices of the peace heard from Sheriff Brandon Long in the wake of a shooting Jan. 2 that claimed the life of Deputy Justin Smith.

"One (patrol fatality) is bad enough, but this is two in five years," Long said, speaking Jan. 11 to nine JPs who comprise the Stone County Quorum Court. Deputy Michael Stephen was the first ever officer killed on the job in a shooting July 2019.

Following the meeting, Long said he took office Jan. 1, 2023, with the intent to schedule patrols so that a backup officer would always be available to officers serving warrants. He did that.

Long told JPs the department is due an update of safety protocol.

"I will not criticize Deputy Smith, and don't know why he was by himself when this happened," Long said.

The three proposed deputies will enable the department to mount a single 24/7 patrol including a most needed night patrol, the sheriff said. The sheriff said Stone County is too busy to get by with just one officer on duty for the night shift.

"If we have a deputy in Alco for a welfare check and we get a domestic (disturbance call) in Pleasant Grove, that's

a 40 minute run," Long said.

Long's peers in the department chimed in with support.

Chief Deputy Phil Burnham sought to dispel rumors that Smith had been dispatched to 330 Saw Mill Road to arrest Clinton Hefton on the afternoon of the shooting.

"He was not dispatched to do that," Burnham said. "He was on his own."

Lt. Jenifer Osborn, head of the sheriff's Criminal Investigation Division, said the department needs prayers and bullet-proof vests.

Many vests used by sheriff's deputies have expiration dates and many will need replacing in 2024. She said the court should be thinking also about what is a living wage in Stone County because several officers, particularly dispatchers, have been required to find guest living accommodations in order to work here.

Stop-the-bleeding kits are in short supply, too, she said.

Long counts himself, Burnham and Osborn among 12 patrol officers. Three new deputies would bump the number to 15.

In other business, Stone County Judge Stacey Avey announced a ground-breaking ceremony for a new jail is set for 10 a.m. Jan. 23 at the court complex.

The county jail has been under threat of closure and cited repeatedly for failing to meet federal and state minimum standards for jails.

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## Decision on water meters tabled

By Lana Mason

Mountain View City Council has tabled a decision regarding purchase of additional Diehl ultrasonic water meters.

At the regular meeting Jan. 9, Harry Wilks with AV Water Technologies addressed the council stating the city currently had 1,000 Diehl meters and to add an additional 1,000 units would cost around \$180,000, plus any additional meter lids needed.

The city has a total of 3,000 meters and is in need of a new system with better customer service. The water department has had on going issues with replacing parts and radios for the old meters and have been replacing the meters as funding is available.

AV Water Technologies offers a drive-by

reading service as well as a service with data collectors that allows all the meter information to be directly transmitted to the water department office.

Wilks presented the council with financing plans of \$250,000 on five and ten year terms. The five-year plan would cost \$59,600 a year and the 10-year plan was at \$35,000 a year. He said a local bank might offer a better option.

The water department has had little to no issues with their current Diehl meters, according to Water Department Superintendent Keith Johnson.

The meters come with a 10-year warranty and an additional 10-year pro-rated warranty after the first 10 years. If a meter is replaced during the 20-year time period, the warranty starts over.

The council agreed to review the information.

Also at the meeting, the council agreed to increase the yearly salary for the mayor position by \$2,000, and increased the pay for employees holding a commercial driver's license (CDL).

Councilman Danny Simmons said the mayor's position salary was \$1,000 below the clerk's and he believed the mayor's position should have a higher salary since it was considered the "chief" position over the entire city. The council unanimously agreed to the raise.

Simmons also recommended a 50-cent raise for all employees who have a CDL and recommended a \$13.50 starting rate for new-hires with a CDL. The council agreed.

In other business, the

council unanimously agreed to allow food truck vendors to park in Mountain View April 3-10 during the time surrounding the total solar eclipse on April 8, and agreed to waive permit fees.

Gardner explained that with the increase in visitors and possible traffic jams, he thought it would be okay to allow food trucks during this "once in a lifetime thing." He said the restaurants would not be able to feed all the visitors and visitors would not be able to drive around easily with so much traffic expected. He added it would also be hard to make sure everyone had a permit.

He noted the food vendor spots behind the courthouse were overseen by the chamber of commerce, not the city.

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# SHERIFF'S REPORT

From Sheriff Brandon Long

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

During the week ending 1/10/2024 deputies responded to:

- Vehicle roll-over on Hwy 14 East at Marcella. No injuries.
- Call on a careless/reckless driver. No contact.
- One-vehicle accident on Hwy. 9 South. No injuries.
- Unresponsive female on Hwy. 87. Transported to hospital.
- Vehicle in the water at a low water bridge on Hanover Road. Female driven to her home on Herpel Road.
- Report of a reckless driver on Hwy. 263 at Fox. Vehicle located. 19-year-old female

arrested for DWI.

- Medical emergency at Eagle Point Circle.
- Welfare check on dogs on Hwy. 14 East.
- Animals causing damage to property on Blackwell Road.
- Property dispute on Harvest Lane.
- Hwy. 14 West accident. Arrest for DWI 3.
- Report of suspicious person on Hwy. 14 West. Man looking for a lost dog.
- Report of an unattended fire on Hwy. 5 South. Was okay.
- Report of a suspicious person with a flashlight in Marcella area. Man looking for a lost dog.
- Traffic stop on Main Street. Arrested driver for DWI, driving on a suspended license and no insurance.

# Chamber award nominations accepted

The Mountain View Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is set for 6 p.m. March 14 at the Ozark Folk Center's Skillet Restaurant.

Tickets are available at the Chamber Office and are \$35 each.

Nominations are being accepted for two of the awards to be presented at the banquet.

The Distinguished Citizen Award which

will be presented at the banquet has been given since 1978 to individuals who have given extensive service to the Mountain View community. Service could be in the form of volunteerism, community work, or development/community leadership. Last year's award went to Frances Bullard.

Letters of recommendation may be submit-

ted to the Distinguished Citizen Committee, Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 133, Mountain View, AR 72560. They may also be dropped off at the Chamber Office at 109 N. Peabody (east side of the courtsquare).

The Bill A. Young Community Cooperation Award will be presented in honor of the former Ozark Folk Center general manager for whom

it is named. Given since 2005, the award honors an individual or organization that exemplifies the same spirit of community cooperation as Young's years of dedication to building cooperation within the community. The award was given last year to David Campbell.

Nominations may be submitted to the Bill Young Award Committee at the address given above.

Recommendations and nominations for both awards must be received at the Chamber office by Feb. 23.

# 4-H recruitment meeting set

Stone County Cooperative Extension Service is hosting a 4-H recruitment and leader training Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m. The event will be held at the large building at the Stone County Fairgrounds.

The upcoming county 4-H schedule, O'Rama,

and what 4-H is about for all current and potential new members are topics to be discussed.

Pizza will be served. Anyone who plans to attend should call 870-269-3336 or stop by at the Stone County Extension Office at 205 Martin Street in Mountain View.

Anyone considering joining Stone County 4-H is encouraged to attend.

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution. Anyone requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate or who needs materials in another format should contact 870-269-3336 as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.

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# Court case resolved

Jennifer Ann Kelams, 41, pleaded guilty in Stone County Circuit Court to possession with purpose to deliver meth/cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia meth/cocaine, both felonies.

She was sentenced to 120 months in the Arkansas Department of Correction with 90 days jail time credit. She was fined \$1,500 and charged \$940 court costs and fees.

# County

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JPs came to a consensus that the county should defer to a contractor the entire job of pouring the concrete pad for the jail structure. Conduit, plumbing rock formations and other underground features of the work create logistical problems for the county to contribute much to the job at a time when county employees will be needed on county roads and maintenance.

The proposal was brought for discussion by JP Travis Trammell, chairman of the county building committee.

Trammell also updated the court on plans to remodel the county election office to meet minimum standards for access by the disabled, and to remodel the county assessor's office to include an adequate restroom and break area.

No action was taken on the two projects. Avey noted state law does not require competitive bids on work that can be completed for less than \$50,000.

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# OFFICERS' ACTIVITY

Mountain View Police Dept.

The Mountain View Police Department responded to the following calls to service for the week ending 1/12/24.

- Car fire in the Walmart parking lot. Fire department on the scene, fire extinguished.
- Verbal dispute on Jackson Street. Subject having a mental episode. Vital Link transported to Stone County Medical Center.
- Vehicle parked at the disc golf area. Contact made.
- Lift assist; no transport.
- Open door at a residence. Cleared and secured residence, contacted owner.
- Alarm at East Main Street business. Everything okay.
- Medical call on Woody Street. Vital Link transport.
- Extra patrol on Mesa Vista.
- Dog out on Sara Lane. Caught and put up.
- Shoplifter at Walmart. Female arrested.
- Juvenile walking alone. Parent picked up.
- Recovered wallet from Walmart for female.
- Subject on Jackson Street. Subject was worried about someone stealing money.
- Report of dog running loose on Webb Street. Unable to locate.
- Report of two vehicles racing through Mesa Vista.
- Report of terroristic threatening.
- Welfare check on Luther Street.
- A man and woman transported by Vital Link on a disturbance call.
- Loose dog running after vehicles on Maple Street. Secured chain.
- Inmate transport from Cleburne County Sheriff's Office for warrants.
- Erratic driver on Hwy. 66. Unable to locate.
- Welfare check at O'Reilly's. Everything okay.
- Disabled vehicle at Walmart stoplight.

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- Provided funeral escort.
- Spoke with subject about road rage incident.

# City

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Also at the meeting, the council agreed to allow Mountain View High School's EAST program to move forward with obtaining a grant for crosswalk safety lights after hearing a presentation from EAST students and EAST instructor Kristy Verser.

The solar lights are recessed and level with the pavement, lighting up the crosswalks when pedestrians cross. The grant is for \$200,000, but the group is still waiting for a price on the lighting. They said the main areas they would focus on would be the crosswalks located downtown on Main Street.

The council agreed crosswalk safety was definitely needed downtown and the lights would definitely help pedestrians crossing at night.

In other business, the council:

- adopted a 2024 fines collection ordinance designating Stone County District Court Clerk as the official responsible for the collection of fines assessed in Stone County District Court for the City of Mountain View. The fines were being collected by the police department office, but the council agreed the responsibility needed to go back to the district court clerk.
- agreed to a pay request from CWB Engineers for work completed by Arkansas Cleaning and Televising for the ongoing pipe bursting project in the amount of \$59,522.25. Gardner said he had been in contact with CWB concerning the progress, noting that it was only 27 percent completed and needed to be completed by spring because the highway department had plans to repave the highway.
- agreed to move forward with a contract

with Storm Shield Roofing to have city buildings reroofed. The council was satisfied with the description and warranties offered in the contract.

• agreed to reduce a high water bill for a customer by 50 percent. The customer did not qualify for the city's catastrophic water loss policy, but the council agreed to help by cutting the \$1,866 bill in half.

• adopted the 2024 city budget resolution and the water, waste water, and water plant 2024 budget resolutions.

• approved financial reports.

• heard from Gardner that new playground equipment should be arriving in February. The council also discussed trying to get a grant for a potential skate park. They noted the pool construction was still underway.

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Mountain View Quiz Bowl Team members are, from left, Jay Prasad, Austin McDonald, Micah Ray, Trent Wickham, Nahlah Van Evera, Mya, Serrano, James Nicholson, and Adhi Anandaraj.

## MV Quiz Bowl wins January Jamboree

Mountain View High School's quiz bowl team traveled to Morrilton High School on Saturday to take part in the January Jamboree quiz bowl. The team went undefeated to capture its second straight Jamboree title.

The tournament was in a seven-game round-robin format, with the final two opponents determined by draw. In game one, the 'Jackets were able to avenge an early season loss, defeating Clinton by a score of 295-190 with Trent

Wickham leading the way with 100 points.

Quitman fell 380-130 in game two, with Austin McDonald pacing the team with 100 points.

In game three, all five starters answered tossups by halftime as the 'Jackets cruised to a 330-90 win over Central Arkansas Christian.

Game four opponent Guy Perkins offered little resistance in a 370-70 win with McDonald (130 points) and Adhi Anandaraj (60) leading the way.

Conway Christian was no match in game five as the 'Jackets scored a perfect third quarter in the "Moons of the Solar System" category in a 380-180 win, led by Wickham's 130 points.

Drawing Conway Christian for game six, the 'Jackets took a 100-point lead at the half and held on for a 270-250 win led by McDon-

ald (60), Wickham (50), and James Nicholson (30).

The 'Jackets ended the tournament with a 340-40 win over Guy-Perkins with Wickham (110) and McDonald (70) again leading in scoring.

The top three overall scorers in the tournament were recognized, with Wickham leading the tournament with 640 points and McDonald third with 500 points. Other tossup scorers were Anandaraj (180 points), Nicholson (90), Jay Prasad (40), and Mya Serrano (10). Micah Ray and Nahlah Van Evera made crucial lightning round contributions.

The 'Jackets improved their record to 17-13 and are scheduled to return to the buzzers this week in the NAESC Tournament in Melbourne and the Badger Invitational in Beebe.

## Meeting about new 4-H club is Saturday

A new Stone County 4-H club is forming for the Luber and Misener Road areas.

An informational meeting will be held Jan. 20 at the Jim Furrer Fire Station on Misener Road at 3 p.m.

All youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to attend. There is no cost to join. This will be a General 4-H Club and youth can choose from many differ-

ent project areas. 4-H offers projects and activities including livestock, robotics, cooking, wildlife, photography and much more.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Mindy Sloan at 870-615-0276 or Jaimee Clark at 870-615-2282, or call the Stone County Extension Office at 870-269-3336.

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# Opinions



**THE SHEPHERD'S HEART** By Bob G. Stewart

## Advice: just listen – it'll take you places

I love to read. Books can take you to places you've never been or to various time periods - past, present and future. Within the pages of a good book you might also find that you are, at least temporarily, some where else. You might become a knight in shining armor, or a short person with large, hairy feet; a town marshal in a booming mining town somewhere in the old west; or an astronaut helping to establish a new colony on some planet in a galaxy far, far away.

I tend to find the same qualities in music.

Music can take you to places far from where you are sitting and listening. When I hear a song about the mountains, for instance, it might transport me - mentally - to one of our favorite places in or around the majestic Rocky Mountains or the equally beautiful Tetons or Cascades. Sing a song about being back home again, and I will immediately think of that little family farm down on the Tomahawk in Stone County, Arkansas. Hearing island music or surfing songs brings reminders of beaches we have visited on each of the three distinctively different coasts of our wonderful country.

When I hear good flat-pickin' guitar work blended with banjo and mandolin and fiddle music (with a little foot stomping to keep time) I'm sort of transported back to the courthouse lawn in Mountain View, Arkansas where bluegrass, folk, and what's been called Rackensack music rule the music scene. If a song comes on the radio from back in my younger days, I can usually smell the familiar scents and feel the ambiance of one of

the many concert venues I've experienced.

When I hear gospel songs, I can feel the joy and the pain believers have dealt with throughout the centuries. I can, in my own way, see those three old rugged crosses standing atop that rocky outcropping near Jerusalem. I can feel the love of a shepherd who guards me and leads me. I can see the Holy One sitting upon his throne with choirs of angels and believers singing songs of praise and adoration.

Some songs just have the effect of taking me back. If I hear the first notes of a song like "Beginnings" or "Color My World" - or take your pick of hundreds of other tunes - and I am back in high school playing music with good friends.

Through music, I can be a blues man, a cowboy with a western spin, or a mountain man looking for peace and tranquility amongst the firs and streams and snow-capped peaks. I can be a rebel, a praise and worship leader, a singer-songwriter pouring out internal angst for all to hear, or even - at some point - a rocker.

Some might call it magic, or escapism, or even insanity. All I know is, whatever it is, I like it. At times it keeps me pressing on. At other times, it might be all that keeps me sane.

All I can say is, if you listen with your total being instead of just your ears, it'll take you places.

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*Bob Stewart has been a newspaper columnist for nearly 30 years. He and his wife, Laura, have relocated from Missouri to his family's old homestead in Stone County.*

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From our state legislators

### Voter registration important

As the Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan General Election draw near in Arkansas, it's crucial for every eligible citizen to recognize the power they hold within their vote. The upcoming election on March 5, 2024, serves as an opportunity for Arkansans to shape the future of their communities, the state, and the nation. The deadline to register to vote for this significant event is Monday, February 5.

Arkansas is home to 1,738,711 registered voters. Each of these individuals carries the potential to influence the trajectory of local and state policies. However, the unfortunate reality is that voter turnout during primary elections has not always reflected the significance of this responsibility.

In the 2022 Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan General Election, Arkansas experienced a voter turnout of just 25.98%. The turnout in the 2020 Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan General Election was 28%.

The first step in exercising your right to vote is ensuring that you are registered. The deadline for registration is Feb. 5.

To register in Arkansas you must fill out a paper Voter Registration Application.

You can pick up an application at the following locations: Your local county clerk, the Arkansas Secretary of State Elections Division: 1-800-482-1127, local revenue or DMV office, public library, disability agency, or military recruitment office.

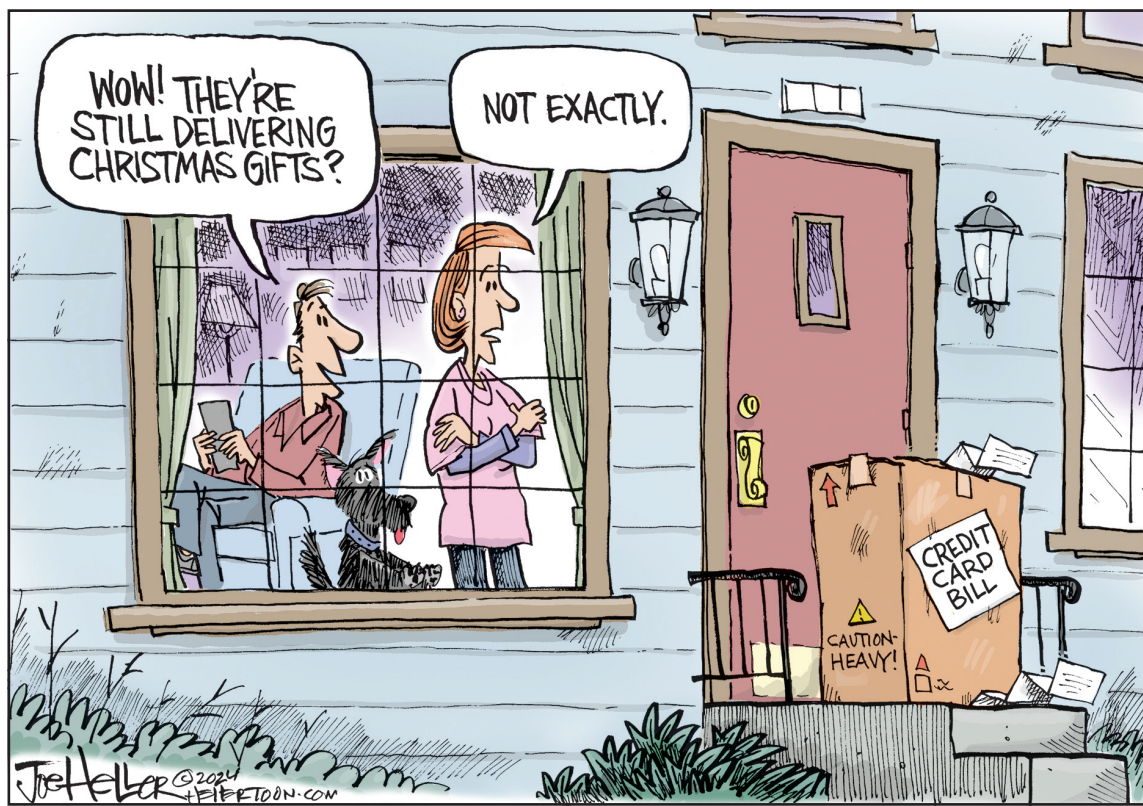
You can print a form to mail or request an application to be mailed to you at [sos.arkansas.gov](http://sos.arkansas.gov).

Once a local county clerk has processed your Voter Registration Application, he/she will send you a personalized voter registration card. This could take up to several weeks. You may also check your voter registration status online by visiting [www.voterview.org](http://www.voterview.org).

It's essential to recognize that the decisions made at the ballot box extend beyond partisan politics; they directly impact education, healthcare, infrastructure, and various other facets of our daily lives. The future of Arkansas is in the hands of its citizens, and voting is the most direct way to shape that future.

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This column is provided by the House Information Office. Stone County is represented in the State House of Representatives by Steven Walker of Horseshoe Bend (Dist. 27), Bart Schulz of Cave City (Dist. 28), and Josh Miller of Heber Springs (Dist. 41).



## INDEPENDENT ARKANSAS

By Steve Brawner

### Ballot initiatives in limelight

High-profile citizen-led ballot initiatives – and their path to the ballot – took center stage this week and could stay there throughout the election season.

All the initiatives are still at step one in the process, which is being certified by Attorney General Tim Griffin. He's rejected all of them at least once.

Earlier this month, Griffin rejected for the second time a ballot initiative that would write the state's Freedom of Information Act into the Constitution. He also again rejected a companion initiated act that would spell out the details in state law. He actually rejected four different versions of the latter, as reported by the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*. Supporters made the changes he suggested and sent the proposals back to him.

Griffin also last week rejected the first draft of a proposal that would overhaul the state's education system in reaction to last year's LEARNS Act. The proposal by For AR Kids would require private schools receiving state funds to meet public school state standards. It also would obligate the state to fund pre-K, after-school and summer programs, among other changes.

Another ballot proposal would legalize abortion in Arkansas through the 18th week. Abortion moreover would be legal through full term in cases of rape, incest, a fatal fetal anomaly or a threat to the mother's life or physical health.

Griffin, who had a 100 percent score from National Right to Life when he was in Congress, has rejected that effort twice. Supporters have submitted their third draft and say they've made the exact changes he's said they need to make. If he does approve it, they'll start collecting the 90,704 required valid signatures of registered voters.

Some of these efforts' backers say he is blocking, slow-walking or altering

proposals he disagrees with. Arkansas Citizens for Transparency, the Freedom of Information Act group, has asked the Arkansas Supreme Court to compel Griffin to accept their submissions or write one himself. Attorney David Couch used that same tactic in 2018 to compel then-Attorney General Leslie Rutledge to accept an initiative raising the minimum wage. The court agreed, and Rutledge certified the proposal.

Meanwhile, Restore Election Integrity, a group that wants to require paper ballots in elections, has asked the Supreme Court to certify that initiative as well as another that would create limitations on absentee voting. Griffin rejected their first attempts. As reported by the *Democrat-Gazette*, the group says the law giving Griffin that power conflicts with the Arkansas Constitution.

On the other hand, one could say that Griffin is doing his due diligence and statutory duty as the elected official who reviews these state-changing initiatives before they are enshrined into law. Amending the Constitution and passing an initiated act are relatively easy in Arkansas. They require only a bare majority of voter support here, and this is a small state where campaigns are cheaper than elsewhere. Somebody needs to be the gatekeeper.

Like past attorneys general, Griffin does always offer guidance about how the proposals can gain his approval. For example, he

has required supporters to change ballot titles to be more neutral rather than use what he would call partisan-flavored language. "Arkansas Reproductive Healthcare Amendment" became "Arkansas Abortion Amendment."

This push to pass initiatives is happening for several reasons, one being the relative easiness of the process I mentioned earlier.

Another factor would be that some groups – especially of a liberal persuasion – know they can't change laws through the legislative process in a state dominated by Republicans. No one is going to legalize abortion or significantly alter the LEARNS Act through this current Legislature. Instead of trying to win unwinnable candidate elections and then fruitlessly try to pass laws at the Capitol, they might be able to accomplish their goals by passing these big initiatives.

All these proposals would change Arkansas. They may be the most compelling races on the ballot, considering Republican candidates are almost guaranteed to win almost everywhere except in those pockets of the state where Democrats are almost guaranteed to win.

First, they'll have to make the ballot, and they are only on step one. Unless the Supreme Court rules otherwise, the AG will have to give his A-OK.

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### Homecoming Royalty

Mountain View High School presented its basketball Homecoming Royalty Friday. This year's King and Queen are Maverik Woods and Ellie Akins, center front. Other royalty are, from left, Sophomore Maid Jaci Cooper, Junior Maid Quincy Fletcher,

Maid of Honor Haley Long. Senior Maid Carlee Canard and Freshman Maid Makaylia Jones are at right. Escorts are, from left, Kyle Corners, Jack Newton, T.J. Cantanese, Trevor Downs, Collin Johnson and Austin McDonald.

## Nowlin 'meet and greet' set Saturday

The Democratic Party of Stone County will host a public "Meet and Greet" event for Tom Nowlin, candidate for Arkansas House of Representatives District 41, at First Service Bank in Mountain View (410 Sylamore Ave) this Saturday from noon to 1:30 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

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## Nick Roach named CEO

### Replaces Marnie Oldner at Stone Bank

Stone Bank announced the appointment of Nick Roach as its Chief Executive Officer. Roach, 43, was serving as the bank's president and has been part of Stone Bank since 2010, also serving as a director. He succeeds Marnie Oldner as CEO, who retired in December of 2023.



Nick Roach

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Finance from Arkansas Tech University and is a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University.

"We are delighted to announce Nick Roach as our new CEO. His track record of accomplishments and leadership within Stone Bank has been remarkable, and we look forward to the continued success of the

bank under his guidance," said Board Chairman Kendall Combs.

Roach has played a pivotal role in transforming the institution into a major player in the government-guaranteed loan sector. Under his leadership, the bank achieved the prestigious status of being a Top 100 SBA Lender and Top

5 USDA lender. Stone Bank has consistently ranked as one of the leading FSA agriculture lenders with customers in 13 states from Vermont to Texas.

He has served as the President of the National Rural Lenders Roundtable of the USDA in Washington, DC, for the past two years. Additionally, he serves on the Arkansas Capital Corporation Board, a Certified Development Corporation headquartered in Little Rock, AR.

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### Greg Peters & Kevin Lackey Recognize Mountain View Chevrolet's Players of the Month



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## Polar Plunge event set Jan. 19 at MVHS

The 2024 Mountain View Polar Plunge, a fundraising event hosted by the Law Enforcement Torch Run, is set for Jan. 19 at Mountain View High School.

Individuals and teams take the plunge to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics Arkansas. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the plunge begins at 9:30.

Participants are challenged to "Step Right Up to the Chill!" in order to help create awareness for athletes with intellectual disabilities in Arkansas. Those who wish to register in advance may create an online profile or download the events paper brochure at [www.specialolympicsarkansas.org/polar-plunge.html](http://www.specialolympicsarkansas.org/polar-plunge.html). The minimum donation to plunge is \$50. Visit the website to see the 2024 incentives.

Special Olympics Arkansas unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport

every day around the state. Through programming in sports, health, education and community building, Special Olympics Arkansas is changing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, solving the global injustice, isolation, intolerance and inactivity they face. Special Olympics Arkansas is providing opportunities for more than 19,500 athletes and 16,000 volunteers in all counties across the State of Arkansas.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is the largest grassroots fundraiser for Special Olympics with more than 100,000 law enforcement participants around the world. At its most basic level, the Torch Run is an actual running event where law enforcement officers and Special Olympics athletes run the "Flame of Hope" into the Opening Ceremonies of Special Olympics competitions.

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# Church and Family



David and June Hopper celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 17. They were married Jan. 17, 1964. They have one son, Scott (Darlene); one grandson, Samuel (Whitley); and one great grandson, Viking, age 2. David has overcome many health problems and is still raising cattle at the Happy Hollow Farm with much help from Scott.



## SENIOR CENTER MENU/SCHEDULE

The Mountain View Senior Center is now open regular hours 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and is delivering Meals on Wheels, and serving daily hot meals. Meals are available "to go." Masks are required inside the facility.

Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. Meals must be reserved the day before or by 10 a.m. You can call (870) 269-3101 to reserve your meal. Meals can be reserved by the day, week or month and can be paid daily, weekly or monthly. If you have paid but need to miss a day you will be credited for that day, but please give notice because meals

are prepared to order for the number of meals reserved.

The cost for a meal is \$7 for anyone who is not a member, \$4 for those who are 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 price.

Breakfast consisting of Biscuits & Sausage, Biscuit, Egg & Sausage, Pancakes and Waffle Sticks is being served every morning. Call the day before to reserve a breakfast. Every Thursday there will be Square Dance lessons at 10 am. The 3rd Thursday of every month there will be an all Gospel Singing from 10 am to 11:30 am. If you want to sing or play please come and join in. Exercise class, shopping trips and other activities have been opened back up. We are doing Transportation in the county only until further notice. Dining room is open for meals.

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

Wednesday: Pork Roast/Gravy, AuGratin Potatoes, Green Peas, Wheat Bread, Apple Cake, Milk

Thursday: Swiss Steak, Rice, Okra, Roll, Apricots, Milk

Friday: Chicken/Dumplings, Green Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Butterscotch Brownie, Milk

Monday: Chili, Broccoli Slaw, Mexican Cornbread, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday: Cheeseburger Pie, Creamed Peas, Herbed Potatoes, Pineapples, Milk

# Obituaries

### Lorraine Jordan

Lorraine Richardson Jordan, age 77, died Jan. 10, 2024, at her home in Mountain View, Ark.

She was born July 23, 1946, in Marshall, Ark., to Harry K. Richardson and Ruby Stewart Richardson.



During her lifetime, she was an educator in the Mountain View School system for 27 years. Many of her students will remember her as a "teacher that scared them to death, but one that cared about their learning." It was said that one of the tasks that she made every single student accomplish was to memorize their social security numbers. She is quoted as saying, "You'll be using this number for the rest of your life, so you need to get this memorized." During her career in education, she performed extra duties as cheerleading sponsor for 17 years, Beta Club sponsor, and scorekeeper at the home basketball games. She might have been a fierce teacher in the classroom, but not a day went by that she didn't love all of her students.

After retiring from the classroom, she began running a small gift shop called "Nana's Place," but the majority of her time was spent giving back to her community, friends, and family. She and her husband were instrumental in beginning the Stone County Leadership Program where students participated in the basics and fundamentals of being good leaders. Her most joyful times during retirement was spent caring for her great grandchildren and making sure her family never did without.

She was a Christian by faith and a member of School Avenue Church of Christ. She always felt that her relationship with God was personal and she never let anyone infringe upon that right.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harry K. Richardson, Ruby Stewart Richardson, her stepdad, Floyd J. Henderson, and her aunt Marie Stewart Whitfield.

Left to cherish her memory are husband Don R. Jordan; son David S. Roberts, daughter

Lorrie Sadler (Everette); grandchildren, Emilee Cartwright (Brayden), Morgan Masters (Johnathan), James Cartwright (Sydney) and Grace Roberts; and great grandchildren, Jak, Ava, and EJ Masters, Cash and Creed Cartwright. She was also blessed with an extended and bonus family that included four step-children, many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. Her many cousins near and far will greatly miss her.

Graveside service was Jan. 13 at Levisy Flat Cemetery near Mountain View with Eddie Passmore officiating.

Pallbearers assisting were Everette Sadler, James Cartwright, Jonathan Masters, Jimmy Masters, Brayden Morrison, and Ryan Webb.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Stone County Scholarship Foundation for a scholarship that will be established in her memory.

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### Tommy Sullivan

Thomas Howard (Tommy) Sullivan, 79, died peacefully Jan. 6, 2024, at his son's home in Walls, Miss.

He was born to Nancy and Pascal Sullivan on Oct. 11, 1944, in Greenwood, Miss. He was raised in Tunica, Miss., by Nancy and Junior Pettit.

Tommy was drafted into the Army in 1966. He served his country in Vietnam, where he received numerous awards. After returning from the Army, he served as a Tunica County Deputy Sheriff and later went to work for Layne Central Water Drilling Company. Tommy retired from Layne Central after 40-plus years.

Tommy was married to Thyra Lynn Hess on Aug. 29, 1994, in Helena, Ark.

Tommy was an avid outdoorsman, loved sports and making people smile with his stories and jokes. Tommy and Lynn made their home in Mountain View, Ark., after retiring, where they welcomed community members as an extension of their family. Tommy was very proud of the life he and Lynn had built with family and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Pascal Sullivan; his stepfather, Harry C

Pettit Jr.; and his wife, Thyra Lynn Sullivan.

He is survived by his mother Nancy Pettit, sons Patrick (Laura) Sullivan and Shane Sullivan, daughters Renee (Keith) Coffey, Cindy (Jim Thwing) Hess, Samantha Hess, and Sara (Greg) Colvin; 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Jan. 12, 2024, at Memorial Funeral Home in Tunica, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

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### Clara Ramsey

Clara Jean Ramsey, 76, died Jan. 11, 2024, at her home in Mountain View, Ark.



She was born in Big Flat, Ark., on June 9, 1947, to James R. Freeman and Elsie (Treat) Freeman.

Clara was a hard worker and devoted to everything she did. Her most rewarding job was serving as the mayor of Fifty Six, Ark., for 16 years. She was a devoted Christian and secretary of The Sanctuary of Mountain View. She enjoyed cooking, shopping, and collecting knick-knacks. She loved her grandchildren dearly and would drop everything to help them or anyone else in need.

Clara is survived by two sons, James (Kathy) Ramsey of Mountain View, and Johnny (Beau) Boone of Mountain View; one daughter, Tammy Ramsey-Frederick of Searcy, Ark.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Ramsey; twin sons, Bobby and Billy Ramsey; brothers, Arnold Freeman, Lloyd Freeman, Phil Henson; and one sister, Beulah McClanahan.

Funeral service was Jan. 14, 2024, at Round Mountain Community Church with Paul Mize officiating. Burial was at Freeman Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Cowan, Joshua Frederick, Carl Chadwick, Tony Chadwick, Jonathan Boone, and Dennis Swartzell.

Roller Crouch of Mountain View was in charge of the arrangements.

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Sheriff Brandon Long

## In Memory of Justin Smith

There once was a barn that for sixty years stood  
The timbers were sturdy, the carpentry good  
Under the roof and behind every wall,  
Protection and safety were granted to all.

The barn was amazing, though many passed by  
The farm where it stood without granting an eye  
It was lovingly built on a foundation of stone  
So those on the farm were never alone.

Up in the rafters, mocking birds sang  
Some of them even had a southern twang.  
The barn gave them rest and lent them an ear  
Because it was gentle, creatures always drew near.

Gold autumn sun shone through cracks in the door  
Hugging the children who danced on the floor.  
Wind, storm and hail fell year after year  
But those living inside never knew any fear.  
The barn kept them safe and never thought twice  
About the cost to itself, it just sacrificed.

But one winter night, a fire was set  
Sweeping the town with an air of regret  
As darkness set on, they weren't sure how to feel  
For shelter and safety were gone from the field.  
All they had known was to go to the barn  
Who stood humble witness to years on that farm.

Now the hay is all gone from the loft so high  
The children who played there can't understand why.  
The songs of the mockingbirds slipped into silence  
Pain is beauty destroyed by violence.  
The beauty remained, but in different form,  
And all the inhabitants gathered to mourn.

The roof and the timbers would be used again never  
But they say the foundation's as strong as ever  
It stands as a testament to dependable care  
Now people come to see it from everywhere,  
And they marvel at work done in silence for years,  
The sturdy construction that should still be here.  
The structure is gone, but the presence remains  
And lives on in the memory of those that it saved.

Jessica Lynne Gould

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
John 15:13

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The refurbished Hinkle Cabin at the county line.

## Hinkle Homestead

A celebration of 150 years for the Hinkle cabin located at the Stone/Van Buren County line was held in September 2023, with the public invited to the grounds for living history presentations with Hinkle descendants portraying their ancestors.

Music was provided by the Parker family whose own ancestors, Ella Bellamy and Gordon Parker, married and homesteaded near the cabin. A dedication of the Hinkle homestead was given by a great-great granddaughter of John and Lucy Hinkle, Susie Carter Wiggins, associate pastor of Germantown Presbyterian Church near Memphis.

A restoration of the 150-year-old log cabin took place over the summer. It had been a "bucket list" item for Rodney Rushing to acquire his great grandparents' homestead from his cousin, Wendell Hinesley, and have it restored. After Rodney's passing in 2020 and then his wife, Angalee, in 2022, the couple's children – Phillip, Terry, Renee, and Rachelle – took on the project to fulfill their father's wish.

Dave Smith, a local man of many talents, provided his log cabin expertise by shoring up the structure, reinforcing walls and doorways, replacing doors and windows, and re-chinking all the logs. Several relics were found in the process including small fragments of old newspaper print dating to 1883, an old skeleton key, square nails, wooden pegs, a shoe heel, glass fragments, and old plowshares.

Wendell Hinesley, the former owner of the property and a great-grandson of the settlers, was born in the cabin in 1932. He and his parents, Clarence and Winnie Hinesley, and older brother, Carson, lived there for a few years. Now 91 and living in Illinois, Wendell is an important source of information and is just a phone call away to reminisce about stories he was told as a child and those he experienced first person. He and his wife, Juanema, lived within a few hundred yards of the log cabin in 2008 when the long tracking EF-4 tornado demolished their house, then ripped the roof off the log cabin before wiping out other homes on its track toward Mountain View. That the old log cabin weathered the storm is a marvel.

Local residents who lived in the area from the 1970s to 1991 remember Roy Hinesley as the last person who lived in the log cabin. Not only did he have a unique home, he walked everywhere and was a very effective hitchhiker, arriving at ballgames, church, Shirley, Mountain View or anywhere he was going in record time.

The builders of the cabin, John Weaver Hinkle and Lucy Kenner Hinkle, moved to Rushing about 1873 and homesteaded 160 acres. They moved from northern Alabama, attracted by the availability of land in Arkansas through the U.S. land patent homestead process, and they likely wanted to put the devastation of the Civil War behind them. John Hinkle, along with his four brothers, served in the Confederate army.

John Hinkle, (born 1832 in Hall County, Georgia) and Lucy Kenner, (born 1842 in Morgan County, Alabama) married in Blount County, Alabama on May 24, 1859 and were living in Winston County when they had their first child, William, in 1860. Mary Jane was born in 1862, Eliza Ann in 1864, Frances "Fannie" in 1865, Simeon "Sim" in 1867, Nioma "Nome" in 1869, Isaac "Ike" in 1872, and their youngest, Dan, was born in the log cabin in 1876. It's hard to imagine a family of 10 living in such a small space.

## Angie White Case Wife, mother, visionary, and even 'road boss'

Looking back through 150 years of Stone County history, one of the most influential individuals you will read about is Angie Eakin White Case, who was without much formal education but was said to be rich in common sense with a rare ability to visualize, plan and organize, and with a thirst for knowledge.

A handwritten biography by a granddaughter, Sarah Brewer Manley – filed at the Stone County Museum in Mountain View – also describes her as being ambitious for her 10 children and her community. She ran her household as well as a hotel and a farm in the Richwoods community, and she also helped her husband in his mercantile.

The biography tells of her providing art and music lessons for the children by writing colleges in the South and offering free room and board in the cool mountain air in exchange for lessons.

She was adept at promoting and supervising town projects. She hired a teacher for her children then invited other families to join hers. In time, a building was constructed for a conscription school eventually known as Stone County Academy.

She is also credited in the biography for the first Methodist Church building, and years later for a larger one.

She and her husband went to Washington to plea before Congress for appropria-

tions for dams on White River, a railroad and highways.

When local government would not build a road to her family's lime plant at Ruddles, Angie hired a crew, gathered equipment, and supervised construction.

A story from around 1913 from the Baxter Bulletin was reprinted in the Stone County Historical Society's "Heritage of Stone" publication, Vol. 25 No. 1 of 2001. Tom Shiras wrote that 58-year-old Mrs. George R. Case had just completed "the best road in this section between Mountain View and Ruddells."

She is said to have "borrowed" an engineer to determine the best grade on the proposed route and stake it out. For years, the old road had followed the same course from the river to the top of the mountain with a maximum grade of 25 percent. After running several surveys, the engineer achieved a grade of 12 percent.

"As soon as the survey had been made and the grade stakes set, Mrs. Case got together a crew of men, teams and grading outfit and started active work. Much of the work in ridding the mountain had to be done in solid rock and was very difficult, taking a long time to complete. It did not daunt her, however, and she practically supervised every round of shots that were put in."



Angie Case



Four generations -- Angie White Case seated with baby, Angie Lea Case.

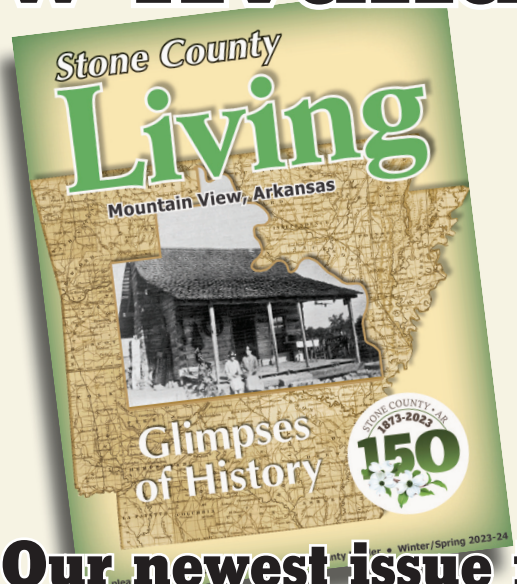
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# Mountain View teams take on Melbourne, Newport

Mountain View teams hosted Melbourne Friday night for Homecoming and the visitors proved to be spoilers for two of the three games.

The junior boys were downed 48-25. Kade Shipman scored 7 points, while Noah Davis and Eli Davis added 5 each.

The senior girls

fell short 57-51. Kaitlyn McCarn scored 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while Emma Akins added 15 points and Jaci Cooper scored 10.

McCarn scored her 1,000th point in the two years she has played for Mountain View.

The Lady Yellowjack-

ets trailed 26-17 at halftime, and started the third quarter on a 9-2 scoring run with baskets by Emma Akins and McCarn, plus a basket and three-pointer from Cooper. Melbourne came back to lead by five at the end of the quarter.

Emma Akins hit two freethrows early in the fourth period, then McCarn swished a trey from the top of the key to tie the score at 38 but the Lady Bearkatz were again able to secure the lead.

The senior boys won 65-57 with Collin Johnson tossing in 25 points, while Trevor Downs added 15 and Jack Newton put up 15 points

and grabbed 6 rebounds. The Yellowjackets fell behind 10-5 in the first quarter, but recovered in the second as Johnson scored 11 points from the field and Jack Newton hit seven of eight freethrow attempts to help give the team a 26-21 halftime lead.

Downs opened the third quarter with a trey and then hit two more during the period to help maintain the lead.

Ten more points from Johnson in the fourth period, along with a trey and two freethrows from Downs helped secure the win.

On Jan. 9, all four Mountain View teams

competed at Newport, where the senior teams and junior girls recorded wins.

The junior girls won 50-22, while the junior boys were downed 42-9.

The Lady Yellowjackets won 53-27 led by a combined effort from Emma Akins (19 points, 12 rebounds) and Kaitlyn McCarn (18 points, 13 rebounds).

Mountain View senior girls finished week 13-8

overall and 5-2 conference

The senior boys won 42-37. Jack Newton scored 14 points and dished out 6 assists, while Collin Johnson hit for 8 points and grabbed 8 rebounds. Austin McDonald scored 8 points and pulled down 14 rebounds.

Mountain View senior boys finished the week 16-6 overall and 6-1 in conference play.



Mountain View's Kaitlyn McCarn looks to make a pass against Melbourne. - Photo by Lori Freeze

## Rural Special roundup

Rural Special teams traveled to Shirley Jan. 9 with girls teams coming away with wins.

The junior girls won 31-13. J. Stone scored 10 points, while E. Lejeune and M. Rodgers each added 6, and Natalie Newman 5.

The senior girls won 48-44 after jumping out to a 20-5 first quarter lead. Kendall Kocher led the team with 17 points. Rayleigh Turner and Aubrey Linville scored 8 each, and Riele Sutterfield added 6.

The senior boys were down only 6 points at halftime, but the home team tossed in 10 three-pointers in the second half en route to a 78-62 win. The Blue Devils had five players hit from long-range with 14 treys total. Shirley's Tyler Spencer led all scorers with 35 points.

For Rural Special, Kasen Stevens scored 24 points, while Nikho Christensen added 14 and Cole Linville tossed in 13.

Rural Special hosted Viola on Jan. 11, with both senior teams recording victories.

The senior boys won 60-32 led by Kasen Stevens with 24 points. Brayden Watts scored 13 and Cole Linville added 10.

The senior girls won 45-39 with a balanced scoring effort. Rayleigh Turner led with 10, while Kendall Kocher scored 9 points. Four other players scored 5-7 points each.

The junior boys fell short 24-37. T. Carlton and Newman each scored 9 points for Rural Special.



Mountain View's Jack Newton is challenged by a Melbourne defender. - Photo by Lori Freeze

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Lori Freeze

# Making mental health resolutions

The start of a new year provides an opportunity to begin new goals and habits, according to Teresa Henson, Extension specialist-program outreach coordinator for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Those goals and habits can have a positive impact on mental health.

“Those well intended resolutions can also lead to feelings of stress and guilt,” Henson said, “because we often quickly fall off the bandwagon.”

A 2022 poll by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) stated that 29% of adults planned to adopt better mental health practices. Those practices included such things as exercising, meditating, seeing a therapist, focusing on spirituality and taking a break from social media outlets, she said. The poll recommended that individuals not be overly stressed about the resolutions but rather focus on habits that are not complicated to switch or easily incorporate into their lives.

The National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) suggests the following as part of good mental health resolutions.

- **Prioritize and break-down goals:** Prioritize each goal based on importance to you, need and timeline.
- **Plan to pursue goals:** A plan is significant for goal setting. Utilize the goal-setting tool called S.M.A.R.T. goals. The acronym stands for the following:
  - a. **Specific:** What do you wish to accomplish? Goals should consider who, what, when, where, how and why.
  - b. **Measurable:** The goal needs to be monitored for your progress.
  - c. **Attainable:** The goal must be manageable.
  - d. **Relevant:** The goal is beneficial and appropriate for you and your needs.

e. **Time-bound:** The goal should have a clear timeline and be realistic.

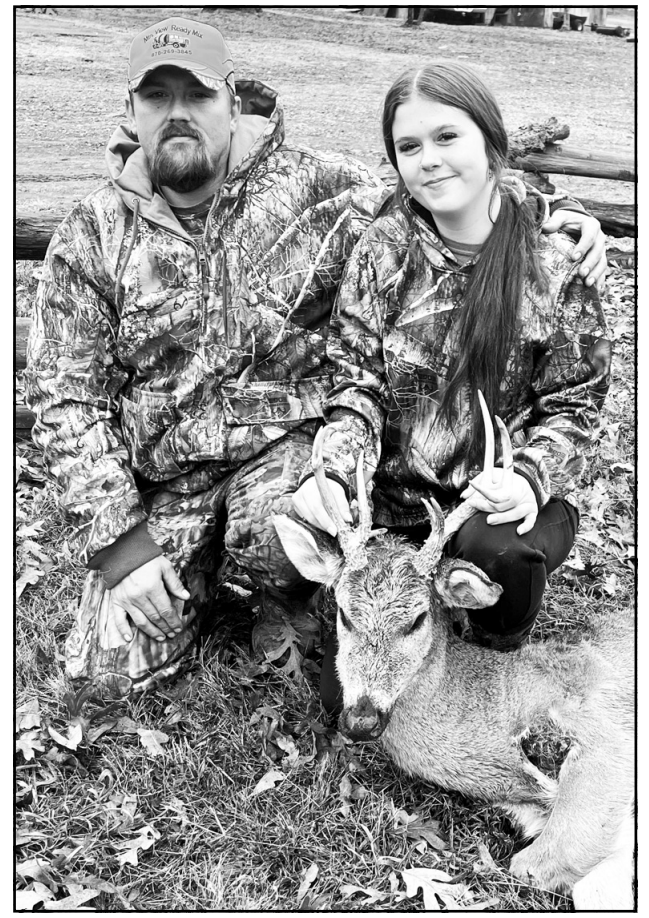
- **Be optimistic and challenge yourself:** When setting your goals, recognize your limitations and set realistic expectations.
- **Establish routines and monitor your progress:** Turn your goals into habits. This can make your self-improvement activities a routine. Once you set a way, you are more likely to achieve your goals.
- **Be accountable and have patience with yourself:** It is very important to commit to achieving a goal and hold yourself accountable. It is essential to recognize that goals may take a while and that setbacks are okay. If you have a setback, remember that every setback can be a learning moment.

- **Get support and reward progress:** Ask for help. Don't be afraid to seek support from others. Having support can help you achieve your goals. Supporters can provide positive reinforcement, helpful feedback and offer you the necessary resources.
- **Identify areas for improvement:** Identify a few lifestyles and behavioral changes but focus on one or two at a time. Remember that you want to avoid overwhelming yourself by doing too much at once.

“The start of the new year is a perfect time to think about setting goals and priorities,” Henson said, “but realize that every day is a good time to make changes to improve your mental health.”

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Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) is an 1890 Land-Grant HBCU with a diverse student population, competitive degree offerings and stellar faculty. For 150 years, UAPB has worked to create an environment that emphasizes learning, growth and productivity while affording a basic need to its students: a chance to advance. UAPB offers certificate and associate degree programs, more than 50 undergraduate and master's degree programs and a doctoral program in Aquaculture/Fisheries. Students are active in more than 100 organizations, including an internationally renowned Vesper Choir, Marching Musical Machine of the Mid-South Band, Concert Bands, athletics program, and more.



Lauren Mullins, 15, of Mountain View killed her first deer during last weekend's youth hunt. She was hunting with her dad, Shane Morgan, when she shot the 9-point with a .243 at 140 yards.

# School funding under review by lawmakers

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From our state legislators

The Senate Education Committee has begun its review of the adequacy and equity of Arkansas public school funding.

Lawmakers conduct the thorough review every two years, with the help of legislative staff. They use the results to determine how much to increase education funding, and whether or not to tighten curriculum standards and financial accountability measures.

The study is due on November 1, 2024, in advance of the next regular session of the legislature in 2025.

Under the Arkansas Constitution the state must provide funding for an adequate and equitable education for every child. The legislature has the constitutional duty of appropriating tax revenue for state government operations, therefore it is the legislature's responsibility to approve adequate fund-

ing of schools.

The Education Committee will meet regularly throughout the year to address the many aspects of school funding. The categories include teacher salaries, facilities and equipment, transportation costs and uniform curriculum standards. The new adequacy study will update how the state responds to the needs of small and isolated school districts, fast-growing districts and schools in fiscal or academic distress.

If necessary legislators can update the matrix, a chart that serves as a tool to determine whether or not the state is funding an adequate

school system, under the mandates of the constitution, Supreme Court rulings and state laws. Staff reiterated to members of the Education Committee that the matrix is a tool to measure how the legislature funds schools, not how much schools actually spend.

In addition to keeping track of funding and spending, writing a new adequacy report includes evaluating how effectively current programs are achieving their goals. One method is a thorough analysis of student test scores, taking into account the different social situations in schools.

Generally, students in poor, isolated districts don't score as well on standardized tests as students in prosperous neighborhoods. Similarly, students whose parents are college graduates generally score better than stu-

dents whose parents never got a degree. After taking those factors into account, education officials can predict test scores.

A successful school is one in which students' actual scores are better than the predicted scores. Legislative staff will schedule visits to those schools to learn what makes them effective. Staff also conducts surveys of superintendents, principals and teachers.

Throughout 2024 superintendents and school boards will closely follow the work of the Education Committee on adequacy, because the final product will be the basis for state funding of local school districts next year.

In Arkansas the major source of school revenue is state aid. Local property taxes are the second largest source of school revenue, and federal aid is third.

The legislature's duty to provide equitable funding is challenging, due to disparities in local wealth and local property tax rates. The same tax rate in a city with manufacturing plants will generate much more revenue for schools than it will in an isolated region with no industries.

The state Supreme Court has ruled that under the Arkansas Constitution, the legislature must prioritize education funding. The legislature must rely on evidence to fund schools adequately and equitably, and legislators cannot simply appropriate to schools what is available in the state budget.

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This column is provided by the Senate Information Office. Missy Irvin of Mountain View, State Senator for District 24, represents Stone County.

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**120 Announcement**

PLEASE DONATE your old polyester batting pillows and crew neck sweaters and sweatshirts (any size & color ) so that we can make more pet beds for the Second Chance Shop. You may drop off your donations at the Shop, located at 210 W. Main St. in Mountain View, Wed. through Saturday, from 10 am to 4 pm. All proceeds go directly to the Stone County Humane Society's low cost spay/neuter program.

2011 CHEVY Malibu, white, abandoned November 22 on property belonging to Ronald & Lesa Thurman. If storage is not paid and car picked up by January 24, it will be sold for storage payment.

STONE COUNTY Reuse Shop open every Monday, 10-4. First Saturday morning of each month.

PUBLIC MEETINGS 6:30 1st Tuesday of each month, Melrose Fire Station.

THE SECOND Chance Resale Shop features different items posted every Tuesday on our Facebook site at Stone County Humane Society Group of Arkansas. Any item can be held with PayPal. Text inquiries at 870-658-2261. All proceeds go to the Stone County Humane Society for the welfare of the animals. Shop hours are 10-4 pm, Wed.-Sat. We are located on the Square at 210 West Main, Mountain View, AR, 2 shops left of the Rainbow Cafe. Stop by and see all the wonderful items we have for sale.

STONE COUNTY Recycling Center is now accepting alkaline batteries and automotive lead acid batteries.

THE ABUNDANT Life Church is giving away free food the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 12 to 4 for the needy and elderly.

ROSCO P Coal Train's Community Outreach is still active and needing support. We need caregivers for rescued animals in addition to other volunteers. Call 870-269-7308 or 870-214-2963 if you can help.

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THE SECOND Chance Shop on Main St., run by volunteers for the Stone County Humane Society, is open from 10-4 p.m. on Wednesday 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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FOLKS OUR rescued Furkids are in need of Dog Houses, 12 ft. x 24 ft. tarps. Also if anyone has some Horse, Dog or Goat panels we could sure use them. We can also use monetary donations. You can bring items to 460 Helms Road or call us and we will pick them up. For more information call Rosco P. Coal Trains Community Outreach at 870-269-7308 if no answer call cell number 870-214-2963 Thank You.

THE STONE County American Legion Post No. 43 invites veterans to come join us. The post is located at 1021 Park Avenue in Mountain View (just north of the fairgrounds) and we meet on the third Monday of every month at 6 p.m. Questions, call 870-269-4658.

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**COME WORSHIP** with us at Foot-hills Baptist Church Sunday: 9:30 Sunday School and 10:45 Worship. Visitors welcome, come as you are. Two miles north of Wal-Mart

**1 • NOTICES**

**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).

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**1 • NOTICES**

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

**135 No Hunting**

**NO HUNTING**, No Trespassing, No running of dogs on property owned by Dave and Sandra West on Hwy 66 West.

**NO TRESPASSING**, no hunting, no running of dogs on property owned by Robert Bramucci, adjacent to Hub Willis Road.

**1 • NOTICES**

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

**NO TRESPASSING** for any reason! On any property owned by Amy Lawrence and her siblings Craig, Sam & Dan Smith located at 544 Smith Road. Those who have permission to hunt on our land already know who they are and are the only people who have Amy's permission. Trespassers will be Prosecuted!

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NO TRESPASSING, No Hunting, No Running Dogs on property owned by John & Christine Robins at 2418 Roasting Ear Road in Onia.

NO HUNTING, No Running Dogs, No Trespassing on property owned by Shawn & Laurey Peck on Roasting Ear Road.

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.

NO HUNTING, NO running dogs, No Trespassing on Goodwin Farm on Hanover Road or Tomahawk Drive. Written permission is only good for that year.

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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.

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

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**140 Personal**

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THE FAMILY of Joe Stewart would like to thank all those who were there for us during the loss of our loved one. Thanks to those who prayed for him and us, brought food, or visited with him in his final days. We'd also like to thank those who came to his visitation and funeral service, or sent food, flowers, cards, messages, Gideon Bibles, donations, or phone calls after his passing. Thank you to Dylan, Matt and Randy who brought words of remembrance and comfort during his service and to his pallbearers. We appreciate the efforts of the U.S. Army representatives and local Stone County Honor Guard for their participation in his service. Thank you to the staff members at Elite Hospice and Roller Funeral Home who were all kind and considerate when helping us, and to Merlin for opening and closing the grave. We appreciate the lunch prepared by our church families at Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church and Antioch General Baptist Church along with their love and support. It is a blessing to live in a community where people care about each other.

**2 • VEHICLES**

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**3 • PETS**

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**10 • EMPLOYMENT**

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**12 • WANTED**

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Legal Notices

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE STONE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT CLERK AS THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COLLECTION OF FINES ASSESSED IN STONE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-709(a)(2) (A)(i) provides that the City of Mountain View (hereinafter the "City") shall designate an official responsible for the collection of fines assessed in the District Court;

WHEREAS, the City finds it is appropriate to designate the Stone County District Court Clerk, or her deputies, and successors in office (hereinafter the "Clerk"), as the official responsible for the collection of fines assessed in the Stone County District Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City hereby ENACTS and ORDAINS as follows:

I. Designation. That the Clerk is hereby designated as the official primarily responsible for the collection of fines assessed in the Stone County District Court.

2. Disbursement. That all fines collected each month in Stone County District Court by the Clerk shall be disbursed by the tenth (10th) working day of the following month pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 16-17-707.

3. Repealer. Any ordinances, resolutions, or orders of the City, or parts of the same, which specifically conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

4. Emergency Declared. That the immediate passage of this Ordinance is necessary for the efficient operation of municipal government, the Stone County District Court, and City, County, and State law enforcement agencies operating within, and together with, the City and County, and therefore this Ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of the date of its passage.

5. Severability Provision. In the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or other provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional, and the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed as if such invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional provision or provisions had never been contained herein.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into an Ordinance this 9th day of January, 2024.

APPROVED: Roger Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST: Peggy Lancaster, City Clerk

This publication was paid for by the City Clerk's Office. Cost: \$59.55.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF STONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Sammy Barker Wilson, Deceased

CASE NO. 69PR-24-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Name of Decedent: Sammy Barker Wilson

Last known address: 1094 Blue Mountain Road, Mountain View, Arkansas 72560

Date of death: February 1, 2023

On the 4th day of January, 2024, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed with respect to the estate of Sammy Barker Wilson, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Stone County, Arkansas, under Arkansas Code Annotated § 28-41-101.

The legal description of the real property listed in the affidavit is as follows:

Pt. NE 1/4 NW 1/4, containing .66 acre, more or less, described as beginning at a point 924 feet South of the NW corner of said NE 1/4 NW 1/4; thence South along the West line 268 feet to a point; thence East 91 feet to a point in the County Road; thence along said road N 7 22' E. 270.6 feet to a point; thence West 124 feet to the point of the beginning; AND

Pt. NW 1/4 NW 1/4 containing 1.35 acres, more or less, described as beginning at a point 924 feet South of the NE corner of said NW 1/4 NW 1/4; thence West 220.4 feet to a point; thence South 268 feet to a point; thence East 220.4 feet to a point in the East line; thence North along said East line 268 feet to point of beginning;

Section 9, Township 14 North, Range 12 West, Dec. N 4 45' E. Containing in the aggregate 2.01 acres, more or less.

Subject to all existing easements, both public and private, including County road along East side of said tract.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or their attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate.

The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee or the distributee's attorney is:

Edgar L. Wilson  
PO Box 763

Lonoke, AR 72086

Phone Number: 501.416.2791

This notice first published on the 17th day of January, 2024 .

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Phoenix Contractors, LLC has been selected as Construction Man-

ager/General Contractor for the Mountain View School District in Mountain View, Arkansas. We are asking for subcontractors and suppliers to bid on a project for the construction of the PRE-K Civil project.

Architect: Architecture Plus, Inc.

907 S. 21st Street  
Fort Smith, AR 72901-4005

Office: (479)783-8395

Bid Date: January 25, 2024

Bid Time: 12:00 PM Central Time (noon)

Bid Packages:

#1 Earthwork/Tree Removal

Bids shall be addressed to:

Phoenix Contractors, LLC

Pre-School Civil Project  
c/o Mountain View School District, 210 High School Drive, Mountain View, Arkansas 72560

Clearly identify the outside of the sealed envelope with the company name, trade package and title, opening date and time.

Bids will be privately opened at the time listed above at the Mountain View School District Administration Office, 210 High School Drive, Mountain View, Arkansas 72560. All Bid Packages must be bid complete. No exclusions or clarifications to the bid packages will be acknowledged.

Please note the following:

1. The subcontractor and/or supplier must use the bid form given in the Construction Manager's Summary of Work. The bid form must be filled out completely. No exclusions or qualifications will be accepted.

2. Bidding requirements per A.A.C §§ 19-11-229.

3. Responsibility of Bidder/ Offerer per A.A.C §§ 19-11-235.

4. Retainage per A.A.C §§ 22-9-604.

5. Subcontractor bids which exceed \$20,000.00 must have current Arkansas Contractors License #, per Act 142 of 1967, amended by Act 293 of 1969, Act 397 of 1971, and Act 546 of 1971, as enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas. This license number must be filled in on the bid form.

6. Subcontractor bid proposals which exceed \$20,000.00 must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or cashiers' Check in the amount of 5% of the associated bid.

7. Subcontractor bids exceeding \$20,000.00 must include the premium cost to provide a Performance & Payment Bond. (See alternate "A" on the bid form)

8. All bids exceeding \$20,000.00 shall include a notarized statement attached to their bid proposal affirming that the bidder has not been involved in any collusion with other bidders or public officials with regard to price or terms of a prospective contract in accordance with Act 2161 of 2005.

9. All subcontractors and suppliers must conform to the Summary of Work.

10. All General Conditions and Supplementa-

ry Conditions are located in the project manual.

11. All bidders who will be responsible for trenching, excavating and backfilling must adhere and recognize the soils report given in the project manual.

12. Refer to Summary of Work section for all trade packages, subcontract and supplier bid forms, sample subcontracts and purchase orders, and sample Phoenix Contractors, LLC Insurance Certificate.

13. All bids received after the assigned bid date and time, will not be considered and WILL BE RETURNED unopened to the company who submitted it. Bids submitted via facsimile will not be considered.

14. Review all alternates, either deductive or additive, in regards to bid documents or as requested on the bid packages specific to the trade you are bidding. These alternates may be used in assessing the lowest qualified bidder.

15. All subcontractors and/ or suppliers are required to fill out, and include with their sealed bids, the "Bidder Assurance and Disclosure Form". No bids will be accepted unless this form is included.

The bid documents may be obtained by emailing mirandaw@phoenixcontractorsar.com or richardj@phoenixcontractorsar.com for link to drawings.

The Construction Manager and/or owner reserve the right to waive any formality, or to reject any and all bids per A.C.A § 22-9-203 and Act 1193 of 1997.

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The White River Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is requesting Letters of Intent to Bid on delivery of Senior Adult Services to eligible clients in Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, White, or Woodruff Counties of Arkansas.

The project period is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. The Area Agency on Aging reserves the right to contract with its contractors for yearly renewal for two additional years without a formal proposal process.

Services will be provided in accordance with rules and regulations of the Older Americans Act, Social Services Block Grant, The United States Department of Agriculture, and the Arkansas Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health Services. The

services to be delivered from a community Senior Adult Center are: Congregate Meals, HomeDelivered Meals, Transportation, Socialization and Health Promotion.

All Letters of Intent to Bid must be submitted on Area Agency on Aging forms and in accordance with the Area Agency on Aging Letter of Intent to Bid specifications. Letters of Intent packets may be obtained Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the Area Agency on Aging Office located at 3998 Harrison Street, Batesville, Arkansas,

72501, or by calling (870) 612-3000.

Letters of Intent to Bid must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2024. The contractor will be required to comply with

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**Fox Assembly of God**  
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Pastor: Stan Sutterfield. Sunday 10 and 11 am, 5:30 pm; Wed. 6:30 pm

**Timbo Valley Assembly of God**  
7700 Hwy. 66, Timbo. Pastor: Terry Morgan 870-746-4809 Sunday 10 and 11 am, 6 pm; Wed. night adult Bible study & youth services 6:30 pm

## BAPTIST

**Antioch General Baptist**  
1608 Hwy. 9, Rushing  
Pastor: Dylan Stewart  
870-363-4509 Sunday 10, 11 am, 5 pm; Wed. 6:30 pm.

**Arbanna Baptist**  
7554 Hwy. 5 South.  
Pastor: Bro. Jim Chandler  
870-269-3585 Sunday 10, 11 am, 5 pm; Wed. 6:30 pm

**Bethany Missionary Baptist**  
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746-4182 Bro. Roy Jones  
Sunday School 10 am,  
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Wed. Bible study 6:30 pm

**Bethlehem General Baptist**  
Hwy. 263, near Fox  
Pastor: Dylan Book  
Sun. School 10 am; service 11 am, Wed. Bible study 6:30

**Big Springs Missionary Baptist**  
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**Blue Mountain Missionary Baptist**  
Blue Mtn. Road near Timbo  
Pastor: Bro. Daryl Pitts. Sunday 10, 11 am, Bible study 5 pm, worship 6 pm

**Calvary Baptist**  
8296 Highway 66, Timbo. Pastor: Danny Robbins 870-746-4720. Sun. School 9:45 am; worship 11 am, 6 pm; Bible study 5 pm; Wed. worship 6 pm.

**East Richwoods Missionary Baptist**  
182 Star Gap Road  
Pastor: Bro. Larry Howard Sun. School 10 am, worship 11 am, BTC 5 pm, worship 6 pm; Wed. Bible study 6 pm

**Elizabeth Missionary Baptist**  
2208 Sugar Hill Road  
Pastor: Randy D. Long  
591-6300. Sun. School 10; worship 11 am and 5:30 pm; Wed. Bible study 6:30 pm

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Pastor John Rodgers Sunday 10 am, 6 pm; Wed. 7 pm

**Fifty Six Missionary Baptist**  
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**First Baptist Church**  
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**Flatwoods Baptist Church**  
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**Foothills Baptist**  
19935 Hwy. 5 N., 870-269-3380  
Pastor: Tommy Medley. Sun. School 9:30 am; worship 10:45 am, 6 pm; Wed. Bible Study 6 pm

**Heritage Baptist Church**  
205 Gloria Ave., 870-269-7677  
Pastor: Vince Johnson Sun. School 10 am, service 11 am, 1 pm

**Herpel Landmark Missionary Baptist**  
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Pastor: Gary Green  
Sun. 10 am

**Mountain View General Baptist**  
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**Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist**  
28663 Hwy. 14. Pastor: Gary Don Fletcher 870-652-3430 Sun. School 10 am; worship 11 am, 5:30 pm; Wed. 6:30 pm

**Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist**  
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**Red Doors Missionary Baptist**  
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**Shady Grove Missionary Baptist**  
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**Skyland Baptist**  
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**Timbo Landmark Missionary Baptist**  
Hwy. 66, Timbo. 870-746-5393.  
Pastor Cody Moore. Sun. School 10 am; worship 11 am and 5:30 pm; Wed. 6:30 pm

**Three Crosses Cowboy Church**  
312 School Ave. Pastor: Lance Hames 870-384-0183  
Sun. service 9:30; Wed. Bible study 6:00 pm

**Vine Avenue Missionary Baptist**  
418 Vine Ave Sun. School 9:45, worship 11 am

**White Water Missionary Baptist**  
Webb Street. Pastor: Phil Sutton  
Sun. 9:45 am and 5 pm; Wed. 6 pm

**Zion Missionary Baptist**  
Highway 263, Fox.  
Pastor: Kenny Kendrick Sun. 10 am, 5 pm; Wed. 6 pm

## CATHOLIC

**St. Mary Catholic Church**  
3 miles west of Mtn. View Hwy 66. Pastor: Fr. Paul Worm  
269-5194 Praying of the Rosary 11:30 am; Sun. Mass 12 noon

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Traditional Catholic Church**  
1245 Highway 5 S. Mountain View 870-213-8191 Pastor: Timothy Geckle. Sun. 9 am, Daily Mass 8 am

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Ben Church of Christ**  
Hwy. 5 S., 1/2 mi. north of county line. Sunday Bible study 9:30 am, worship 10:15 & 11:30 am; Wed. 6 pm

**Highway 5 North Church of Christ**  
21450 Highway 5 N.  
Minister: Steve Hentz 269-9920  
Sun. Bible study 9:45; worship 10:45 am, 5 pm; Wednesday Bible study 6 pm

**East Side Church of Christ**  
1400 East Main. 269-8067  
Sun. Service 10 am, worship 11 am; Wed. Bible class 6 pm; KWOZ 103.3 radio program each Sun. 8-8:30 am

**Church of Christ - School Ave.**  
213 School Ave. 870-269-3702  
Minister: Finis Brewer. Sun. Bible Study 9:45 am, worship 10:45 am; Wed. Bible Study 6 pm

## MENNONITE

**Richwoods Mennonite Church**  
Hwy. 9 South to Luber Rd., then 1/2 mile. Pastor: Dale Hershberger  
Sun. School 9:45 am, service 11 am, 6 pm; Wed. 7:15 pm

**Shady Lawn Mennonite Church**  
Hwy. 5, 11 mi. south of Mtn. View. Pastor: Carl Gingerich  
Sun. 9:45, 10:45 am, 7 pm; Wed. 7 pm

## METHODIST

**First United Methodist Church**  
116 E. Jefferson St.  
Pastor: John Michael 269-3252  
Sun. School 9:30, worship 11 am

**St. James Methodist Church**  
Hwy. 14, St. James Worship 9:30 am, Sun. School 10:30 am

## PENTECOSTAL

**Dugan Free Pentecost Church**  
Hwy. 14, 10 mi. east of Mtn. View. Pastor: Barbara Bullard  
Sun. 11 am, 5 pm

**Richwoods Mennonite Church,**  
located on Luber Road off Hwy. 9 South.

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## OTHERS

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
Corner of Park Ave. & Webb St.  
Pastor: Ray Vester  
870-672-1896. Sun. Bible Study 8:30 am; service 9:30 am

**Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses**  
Highway 14 East Mountain View

**The Church of God**  
138 Kera Drive off Hwy. 87  
Pastor: Ben Harper  
Sun. School 10 am; worship 11 am; afternoon service 2 pm; Wed. 6:30 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
612 S. Peabody Ave. Branch  
President: Jason Morris  
870-221-1162  
Worship Sun. 10 am

**Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
922 Tower Loop off Warren St., adjacent to Hwy. 5-14-9 N  
Pastor: Elroy Tesch  
870-269-8544  
Song Service 9:15, Sabbath School 9:30 am, Worship 11 am, all on Saturdays

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**A Place of Refuge**  
House churches throughout Stone Co.; Sun. 11am Pastor: Bobby Ragan 870-615-3008

**Abundant Life Church**  
Sylamore Road, Pastor: Darrell Gosser Sun. School 10 am, Worship 11 am, 4 pm; Wed. 5:30 pm

**Arise Church**  
1601 E. Main 870-269-8488  
Sun. 10 am; Wed. 6:30 pm

**Grace Fellowship Full Gospel**  
311 Patricia Ave. 615-2169  
Sun. 10 am, 6 pm, Sunday School 10:45; Wed. 6 pm

**Mt. Joy Church**  
Hwy. 14 E. 870-269-3766  
Pastor Truman Bullard  
Sun. School 10 am, Worship 11 am, 6 pm

**Reed's Chapel Christian Church**  
Hwy. 14 east of Marcella  
870-652-3478  
Sun. School 8 am, services 8:15 am – Every other Sunday

**Riverside Church**  
19740 Hwy. 5 North  
Pastor: Bro. Coy Sutterfield  
269-3652 worship 11 am; Wed. Bible Study 6:30 pm

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