

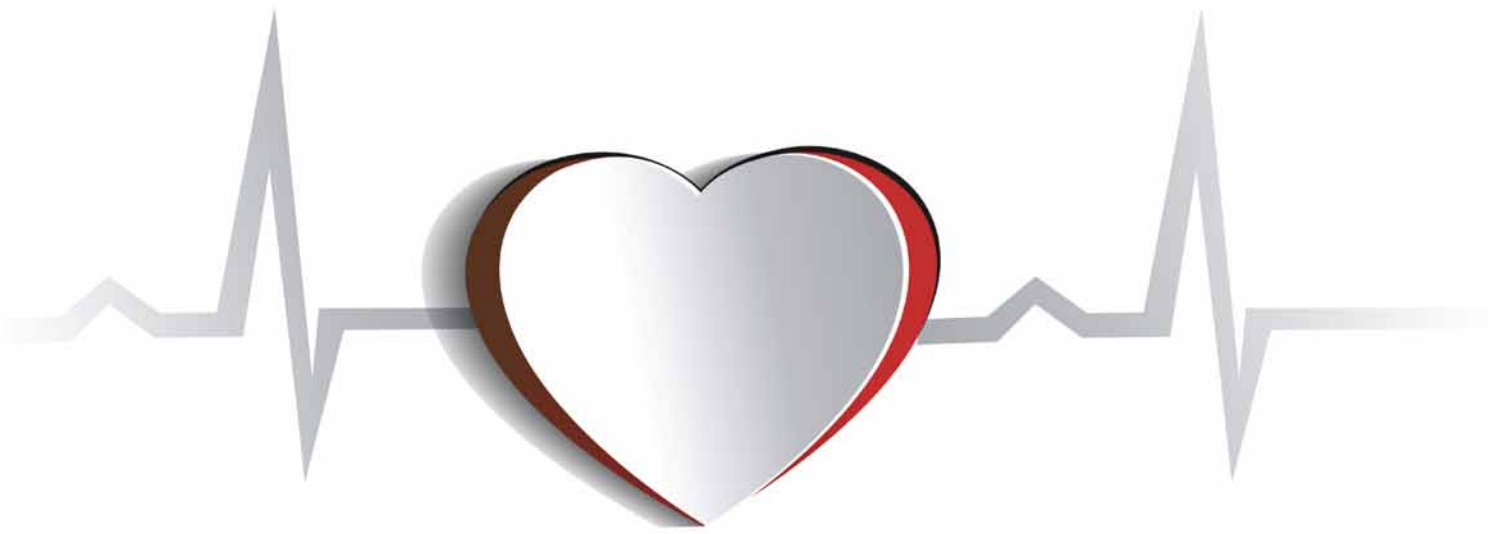
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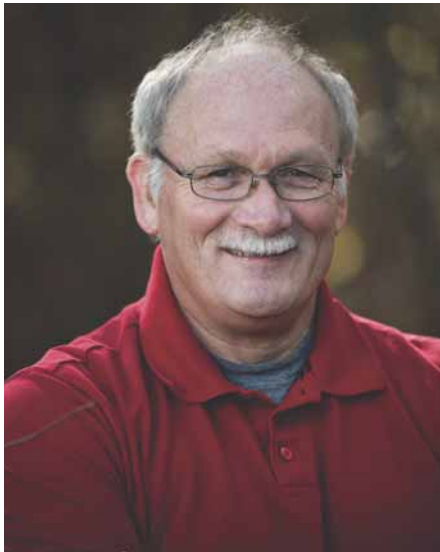
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Richard Brummett, Managing Editor

In this month's issue we recognize a number of businesses and individuals - identified by you, Premiere Magazine readers -- as award winners in their respective categories.

We congratulate each of the Premiere readers' favorites as they accept much-

deserved recognition for their efforts during the past year. We also appreciate all who took the time to submit ballots and mention those who go to great lengths to make dealing with them a pleasant business experience.

We often hear people say there is "nothing to do" in our community but so many opportunities exist in and around the Paragould-Jonesboro area if we're just willing to look and listen, opportunities to get involved in fun, interesting and worthwhile projects.

Great thanks should be extended to the people and businesses who support events like:

* Arkansas State University's Helmets and Heels



* Both the Greene County and NEA District fairs

* Downtown Paragould's South End Block Party

* The annual Turning Leaf and Harvest Moon Trail Ride and BBQ

* The Focus Adult Development Program Family Day

* Arkansas State University's Summer Art Camp

* Families, Inc.'s Howl For Humanity

Those are just some of the things covered in this month's magazine; there is so much more out there if you're only willing to look for chances to get involved.

Northeast Arkansas is blessed with an abundance of people who don't mind doing all the behind-the-scenes work to make events like those mentioned above come to life. Such promotions take time and effort -- and a true community spirit -- and it is again an honor to be part of recognizing those who make them happen, and to give some publicity to those from the business world who put the customers' needs first. ♦

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Personal experiences prompt Jett's fight vs. cancer

Two diagnoses 30 years apart motivated Jerry Jett to do something about cancer. Jett, whose mother died of colon cancer in 1976, was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2006. His mother's passing and his own battle drove him to talk about something most men would rather not discuss.

"I know some men here in Paragould that have that attitude," he said. "They've been diagnosed, had surgery, had treatments and they don't want anybody to know about it."

Worse, many men avoid annual prostate screenings because they don't want to think about the possibilities or because of the discomfort of the tests. Yet statistics indicate one out of every seven men will be diagnosed



Jerry Jett

with prostate cancer. An estimated 2,370 men in Arkansas will be diagnosed this year alone and 320 in the state will die from prostate cancer. That number is 320 too high for Jett, which is why he's a board member of the Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation, a statewide organization dedicated to "increasing awareness, encouraging timely detection and supporting improved treatment of prostate cancer in Arkansas."

Jett, a real estate agent with Coldwell

Banker in Paragould, encouraged Paragould Mayor Mike Gaskill to sign a declaration designating September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the city. The declaration coincides with the foundation's Blue Ribbon events in September. Approximately 100 high school football teams in Arkansas will sport blue ribbons on their helmets during September games, Jett said. Nearly every college and university in the state will participate as well.

The foundation also sponsors a "Virtual Run/Walk" in September, which costs \$15 to enter. Participants choose how far, fast and even when and where they complete the event. They then upload a photo to the APCF's website or social media (to learn more about the Virtual Run/Walk, visit www.arprostatecancer.org.) Jett said the events help spread the word, especially to a sometimes-stubborn male audience that may prefer to ignore the message -- and the risks. "The main thing is to get a baseline established," Jett said. "Get a PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) test and then watch those numbers over the years. The PSA is not a diagnosis of cancer; there are other things that can make PSA numbers rise. But you need that baseline to give you something to work from."

The PSA screening is a simple blood test, a much less intrusive option than the notorious digital rectal exam (DRE). The DRE may be the sum of all fears with regard to prostate testing and it routinely puts men in a panic as they mentally replay scenes from old Chevy Chase movies. "Yes, that's the more unpleasant one," Jett said. "But about 20 percent of prostate cancer diagnoses are found that way. They didn't show up in the PSA."

Jett said the recommended age to begin annual PSA screenings is 50, unless there's a family cancer history, in which case he recommends a test sooner. ♦

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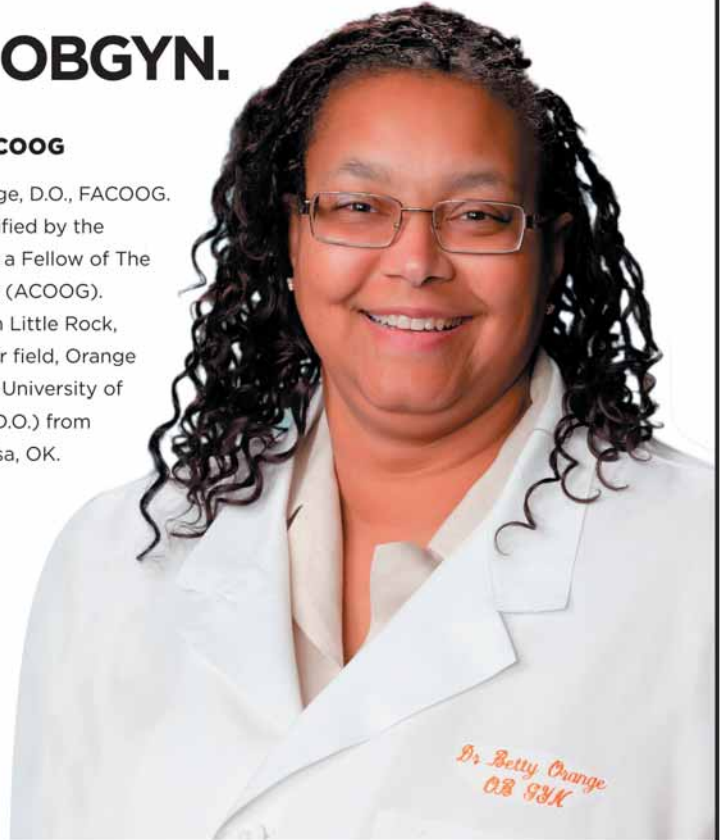
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ASU hosts football clinic for women

The third annual Helmets and Heels event at Arkansas State University offered women a way to learn more about the game of football, the team and the latest Red Wolves fashions.

The evening of football and fun provided a fashion show, auction and raffle items, and plenty of laughs for the audience. ♦



Some audience members got to see how difficult putting on a football uniform is, above, while others bid on items offered by auctioneer Tasabah Malone, left, and celebrated their successes, below. Among those enjoying the evening were, at right, Johanna Quinn and Diana Davis; below left, Kelly Roswell and ASU coach Blake Anderson; and below right, Kembralyn Redman and Christie Matthews.



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Marmaduke students will benefit from Holland's generosity

Thanks to the generosity of Jim Holland, a resident at Paragould's Chateau On The Ridge, Marmaduke High School students have a better chance of furthering their educations.

Holland met with representatives from the Greene County Community Foundation and Marmaduke Schools to present a check for more than \$100,000 to endow a scholarship for a Marmaduke senior.

Holland's only stipulation is that the money goes to a student with a grade point average of 2.5 to 2.8.

Marmaduke Mayor Steve Dixon said Holland has long been "a huge benefactor to Marmaduke schools and a supporter of Greene County," and joined others in attendance in singing the praises of such a gracious act.

Holland's previous donations have helped twelve students at Marmaduke make plans to



On hand for the check-passing ceremony were Marci Wineland, Ann Tritch, Regina Reagans, Marmaduke Mayor Steve Dixon, Marmaduke Superintendent Tim Gardner, Jim Holland and Jerry McIntosh.

attend college, but he said we have "a terrible void in money, scholarships or whatever for young people 19, 20, 23, 25, 26 ... they need startup money as a means of getting back to college ... junior college or whatever. When you think of all the junior colleges and four-year colleges ... ASU ... there is no reason for us not to graduate more students in Greene County than what we are doing.

"We need to create something to help those people a little bit. They don't realize the need for college until it's too late."


He credited Marmaduke Superintendent Tim

Gardner and former superintendent Jerry Don McIntosh "and the many people in Marmaduke for benefitting Greene County, particularly the scholarship fund. We've done well and we hope to continue."

Gardner said, "These scholarships tremendously benefit a lot of kids. Not low-end kids, but not at the top, either. Ones who can really use it."


Marci Lincoln, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Greene County, also expressed thanks. "We are so excited," she said "The more kids we can help, the better. ♦

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Evening Appointments!



September signals the arrival of the county and district fairs for the Northeast Arkansas area.

Greene County Fair, NEA District Fair slated this month

By the time most readers turn the first page of this month's *Premiere Magazine*, the Greene County Fair should be under way.

Set for September 1-6 at the Greene County Fairgrounds, each day holds something special for those who choose to attend. Daily admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Then, after just enough time to catch their breath and regroup, fairgoers can travel down the road toward Jonesboro and the NEA District Fair, which runs September 15-20.

Here are some of the highlights of both events:

Greene County Fair -

Monday, Sept. 1: 10:00 a.m. – 2014 fair officially opens; carnival opens at noon

6:00 p.m. - Gospel singing featuring **NEW BEGINNING** and **GLORY LAND**

6:00 p.m. - **DEMOLITION DERBY** (\$5 fair admission and \$5 derby admission)

Tuesday, Sept. 2: 6:00 p.m. – **LITTLE MISS GREENE COUNTY CONTEST** in the B.C. Lloyd Entertainment Building; **MISS GREENE COUNTY CONTEST** in the B.C. Lloyd Entertainment Building

6:00 p.m.: **YOUTH TALENT CONTEST** in the B.C. Lloyd Entertainment Building

Thursday, Sept. 4: **SENIOR CITIZEN DAY** – all senior citizens free gate admission until 5:00 p.m.



Carnival rides of all types are always a highlight at fair time.

7:00 p. m. – **ARLMRA LAWN MOWER RACING** in the rodeo arena (free with fair admission)

Wednesday, Sept. 3: **FREE GATE ADMISSION** – **BUDDY NIGHT** – two (2) people ride for the price of one

12:30 p.m. – **SENIOR BEES BAND**

2:00 p.m. – **SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM** (sponsored by the Exchange Club of Paragould)

7:00 p.m. - **HIGHWAY 49** will perform in the B.C. Lloyd Entertainment Building; opening act is **EVERYDAY LIFE** (free admission with gate fee)

Friday, Sept. 5: 6:00 p.m. – **USA PULLERS** presents truck and tractor pulls

Saturday, Sept. 6: **KIDS DAY** – all children admitted free until 4:00 p.m. **CARNIVAL ARM BANDS** \$15 each (good until 5:00 p.m.); carnival opens at noon

6:00 p.m. – **DEMOLITION DERBY** in the rodeo arena (\$5 additional charge at gate)

NEA District Fair -

Monday, Sept. 15: BUDDY NIGHT - 2 PEOPLE RIDE FOR THE PRICE OF 1

4:00 p.m. - CARNIVAL OPENS

6:00 p.m. - TRIPLE D Concert - Grandstand

7:30 p.m. - JAMIE LYNN SPEARS Concert - FREE - Grandstand.

8:00 p.m. - ROCKY CLEMENTS Magic Show -Rocky Stage

Tuesday, Sept. 16: FRESHMAN DAY - ASU FRESHMEN ADMITTED FREE

4:00 p.m. - Midway opens.

7:30 p.m. - Front Porch Fan Jam, FREE at The Grandstand.

8:00 p.m. - ROCKY CLEMENTS Magic Show - Rocky Stage

Wednesday, Sept. 17: - DOLLAR DAY -Kiddy Rides \$1; Major Rides \$2; Spectacular Rides \$3

4:00 p.m. - Midway opens

7:00 p.m. - YOUTH TALENT CONTEST Free at The Grandstand

8:00 p.m. - ROCKY CLEMENTS Magic Show - Rocky Stage

Thursday, Sept. 18: SENIOR DAY / ARM-BAND NIGHT. Seniors over 65 admitted free 1-6:00 p.m. Armbands \$15 on Midway 4-11:00 p.m.; Single Rides Available

Gate Admission: \$6 - Adults, \$3 - Children

7:00 p.m. - NEW GRACE QUARTET Concert-FREE-Grandstand. Rev. Stan Ballard, Master of Ceremonies

7:30 p.m. MARK TRAMMELL QUARTET Concert - FREE - Grandstand.

Friday, Sept. 19: CHILDREN'S DAY. Children Under 12 Admitted Free 1-6:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Midway Opens

7:00 p.m. - THE NEIL BRADLEY BAND Concert - KFIN Stage

7:30 p.m. - TRIBUTE TO MEMPHIS WRESTLING with Jerry Lawler, Jimmy Valiant, Bill Dundee and Brandon Baxter. FREE - Grandstand.

Saturday, Sept. 20: \$6 Gate Admission for Everyone/\$20 Armbands on the Midway

6:00 p.m. - KEN YARBROUGH & SOUTH 40 BAND Concert -Grandstand

7:30 p.m. - MARTY HAGGARD Concert - In Tribute to His Dad, Merle. FREE - at the Grandstand. ♦

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Chad Garrett and Friends performed at Paragould's Collins Theatre. Pictured are Kevin King, Chad Garrett, Brad Owen and Randy Aden.



Among visitors to the Chad Garrett concert were Julius, Kim and Daren Keeling.

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Scene 'Ya



Shirley Ransone and Anita West



Carl and Jeannie Williams



Above, Dewayne and Carolyn Winn; at right, Jim and Ronnie White



Above, Kristy Rowe and Theresa Chipman; at right, Laura Diggs and Bill Rowland



Families, Inc., launches Howl for Humanity idea

Non-profit organizations will benefit from ASU touchdowns

Families Inc. Counseling Services greeted visitors to its Jonesboro office and announced plans for a new community involvement program: Score a Touchdown, Howl for Humanity.

Mark Thurman, CEO of Families Inc., explained that six area non-profit organizations will benefit from the venture, which assigns each to a home football game at Arkansas State University during the upcoming season.

Every time the Red Wolves score a touchdown, the non-profit will receive \$250 from Families, Inc. There is no limit on how many touchdowns will be recognized per game, but if none are scored by the ASU squad in the given contest, a minimum of \$500 will be provided the group attached to that game.

A drawing was held to select participants, and Family Care Center was designated as the non-profit for the Red Wolves' first game on August 30.

The other five non-profit sponsors are the Salvation Army, Mission Outreach, Hope Circle, Flo and Phil Jones Hospice House, and CASA. ♦



Representatives of the six non-profit organizations targeted in the Families, Inc. "Score a Touchdown, Howl for Humanity" program posed with Owner/President Joy Davis and CEO Mark Thurman, above. Each nonprofit group was given a card informing them as to which Arkansas State University home game will feature their cause. Family Care Center drew the Red Wolves' home opener, followed in order by Mission Outreach (Sept. 20); Flo and Phil Jones Hospice House (Oct. 4); Hope Circle (Nov. 8); Salvation Army (Nov. 15); and CASA (Nov. 29). At left, ASU mascot Howl gets a smile from some of the folks attending the ceremony.

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Cupcake eating champion Travis Eubanks taunts Sarah Poole near the end of the competition sponsored by Something Sweet.

South End Block Party

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Clester's 2go cars are for kids of all ages



When Jim Clester of Paragould saw his young niece playing in the street with his utility wagon, an idea suddenly clicked.

“She was having all kinds of fun,” Clester said, “and she had one foot outside the wagon and was holding onto the tongue and went barreling down the street. I thought it looked like fun, but my second thought was, ‘That’s kind of dangerous.’ So I told her I was going to build her a race car.”

After lots of research and trial and error, what Clester finally settled on is his 2go Gravity

Car, a two-person racing vehicle that suits young and old alike. The car combines many elements of Soap Box Derby cars, old one-person scooters and skateboards. “I wanted something kids could play with every day if they wanted,” Clester said, “but I also built it so a guy six feet tall, 200 pounds can use it.

“A race car isn’t as good to play with because you just have the one driver and have to take turns. I observed the kids after I made just a race car, and they’d argue over whose turn it was to drive or to push. So I made this one where there’s one on the back and one in the seat; one drives and one pushes. It’s not nec-

essarily a race car, it’s a recreational play car.”

Clester said others have told him he needs to put a motor on his cars, but his idea is to “stick with the green concept: No motor, no oil, even the tires are airless. You can play with it and put it up for two months and when you get it back out, it’s ready to go.”

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1. Ticket Winner

Blaine Wood recently won two tickets and lodging to the fourth game of the World Series. His 11/u team, The Arkansas Rattlers, attended the Youth Baseball Nationals in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and Wood collected all team trading pins in order for his name to be entered in a drawing. He is the son of Chad and Starla Wood.

2. Birthday Celebration

Naomi "Red" Henkel celebrated her 91st birthday with family and friends at the home of Mary Ann Kingston. The guests sang songs, including Red's favorite, *Cotton Fields*, and enjoyed a meal provided by family members. Attending were Laura Breckenridge, Billie

Rowland, Ann Marie Guinn, Emma Brasher, Ann Kingston, Wanda Roy, Ida Lenderman, Lillie Breckenridge, Betty Breckenridge, Ruth Thunhorst, Laura Baker, Karen Bryan, Laura Kingston and of course, "Red."

3, 4. Scholarship Winners

Two area students earned the Ted Rand Scholarship Award at Arkansas State University, funded by the Arkansas Broadcasters Association. Austin Adams, with parents Tina and Greg Adams is pictured at left; Taylor Morgan and his parents Chris and Christy Morgan are at right. ♦

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Family members pose with Mary Ann Schreit in front of the historic Greene County Courthouse, a building preserved and renovated thanks to her tireless community spirit. To Mrs. Schreit's right are her son and daughter, Joe Schreit and Sara Morgan. To her left are her niece Ann McKenzie Noland and daughters Eva Blackshear and Anna Smith.

Celebrating 50 years: White Inc. is an important part of Paragould community

The key to five decades of business success isn't a carefully guarded family secret.

Joe Schreit, co-owner of White Inc. -- which includes White Printing Co. and White Office Supplies -- says it's actually a pretty simple formula:

"People want to do business with somebody that's interested in them and their business," Joe said. "They're glad to pay for an honest hard day's work."

Joe's father, Frank Schreit, Jr., partnered with his brother-in-law John McKenzie and Charles Northen to purchase the companies in 1964. And 50 years later, the business is still owned by the McKenzie and Schreit families and still enjoys the success generated by those simple guiding principles of hard work and

community involvement.

It was, in many ways, those very two principles that brought the Schreit family to Paragould. In 1927, Joe's grandfather, Frank Schreit, Sr., opened and operated Ely & Walker Shirt Factory, the first such industry recruited to the community. Frank Schreit, Jr., was Paragould's first Certified Public Accountant, opening his practice in 1950 after completing his degree and military service.

When the partnership of Schreit, McKenzie and Northen acquired the companies from Cal White, Mr. Schreit maintained his CPA practice, with McKenzie operating the office supplies business and Northen running the print shop. Both businesses were located on Emerson Street, across the street from the Collins Theatre. For McKenzie's daughter,

Ann (McKenzie) Noland, it was a prime location.

"The store was open Saturdays, and I would go to the Capitol Theater (as it was known at the time) for a movie, then cross the street to the store, where I'm sure I drove everyone crazy," said Noland, who maintains an ownership stake in White Inc. She and Joe recalled making quick trips to the various stores downtown such as Stinson's, Ben Franklin, and Sterling.

Eventually, and not entirely of his own volition, Joe was put to work, making after-school deliveries for the office supply store. He quickly discovered the ups and downs of being part of a family-owned business.

"They had posters in the supplies store," he said, "and I bought a Raquel Welch poster and



Current staff members at White's Office Supplies building, above, are Joe Schreit, Jennifer Schreit, Regina Johnson, Jeff Jones and Neil Laffoon. At right are Chuck Bowie, Susan Gist and Taylor Gilmore, who work in the Print Shop.



"We've had some wonderful employees here with great talents. Some of them have worked 20, 30, even 50 years here with us, and they're the key to our success."

-- Joe Schreit

put it up on my bedroom wall. Mom made me take it down."

In addition to monitoring her son's room decor, Mary Ann Schreit became involved in the family businesses and within the community. She championed the publication of Paragould's centennial cookbook, a volume that White's has reprinted at least five times due to popular demand. Several years later, Mrs. Schreit led the charge to save and restore the Greene County Courthouse, which now houses the Paragould Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Frank Schreit, Jr. and John McKenzie were also engaged in community building. Both men served as president of the board of directors at the chamber of commerce and were founding members of the Paragould Country Club.

Noland recalls her father as a man who valued and nurtured his connections to the community.

"Dad was the one who made calls on places like L.A. Darling, Emerson Electric, the banks and the hospital," she said. Her mother, Jane, would decorate the front windows for the holiday season and would help with the books in the store as well.

For all its work building community spirit, perhaps the greatest challenge the White Inc. team faced was rebuilding. On Christmas Eve 1990, the historic three-story Graber Building burned to the ground. Part of the roof of the Graber Building fell on top of the office supplies store, and firefighters worked to help secure the firewall separating that store from the next-door printing operation. The office supply store was a total loss, but White Printing Co. still remains in its longtime location on Emerson.

"Mom always told me that Dad really rallied the troops after the fire," Joe said. "He got out and found the new building, and the store was

able to re-open in just a week or two."

"It was very definitely a crossroads for the business," Noland said. "They really wanted to reopen and remain downtown."

In the days following the fire, the Schreit men dug through the ashes and remaining scraps of the office supply business. In a filing cabinet drawer, they found an inventory sheet. Though its edges were singed black, the sheet provided enough information for an insurance claim. Soon, the office supply store was open for business on the corner of Pruet and Main, where it operates today.

The fire provided evidence of something Joe remembers hearing from his father several times: "It's never as bad as you think it is, and it's never as good as you think it is." For instance, even though the business lost all its billing records in the fire, the vast majority of its customers came in and paid their outstanding balances.

"Johnnie Fleeman was our general manager then, and he told me everything was nearly paid up," Joe said. "All but a couple of our 300 customers came in and said, 'Here's what I owe you.' That's pretty neat to know people would do that for you."

Fleeman, who ran the company from 1986 until 1998, is representative of many long-serving employees at White's. Leon Eagan followed Northen as printing department manager, and today, Chuck Bowie oversees the printing operations. Joe also singled out Linda McClure, who worked for the office supply company for around 55 years.

"We've had some wonderful employees here with great talents," Joe said. "Some of them have worked 20, 30, even 50 years here with us, and they're the key to our success." ♦

-- Terry Austin



Beautiful creek crossings and rolling hills highlight the Turning Leaf and Harvest Moon Trail Ride in Smithville.

Smithville to play host to 17th annual trail ride and BBQ

Smithville, Arkansas, will be the site of the 17th Annual Turning Leaf and Harvest Moon Trail Ride and BBQ in October.

Set for Saturday and Sunday, October 18-19, the weekend will feature music, food and fun to go along with the ride.

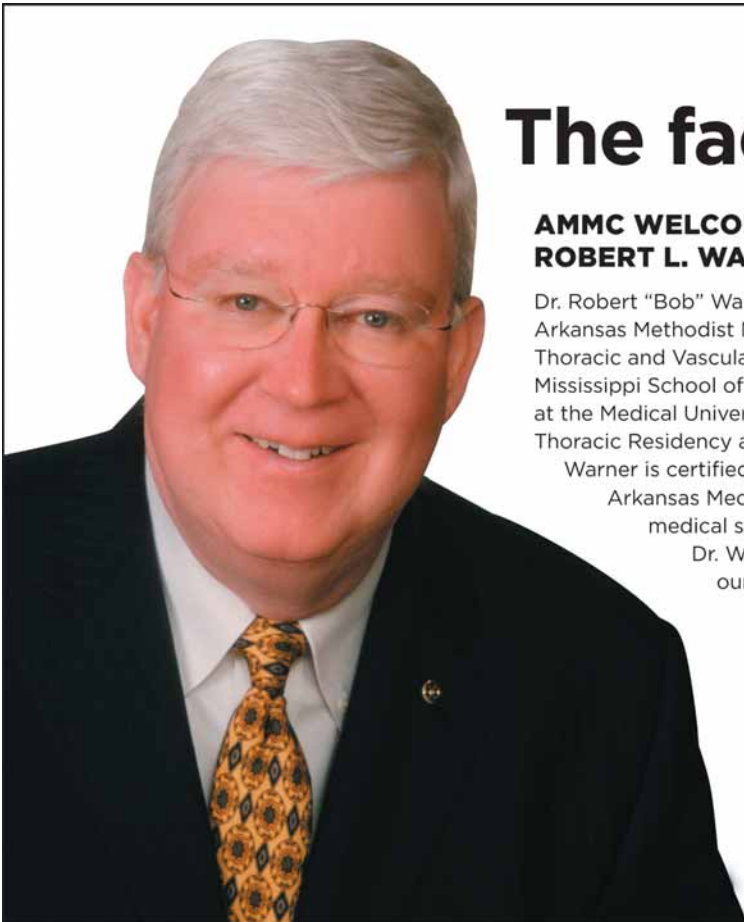
There will be a \$25 participation fee for adults,

\$10 for kids (16 and under). The trail winds through western Lawrence County, featuring old mine sites, old homesteads, and rolling hills with numerous creek crossings and wooded trails. Check-in runs from noon on Friday, October 17, until 9 a.m. Saturday, time for the initial Ride Out.

BBQ, soft drinks and country music will start

at noon, with lunch for non-riders costing \$5. The afternoon Ride Out starts at 1:30 while live music and dancing featuring The Justin Heskett Band are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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David Head and his wife, Cheryl, head up the 9 Oaks Quality Beef operation in Brookland, providing beef to businesses and individuals.

Quality beef is a family tradition at 9 Oaks

When David Head says his family is firmly entrenched in the cattle business, that's no bull.

He can trace ties to the industry back 100 years and he's happy to carry on a tradition handed down from father to son for generations, one that gives 9 Oaks Quality Beef in Brookland a reason to be proud.

"My dad was a dairy farmer in Brookland in the early '50s," he recalled. "His father was also, in Hannibal, Missouri, and came here from Texas. My father sold Arkansas State College a lot of Jersey cattle and actually rode up on the cattle cars with the cattle from Texas. That was a long time ago."

Head said he was in the beef business here in the 1970s and early '80s before moving away for 16 years. "I was with USDA for 30 years and came back in 2002," he said. "We leased

out the farm while we were gone, but we never really got out of the business."

Now, he said 9 Oaks continues to serve Northeast Arkansas and is making a name for itself in an even broader area.

"We feed Northeast Arkansas the finest beef you can eat," he said. "People say they have had beef shipped in but it doesn't compare to ours. We try to make sure we have the highest quality beef in Northeast Arkansas.

"It's all born and raised right here. None of our beef has ever seen a growth hormone or antibiotic."

9 Oaks' cattle is fed on local pastures, eating locally grown corn and grain blends. Head said they raise cross bred Angus, Charolais, and Texas Longhorn cattle.

"Our beef goes from the farm, to the processing center, to your table. We sell to Paragould

at the Farmers Market and we've been in the ASU Regional Farmers Market for six years now. We sell to a small restaurant in Memphis, Trolley Stop Cafe; a new restaurant in Tyrone, Tyboogie's ... Chef's Inn in Jonesboro ... Little Rock Hillcrest Artisan Meats. We sell to the general public ... quarters, halves, whole meats and have home delivery, lots of cuts available. We have all cuts, all the way down to hamburger."

Head said when he and his wife, Cheryl, were building their house in 2001 he counted the oak trees in the front yard and arrived at nine, thus, the company's name of 9 Oaks.

He said those interested in purchasing meat products should call 870-273-2733 before coming to the farm.

"That's because the hours are 'just whenever I'm here,' which is most of the time. But it would be safer to call first to be sure." ♦

Hill Farms: Making hay while the sun shines



During harvest season, Hill Hay Farms will run three balers simultaneously, each of them crawling along at 1.5 miles per hour.

It's morning, and even though the sun isn't up yet, Steven Hill is. The only sound in the thick morning air is the crunch of his work boots in the gravel parking lot. Depending on the weather and the day's agenda, he and his crew, and very likely several members of his family will soon be hard at work cutting, teting, raking, baling or loading thousands of square bales of bermuda hay.

With any luck, all of it will be pretty.

That's right: pretty hay. Hill Hay Farms doesn't grow just any old weeds. The hay harvested from Hill's 800 acres will end up as fine dining for some of the country's most expensive race horses. Think those horses would eat any old hay or bed down in any old straw?

"They would if their owners would let them," Hill laughed. "They're not near as picky as their owners."

But Hill's not complaining. Those picky owners are his best customers. In a year's time, Hill will sell and ship 150,000 bales of hay and 100,000 straw bales across the country and even overseas.

"The people we sell to are the pickiest people in the world," Hill said. "They want the best stuff, and you've got to have at least three days of sunshine -- and you really need four -- to get it baled and put up in the barn."

As you can tell, weather looms large in this operation. Once the hay is on the ground, it has to dry sufficiently. Moisture of any kind -- dew, rain, air humidity -- is a no-go for Hill's demanding customers, so he tries to avoid baling above 12.5% moisture, a level that's been hard to achieve this summer.

"We've had two times this year where we've had that," he said. "It's been tough baling this year."

Making "pretty hay," as he calls it, is a delicate business. Once his customers receive a shipment of hay, they give it a thorough inspection.

"You want to see that green color, but if you put it up too green, then it molds and they reject that," Hill said. "There's a fine line -- the people we sell to, they're making their living off these \$100,000 horses."

Pretty hay also has to pass the sniff test, Hill said. A poorly harvested bale may be dry on the outside but wet and moldy at the center.

"We've got customers who will take a funnel and stick it in the center of the bale to smell it," he said.

Achieving "pretty hay" is a grueling process, one Hill likens to running a marathon. When the balers are running, they max out at a top speed of 1.5 miles per hour. Moving that slowly during baling really stretches out the workday, which is part of the reason why most weeks during growing season, Hill starts his day around sunrise and works until 9 or 10 at night. One-hundred-hour weeks aren't uncommon during the busiest stretches of summer.

In the winter, he works the phones to maintain his market and works the ramps to make sure it gets loaded. In hay farming, there's no market to quickly sell and offload his crop, and hay farming doesn't qualify for government subsidies. Hill has to find his own customers, one at a time, and make sure the quality of his hay meets their exacting standards.

And that brings us back to long, hard workdays in the heat of the summer. For Hill, who grew up baling hay alongside his father, it's a family affair. At one point this summer, Hill's parents (Ronnie and Gail Hill) and wife (Amber Hill) were driving bailers, and his 12-year-old son, Cruz, drove a cutter.



Steven Hill loads a large bale of bermuda hay during a mid-August harvest. Hill uses a special machine manufactured in Canada to make the large bales, which are composed of 21 regular-sized square bales.

"It's pretty family oriented out here," he said. "It's not every day you can go work with your family like that, so I'm pretty fortunate to be able to do that."

In a few weeks, things will calm down considerably. Hill and his crews will ship a lot of straw in August and September that will be sold as Halloween decorations, and then they'll settle into a calmer routine, loading semi trucks with nearly 700 bales of hay or straw.

With any luck, it'll all be pretty. •

-- Terry Austin



The most popular produce items for markets in NEA this summer were tomatoes, okra and watermelons.



Morgan and Maddie Phillips bag up fresh produce for a customer at the Paragould Farmers' Market.



Karen Brown sells her fresh, homemade jams that come in a variety of flavors including strawberry, orange and muscadine.

Farmers' Markets lend local flavor to shopping experience

The summer months marked a generous harvest for farmers in Northeast Arkansas who gathered at varying markets in Jonesboro and Paragould to share their produce. For customers, early weekend mornings gave way to fresh vegetables, fruit and baked goods, all home grown or made.

"If you know your farmer you know your food," said Bob Young, manager of the ASU Regional Farmers' Market. "The produce bought local is fresher, better quality and helps the local economy. It helps to reduce our carbon footprint by reduced shipping and fuel use."

In fact, all of the produce sold at the Jonesboro market is grown within 100 miles of the city.

"If you know your farmer you know your food."

-Bob Young, director of ASU Regional Farmer's Market

Young also said many have established small businesses or expanded their business because of the market. Some of the popular items this year included grass fed beef,

peaches and watermelons, and the biggest seller was tomatoes.

This summer became the first year for Jonesboro to host the NEA Baptist Farmers' Market on the new medical campus the second Thursday of each month. The event serves as a way to promote healthy living for NEA Baptist employees and patients.

"We wanted to use it as a way to give back to the community," said Kim Provost, Director of Events at NEA Baptist. "It's beneficial in different ways besides just coming to shop."

According to Darrell King, CEO of NEA Baptist Clinic, the market also provides educational presentations on health issues such as information on skin care with sunscreen samples for customers, and different types of

health screenings.

Paragould also saw its first ever farmers' market this summer. John Phillips and his daughters Maddie, 15, and Morgan, 11, sold produce at the Jonesboro market for two years before the Paragould Farmers' Market opened at the beginning of the summer. John said he was happy to see another market come to the area. The family's main sellers are tomatoes and okra, but John said they try to offer a variety of products.

"It's fresh, no chemicals," Maddie added.

With a table full of watermelons, squash, cantaloupe and okra, John said more and more customers have been stopping by

as the season continues. Yet the market isn't just a source of income for the family.

"It teaches you responsibility and how to communicate with others," Maddie said.

Karen Brown, owner of Kanned by Karen, sells fresh jams at the market, including strawberry, muscadine and orange flavors. Brown has made jams for 30 years and said she was excited when the Paragould market opened.

"It helps support the economy and keep people here," Brown said. "I appreciate the opportunity of having the farmer's market." ♦

--Caitlin LaFarlette



Karen Brown has made jams for 30 years and said she was very excited when a market came to Paragould.

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The folks at Safe Kids Worldwide have compiled lists of helpful information to deal with just about any situation in any setting. Check out their website at www.safekids.org/safetytips.

Here are some of their suggestions:

HOME SAFETY

Home is a place to relax, play and enjoy spending time with family. Of course, accidents happen, and there will be minor scrapes and bruises along the way, especially as kids grow and discover new things. And that's OK. The problem is the more serious injuries that are often completely preventable.

BATTERIES

Each year in the United States, more than 2,800 kids are treated in emergency rooms after swallowing button batteries. That's one child every three hours. The number of serious injuries or deaths as a result of button batteries has increased ninefold in the last decade.

Keep coin lithium battery-controlled devices out of sight and reach of children. These include remote controls, singing greeting cards, digital scales, watches, hearing aids, thermometers, children's toys, calculators, key fobs, t-light candles, flashing holiday jewelry or decorations.

Keep loose batteries locked away, or place a piece of duct tape over the controller to prevent small children from accessing the battery.

In 2011, an estimated 262,300 children were treated in an emergency room for a toy-related injury. That's 718 kids every day. More than a third of those injured were children 4 and under.

TOYS

Consider your child's age when purchasing a toy or game. It's worth a second to read the

instructions and warning labels to make sure it's just right for your child.

Keep a special eye on small game pieces that may be a choking hazard for young children. While these kinds of games are great for older kids, they can pose a potential danger for younger, curious siblings.

After play time is over, use a bin or container to store toys for next time. Make sure there are no holes or hinges that could catch little fingers.

ON THE BUS

School buses are the safest mode of motorized transportation for getting children to and from school, but injuries can occur if kids are not careful and aware when getting on and off the bus.

Walk with your kids to the bus stop and wait with them until it arrives. Tell kids to stand at least three giant steps back from the curb as the bus approaches and board the bus one at a time. Teach kids to wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting off and never to walk behind the bus.

If your child needs to cross the street after exiting the bus, he or she should take five giant steps in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver and cross when the driver indicates it's safe. Teach kids to look left, right and left again before crossing the street.

IN THE CAR

Road injuries are the leading cause of preventable deaths and injuries to children in the United States. Correctly used child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71 percent.

Seventy-three percent of car seats are not used or installed correctly, so before you hit the road, check your car seat.

We know that when adults wear seat belts, kids wear seat belts. So be a good example and buckle up for every ride. Be sure everyone in the vehicle buckles up, too.

Never leave your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. While it may be tempting to dash out for a quick errand, the temperature inside your car can rise 20 degrees and cause heatstroke in the time it takes for you to run in and out of the store. ♦

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The Focus Adult Development Program in Paragould hosted a Family Fun Day, featuring games, free food, a dunking tank and other activities ... but most importantly, lots of smiling faces.

According to Amanda Hunt of Focus, the day was designed to show families “what we do here” for those with disabilities. ♦



Nelson Gotay earns top award at Jewelers Association convention

For the second time in six years, Jonesboro jeweler Nelson Gotay has earned the Arkansas Jewelers Association Craftsmanship Award.

Gotay, owner of Gotay's Custom Jewelry Design, said the award is voted on by designers themselves as they assess each other's work at their annual convention, held this year in Little Rock.

"The bracelet I submitted actually won two awards. It showed the highest level of craftsmanship and also won second place for design," he said. "Arkansas sponsors competition through different levels of experience; this won first in the highest level of competition."

The winning entry is a gold bracelet featuring white and black diamonds in a sunflower motif. It is a piece Gotay made especially for a customer and said, "It was sold, so I had to borrow it back. It was a gift for someone. They had someone who loved sunflowers and asked me to design something unique for them. It's a very beautiful piece."

He said designing beautiful jewelry "is one thing; carrying it out is something else. The bracelet has to have spring to it. But to attach the pieces on top you have to heat it, which takes away the spring. So figuring out how to get around that problem was the difficult part. I wound up cold welding to keep the pieces in place.

"The esthetic ... that's eye-catching, with striking line and balance. The mechanics ... is it wearable, durable? And this one was considered tops in craftsmanship by others in the field."

The winning entry took him "probably six to eight weeks, start to finish," he said, pointing out that he was not working on it non-stop but along with other tasks as well.

Gotay said he is "impressed that it belongs to someone in Jonesboro but now will be recognized, seen all over the country, by the advertising through the jewelers.

"But the fact that I made it is not the thing," he added. "The pride, for me, is in the Craftsmanship Award. There's no better feeling than



Nelson Gotay was the recipient of the Craftsmanship Award for 2014, as voted on by his peers in the Arkansas Jewelers Association, for the bracelet above.

winning when judged by your equals."

Just as the bracelet was a double award winner, Gotay's satisfaction with it is two-pronged. "It's a very gratifying piece," he explained, "more than anything else, because when I was through I could hand it to the customer and say, 'Here's the finished piece' and I got to see their reaction. I could see how happy I made them. That's equally as important as getting the award." ♦

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Engagement Announcements



Jordan Rene Johnson and Jonathan Blake Singleton

Johnson-Singleton

Jordan Rene Johnson and Jonathan Blake Singleton announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Jordan is the daughter of Wayne and Stacey Johnson of Willow Springs, Missouri.

The prospective groom is the son of Larry and Brenda Singleton of Paragould.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, October 4, 2014, at Wagon Wheel Resort in Gamaliel, Arkansas. ♦



Jessica Poindexter and Joel Ellis



Photo by Lindsey Turner Photography

Kelsey Gramling and Derek Matheney

Gramling-Matheney

Scott and Melissa Gramling and the late Karen Gramling of Paragould announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Kelsey, to Derek Matheney.

Derek is the son of Warren and Belinda Matheney of Rector.

The wedding will take place Saturday, October 25, 2014, at First United Methodist Church in Paragould. ♦

Poindexter-Ellis

Jessica Poindexter and Joel Ellis announce their plans to exchange wedding vows in September.

Jessica is the daughter of Keith and Cheryl Brown of Paragould, and Fred and Shari Poindexter of Gladstone, Missouri.

Joel's parents are Tom and MaryAnn Ellis of Pineville, Missouri.

The wedding will take place Saturday, September 13, 2014, at New Life Church in Anderson, Missouri. ♦



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Felicia Hedge and Justin Brokaw

Hedge-Brokaw

Felicia Hedge and Justin Brokaw will exchange wedding vows in a September ceremony.

Felicia is the daughter of Noble Hedge and the late Nikki Hedge of Paragould.

Justin's parents are Mike and Susan McMillen, and the late Tom Biggs of Knoxville, Tennessee.

The wedding is set for Saturday, September 20, 2014, at Heartwood Hall in Rossville, Tennessee. ♦

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Sara Rachel Wood and Skylar Rowe

Wood-Rowe

Sara Rachel Wood and Skylar Rowe have announced their plans for a September wedding.

Sara is the daughter of Harlon and Susan Wood. She is the granddaughter of the late Glenn and Wilma Whitlock, Bill and Pat Grogan and the late Ted Wood.

Skylar is the son of Burt and Pam Walker and Brandon Rowe. He is the grandson of Tom and Kay Montgomery, Burtis and Priscilla Walker, and Ronnie and Vickie Rowe.

The couple will exchange vows Saturday, September 27, 2014, at the Silos in Bono, Arkansas, at 5 p.m.

All friends and family are invited to attend the ceremony. ♦



Photo by Bonnie Wright

Holly Wortham and Bart McDermott

Wortham-McDermott

Holly Wortham and Bart McDermott will exchange wedding vows in a November ceremony.

Holly is the daughter of Rondal and Tammy Wortham of Paragould.

Bart's parents are Michael and Darla McDermott of Weiner.

The wedding is scheduled to take place Saturday, November 8, 2014 at The Church at Paragould. ♦

Birth Announcements

Burnette

Adam and Stephanie Burnette of Paragould announce the birth of a daughter, Kaylee Nicole Burnette.

The baby weighed 6 pounds, 15.5 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long.

She was born at NEA Baptist Hospital in Jonesboro.

Grandparents are Tony and Belinda Matheney, Patty Matheney, and Keith and Nena Burnette. ♦



Kaylee Nicole Burnette

Willis

Jeremy and Shay Willis of Paragould welcomed a daughter, Keagan Elizabeth, to the family on August 12.

The baby, born at St. Bernards in Jonesboro, weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Grandparents are Craig and Susan Nanke of Paragould, Billy and Helen McKay of Marshalltown, Iowa, and the late Keith Willis of Cherokee, Iowa. ♦



Keagan Elizabeth Willis

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Sandra Kelley was named Paragould Realtor of the Year.

Realtors name Kelley 2014 Realtor of the Year

Sandra Kelley was selected by the Paragould Board of Realtors as the winner of the 2014 Realtor of the Year award.

According to presenter Lori Dowdy, "The award is based on current year involvement in local board and community activities, someone who is respected by their peers, who promotes and protects the interest of their clients, who treats all parties honestly and shows courtesy, trust and respect to fellow Realtors, and someone who will represent our board professionally, honestly and ethically. I believe that this year's winner exhibits all of these characteristics and more."

Kelley has specialized in Residential Real Estate in the Greene County area since 2000. She was previously a loan closing agent and has a solid background in different loans and mortgages available to buyers. She attended The College of Charleston (SC), majoring in business and marketing.

In 2012 Kelley reached her goal of opening her own real estate agency, Paragould Home Source.

She has lived in the Paragould area since 1997. She is married to Jason Kelley and has two children, Rachele and Aiden. ♦



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Keep this edition around as your guide to highly recommended businesses in our area! As you can see, most are locally owned or have locals that care enough to give their customers the service that makes them remember them and vote for their business to receive this recognition.

Please shop these Award Winning businesses! Let them know that you saw their names in this section and that they have been recommended by our readers.



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The winners are ... **Premiere readers choose their favorites**



Readers of Premiere Magazine have again selected their favorites in a number of categories.

We congratulate all winners in the Paragould-Jonesboro area.

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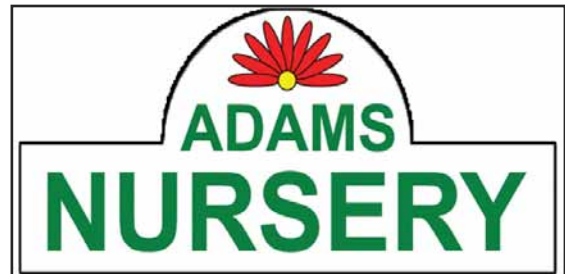
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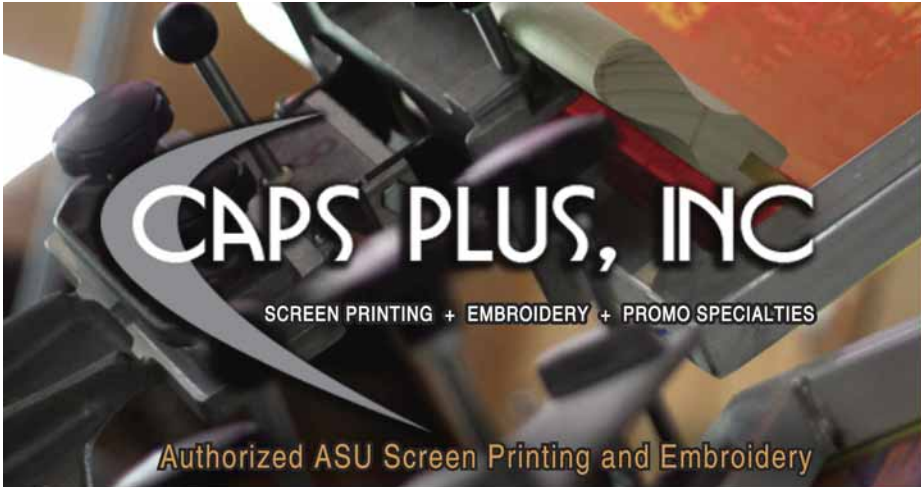
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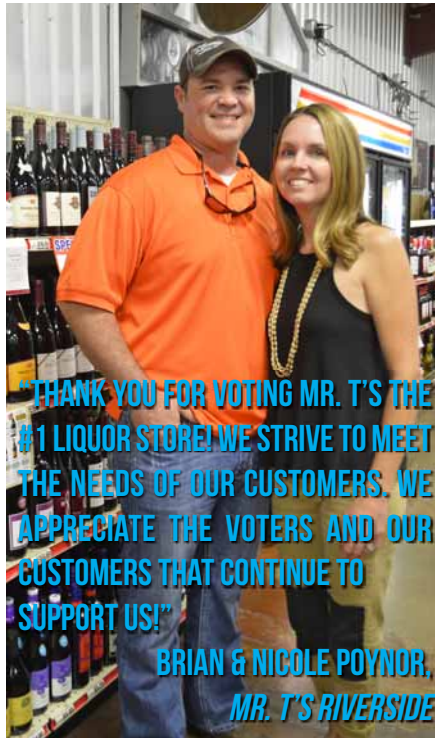
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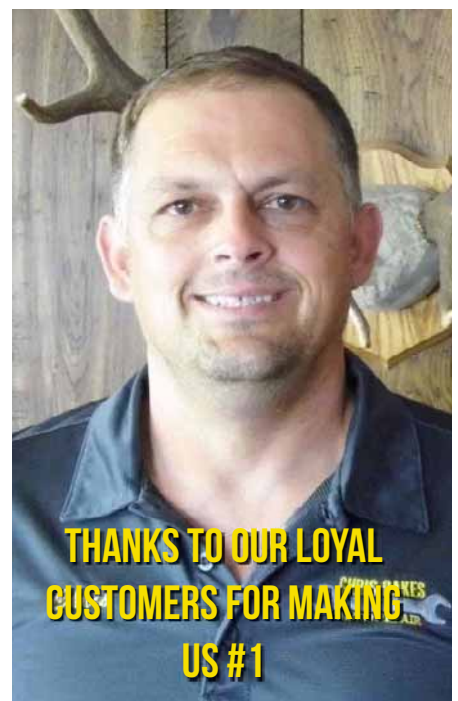
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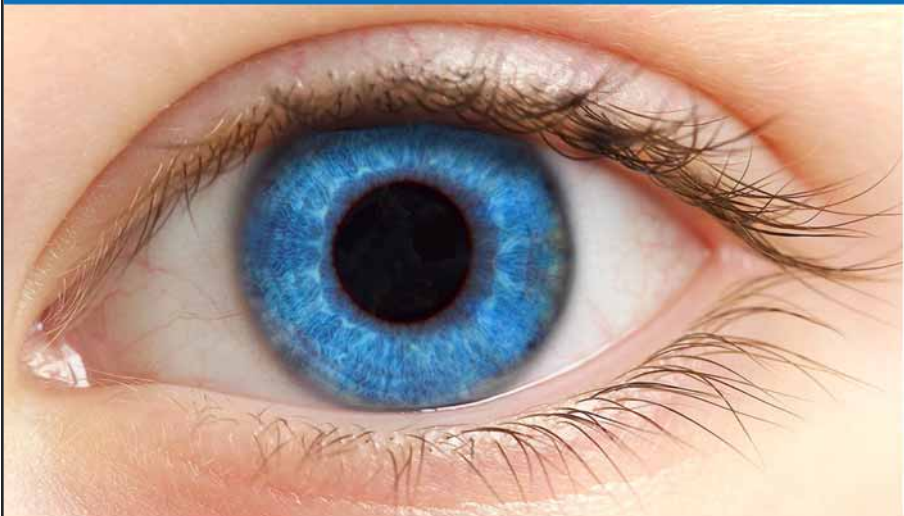
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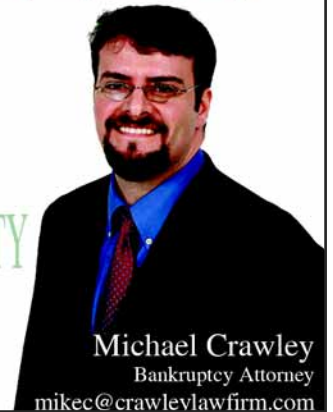
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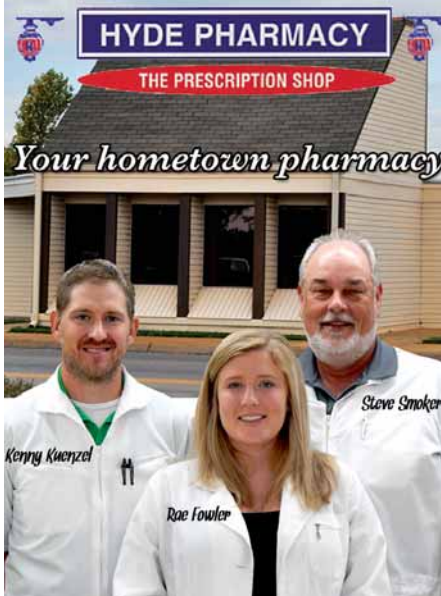
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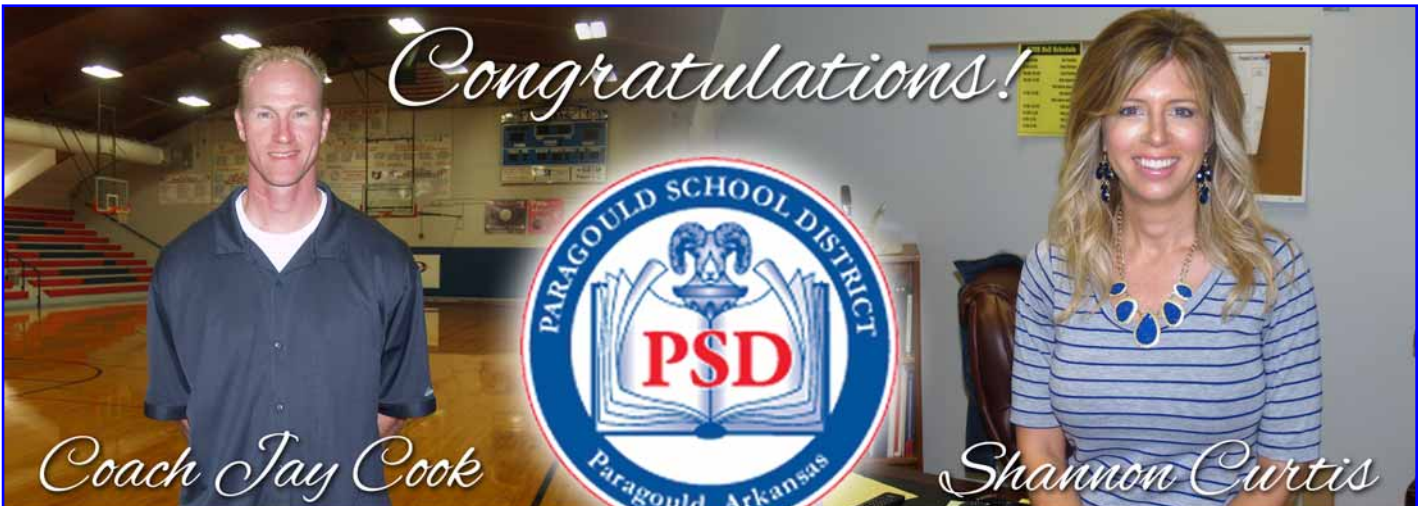
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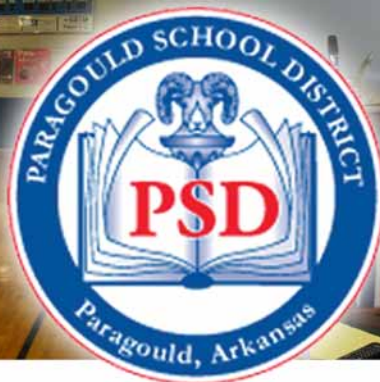


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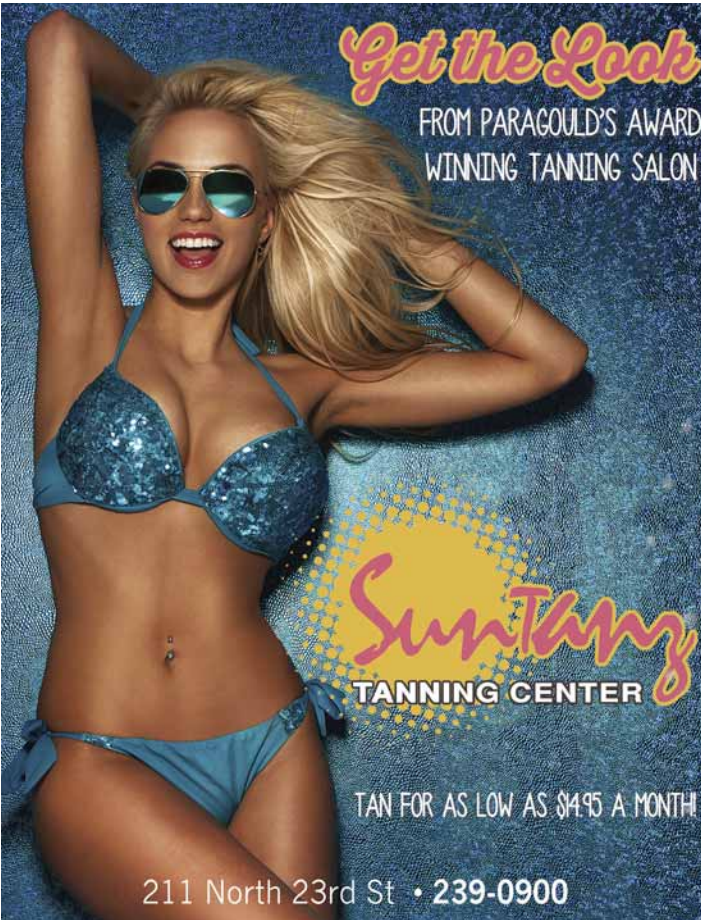
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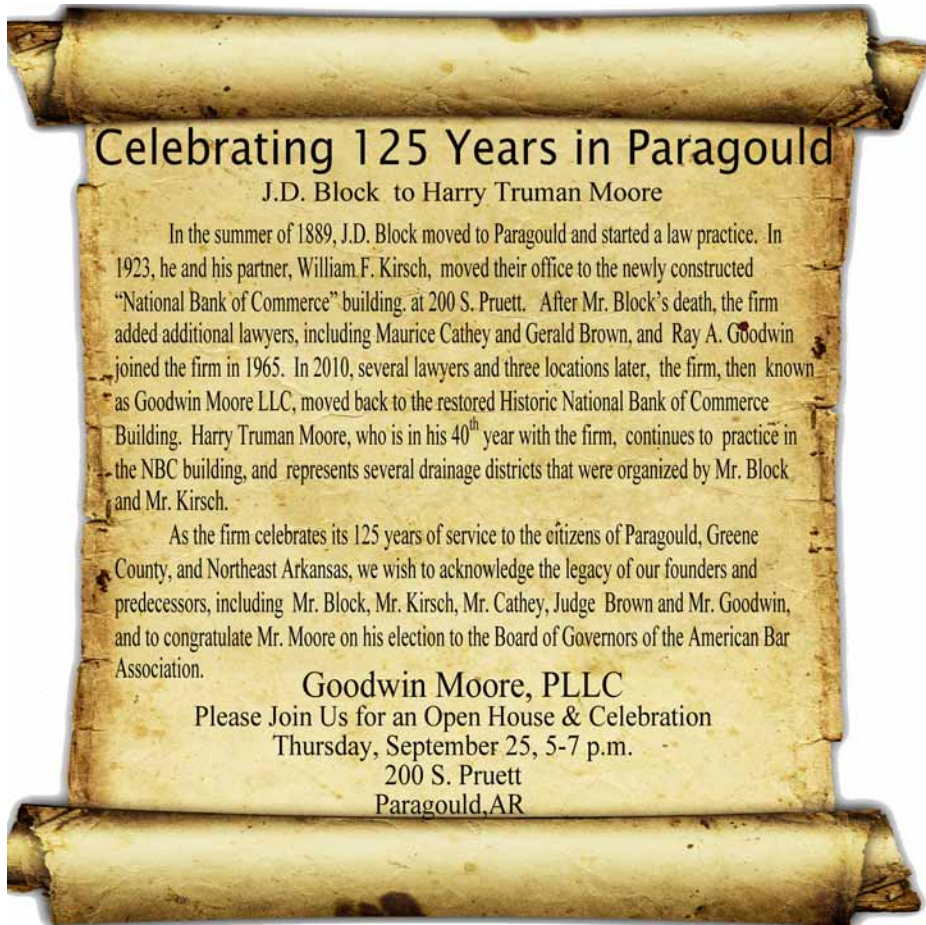
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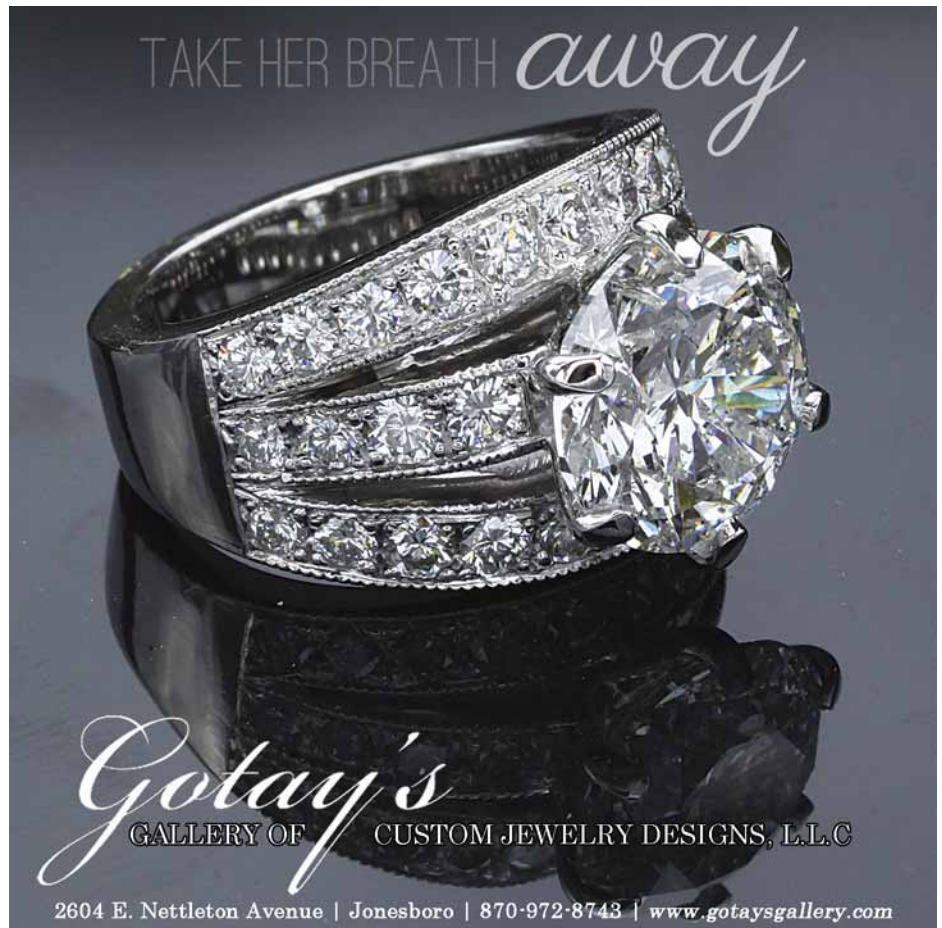
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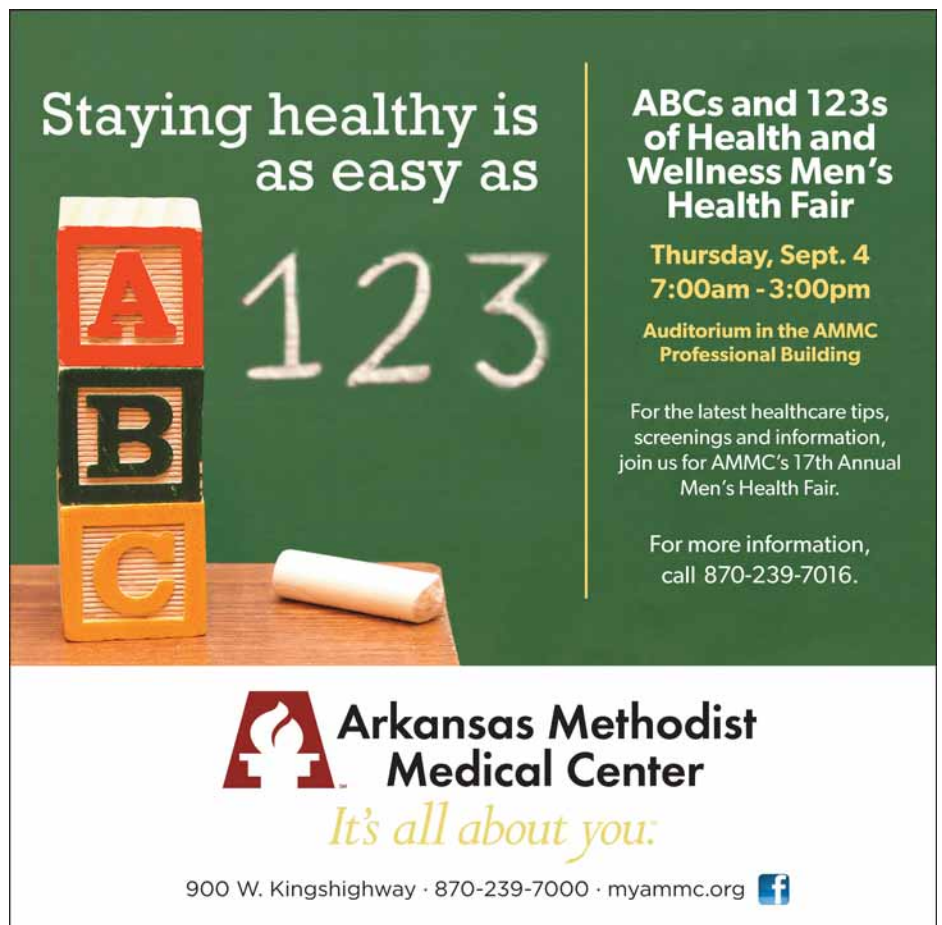
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