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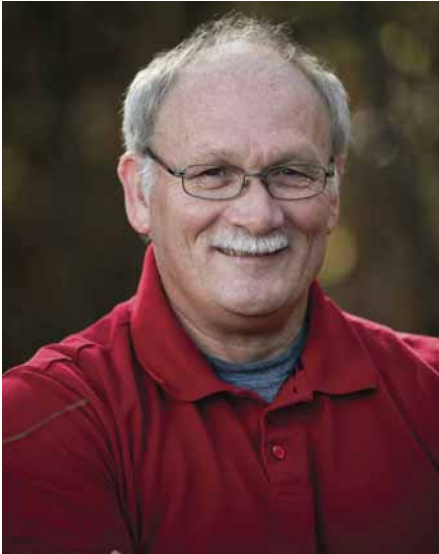
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## From The Managing Editor...



Richard Brummett, Managing Editor

The current trend making its rounds in America, that of stomping on our country's flag in response to something called the Eric Sheppard Challenge, should be disturbing any day of the week, but especially at this time of year.

We have just come off Memorial Day ceremonies, complete with American flags proudly on display, and this month we celebrate Flag Day as an opportunity to recognize the adoption of the red, white and blue banner as our national symbol.

While those taking part in the challenge see their participation as a means of expressing their right to freedom of speech, their numerous video posts tend to further divide our country in a social media battle over racism and civil rights.

We all are entitled to speak and act as we please, whether it conforms to majority opinion or not. But the one thing flag stompers fail to understand -- or perhaps simply have never considered or been taught -- is that their right to stage such protests is guaranteed by the very flag they choose to desecrate.

The flag represents all the United States stands for, all the freedoms our constitution

guarantees. It is the standard under which hundreds of thousands have marched into battle -- never to return -- for the sole purpose of defending our way of life and the preservation of our unrestrained liberty.

Because of their sacrifices, you and I and even the flag stompers are free to come and go as we please, free to act civilly or be disruptive, free to choose between actions that promote community standards or those that corrupt them.

The American Flag is part of our DNA, one of the components that makes us who we are and it gives me the freedom to make my own choices.

I will not argue against a stomper's right to tread on Old Glory. But, at the same time, I will enact my right to appreciate our flag and will continue to proudly stand with those who salute it and pay it the respect I think it deserves. ♦



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# Ram Run

They came, they saw ... they ran and played. Students in grades K-4 in the Paragould School District participated in the 9th annual Ram Run at the PHS track. Family members were invited to join the children as they experienced a 20-minute walk/run and then enjoyed games such as hula hoops, volleyball, Frisbee, soccer and more. Some sprinted, some jogged, some walked, but they all smiled.





# Ram Run



When it came to actually making it around the PHS track, everyone had their own ideas. Some walked with a cool drink while others sprinted, and there were hand-holding runners and walkers, representing both families and friends.



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Remington Ford, 3, found the playground equipment at Harmon Field to his liking. Remington is the son of B.C. and Linda Ford of Paragould.

## Greene County Museum will host antique car show June 6

If your heart beats a little faster when you see a vintage car or if you own antique vehicles, the place to be on June 6 is the Greene County Museum at 130 South 14th Street in Paragould. The museum is hosting its 4th annual antique car show from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show will open with a flag ceremony in recognition of D-Day 1944.

Members of the Crowley's Ridge Cruisers and the Antique Car Club of Jonesboro will have their vintage vehicles on display. Area vintage car enthusiasts are invited to display their vehicles as well. The Greene County Museum will award People's Choice trophies to the two vehicles that get the most votes from the attendees.

The museum will be open during the car show. Admission to the museum and to the car show is free, but donations are appreciated. The Gypsy Wagon will provide food for the occasion.

For more information about the Greene County Museum or the car show, call 870-239-8697, go to [www.greenecountymuseum.com](http://www.greenecountymuseum.com) or look for the Greene County Museum on Facebook. ♦



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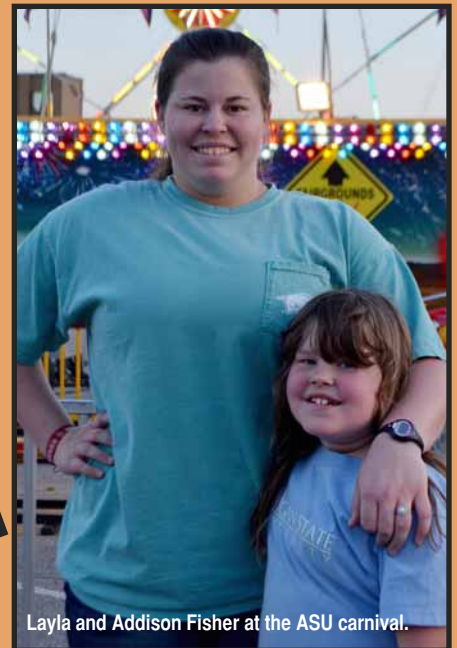
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Sonny Campbell and Vikki McGee performing at Skinny J's in Downtown Jonesboro.



Layla and Addison Fisher at the ASU carnival.



Above, Tom Elwood, Cecilia Watson and Cindy Crawford at Skinny J's; at right, LaGanzie Kale, Carolyn Prunty and Ivory Beasley at the North Jonesboro 5k.



Above, Ej, Elvis and Sherri Burks at the carnival at ASU; below, Eric Jackson and Zandra Clayton at the North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative 5k.



Frank Brewer, Loyce Gibson, Eddie James, Sarah Collom and Aaron Russell at Skinny J's.

You never know where Premiere staffers will show up, camera in hand. Be prepared to smile when Premiere comes to town.

# Flag Day, June 14

**F**lag Day is a holiday in the United States which celebrates the adoption of the American flag. The holiday is celebrated around the country with parades and memorial services for those who have died in defense of the United States. Like Memorial Day, Flag Day is considered a patriotic holiday, and is particularly celebrated by the Armed Forces and those veterans who have served abroad. Flag Day is celebrated on June 14 each year. The U.S. flag is a complex and often politically charged symbol of the nation it represents. It contains 50 stars in a field of blue and 13 stripes alternating between red and white. The flag originally had 13 stars, each representing one of the original 13 colonies. A new star is added to the blue field every time a new state is added to the Union: Today there are 50, spaced in 5 rows of 6 and 4 rows of 5. Unlike the stars, the stripes -- 7 red ones and 6 white ones -- remain unchanged. They represent the 13 original colonies. ♦





ASU's Summer Camp Academy mixes educational activities with fun outings for those who attend.

## Dr. Beverly Boals Gilbert directs Summer Camp Academy at ASU

**M**et Dr. Beverly Boals Gilbert, Professor of Early Childhood Education and Director of Summer Camp Academy at Arkansas State University.

Summer Camp Academy at A-State provides fun and educational summer programs for children ages 3-18. The summer programming provides a variety of activities including art, literature, drama, fitness, science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Camps include "Young Chefs Academy," "Super Hero Training," "Fun Fitness," "Jurassic Park Comes to Jonesboro," "Technology Whiz Kidz," "Princess and Knight in Training", "Shark Week," "Junk Box Engineering" and many more. Camps are generally one week long and meet from 8:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**Cheryl Nichols:** Beverly, how and when did you begin the Summer Camp Academy at Arkansas State University?

**Beverly Gilbert:** When I was chair of the elementary education department in the 1980s we created a summer enrichment program for youth. Dr. Mildred Vance, Professor of Education, secured the Wesley Foundation Student Center located on campus to house the program. Summer Enrichment provided

### American Honda Foundation helps support free summer camp

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youth with an educational summer camp experience on the A-State campus and also provided opportunities for teacher education students to directly interact with the youth. The program served as a practicum site for graduate early childhood majors. In 2011, I was charged with making our campus a more viable and active place in the summer – to engage our community to become more involved though programming on our campus. Our program grows each year and we now have more than 60 camps offered on campus. I want to say a special thanks to Dr. Ed Hammerand, who taught the very first summer camp - Robotics Camp - and his camp remains one of the most popular every year.

### Our Community

By Cheryl Nichols



**CN:** I've known you for many years and I'm continually amazed at how much you do for this community and the youth, in particular. How do you stay motivated?

**BG:** I want to do my best with any assignment or task given to me by the university and in this particular situation, my academic area of teacher education fits well with planning fun, and enriching summer opportunities for children and youth. I get a lot of personal satisfaction from all of my work with youth. I see them gain self-confidence and inspiration from trying new and different things. I love meeting educators who bring new ideas to the camps because all of our camps are created and led by experts in their fields. For example, I recently met LeAnn Helms, Principal of Manila Middle School and winner of the Bessie Moore Economic Education Award. LeAnn contacted me in response to an "RFC – Request for Camps" letter I sent to area schools in January informing them about our summer camp program and requesting ideas

for new summer camps. LeAnn responded and we are so excited about the camps she will lead for 3rd-8th graders this summer: "Beyond the Lemonade Stand: I Love Money," "Developing a Duct Tape Enterprise," "Reduce, Reuse & Reinvent."

CN: Beverly, here is my Barbara Walters inspired question: What is your superhero name and what is your superpower?



Dr. Beverly Boals Gilbert

BG: My superhero name would be "Butterfly Bev" and my superpower would be flying around and spreading opportunities for all children and youth to attend summer camp programs. Or waving my wings so that all children, youth and adolescents could participate in summer camp programs.

CN: How can parents learn more about the various camps offered through A-State's Summer Camp Academy?

BG: A full listing of all camps and registration information can be found on our website at <http://www.astate.edu/youth> or by calling 870-680-8358 or email [ca@astate.edu](mailto:ca@astate.edu).



Campers are quite often amazed at the many discoveries afforded by Arkansas State University's Summer Camp Academy. The summer programming provides a variety of activities including art, literature, drama, fitness, science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

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# GCT Field Day

The Tug Of War proved a popular event at Greene County Tech's Field Day.

Greene County Tech students divided into teams and squared off in friendly competition during the school district's annual Field Day activities.

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# Premiere People

**L**ogan Davis doesn't march to the beat of a different drummer ... he marches to the beat of his own. The 20-year-old University of Memphis student just finished his third year as a Jazz Studio Performance major and recently took off for a summer on the road with an elite drum and bugle corps.

"I got interested in music a little before the seventh grade," said Logan, a former member of the Paragould High School Pride Band. "I got some drums and ever since I've been more into it, more into improving my talent, more into the love for it. It's my main passion in life."

From January through March of this year he spent weekends at a camp in Milwaukee, rehearsing routines as part of the audition process for "the Drum and Bugle Corps of Milwaukee, The Pioneers. They are among the top groups in marching bands," he said. "I will go through the summer performing with them. When we auditioned, it was the whole weekend and they would evaluate your skill set.

"Then they would pull you aside one by one and say something like, 'We'd like to see more of you' or 'Hey, we'd like to have you join if you're interested.' Only about 150 people get selected."

Logan will be gone from Paragould through the beginning of August, participating in about 25 different competitions in 12-15 different states. "We'll go against x-amount of groups in the World Class Division, competing for the highest rank," he said. "I'm pretty excited about it."

A member of the marching band since he was in high school, Logan said that helped "expose me to drum corps and marching band in general. Some bands came here and performed and sometimes it was teachers or friends who have done it before that got me interested. We'll have to see where it leads. I would love to keep doing this." ♦



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Arkansas State University Chancellor Dr. Tim Hudson, left, and featured speaker Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger laugh it up before the annual Live United with the Stars program.

## "Rudy" just as inspiring in person as on the big screen

"Rudy" proved to be as entertaining and inspiring off screen as he was in the movie for guests gathered at the 2nd annual Live United with the Stars.

Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger, subject of the movie "Rudy," gave guests a glimpse of both his past and current experiences and challenged everyone to step out of their comfort zones and encourage others in their journey.

Sponsored by The United Way of NEA, the second annual Live United with the Stars event centered on information and fundraising related to the organization's focus on education, income, and health.

Chairs for the event were Selena Barber of Centennial Bank and Amy Hart of St. Bernards. Approximately 200 Rudy fans attended the event at Cooper Alumni Center, located at Arkansas State University, and became even bigger Rudy fans than before. ♦



There were smiles all around as guests enjoyed meeting Rudy and interacting with family, friends and co-workers.

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The wildlife refuge in Manila is a great spot for nature lovers and outdoorsmen alike.

It's only about a half-hour drive from the Premiere Magazine office to Manila, home to the sights and sounds of nature situated alongside a touch of history.

Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge, an 11,038-acre area, is one of the oldest inland national wildlife refuges in America, created in 1915 by President Woodrow Wilson. It was established to provide

habitat and protection for migrating and wintering birds and is recognized as an important link in the Mississippi migration corridor. Over the years refuge objectives have expanded to include protection for endangered species.

It is managed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and consists mostly of a shallow lake, swamp, and bottomland hardwood forests. The preservation of habitat for waterfowl is the primary purpose of the refuge.

The refuge annually winters several species of waterfowl. Peak numbers in January and February can exceed 200,000. Wood ducks are year-round residents and over 225 bird species have been observed on the refuge. ♦



An observation deck with a telescope, left, allows visitors to Big Lake to observe wildlife on and across the lake, like the group sunning on a log, above. Types of wildlife to look for in the area are beavers, otters, raccoons, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and bobcat.



The refuge features old-growth Bald Cypress forests, above, a modern visitor center, left, and informational displays throughout to educate guests as to the history and purpose of the facility and the types of fish and wildlife one may encounter.



*Herman Davis Memorial*

On the way to Big Lake, history buffs can feed their cravings by looking to the left on Hwy. 18 in Manila and checking out the Herman Davis Memorial.

Honoring an American hero, Herman Davis State Park surrounds the gravesite of, and monument to, Private Herman Davis, an Arkansas farm boy and war hero. Davis grew up hunting in the area and later became a scout and sharpshooter in World War I. He was on General John J. Pershing's list of World War I's great heroic stories. Davis received the Distinguished Service Cross, Croix de Guerre, and Medaille Militaire awards from the American and French governments. ♦



# June 18 is Go Fishing Day



Mike and Wade Summers enjoyed the sunny day fishing at Craighead Forest State Park.

BY KAYLA MACOMBER

It's that time of the year when days get longer and outdoor activities become more enjoyable. The natural beauty surrounding you can be quite the stress reliever. For those looking for an excuse to take time out of their busy schedules or to spend quality time with family and friends, Go Fishing Day could be exactly what you are looking for.

June 18th is the day you should pick up a

fishing pole and appreciate the little things in life. Many people have heard the old saying, "A bad day of fishing is better than a good day at work." The fresh air, the sound of the waves on the lake, and the splendor of the green scenery all around can help take away the worries of everyday life.

Mike Summers and his son, Wade, had those thoughts exactly when they took off from work and school to enjoy a good day of

fishing, despite the lack of bites they had throughout the day.

Take time on June 18th to try your luck at catching that largemouth bass or even a small brim. There are several places around the area where you can go to participate in Go Fishing Day. Some of these areas include: Craighead Forest State Park, Crowley's Ridge State Park, Lake Frierson State Park, Reynolds Lake in Paragould and Walnut Ridge City Lake. ♦

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While swimming remains one of the top attractions at Crowley's Ridge State Park, there are many other activities available for a summer outing.

## Crowley's Ridge State Park offers variety of activities

### Several options for summer fun



**T**he first thing that comes to mind for many people when they think of Crowley's Ridge State Park is the swimming area, but there is much more to do than just cool off with a quick dip in the water.

Hiking trails, a fishing lake, picnic areas, pavilions, cabins, kayak and pedal boat rentals ... the list goes on and on. Call the park at 870-573-6751 for more information. ♦



## CHAMPIONS GYMNASTICS CENTER

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[championsgymnasticscenter.net](http://championsgymnasticscenter.net)

Parents Day Out Program

Age 3 and up

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## DROP ZONE LASER TAG

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[www.dropzonelasertag.com](http://www.dropzonelasertag.com)

Kids can achieve objectives and complete missions as a team. Check website or facebook for activity schedules and details.



## SUMMER FUN IDEAS

The kids are just out of school and already they're bored. What to do?

Here's a go-to list of summer fun places right here in Northeast Arkansas.



## CRAIGHEAD COUNTY LIBRARY

(870) 935-5133

[libraryinjonesboro.org](http://libraryinjonesboro.org)

Story Times, Superhero Academy

Movies, Craft Nights, Summer Concert Series

Saturday Events

Summer Reading Club - Newborn to age 12

Summer Finale with Brian & Terry Kinder

Tweens and Teens Events



## JUMPIN WITH JOY

(870) 236-3111

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## GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY

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Every Hero Has a Story

June 10th - July 22nd

Sign up in the library and receive a bag with stickers and reading log.

Mondays - Lap Sit 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Tuesdays - Drop In Craft 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays - Big Story Time 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays - Community Helpers 10:30 a.m. and Legos and Games 2:00 p.m.





# Just Pretend Play and Party has plans for your kids

**J**ust Pretend Play and Party in Paragould has made plans to help you keep your kids busy during the summer months, scheduling a Summer Day Camp.

The camp will run for eight weeks, featuring eight different themes, including:

## June

### \* 1st-5th -- Fairy Tales

- Fairy Tale Ball
- Ball Room Dancing

### \* 8th-12th -- Science Is Cool

- Science Magic Show

### \* 15th-19th -- Art Camp

- Art Show

### \* 22nd-26th -- Fun & Fitness

- Mini-Marathon Downtown

### \* 29th-3rd -- Theatre

- Skit
- Field Trip to Collins Theatre

## July

### \* 6th-10th -- Goin' Green

- Plant trees downtown

### \* 13th-17th -- Camping

- Survival Camp



Science Is Cool is one of the themes scheduled by Just Pretend Play and Party for kids attending its summer camp.

### - Hiking Trip

### \* 20th-24th -- Summer Vacation/Around the World in 5 Days

### - Cultural Beach Party

Camp sessions are open to children age 5 and up and run daily, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Cost of the camp is \$99 per week with multiple child discounts available.

Aftercare is available from 1:00-5:30 p.m. at a rate of \$1 per hour, per child; children must bring their own lunches for aftercare.

Pre-registration is required. Call 870-240-0211 or go online at [www.just-pretend.net](http://www.just-pretend.net) for more information.

Owner, Dr. John Bibb, said he can't take credit for the unique camp idea, passing those honors along to his wife and the Just Pretend staff. "We have great workers and they got together and brainstormed and wanted to do something awesome for the kids," he said. "This won't be the 'same-old, same-old.' It will be something new and refreshing."

The Bibbs have owned the business for almost three years now and Dr. Bibb said events like the camp "are something the kids like, but we kind of try to sneak learning in at the same time. If they can have fun and learn at the same time, that's pretty good."

Just Pretend Play and Party is located at 206 South Pruet Street in Paragould. ♦

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# *A puppy with personality*



Marti Robertson shares a hug with London, winner of the Paragould Rotary Club's Paws for a Cause dog show's Most Photogenic title.

# London Bella is a crowd pleaser

**M**arti Robertson said she wasn't necessarily thinking about bringing home a winner when she entered her dog in the Most Photogenic category of the Paragould Rotary Club's "Paws for a Cause" dog show.

So when the balloting was over and her bichon, London Bella, was the victor, Marti said she was "surprised ... so surprised."

"The contest was just something I saw when I was at the doctor's office and I thought, 'Hey, I think I'll do that.' I didn't really think about winning."

Contestants in the dog show had to pre-register, pay a registration fee, and send the Paragould Rotary Club a photo of their dog via a message on its Facebook page. The photo was then uploaded to the album "Paws for a Cause: Most Photogenic Contest 2015." The 20 "most liked" dogs had their photos displayed at the event and continued to get "likes" through monetary donations placed in voting boxes associated with each dog's photograph.

London, who turned 2 on June 2, came away as the most popular pet with onlookers and

took home a trophy and the right to be on the cover of this month's Premiere.

Marti said London "loves people. When people see her out in public and want to know if they can come pet her, it doesn't bother her a bit."

The Robertsons own both Big Butts BBQ and Robertson Furniture in Leachville and Marti said London enjoys trips to the furniture store to interact with customers.

"She's spoiled rotten. She goes there and absolutely loves the attention she gets from people." ♦



Dog owners presented their pets to the panel of judges, right, pretty much smiling whether they came away with a prize or not. Spectators like 2-year-old Cael Rohe, at left, had plenty of fun just playing with dogs when they weren't on the stage competing.



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# Outstanding Teachers



## Kristie Ford Paragould

**M**et Kristie Ford, School Counselor at Baldwin and Woodrow Wilson elementary schools:

I am currently teaching in my 28th year for the PSD -- six years as a classroom teacher, and this is my 22nd year as school counselor.

**What made you decide to become a teacher?** I would have to say my third grade teacher at Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Kaye Brewer, inspired me to become a teacher. As a child, I remember the engaging activities and encouraging atmosphere she created in our classroom. But mainly, I will never forget how she made me and all my classmates feel -- special.

**Do you have any favorite "teaching memories?"** My first classroom was working at Woodrow Wilson, which meant my third grade teacher, Mrs. Brewer, was now my colleague and friend! As a school counselor, the daily interactions with the students are my most memorable. I have learned, and continue to learn, as much from my students as they have learned from me.

**Tell us about your family.** My mom and brothers have been very supportive of my passion for teaching, often helping me along the way. I have two amazing sons. Andrew is a pharmacist and lives in Fayetteville, and Wesley just graduated from UCA and is working with his father. ♦



## Megan Wilson Paragould

**M**et Megan Wilson, second grade teacher at Baldwin Elementary:

I have been teaching for 5 1/2 years. I became a teacher because I want to make a difference in my students' learning. I want them to see and understand that learning is fun and something that takes places their whole lives. I want to give them the confidence that they can do anything as long as they put their minds to it and actually try.

**Do you have any favorite "teaching memories?"** Yes, I have lots of teaching memories! A few of mine are teaching A Long Road to Freedom. In this unit we discuss slavery, Civil War, and the Civil Rights movement. My students have always gotten into this unit. It is so amazing to see the way that they think and look at this era. My favorite memory, though, is when a student is struggling with something and when they finally get it their face lights up and they are so proud. Seeing them finally get it and understand is what is important to me.

**Tell us about your family.** I have been married to my husband, Tyler Wilson, since June 2008. Tyler is a surveyor for Haywood, Kenward, and Bare Surveying. We have a 3-year-old daughter named Kynslee who is learning so much at A Touch of Mom. ♦



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## Back Beat Music sets dates for camp

**B**ack Beat Music in Jonesboro has set the dates for its Summer Music Camp, scheduling sessions for June and July.

Open to children 7 or older, each camp runs Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; lunch is included. Camp dates are:

- \* June 8-11
- \* June 22-25
- \* July 6-9
- \* July 20-24

Space is limited, so those interested should call 870-932-7529 as soon as possible.

Back Beat is located at 613 Southwest Drive.

Back Beat also offers music lessons, recording, songwriting services and more, boasting the largest independent lesson program in Northeast Arkansas.

Call or visit [www.backbeatmusic.com](http://www.backbeatmusic.com) for details. ♦

## Free summer camp for children teaches healthy living

**N**EA Baptist Charitable Foundation Center for Healthy Children is now enrolling for My Summer Success; the first session beginning June 8th.

Previously, the free wellness program has been limited to children with particular BMI requirements. This year, the summer camp is focused on helping every child learn how to become healthier.

Wellness Program Manager Erica Huffstetler says that, "The goal of My Summer Success is to teach children the importance of a well-balanced diet and exercise. They will learn that breaking a sweat can be fun and eating healthy foods can taste good."

Children will be introduced to various team sports and indoor and outdoor physical activities. They will also have the opportunity to swim twice per week and to participate in outdoor water games.

The campers will engage in hands-on nutrition lessons throughout the week. Topics on how to be food conscious through label reading,

### Summer camp sessions

\* The first session is June 8th through the 19th for ages 8-12 from 8:00-11:30 a.m.

\* The second session is July 6th through the 17th for ages 8-12 from 1:00-4:30 p.m.

\* The third session is August 3rd through the 14th for ages 8-12 from 8:00-11:30 a.m.

For more information, or to download a My Summer Success application, log on to [www.neabaptistfoundation.org](http://www.neabaptistfoundation.org) or contact Erica Huffstetler at 870-336-1760. ♦

portion control, eating on the go, and others will be taught. Daily snacks are offered that are not only healthy but fun to make and taste good.

In addition, the center has a fitness room that the children are able to explore during free play that has a rock-climbing wall, ellipticals, Wii games and stationary bicycles.

The center will offer three 2-week sessions, Monday through Friday, throughout the summer with both a morning and afternoon option.

The first session is June 8th through the 19th for ages 8-12 from 8:00-11:30 a.m. The second session is July 6th through the 17th for ages 8-12 from 1:00-4:30 p.m. The third session is August 3rd through the 14th for ages 8-12 from 8:00-11:30 a.m.

Center for Healthy Children is located at the NEA Baptist Clinic Wellness Center at 2617 Phillips Drive in Jonesboro.

NEA Baptist Charitable Foundation Center for Healthy Children was created to teach, motivate and guide overweight children along with their families to build a solid foundation of proper nutrition and regular exercise for a healthy lifestyle. This program, along with the other programs offered through NEA Baptist Charitable Foundation, is offered to the community free of charge.

For more information about NEA Baptist Charitable Foundation Center for Healthy Children or to download a My Summer Success application, log on to [www.neabaptistfoundation.org](http://www.neabaptistfoundation.org) or contact Erica Huffstetler at 870-336-1760. ♦

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**Law Enforcement Torch Run**

Members of area law enforcement agencies joined Special Olympics athletes, their sponsors and other interested individuals in the Torch Run.

Since its inception in 1981, the Law Enforcement Torch Run has grown extensively worldwide with over 97,000 volunteers spanning 46 countries, and raising more than \$461 million for the Special Olympics movement.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run consists of scheduled relay events, usually held in conjunction and coordination with Special Olympics functions (like the Special Olympics Summer and Winter Games). While carrying the flame, officers and athletes are referred to as "Guardians of the Flame."

The mission of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is to increase awareness and raise funds for the Special Olympics movement. ♦



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# Business Is Good



With ASU's mascot leading the way, runners took off to support St. Bernards in the Trot 4 Tots 5k.



## Student Nurses Association stages annual Trot 4 Tots run

The Arkansas State University Student Nurses Association hosted its 3rd Annual Trot 4 Tots 5k Run/Walk to benefit the new St. Bernards Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).



As always, Howl was a hit with racers and spectators alike.

The race was held on the Arkansas State University campus, starting at the ASU Pavillion located behind the football stadium. Howl and Scarlett were present to cheer the runners on and take pictures.

There were also auction items up for bids as well as a cookout for the racers. ♦

## Club News



The Business and Professional Women of Jonesboro recently named new officers. From left are, President Kim Phillips, Vice-President Candy Ellis, Shena Sims standing in for Secretary Cathy Carnes, and Treasurer Kim Blalock.



The Paragould Rotaract Club aims to connect young adults with a passion for making a positive difference in our community and beyond. Pictured at their induction ceremony at Skinny J's in Downtown Paragould are, front from left: Meredith McMillon, Sarah Jane Lamb, Shaunda James, Jordan Allen and Brittany Murray; back, Jordan Carlisle, Rebekah Bateman, Abby Grace Hurt, Kaitlin Poe, Jordan Faulkner and Justin Barr.

## Stidham hosts night of music at Collins Theatre in Paragould

Daniel Stidham, of Stidham Financial Services, will bring a night of entertainment to Paragould on Friday, June 5, when he hosts Ronnie McDowell at the Collins Theatre.

McDowell has sold over 11 million records and had many number one hits. Appearing

with McDowell will be up-and-coming country artists Amber Hayes, Farewell Angelina and Logan Brill. Hayes has opened for George Jones while Farewell Angelina has opened for Loretta Lynn.

Tickets are on sale at Hidden Treasures, 1711 Paragould Plaza, and will be available the day of the event at Collins Theatre.

Tickets or VIP Passes will be available to Stidham Financial Services clientele on a first come, first served basis by calling the office at 870-926-9644.

Free consultations are also available by calling the number above or by visiting the office at 726 West Kingshighway. ♦



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## 1. Caring Kids

For the last three years, the high school seniors at Paragould First United Methodist Church have been given the option to participate in a service project to receive a church scholarship toward their education beyond high school. The seniors meet and come up with an idea to serve in our community. This year they were touched by how often senior citizens in our nursing home facilities are forgotten. Their project was to spend the day at Greene Acres Nursing Home, visiting with residents, and passing out care packages. After finding out the needs of the residents at the nursing home, the FUMC seniors asked the church congregation for donations that included crossword puzzles, chapstick, socks, lotion, eye glass straps, circus peanuts and soft candy.

Pictured from left: Tanner Cole, Garrett Graham, Blaire Matheny, Seth Busby, Carley Riggan, Trey Dortch and Kyle Runsick.

## 2. Talented Artist

Madison Langston, a second grade student at Oak Grove Elementary, won 2nd place in the 2015 Wildlife of Arkansas Student Art Contest. Madison's artwork, titled Winter Tree, was awarded at the opening ceremonies at the Witt Stephens, Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center in Little Rock on May 1. Her artwork will be part of a traveling exhibit. It will also be featured in the 2016 Wildlife of Arkansas calendar. Madison's parents are Tiffany Langston and Nick Banks. Her teacher at OGE is Mrs. Krissy Smith.

## 3. Thanks For Helping

The Greene County Community Fund issued a big "THANK YOU" to MOR Media for supporting GCCF activities. MOR Media (Jack FM, Jill FM, iROCK, and Premiere Magazine) provided media coverage for the Community Fund campaign. Pictured is "Big O" (Brian Osborn) at the Thursday Morning Brunch, held each week at Batten's Bakery in Paragould.

## 4. Winning Promotion

The Paragould High School EAST and FBLA student groups received the Best Overall Seat Belt Use award from the Arkansas Drive Smart Challenge on Friday, May 11. This competition was to raise awareness of safe driving by developing a marketing campaign. The PHS student groups made signs and handed out special treats to students who were caught using safety measures such as wearing seat belts and not using cell phones while driving on campus. The EAST and FBLA students received a \$100 award and a pizza party. This event is sponsored by Arkansas Children's Hospital. Pictured is Haley Barr receiving the award from Arkansas Children's Hospital. ♦

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# Even your dad can teach you things ... in time

It doesn't take the arrival of Father's Day to make me think about my dad and the many things we experienced together.

He taught me a lot but it was something he *couldn't* teach me that remained the source of great laughter over the years.

Dad was a traveling salesman and usually left town on Monday mornings, returning at week's end. That left nightly tasks like helping with homework assignments to Mom, who was good at it because she was a teacher.

One week when Dad was still in town he volunteered to help me with my assignment, which was to learn to tell time. He took me to the kitchen table and took off his wristwatch, which had a big round face, and began his best "teaching" about the before side, the after side, the minute hand, the hour hand, something about the numbers representing five-minute increments ... all things I nodded my head at enthusiastically but had no idea what he was talking about.



My attention had been diverted by a tiny window with "MON" displayed in bright red in it, not to mention a second hand that mesmerized me with its movements.

Convinced he had injected me with some learning, Dad said, "Okay, if the big hand is on the 8 and the little hand is on the 4, what time is it?"

"Eight 'til 4," I said.

"No, no," Dad said with a grin, "it's 20 'til 4. Remember, each one of these big numbers is five minutes apart."

I said "okay" and nodded again, still wondering why that second hand was inching its way around the dial one little mark at a time.

"So," Dad said, "if the big hand is on the 10

and the little hand is on the 5, what time is it?"

"Five after 10," I said.

Frustrated, Dad told me I was wrong again and wanted to know where I came up with my answer.

"You said this was the after side," I explained, pointing to the five.

"Well, yeah, but ... try again," teacher dad said, and that's when I did what I did best: I started guessing.

"Ten-oh-five?"

"Nooo."

"Ten after 5?"

"Nope."

"Five 'til 10? Five-oh-10?"

By now, Dad was squinting his eyes and shaking his head back and forth, laughing slightly just to keep from shouting.

We made one more trip through the "this is the until side and this is the after side" before he drew up one more pop test in time.

"The big hand is on the 12," he said, pointing to it, "and the little hand is on the 3. What time is it?"

I thought hard, because I didn't want to disappoint Dad. He was the guy who taught me how to hit and throw and catch. So I reviewed my before and afters and said confidently, "Three after 12."

Dad admitted defeat and handed me off to Mom, who was sitting on the couch listening and smiling more than just a little for some reason. Dad left the table with great concerns about his son's IQ and may have been responsible for the invention of the digital watch.

We laughed at our recollections of that story many times and it makes me smile to this day, just as thinking of him on Father's Day will do. If you are a father and have the opportunity to hug your children, do it today; by the same token, if you are a child capable of hugging your dad, follow up on that while you still can.

I would give a lot to be able to relive this story face to face with mine one more time, whether it is on Father's Day or not. ♦



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## Engagement Announcements



Paige Leigh Kirby and Ben Adrian Gander

*Photo by Candace Bounds*

### *Kirby - Gander*

**P**aige Leigh Kirby and Ben Adrian Gander have announced their plans for a June wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dewayne and Michelle Kirby of Paragould.

The prospective groom's parents are Mitchell and Lana Gander of Beech Grove.

The wedding will take place Saturday, June 13, 2015, at New Haven Baptist Church in Paragould. ♦



Courtney Gail Owens and Grant Caleb Smith

*Photo by Freida DeVault*

### *Owens - Smith*

**C**ourtney Gail Owens and Grant Caleb Smith have announced their plans to hold a June wedding.

Courtney is the daughter of Mike and Lisa Owens of Paragould.

Grant's parents are Allen and Kim Smith of Walnut Ridge.

The wedding ceremony will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at the Manley Chapel on the campus of Williams Baptist College. ♦

## Birth Announcements



Oliver Forest Johnson

### Johnson

**S**eth and Amanda Johnson of Pocahontas announce the birth of their son, Oliver Forest Johnson.

Born at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center on April 8, the baby weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20.3 inches long.

He has a brother, Foster Zayne Johnson. Grandparents are Brian and Ronda Johnson, and Kenney and Rhonda Phillips. ♦



Lynnlee Kate Willis

### Willis

**F**lynn and April Willis announce the birth of a daughter, Lynnlee Kate Willis.

Born at St. Bernards Hospital, she weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She has one sister, Avery Willis.

Grandparents are Larry and Virginia Willis of Lafe; Judy Dearn of Bull Shoals; and Carl and Darlene Boozer of Walcott. ♦



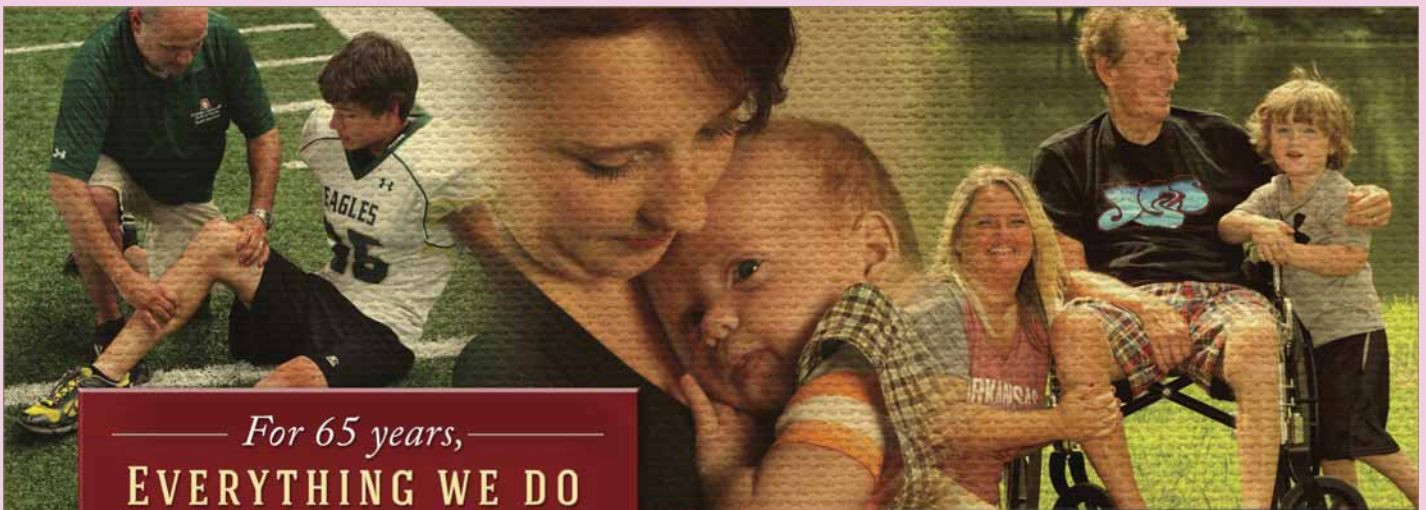
Camn Clayton Mclelland

### Mclelland

**J**ohn and Rachelle Mclelland of Paragould announce the birth of their child, Camn Clayton Mclelland.

Delivered at NEA Baptist Hospital, the newborn weighed 10 pounds, 11 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Camn has one sibling, Carly Mclelland. Grandparents are Allen and Carolyn Ader of Paragould and John and Charla Mclelland Sr., also of Paragould. ♦



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# Our Wedding Story ...

## Rachel and Jason



Photography by Alyssa Burks of Jonesboro

**O**n March 7, 2015, Rachel Holder and Jason Boyd were united in marriage at the Stan Jones Mallard Lodge in Alicia.

The couple had envisioned a picturesque Spring wedding, but Mother Nature had different plans. A recent snowstorm had left snowdrifts where daffodils were supposed to be but as the day warmed, clouds made way for a stunning Spring sun, and left-over snow made for a majestic outdoor ceremony.

Afterward, friends and family joined the newlyweds for a reception inside the lodge. The couple took a honeymoon on a Carnival Cruise through the Western Caribbean.

Rachel and Jason went on their first date in November of 2012. That is when they learned they had grown up within houses of each other on both Clifft Street and 33 ½ Street throughout their childhood years. On the evening of June 8, 2014, Jason proposed outside

Rachel is a 2009 graduate of Paragould High School and a 2013 graduate of Black River Technical College. She works as a Respiratory Therapist at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould. Jason is a 2004 graduate of Greene County Tech. Like his father, Jason

has continued the family business of farming in Beech Grove.

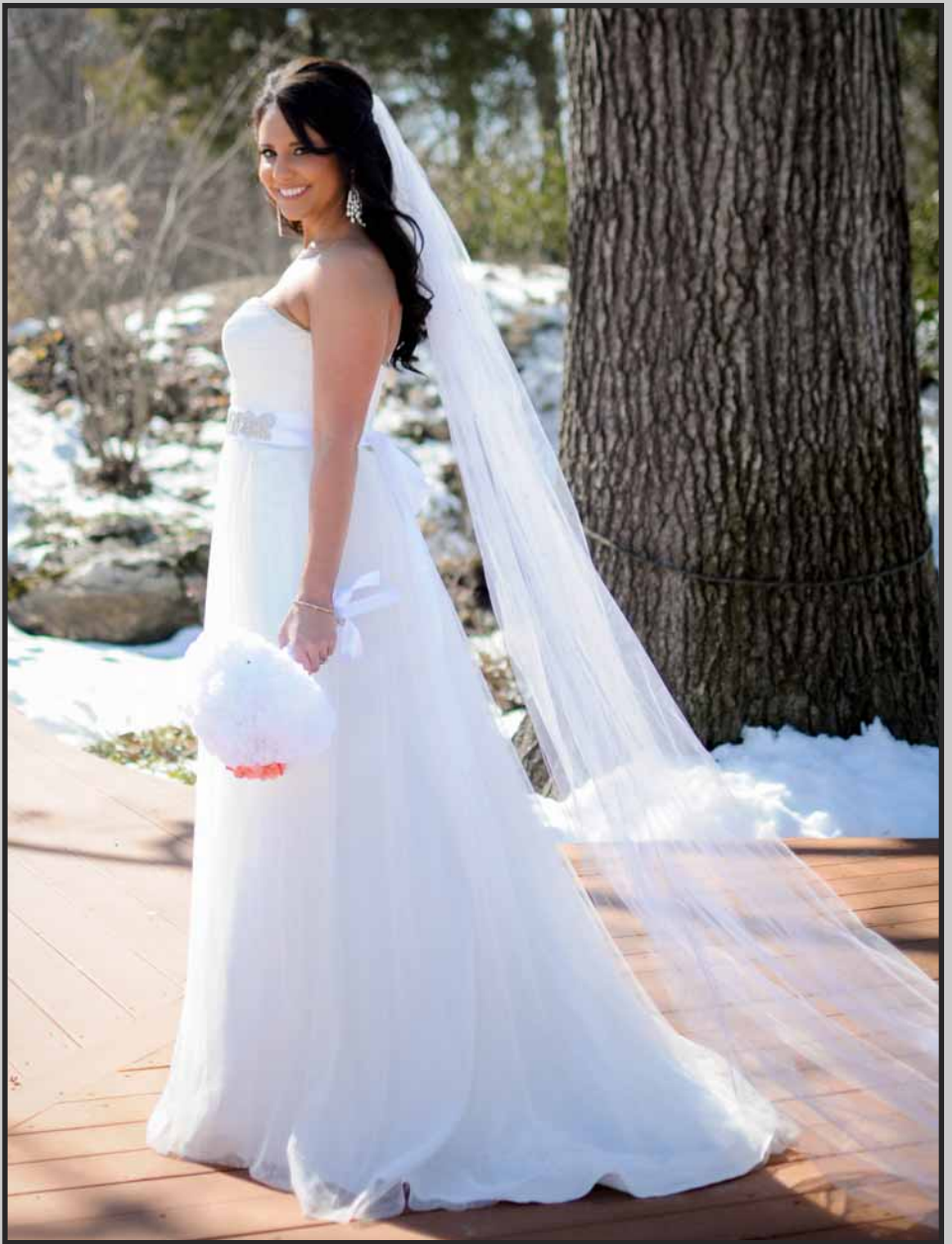
The bride is the daughter of Michael and Lisa Holder of Paragould. The groom is the son of Robin and Arlinda Boyd of



on the land where they now reside, located in Oak Grove. The couple shares the love for animals, the outdoors and ATV riding.

Beech Grove and Lynn Boyd of Little Rock. ♦







From left: Charles and Donna Brazil, Anne and Bill Fisher, Marcia and Dr. L.L. Shedd, and Moud and Sharon Gazaway get into the Fiesta spirit.

## “Foundation Fiesta” raises more than \$25,000

The Arkansas Methodist Medical Center Foundation’s inaugural “Foundation Fiesta” raised more than \$25,000. The May event was a Cinco de Mayo-themed fundraising party coordinated by the AMMC Foundation Ambassadors. Approximately 150 tickets were sold, and proceeds from the event benefit the AMMC Foundation and are invested in the continued development of the medical center.

“The response from the medical center’s friends was tremendous,” said AMMC Foundation Director Terry Austin. “We’re very



Don and Kay Scott enjoy a laugh and a dance at the Fiesta.

thankful that we were able to enjoy such support, and especially during this busy time of year. We are blessed to have so many faithful supporters of the Foundation and AMMC – people who understand the importance of keeping a vibrant, community-based hospital in Paragould. We’re also blessed by the brilliance and hard work of The Ambassadors, who put countless hours into planning and preparing this event.”

Two prizes were awarded. A trip to Cancun, sponsored by Mary

Ellen and Bob Warner and valued at \$3,000, was won by Dr. L.L. Shedd. Sissy’s Log Cabin in Jonesboro provided Konstantino earrings and a ring (valued at \$1,300), which were won by Kelly Roswell.

The AMMC Foundation Ambassadors provide leadership in the development of events and programs to raise funding for and awareness of The Foundation. Ambassadors include Ann Marie Guinn, Theresa Kirk, Sonia Fonticiella, Theresa Peeples, Lisa Gazaway, Tracy Brengard, Tori Thompson, Angie Halverson and Shay Willis. ♦

# Arkansas Methodist Medical Center

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### Community Yard Sale

Friday, June 4 & Saturday, June 5  
9:00a.m. - 2:30p.m.

Chateau on the Ridge Assisted Living  
For more information, contact  
Lauria Baker at 215-6300 or  
email lauria.baker@mychateau.org.

### 4,000 Steps Diabetes Glow Run

Friday, June 5  
8:00p.m., Registration starts 6:30p.m.

Greene Co. Tech Old High School  
Campus, Eagle Mile Course  
Register online at  
<http://www.racesonline.com> for this  
4,000 Steps Glow Run benefiting the  
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation  
and the American Diabetes Association.  
For more information, call 239-7467  
or email  
alison.hitt@arkansasmethodist.org.

### Breastfeeding Class

Saturday, June 6  
10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Professional Office Building  
This class discusses the importance of  
breastfeeding and offers tips for suc-  
cess. This class is free for those deliver-  
ing at AMMC with a small charge for  
others. There is a \$10 fee for materials.  
For classroom location, more informa-  
tion or to register, call 239-7016.

### Infant Safely Class

Saturday, June 6 • 1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.

Professional Office Building  
This class of offered to expectant fami-  
lies and anyone caring for an infant.  
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There is a \$10 fee for materials. For  
classroom location, more information  
or to register, call 239-7016.

### Childbirth Preparation Class

Tuesday, June 9, 16, 23 & 30  
6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Professional Office Bldg. Auditorium

This class is for anyone who is expect-  
ing. Register early to ensure availabil-  
ity for when you are 5-8 weeks from  
your due date. This class is free for  
those delivering at AMMC with a small  
charge for others. There is a \$10 fee  
for materials. For classroom location,  
more information or to register, call  
239-7016.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, June 11 • 11:00a.m. - 5:30p.m.

Professional Office Bldg. Auditorium  
If you would like to donate life-saving  
blood, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS  
for details on requirements. You can  
also find more information at  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### Mommy and Me Breastfeeding

#### Support Group Meeting

Monday, June 15 • 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Professional Office Building  
Second Floor Conference Room,  
Greene County Health Unit’s Leisa  
Kennedy, Breastfeeding Peer Councel-  
lor, teaches this class for new and ex-  
pectant mothers. For more information,  
call the Greene County Health Unit at  
236-7782.

### Healthy Pregnancy Class

Monday, June 29 • 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Professional Office Building  
This one-time class for expectant moth-  
ers who are prior to 16 weeks into their  
pregnancy. Class is free for those deliver-  
ing at AMMC with a small charge for  
others. There is a \$10 fee for materials.  
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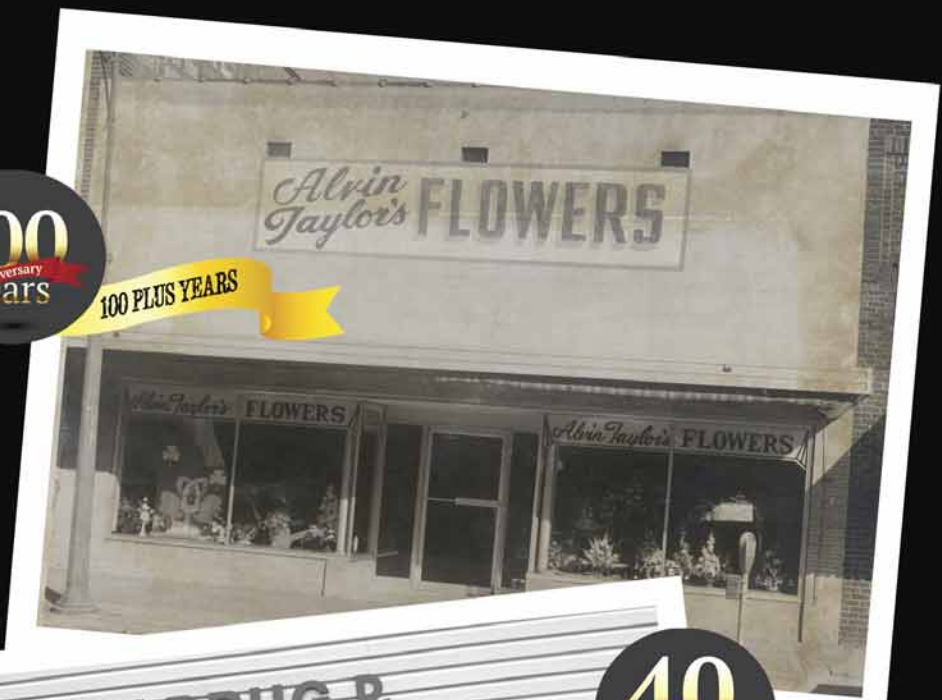
### Stroke Support Group Meeting

Tuesday, June 30 • 6:00p.m.

AMMC Rehab Gym Fourth Floor  
This meeting is open to stroke survi-  
vors, their friends, families and/or care-  
givers. For more information, please  
call 239-7289.

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# Decades of Dedication



# Laubach Companies

**L**aubach Companies began 32 years ago with Laubach Freight. Thirty years ago they added Laubach Warehouse and Storage, and 10 years ago added Laubach Mini Storage to their namesake.

The warehouse portion of the business was mainly used for commercial storage, but they began using a small portion of it as residential mini-storage with 60 units.

The warehouse was located next to another mini storage facility and when the owner decided to sell 9 1/2 years ago, the Laubachs bought it, moving their office and gaining the title of Laubach Mini Storage. Gary and Norman Laubach began Laubach Companies and have entrusted their daughter, Michelle Barnes, to take care of the mini-storage facility.



Norma Laubach and Michelle Barnes help direct Laubach Companies.

It has recently undergone a big renovation. They have added a total of 34 climate control units, sizes being 10x10 and 10x15. An expanded parking lot, larger office space and the selling of boxes and packing materials were also added. "We are really excited about

our new addition and upgrades. It was needed and we just felt it was time to add on," said Barnes.

The storage facility is surrounded by a security gate which is locked down with no entry between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. for added security. Cameras and security lighting are located throughout the property.

Laubach's offers multiple payment options to accommodate customers. They may pay by credit or debit card, by phone, via mail, online, automatic debit or in the drop box. Barnes said they gladly accept money orders, Mastercard, Visa, Discover, personal checks and business checks.

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# Alvin Taylor's Flowers

In January of 1971, Alvin Taylor followed up on a desire to own a flower shop by purchasing Bud's Flowers, located on Pruet Street in Paragould.

As time went by, he and his wife, Bertha, saw the business grow to offer more than just flower arrangements, thanks in large part to their addition of Hallmark to the menu.

Taylor had served as an apprentice in floral design and had worked in both a flower shop and in a wholesale company, and that is where his interest really was. He eventually decided to drop Hallmark and return solely to the flower business but as often is the case, times and demands changed.

The Taylors' daughter, Judith Taylor Wheelis, had worked in the store from an early age and started full-time while in high school. And



now, for about the last three years, she has served as company president and oversees the day-to-day operations. Her mom is the bookkeeper while Alvin has stepped aside.

Today, Alvin Taylor's Flowers is a full-service shop, providing floral arrangements for all occasions along with party decorations, Christmas needs, picture frames, stuffed animals, balloons, baskets, "... you name it, we

The old Alvin Taylor's store front, left, has given way to a much more modern look, but the caring family touch -- provided by Judith and Alvin, above, as well as the rest of the clan -- remains the same as always.

pretty much do it," Judith said, emphasizing that custom design is a specialty.

The store, located at 209 North Pruet St., is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8-12. ♦



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# City Drug



From its earliest days downtown to the new ultra-modern building on Linwood Drive, City Drug has long been a part of the Paragould business scene.

Co-owners Jimmy C. Dodd, Jr. and his brother Dr. Lawrence Dodd of Hot Springs were notified a few years ago that the Paragould business their late father (Jimmy C. Dodd, Sr.) bought in 1960 is actually the third-oldest pharmacy in Arkansas.

Based on records in the Secretary of State's office, City Drug has been in operation since 1904.

The pharmacy was originally located on North Pruett Street, but relocated a handful of times over the years -- to West Kingshighway, across from Arkansas Methodist Medical Center; to One Medical Drive, north of Paragould High School; and, just last year to the new store at 1512 Linwood Drive, just north of TaMolly's restaurant.

But regardless of the location, the one thing City Drug has always stood for is service to its customers and the Northeast Arkansas community.

The Dodd brothers inherited the business after their father's death in 1994. Jimmy is an executive vaccine representative for Merck & Co., and his brother is an orthopedic surgeon, so pharmacist Joy Miller has run the business since 2001 and has been joined by pharmacist Mallory Williams along with a staff of other valued employees.

The pharmacy's impressive new facility is the result of two years of research and planning, Dodd said in an interview with *Premiere* at the time of their relocation. The move was strategically tied to the opening of Paragould Medical Park on the south side of town, as well as the steady growth in that sector of the city.

But the main reason was tied to family, the same family atmosphere City Drug tries to extend to valued customers.

"Lawrence and I wanted to do this to honor our parents who basically busted their tails for a long time to put us through school,"

Jimmy said. "Neither one of them got to see this, but I think they're looking down in amazement."

The new location also features several improvements that enhance the store's service, such as new software and improved digital communication channels with physicians' offices. Drive-through lanes for prescription pick-up are another popular addition.

Dodd said City Drug continues to offer free delivery within the city limits as well and the store offers gift items that are unique to Arkansas, along with a variety of other holiday and event related products.

"We're not the only good pharmacy in town," Dodd said, "but we know there's a place for a business like this that focuses on personal relationships and quality of service. Part of the mission is to build relationships with people and have those relationships grow over a long period of time." ♦

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# June

## CALENDAR

### Friday, June 5

**TWO MILE GLOW RUN FOR DIABETES**, at the old Greene County Tech High School Campus ("Eagle Mile" course). Register online at [www.raceonline.com](http://www.raceonline.com). Pre-registration closes at midnight on Thursday, June 4. Cost is \$20.00 for both runners and walkers. Event is hosted by AMMC and the Northeast Arkansas Diabetes Organization and proceeds benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research

Foundation (JDRF) and the American Diabetes Association. For more information, call 870-239-7467 or email [allison.hitt@arkansasmethodist.org](mailto:allison.hitt@arkansasmethodist.org).

### Fri. & Sat., June 5 & 6

**34 ANNUAL PORTFEST FESTIVAL**, at the Jacksonport State Park Picnic Area. Musical concerts with a fireworks display on Saturday night. During the day, enjoy carnival rides, children's activities, bass tournament, craft and food booths and more. For more information and on concert performances and entertainment schedule, call 870-523-2143 or visit [arkansasstateparks.com](http://arkansasstateparks.com) and click on Jacksonport State Park - Events.

### Saturday, June 6

**GARY SCHUCHARDT 13TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL WALK AND KIDS MUD RUN**, at Pavilion #1 in Craighead Forest Park. 5K Run/Walk & 10k Run registers 6:30-8:15 a.m. with race beginning at 8:30. Kids Mud Run registers 6:30-7:30 a.m. and race starts at 8:00 a.m. For more information, call 870-935-3658.

### Saturday, June 6

**ANTIQUE CAR SHOW**, hosted by the Greene County Museum at 130 South 14th Street in Paragould. Members of the Crowley's Ridge Cruisers and the Antique Car Club will display their vehicles. Anyone interested may display a vehicle and there is no entry fee. For more information call 870-239-8697 or visit [www.greenecountymuseum.com](http://www.greenecountymuseum.com) or check out their Facebook page.

### Saturday, June 6

**RALLY ON THE RIDGE**, in downtown Jonesboro. For more information, visit [rorrally.com](http://rorrally.com).

### Saturday, June 6

**CHAD GARRETT & FRIENDS**, at the Collins Theatre. Featuring Randy Aden, Ken Wadley, Kevin King, Brad Owen, and special guest Niki Martin. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for kids 10 and under. Advance tickets are on sale at The Treasure House one week in advance of performance.

### June 8-19 My Summer Success Day Camp

**FREE SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS**, teaching healthy living at the Center for Healthy Children, NEA Baptist Wellness Center at 2617 Phillips Drive. The center will offer three 2-week sessions, Monday thru Friday throughout the summer with both a morning and afternoon option. For more information, log on to [www.neabaptistfoundation.org](http://www.neabaptistfoundation.org) or contact Erica Huffstetler at 870-336-1760.

### Thursday, June 11

**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM...** a garden party benefitting Alzheimer's Association at the Silos, 1743 County Road 380, Bono, Arkansas. Cocktails at 6 p.m. and Dinner at 7 p.m. with both live and silent auctions and dancing with Eleven Cent Ransom Band. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$400 for a table of eight. For tickets and more information, call Jane Gunter, [jgunter@alz.org](mailto:jgunter@alz.org) or 501-265-0027.

### Now - Friday, June 26

**BRAND IT BLUE DAY**, sponsored by Express Employment to help fight against hunger in our community. Donate non-perishable food items until Friday, June 26, by dropping them by the Express office located at 517 N. 14th Street, Suite 1 in Paragould. For more information on how you can help, call Express at 870-236-4888 or visit [ExpressPros.com/BrandItBlueDay](http://ExpressPros.com/BrandItBlueDay).

### Monday, June 22

**KASU'S BLUEGRASS MONDAY**, with The Jeannette Williams Band at 7:00 p.m. at the Collins Theatre. No admission but \$5 donation is suggested.

### Saturday, July 18

**RIDE THE RIDGE 100**, benefiting the Arkansas National Guard Family Readiness Group (FRG). The bicycle ride features 28, 55, and 100 mile routes along scenic Crowley's Ridge. The 1st bike leaves at 7:00 a.m. For more information, contact Jasen Dobson at 870-318-8025 or email [ridetheridge100@gmail.com](mailto:ridetheridge100@gmail.com).



# Recurring EVENTS

**First Monday of every month:** Paragould Young Professionals First Monday Lunch, noon.

**First & Third Wednesday:** Perking on Pruett, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. At Something Sweet. Find out what's happening in the One and Only downtown Paragould. Your input is welcome.

**Second Tuesday of every month:** The Greene County Wildlife Club meets at the Paragould Community Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Second Tuesday of every month:** Greene County Master Gardeners present a Brown Bag Lunch Program at the Greene County Library, from 12-1. Bring a lunch and enjoy a free gardening presentation.

**Third Thursday of every month:** Alive After Five, Downtown street market in Downtown Jonesboro.

**Second Thursday of every month:** The Compassionate Friends, 7:00 p.m. Southside Community Church Conference Room, 2211 Jones Road. For parents grieving the loss of a child. tcfofnortheastarkansas@yahoo.com.

**Second Thursday of every month:** The Memory Cafe, support group for those having memory, dementia or Alzheimer's at 1:00 p.m. at Swirlz Yogurt and Coffee.

**Second Wednesday of every month:** St. Mary's Spaghetti Dinner, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Admission is \$6 for all you can eat spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drink. At St. Mary's Catholic Church in Paragould.

**Every Saturday:** Paragould Farmers' Market, beginning at 7:00 a.m. at the Greene County Courthouse parking lot.

**Every Third Monday:** Greene County Retired Teachers Meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Grecian Steak House. All retired Greene County school personnel are invited.

**Every Third Thursday:** Alzheimer's Support Group with the Alzheimer's Arkansas Association and Home Instead Senior Care, 2:00 p.m. at Chateau on the Ridge.

**Fourth Tuesday of every month:** Greene County Master Gardener Meeting, Greene County Library, 6 p.m., guests welcome.

**T.O.P.S. (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)** Wednesday mornings at the Paragould Community Center in Room E. Private Weigh In at 8:00 a.m.; support meeting at 8:30 a.m. May attend one meeting as a guest.

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Wayne Weatherford

**A**lthough Wayne Weatherford was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he has lived the last 18 years in Jonesboro. He is currently the store manager of Jonesboro Restaurant Equipment. Weatherford enjoys cooking BBQ on the side and has competed in BBQ competitions for 15 years.

**How did you get interested in cooking BBQ?**

Through mutual friends. In 2000, I had friends that competed in BBQ competitions and they asked me to come help and after that I became more interested.

**What is your favorite BBQ recipe to cook?**

Pork Boston Butt. I like it because it is a versatile BBQ. You can have it on almost anything.

**What has been your biggest cooking disaster?**

Ohhhh ... so I had a rotisserie smoker and one of the pork shoulders fell and it caused a chain reaction and all nine fell to the bottom of the smoker. We didn't notice it until we smelled them burning. Upon inspection we discovered that all the meat was in the firebox.

**What advice do you have for others wanting to start BBQ-ing?**

Well I think, start simple. Start with a small smoker and read, read, read. And go cook with friends, whether it's in a backyard or in competitions; they can teach you and it makes it more fun. ♦

# NEA COOKS



## Boston Butt

**Ingredients:**

- Smoker
- Charcoal
- Wood (Hickory preferred)
- 6-8 lb. Boston butt
- Your Favorite Rub (Hoggin-It-All Rub)
- Apple Juice
- Apple Cider Vinegar
- Water

**Directions:**

Rub meat liberally the night before with your desired rub. Wrap with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator overnight or for 12-15 hours.

The following day, prepare smoker. This includes putting charcoal and wood into the smoker and lighting it. With the pit ready, get it to cooking temperature. Typical smoking temperature is 225 degrees F. Unwrap meat and place it in a centralized location.

Cook for 1 1/2 hours per pound of meat. Typical cooking time is 12-15 hours depending on the size of meat you have. Moisten every hour by spritzing with 1/3 apple juice, 1/3 apple cider vinegar, and 1/3 water.

Cook until the meat reaches an internal temperature of approximately 210 degrees F or until thermometer probe slides in and out smoothly. Once meat is done it can be chopped or pulled apart. Add more of your favorite rub to the finished product to your taste. ♦

## BBQ Nachos

**Ingredients:**

- Pulled Pork
- Cheddar Cheese
- BBQ sauce
- Sour cream
- Tortilla chips
- Pickled jalapenos

**Directions:**

Put tortilla chips on a platter. Cover generously with pulled pork. Ladle BBQ sauce over it. Sprinkle shredded cheddar cheese. Microwave or put under broiler to melt the cheese. Add some more BBQ sauce. Top with sour cream & jalapenos.

This recipe can be modified to your liking. If you don't like sour cream and jalapenos, don't include them. If you like a lot of cheese, sprinkle a bunch of cheese. If you



want a lot of meat, put as much as you want on it. ♦

# STAY TUNED

What's in Store For Next Month

Premiere Award Winners



The ballots are in and counted -- finally -- for the annual Premiere Awards, selected by our readers. Be sure to pick up a July issue to see if your favorite business or business professional was also found at the top of the heap by fellow Premiere readers. ♦

## Patriotism



Premiere writers will bring you feature stories related to the July 4 celebrations and the spirit of patriotism connected to them. ♦

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