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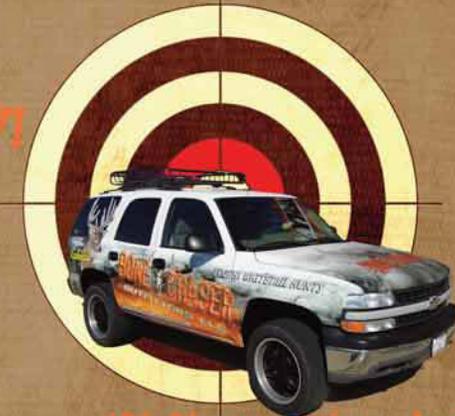
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Fall is finally here! I must say, personally, this is my favorite season as the temperatures drop, leaves turn, and football is in high gear! Before you know it Thanksgiving will be here, and it will be time to be mindful of all the blessings we have in life. It will also be a time when we are given the daunting task of eating more than humanly possible in a very brief period of time. The word "stuffing" will carry more than one meaning! As a veterinarian, it's also a season when I see an increase in visits due to our pet's overindulgence. This month I'll attempt to give some brief dietary recommendations that may help keep your pet from falling ill during this festive season.

First off let's talk about bones. The basic rule of thumb is to avoid all bones that are left over from our home cooked meals or "carryout" for that matter. Commercially made "bones" are normally safer as long as they can't be swallowed or broken into smaller edible pieces. Ribs and chicken (bird) bones are some of the most dangerous, as they are likely to form sharp pieces during chewing and are often the culprit for serious gastrointestinal problems.

What about turkey and other "fixins". I may surprise you by saying that a lot of the healthy foods that we eat are healthy for our pets too. The problem typically develops when the foods are high in fat and are fed in larger portions than needed. We also learned throughout life about eating a "balanced diet", and this is where most homemade pet food diets fall short. Generally, high quality commercial diets are the safest choice. This is definitely a topic to discuss with your veterinarian as diet recommendations should be tailored for your specific pet.

Common foods to avoid include: chocolate, raisins, grapes, onions, macadamia nuts and rising bread dough. Each of these is typically harmless in very small quantities, but I still recommend staying away from them entirely. Xylitol, an artificial sweetener found in sugar free gum, is also toxic to dogs. There are others, but these seem to be the more common ones.

Hopefully these few tips will help you to have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving with your pet.



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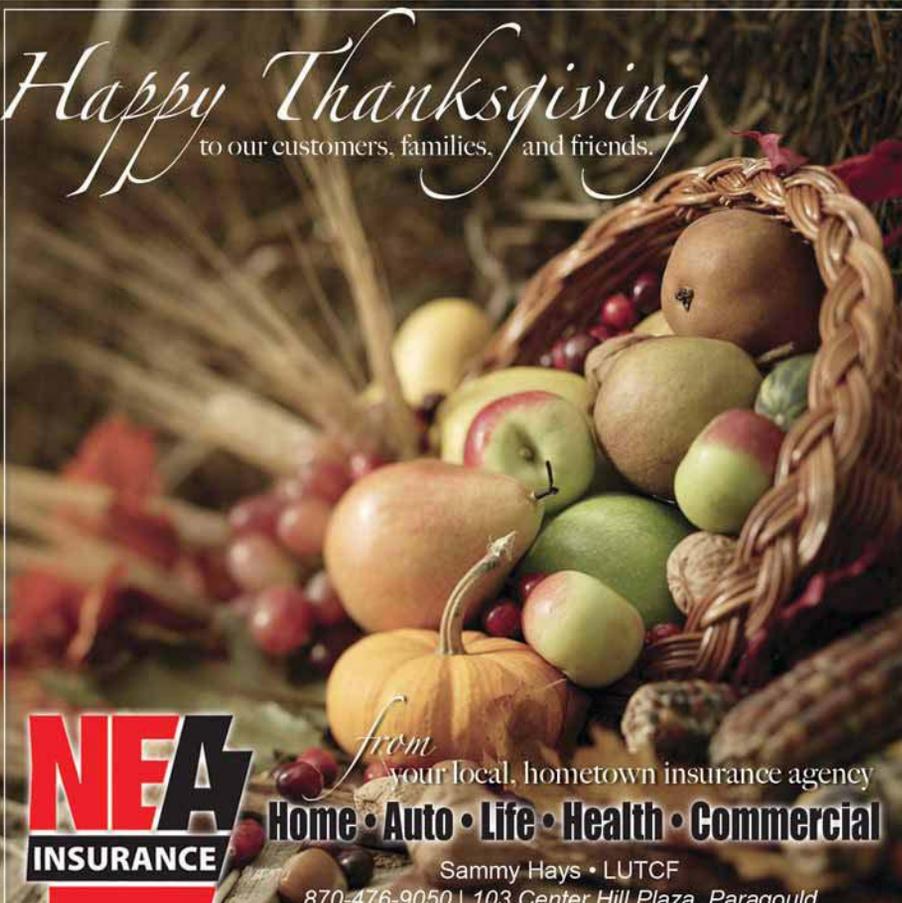
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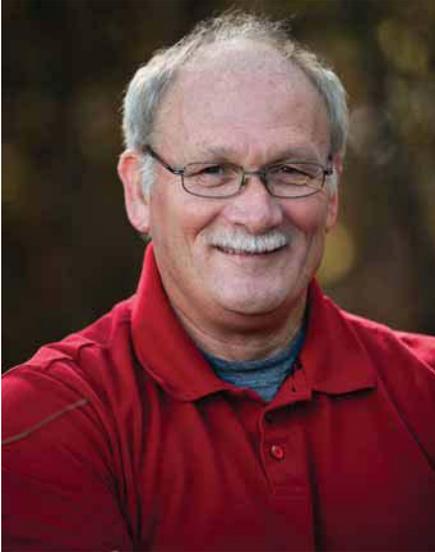


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Richard Brummett, Managing Editor

If you're looking for news about local people, this month's Premiere Magazine should suit you just fine.

Focusing on locally-owned businesses, we present some great examples of them for you in a spread starting on page 20. Good

old home-owned-and-operated businesses are what make Paragould and the Greene County area so special, because as a shopper you can feel you're doing business with family.

Quite often, you are.

With November being designated National Novel Writing Month, we solicited suggestions from Premiere readers regarding local authors, then picked a handful from those mentioned to show the wide range of writers, both in age and subject matter.

Their stories begin on page 32 and coincide with a visit from nationally acclaimed author Julia Cook, who spoke to students and teachers at both Marmaduke and Greene County Tech schools.

In addition to promoting her collection of children's books, Cook made a presentation designed to emphasize to the students the need to practice safety when in the midst of strangers and to provide them with easy-to-learn steps to avoid adults who would do them harm, known to her as "scoopers."

Be sure not only to check out her story, but to also see who this month's Outstanding Teachers are.

Premiere staffers made stops at events like The Miracle Rodeo, Oktoberfest, Greene County Tech's Fun Run and the popular Union Pacific train rides in Downtown Paragould to bring you recaps, and we again offer regular features like I Am Greene County, Business Is Good, Happenings and NEA Cooks.



Ropin' at The Miracle Rodeo.

We have our usual mix of the informative -- as witnessed by the nuts and bolts of Issue #1 scheduled for the November ballot, and the local headliners like award-winner Amber Gill and Paragould Civitan Club news -- and the entertaining, with Gabriel Cook's *What's The Fuss* aimed at making you take life a bit less seriously. ♦

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MIRACLE RODEO



Cowboys and cowgirls of all ages converged on the Greene County Fairgrounds to take part in the 21st Annual Miracle Rodeo.

Local volunteers helped the special needs participants with events like bull riding, calf roping or testing their musical talents on the karaoke stage, and they all left with smiles on their faces. ♦



Nancy Tipton, right, poses with Alivia and Landen Maltbie while they pet one of the Miracle Rodeo horses.

Veteran of Rodeo says she'll return 'forever'

Nancy Tipton wanted her photograph taken with a horse. And with her niece. And with her nephew.

Nancy has been coming to the Miracle Rodeo for nine years and said taking part in "wagon rides and petting and loving on the horses" makes the annual trip worthwhile.

She said the Miracle Rodeo is one of her favorite events of the year, and she plans "to come back forever. I love it; and I love the people."

Nancy is the daughter of Mark and Darsha Tipton and participates in the FOCUS program locally. ♦



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The Arkansas Methodist Medical Center Foundation recently held its 18th Annual Golf Tournament at the Paragould Country Club. The event raised more than \$47,000. Pictured left to right are Melanie Stacy, RehabCare Regional Director of Operations; Kathy Lowery, RehabCare Community Relations Coordinator; Don Wilcox RehabCare Program Director; Terry Austin, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center Foundation Director and Barry Davis, AMMC President/CEO.



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Hundreds of people showed up at the Greene County Fairgrounds in Paragould to take part in the “Buddy Walk,” an event designed to support people with Down Syndrome. At right, D.A.R.E. officers Corporal Jack Hailey, left, and Corporal Bradley Snyder, right, stopped and posed for a picture with Rowdy Ram (Steven Elmore).



First time for Paragould

Local ‘Buddy Walk’ proves to be a big success

By Jennifer Thompson

On Saturday, October 20, more than 400 people showed up at the Greene County Fairgrounds to walk in support of someone they know who has Down Syndrome.

The “Buddy Walk,” which was hosted by the Northeast Arkansas Down Syndrome Association (NEADSA), was held in Paragould for the first time, and it appears to have been a huge success.

The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) founded the Buddy Walk in 1995 to spread its mission of promoting the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome at the local level. The national program has grown from 17 Walks in 1995 to over 250 Buddy Walks expected this year. Last year, more than 285,000 people participated in a Buddy Walk and over \$11 million was raised to support both local and national programs, according to information included on the website <http://www.ndss.org>.

Amanda Peters, chairperson for NEADSA said this was the eighth year for the Buddy Walk in Northeast Arkansas, though it usually takes place in Jonesboro. She said she is hoping to continue having the event in Paragould in the future.

She said the idea behind the Buddy Walk is to raise money for the association, with 90 percent of the funds raised going directly back into the local association, but it is to also raise general awareness about Down Syndrome.

Peters said, “Not only is October Down Syndrome Awareness month nationwide, but Judge Jerry Shipman has made it Down Syndrome Awareness Month in Paragould as well. Judge Shipman was also there on Saturday to give the opening prayer before the walk started. Also, at the walk, we had Mary Broadaway and Tori Thompson (who showed up as a stand-in for her husband, Senator Robert Thompson, who had other obligations). Other sponsors we had included: The Greene County Fairgrounds, Sunrise Distributing, Turner Dairy, Chick-Fil-A (which sponsored half of the event with

NEADSA), NEA Clinic-Paragould and Tenaris in Blytheville.”

“We had 400-people-plus (participate in the walk),” Peters said when asked about the turnout at the event. She also said nine-month-old Lila Mecham’s team raised the most money at the event, bringing in \$2,993, with Bailey Craft’s team right behind them.

The day prior to the walk, fundraisers with the association stood at the intersection of Highway 412 and Reynolds Road/Carroll Road with buckets in another fundraising effort. Peters said the group raised \$614 from the roadblock alone.

According to NDSS, “One in every 691 babies in the the United States is born with Down Syndrome, making it the most common chromosomal condition. It occurs when an individual has a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21. Approximately 400,000 Americans have Down syndrome and about 6,000 babies with Down Syndrome are born in the United States each year.” ♦



German car enthusiasts were treated to a variety of automobiles for their viewing, above left, while Abilities Unlimited staged a fashion show, above and right. Below, The Running of the Wieners delighted onlookers.



OKTOBERFEST

From fashion shows to pet parades and just about everything in between, Downtown Paragould hosted it all in the annual Oktoberfest celebration

Southern Bank supplied the goods for youngsters who wanted to paint pumpkins, above and below.



Oktoberfest goers could watch pets in cars, above, the pet parade, left, or the Sr. B.E.E.S. Line Dancers, below.



One-year-old's picture of innocence is just for show; and soon he'll be two

My son turns 1 on November 1st. It has been twenty months since my wife and I discovered we were going to have a child, and in that time I have gone from expectant parent to confirmed basket case.

What used to be a small, pink lump that just lay there looking confused is now a mobile, twenty-three pound wrecking crew. The helpless baby that once concerned himself with little more than eating, sleeping, and staining my shirts now terrorizes the household, destruction following in his tiny wake.

Crawling did not interest him. Intent on traveling alone, the boy simply took off on his own one day — endangering every possession gleaned from seven years of marriage. Some favorites include the television stand, which houses various fragile knickknacks, and my DVDs ... all 800 of them. To leave him alone for even a minute is to find a dozen or more cases strewn about the floor,

What's The Fuss?

By Fuss



the discs themselves hurled across the room.

Bookshelves, in particular, are preferred contraband. Thinking himself unnoticed, he begins a thorough reorganization by dropping books on the floor. He does not take our opinion of his decorating skills into account, nor does a severe reprimand after such refurbishment convince him to explore other entertainment.

Cabinets have become a thing of dread. Often I'm awakened at 5 a.m. to the banging of doors in the bathroom ... my son's favorite endeavor while his mother readies for work. Doorstops are left alone until I decide to nap, at which point my son plays them like alien instruments, flicking them until their

mournful "bwoooing-oing-oing" makes sleep impossible. Side tables, too, are venues for mischief, and a drinking glass left unguarded invariably leads to someone's having to change clothes.

Mealtimes are cause for panic. Having graduated from formula to baby food, my son now believes himself ready for steak and eggs. When pureed squash is put to his lips, he shows his distaste by spitting vigorously. We've found it useful to lay tarpaulins down to aid post-meal cleanup.

Vocally, my son is virtuosic. He can achieve sounds beyond the range of most dogs, and his volume is the envy of opera singers the world over. When properly inspired, he adds the waving of arms and kicking of feet to his performance, garnering the attention of everyone within a three-block radius.

To all around him — especially grandparents — my son is the picture of innocence. When alone in his presence, I fear for my well-being. His favorite joke is to sneak up behind me and use my legs to haul himself upright ... which leads to my mooning the neighbors when my pants fall down. He finds the result hysterical; the neighbors find it a real shame.

So much has changed in the previous year that I have little notion of what the next will bring. All I know is that I was a normal human being once, and that I get tired of hearing "What a nasty twitch you have" everywhere I go.

I sleep well knowing everything will calm down when he turns 2. ♦

Correction

A story in the October issue of *Premiere Magazine* detailing progress on the Paragould School District's Primary School contained incorrect information regarding the number of classrooms planned.

The actual numbers are:

PreK rooms 7

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Incorrect information was provided for the story, but we regret the error just the same. ♦



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East Side Baptist hosts kickoff for Operation Christmas Child

East Side Baptist church recently played host to Amy Johnson, Mid-South Regional Director for Operation Christmas Child, who shared experiences from her first shoe box distribution trip to Uganda.



Amy Johnson

Several people attended the kickoff event for the program, which provides shoe boxes stuffed with Christmas toys for needy children.

Melinda Dixon, Operation Christmas Child's Area Coordinator for Northeast Arkansas, presented Johnson to the audience. She said the session was a "countdown event to distribute supplies and a rally to help people get ready to build shoe boxes."



Melinda Dixon



Those attending East Side Baptist's Operation Christmas Child workshop were treated to a presentation by Amy Johnson, Mid-South Regional Director, and given pointers on how to build the gift boxes for needy children.





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Outstanding Teacher Awards

Tammy Morgan, Special Education, Paragould Jr. High



I have always wanted to work with children. I first chose to teach Early Childhood/Elementary Education, but during practice teaching, I gravitated toward the student that needed the most help. I wanted to help that one student, and that is when I chose to return to school and work on a Master's degree in Special Education. I am a Special Education teacher who teaches life skills and academic skills. I am able to work with my students more directly, mostly on a one to one basis. I am able to see the gains that my students make throughout the day.

I enjoy teaching most when I see one of my students complete a task they couldn't complete the day

before. I see them smile and laugh about their accomplishment. I know that this is a great achievement for them and I hope I am helping them become more independent in their skills. As they grow in their learning, I grow in my learning. Sometimes, I am not sure who is teaching who. I enjoy being able to find new ways to help my students gain their independence in their environment.

This will be my 10th year of teaching. I am working on National Board for Professional Teaching certification and hope to pass in November. I feel like the 10 years have flown by. They have been enjoyable.

I am married to Keith Morgan, who works at Turner Dairy. We have two sons, Hunter and Deven Parker. ♦

Shelly Templeton, 5th grade Greene County Tech

I decided to be a teacher because I believe education can help us to construct a better world and a better future. Teaching is about not only motivating students to learn, but teaching them how to learn, and doing so in a manner that is relevant, meaningful, and memorable. It's about appreciating my profession, having a passion for it, and conveying that passion to my students.

Teaching is a demanding, yet rewarding profession. I enjoy teaching the most when locking eyes with a student and seeing the connections form, concepts being shaped, the

student becoming confident, and a smile cracking across a face as learning all of a sudden "happens."

This is my 13th year of teaching. I have taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Remedial Reading and currently teach 5th grade Literacy at Greene County Tech Intermediate.

I am married to my wonderful supportive husband, Neil Templeton. We have two lovely daughters, Shelbe Dollars and Emilee Higdon. They have blessed us with five remarkable grandchildren: Konner, Kadence, Kieara, Kenadee, and Karleigh. ♦



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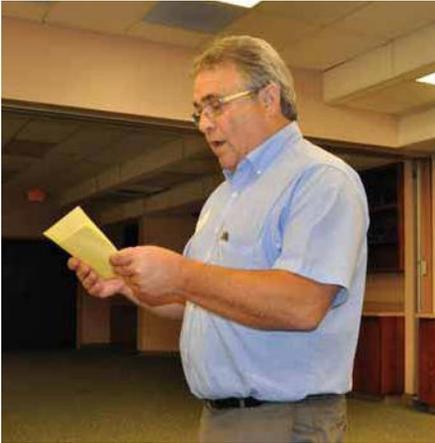
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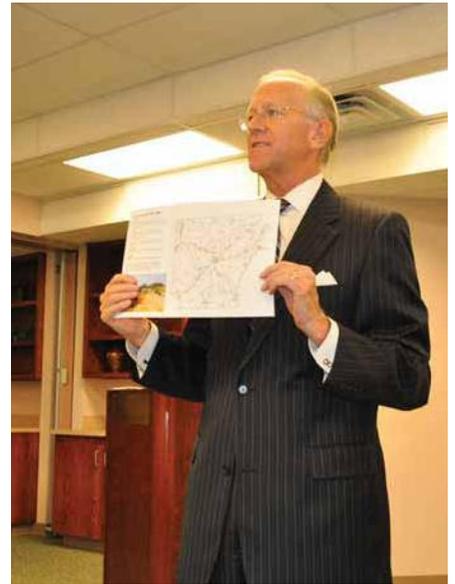


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Tom Kirk and Craig Douglass

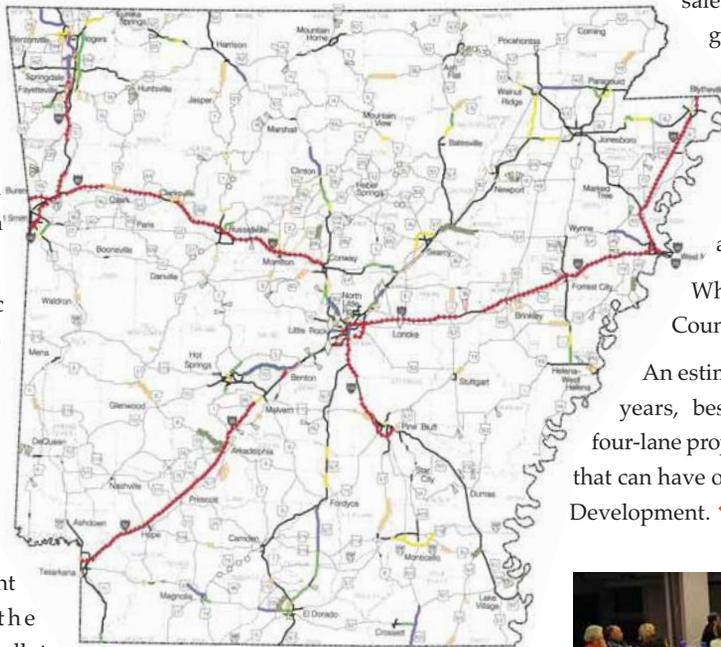
Issue #1 will address economic development through four-lane highway, local roadways



Craig Douglass of Move Arkansas Forward

Issue #1 on the November ballot will impact Greene County, according to Craig Douglass, Mayor Mike Gaskill, Arkansas Economic Development Commissioner Tom Kirk, and Move Arkansas Forward Northeast Arkansas Chairperson Ed Way.

A presentation to Paragould Economic Development Commission members and guests presented that Issue #1 will build more four-lane highways, improve county roads, fix city streets and support 40,000 jobs, without raising taxes on necessities like groceries, medicine or gasoline. Issue #1 is a proposed Constitutional Amendment that will appear on the November 6, 2012, General Election ballot. Issue #1 will finance a \$1.3 billion bond issue for four-lane highway construction designed to connect all parts of Arkansas, as well as provide \$670 million to



sales tax, again, not applied to groceries, medicine or gas. The temporary tax will be abolished when the 10-year bond issue is paid off and there can be no extension of it under the constitutional amendment.

What does it mean for Greene County?

An estimated \$940,764 per year for 10 years, besides the impact of all the four-lane projects on the map and the effect that can have on Greene County's Economic Development. ♦

be shared by every city and county for local road and street improvements.

Issue #1 will be a temporary, 10-year, ½ cent



Bobby Kasserman and Ed Way



Val Smith and Tiffany Clark



Roger Colbert and Jerry Noble

Who is Greene County?

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Dan Martin Age: 54

What I do: Retired Marine and a Greene County Wildlife Club board member.

Where are you from? Paragould.

What I like most about Greene County: The people, living in the country and researching Native American history.

My family: My wife Shelby works at St. Bernards as an X-Ray technologist. My daughter Danita home schools my 9-year-old granddaughter Kaylee.

Hobbies: Finding and studying Indian artifacts, hunting and playing with Kaylee. Since I'm retired, I like working with the Wildlife Club and enjoying my hobbies. Kaylee, especially, keeps me very happy and busy.

Something most people don't know about me: I grew up extremely poor. Being able to live comfortably is very satisfying. I am proud to live in this community.

Dan was photographed at his home.

Running for a good cause



Greene County Tech students took part in their annual Fun Run to promote health and wellness ...



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Business Is Good

Jetton moves to new site

Lots of people wondered what was going on at the old indoor tennis center on Carroll Road in Paragould, and now they can find out.

Jetton General Contracting remodeled the facility, which it owned, to house its offices in the front of the building, and to serve as a storage area for equipment in the back.

Located at 1211 Carroll Road, the remodeled building and the one next door provide Jetton's with about 50,000 square feet of storage space. ♦



Jetton's has given a new look to the old tennis center on Carroll Road. Below left are Brandon Treat, Job Site Superintendent, and Andrew Berner, Vice President of Operations, while at right is part of the storage space for equipment.



Arkansas Methodist Medical Center earns nine awards

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center has been honored by the Arkansas Hospital Association (AHA) for outstanding hospital advertising, marketing and public relations with nine awards including two Diamond Awards, four Certificates of Excellence and three Certificates of Merit.

AMMC took the top Diamond Awards in the Advertising-Print Category for ads "Nationally Recognized" and "Heartfelt Technology-Catching Killers."

AHA Certificates of Excellence were awarded in the Annual Report Category - "Report to the CommUNITY" and in the Print Category for ads "One Small Incision," "Heart in the Right Place" and "Wish List."

In addition, AMMC received three Judges' Merit Awards for in the Print Category for "Pink Pages - Cost of Living" and "Jeopardy-



Arkansas Methodist Medical Center Director of Marketing and Public Relations Shay Willis receives two Diamond Awards at the Arkansas Hospital Association's 82nd Annual Meeting recently. Presenting the awards are Renee Freeman, President of the Arkansas Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations and Doug Weeks, Senior Vice President of Hospital Operations at Baptist Health Little Rock and AHA Chairman Elect.

Men's Health Fair" and in the External Category for The Foundation's CommUNITY E-Newsletter.

The awards were presented to AMMC at an awards dinner held at The Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas, in conjunction with the AHA's 82nd Annual Meeting and Trade Show.

"We are honored to be recognized by the AHA," AMMC's President and CEO Barry Davis said. "While our primary focus is providing compassionate, quality healthcare for our patients, we hope that our dedication and commitment is reflected in our marketing and advertising efforts."

The Arkansas Hospital Association's awards program is held annually to recognize Arkansas healthcare institutions for their exemplary work in the communications field. ♦

Vassar named new director at Chateau

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center's Retirement Community Board of Directors has named Debra Vassar, RN, as the Administrator/Community Director at Chateau on the Ridge Assisted Living.



Debra Vassar

Mrs. Vassar began her career at AMMC in 1980 and has been in nursing management since 1987. In her role as the Chief Nursing Officer, she provided leadership for all nursing functions within the medical center and developed processes and procedures that promoted high quality care. In her new role, she is responsible for all aspects of an assisted living facility including assuring residents' health and functional needs are met; supervision of staff; management of community finances; continuous quality improvement; meeting state and other regulatory requirements and coordinating marketing and public relations.

Vassar received her Associate Degree in Nursing from Arkansas State University and her Bachelor in Nursing from Southeast Missouri State. She recently received her Assisted Living Administrator Certification and is one of the founders of the Mission Outreach Charitable Clinic, established in Paragould in 2007 to serve the medical needs of underprivileged residents.

Debra and her husband, Jimmy, enjoy spending time with their children: daughter and son-in-law, Kerri and Lael Breckenridge, and granddaughter, Lily Breckenridge; and son and daughter-in-law Kyle and Whitney Vassar.

The staff, residents and Retirement Community Board of Directors of Chateau on the Ridge hosted "Rockin' on the Ridge", a one-year anniversary celebration in October. Those attending enjoyed an old fashioned ice cream social, the Senior B.E.E.S.' Line Dancers and '50s music. ♦

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Tammy Taylor and her Helen Marie's Perfect Touch staff try to add the perfect touch to your shopping experience.

Taylor says owning a business is a chance to serve others

By Richard Brummett

Owning a business is more than a money-making venture. For Tammy Taylor, proprietor of Helen Marie's Perfect Touch, it constitutes a way to be of service.

"It keeps me in touch with what's going on in the community," said Taylor, who has owned the business since 2006, having purchased it from Pat Mitchell. "I get to donate to causes I wouldn't know about otherwise; it's a way to help people, because I'm in a position to serve. Times are tough in retail just like they are everywhere else, but you still have to try.

"Every little thing you do makes a difference."

Taylor feels her store, thanks to both loyal employees as well as loyal customers, has built a reputation as "a place for people to shop locally and feel they'll get exactly what they're looking for."

Naturally, she hopes shoppers will stay in

town during this holiday season and "help keep dollars in our area. People may not realize it, but things on the market in retail are available everywhere ... there are very few 'protected' lines, so you can find what you need right here at home."

Her customers have been doing that for decades, some with in-store accounts "more than 20 years old. They shop for registry items by phone. And I'm gearing more toward bridal and baby registry business now. I'm trying to be more specific and not rely as much on the home interior and decor. I'm also trying to keep up with changes and make it more appealing to the younger shoppers."

Taylor said she loves feedback from customers who say they get excited when they see a Helen Marie's gift-wrapped present waiting for them.

"Beautiful gifts are something we're known for," she said. "We've been told that when anyone gets a gift and sees the wrapping, they

know they are going to get something beautiful and special if it came from us. That's really nice to hear."

Taylor said employees Janie Harris, Norene Williams and Ann Batey have each been with the store for 16 or 17 years and are always willing to walk customers through their gift-buying decisions.

"First and foremost, we are a bridal registry," she said, "but we have some wonderful bath and body products and with my jewelry, I try real hard to buy at different places at market so we always have a fresh look.

"One of the things that makes us different is that we gift wrap for free. Anyone who has bought their own gift bags and wrapping knows how big a deal that is. And we deliver."

Helen Marie's Perfect Touch is located at 314 W. Garland St. in Paragould and is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 5:00, and Saturday from 9:30 to 3:00. ♦



Hyde Pharmacy

Hyde Pharmacy likes to bill itself as “a community pharmacy” and it certainly seems to fill the bill, having been a part of the Paragould community – in the same location – since 1955.

Located at 1001 W. Kingshighway, the business was started by Frank W. Hyde and then purchased by Steve and Lana Smoker in 1990. In May of 1997 Wyatt’s Pharmacy was bought and combined into the current business, as well. Nine years later Ken Kuenzel became a

junior partner and it has been business as usual ever since.

Hyde’s staff says the community pharmacy includes providing medicine, monitoring drug interaction, immunizations for flu and pneumonia, delivery service to in-town patients and “face-to-face informative consulting.”

Steve said an advantage of owning one’s own business is “being able to provide service above and beyond some of the corporate businesses. You establish a personal relationship with patients that sometimes goes farther than just business transactions.”

Hyde’s also will provide services when emergencies come up, even at inconvenient hours.

“Treat others like you want to be treated,” Smoker said, when asked what advice he would give others. “Do all your business right the first time. People will do business with honest people.

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Ken Kuenzel and Steve Smoker

Community Title & Escrow

Community Title & Escrow gives new meaning to the phrase “family-owned business.”

Owner Van Winton is a fifth-generation abstractor, following suit with a family tradition that dates back more than 100 years, having opened in Clay County in 1886. Van’s mother, Lucy, an abstractor for 45 years, still works daily in the Clay County office.

The local firm specializes in title insurance, abstracting and real estate settlement services. It was purchased in 2000, and Winton says he hopes it will continue to be a family operated business for generations to come.

“The business specializes in service,” he said. “We strive to provide the most complete and accurate real estate settlement services. We are one of the most technologically advanced title operations in the state. All services are available online to enable the customer to view their transaction from start to finish. We have applications for your “smart phone” or tablet. All are free and are a part of our closing and title insurance process.”

Winton said running a business requires constant supervision but by having family involved “you always know that they are looking out for your best interests and want the

business to succeed and be profitable.” By the same token, business is never far from family members’ minds and is often a topic of discussion at gatherings.

He said one should “make sure you do your due diligence” when opting to start a business and take into consideration finances, employee training, networking and joining available trade associations.

Winton is President of the Arkansas Land Title Association and serves as Chair of the Arkansas Abstractors Board of Examiners, having been appointed by the governor in 2008.

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Something Sweet

Something Sweet, located at 221 S. Pruet St., is nearing its one-year anniversary as a member of the Downtown Paragould community. The doors opened for business on Dec. 6, 2011, the night of the annual Christmas Parade.

Owners Tracy Mothershed and Kim Workman consider themselves “sisters that destiny forgot to give us. We have been best friends for a really long time, all the way back when big hair was cool.”

Something Sweet’s specialty is “baking memories,



Tracy Mothershed and Kim Workman

making people smile. We are original with our ideas, and try to come up with new flavors and combinations to keep it fun.” They offer a variety of cupcakes, scones, brownies, cookies, and flavored coffee on a daily basis, in addition to offering custom cakes by order and lots more. They consider themselves a family-owned business because they call on husbands and children to help out as needed.

The owners say they would tell anyone considering opening their own business to “find something you love and are passionate about, and just go for it. Don’t wait twenty years wondering ‘what if?’”

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Hunton Office Supply

One of the newer businesses in Paragould isn’t a new business at all. Hunton Office Supply, which opened locally at 123 W. Court St. just a few weeks ago, represents the third location for the Bradshaw family. Charles and Jeanette purchased their original business in Forrest City in 1972, and daughter Pam Bradshaw Pharris is carrying on the tradition here. “All of my immediate family have or are still working for HOS,” she said. “My mom and dad still work there and my brother and I worked all through our school years, and I am still with the company full-time.” She said her husband, Louis, and brother, Terry, still help out as needed.

The store offers retail office supplies, machines and furniture and “everything for the office except the secretary,” Pam said. “We are Canon authorized dealers and our service technicians are trained by Canon to service your Canon copiers and faxes. We also service other machines.”

Pam said the upside of owning one’s own business is that “when you argue with the boss, you know you can’t get fired. Sometimes you feel there are more disadvantages, but really it’s knowing your family has been able to help the communities and their customers as much as they could.”

She said the difficult part is “no long holidays” because they are expected to be open right before and right after

Thanksgiving and Christmas but feels “every person should own their own business for at least a year; it would give everybody a new respect for the workplace and how we look at how we work. It is nice having your own business but a lot of responsibility. Make sure it is something you enjoy doing because you’re going to eat, sleep and breathe it for a while.”

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In my life, nothing is black and white. I see things in color... That's just me. For so many years, I had this difficulty figuring it all out. At this point in time, I translate it so well, because it's so real for me. Everything I love most in life resides in my home.

My husband and children inspire me in life and business.

At LIV, it's all about my client. I'm fascinated by people. I love to get to know them and create a room that fits their personal style.

Sure... We have a certain look that satisfies the trend, but mostly it's inspired by us. My husband loves a rustic theme. He is an authentic Arkansan. I embrace that, wholeheartedly. I like to combine a rustic feel with contemporary design. We love reclaimed wood and natural materials paired with trendy fabrics and print. Our art is colorful and oversized. It doesn't just occupy wall space, it makes a statement. I don't like to house things in my store that don't demand attention. I like art and accessories that speak to my clients. Living out loud in your home is your prerogative... You should be surrounded by things that inspire you in life.



Tim & Tiffany Napier and sons Reece & Canon

In terms of Christmas, we have a very unique style. I don't want to create anything that can be seen elsewhere. I like to create something different each year. Even our neutral designs are colorful. I love it when my customers walk in and say, 'Wow.' That's the type of reaction I want my clients to hear at home. You can buy single pieces or take home an entire look. Most importantly, I want my product to be affordable. We love to celebrate our faith and family, in style, at Christmas time. I want to give my clients the same opportunity.

In short, LIV is about living in the rush of the holiday or everyday life. It's a store that was built on a foundation of family. I pay tribute to my husband, who is really responsible for my success, from the storefront to the interiors. He encourages my innermost creativity to burst at the seams. Although, my designs are at the forefront, it's really about this life we've created together.

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FARM PARTS

When Phillip Miles says he's been in the family business since the outset, he's not kidding. His parents started Farm Parts Co., Inc., in 1963, and Phillip helped put the original store shelving together. Today, he and his youngest son, Jacob, oversee the operation that has grown from 1,100 square feet of parts space in the beginning to today's 7,000 square feet.

Farm Parts offers discount tractor, auto, small engine and mower parts, and small engine repair. Phillip said, "Whether you're a farmer working the ground, a home owner keeping a lawn, a



Jacob & Phillip Miles

factory or contractor building roads, clearing ground, or working on your car, we can be a good place to get your repairs."

He said an advantage of owning a family business is that "you are the direct benefactor of the decisions you make and the work you do ... which can be good or bad. "As a small business, the owner has to wear many hats," he added. "Work sometimes goes home with you and the days may be long."

After Phillip finally decides to step aside, Jacob plans on carrying on the family business.

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Amber Gill

The REALTOR® of the Year banquet spotlighted the local REALTORS®-of-the-Year from all the local REALTOR® Boards and Associations over the State, and recognized their services over the past year. The REALTOR® of the year criteria is set by the National Association of REALTORS® and includes service to the community, business accomplishments, service to the local, state and national REALTOR® organizations, and adherence to the REALTOR® spirit of honesty and fair play in all life experiences.

Amber is the Executive Broker at EXIT Realty Paragould and serves as the current Vice President for the Paragould Board of REALTORS®. She is a 2012 graduate of the REALTOR® Leadership Academy. Amber is a contributor to ARPAC, assists with fundraisers for Arkansas Special Olympics, organizes education classes for local REALTORS®, and serves on numerous other committees. Throughout her career Amber has earned several awards, including the Award for Excellence Bronze level in 2007, Silver level in 2008 and 2009, and Gold level in 2010 and 2011. She was also awarded the following Regional awards in 2011 by EXIT Realty Arkansas and Oklahoma: Platinum Level award for being the top agent in closed ends and an award for being in the top 5 agents in gross closed commission in 2011.

Amber has served on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity Paragould, Steering committee for Paragould Young Professionals, Board of Directors for the Paragould Chamber of Commerce, and the Paragould Jaycees. ♦

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Thanksgiving ... and what little ones say they are thankful for



This is Alice Walker, age 3. She says she is thankful for God and Jesus.



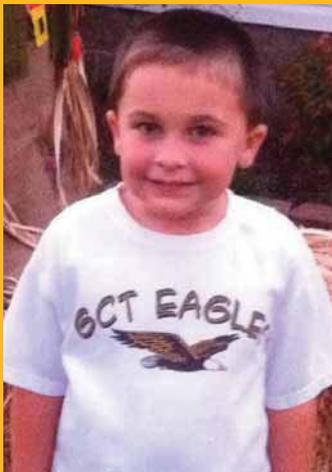
Chloe says she is thankful for the bestest mommy and daddy ever! -- Kay Giddings



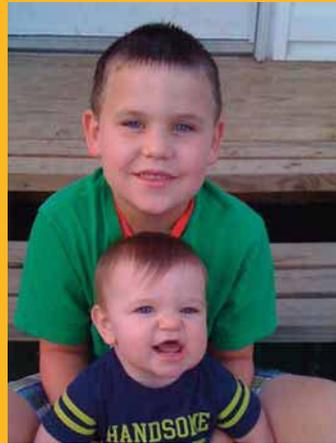
Caleb and Susanna are thankful for fun activities like carriage rides in downtown Paragould! -- Kathrine Bischof



Grace says she is thankful for everything God gives her, especially her family and lots of friends. -- Kay Giddings



Carter Hicks, 5: I am thankful that they made it (Thanksgiving) and Halloween and that Jesus made Christmas and everything else.



Will Risinger, 6, and brother Rossy Joe, 10 months. When Will was asked what he was thankful for he responded, "My baby brother and God."



Mackenzie Beth Thomason, 11, Hayden David Thomason, 6, Emerald Lee Thomason, 4. When asked what they are grateful for: Mackenzie said my family, Hayden said his daddy's motorcycle and Emerald said food. -- Jamie Thomason



I am thankful for God and thankful for my family and all the things I can do now after my stroke, and so thankful for everyone who prayed for God to heal me. Love, Michelle Hernandez and her family.

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Discovery of old photographs leads to heartfelt gift

By Richard Brummett

Shifting through old family keepsakes after the passing of their parents, Alice Miles and her siblings had much the same thoughts as most people at that time of life: What do we do with all this stuff?

"And that's what it is ... stuff," Miles said, but then proudly made reference to a very unique discovery hidden among the drawers, boxes and containers of family mementos.

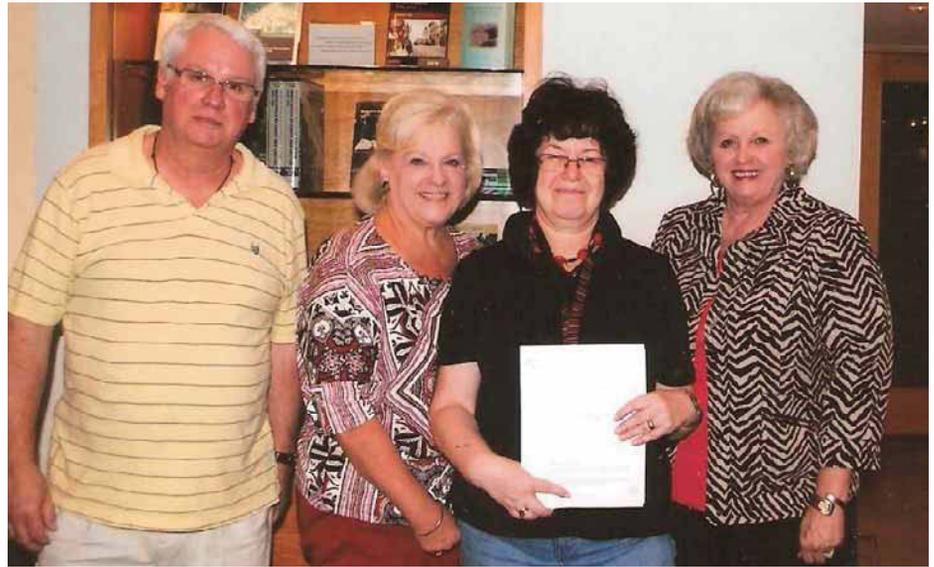
Tucked away were old photos belonging to her father, George Mickey, from his days in the military. Mickey was a sergeant in the United States Army and as a railroad man was a vital part of the team that liberated Jews from the German concentration camps.

Miles, her brother and her sister decided the photographs belonged on display somewhere and eventually decided on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

"We were honored to be able to do something like that," she said.

Having visited the museum and met with officials there, Miles said she came back with an even deeper respect and sense of awe for what men like her father did.

"There were at least 215 concentration camps," she said, "maybe more. Twenty



George Mickey, Alice Miles, Teresa A. Pollin of the museum, and Sally Peebles display the Deed of Gift acknowledging their donation of photographs depicting the liberation of Paris. At left is Sgt. David A. Mickey, known to Paragould friends as "Doc."

countries helped with the liberation and you know there have to be thousands of guys whose families now have their 'stuff,' just like we had Dad's."

Miles said her father not only helped rescue and transport the Jewish prisoners, he also took German officers to POW camps of their own.

"You have to see this museum to really appreciate what it means," she said. "I came away with such a sense of things I never knew anything about, but also with so much pride that my father played a part in doing what he and the other Americans did." ♦

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Flag Retirement Ceremony earns Eagle Scout rank for Steven Neighbors

Local Boy Scout Steven Neighbors recently conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Greene County Courthouse. Neighbors chose this solemn ceremony as his Eagle Scout project.

In order to properly dispose of a United States flag, there is a strict protocol that must be followed to insure the flag is treated respectfully and with honor. The worn flags are carefully cut apart, and each piece, which represents the men and women who have given their lives in conflicts dating back to the Revolutionary War, are burned in a ceremonial fire. The ashes are buried.

Steven collected 53 U.S. flags that had once proudly flown but were now tattered and torn. He located a site, and secured permission to hold the ceremony at the Greene County Courthouse from County Judge Jerry Shipman. He then contacted and collected flags from numerous local businesses and agencies, including Liberty Bank, First National Bank, Tenneco, Wal-Mart, Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company, Paragould Fire Department, Paragould School District,



Steven Neighbors, left, conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony to earn his Eagle Scout rank.

Unico Bank, and from individuals Danny Hampton and John May.

Steven has been involved in Scouting since age 6, and is a member of Troop 66 in Paragould. With the successful completion of

this Eagle Scout project he earned his Eagle Scout rank.

Steven is the son of David and Sarah Neighbors, and Donna and Rick Jackson. ♦



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Maria Vowell

Age: 39

What I do: I'm a Special Education Paraprofessional at Marmaduke High School.

Where are you from? Marmaduke.

What I like most about Paragould/Greene County: I love the fact that no matter where you are in Paragould, in less than 10 minutes you can be on a dirt road surrounded by farm land. This time of year there's nothing more beautiful to me than the white fields of cotton all around Greene County.

My family: I have an 18-year-old son, Matt.

Future plans: I'm currently working toward a degree in Social Work.

Hobbies: Reading nonfiction books.

Something most people don't know about me: I have a diverse taste in music; everything from Gene Watson to Motley Crue.

One of my favorite experiences: Going through a cave in Mexico.

Maria was photographed at her home.

AMMC named one of nation's top performers on quality measures

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center was named one of the nation's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of healthcare organizations in America.

AMMC was recognized by The Joint Commission for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children's asthma, stroke and venous thrombo embolism, as well as inpatient psychiatric services.

Arkansas Methodist is one of 620 hospitals in the U.S. earning the distinction of Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. AMMC was recognized for its achievement on the following measure sets: heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. The

ratings are based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the 2011 calendar year. The list of Top Performers places AMMC in the top 18 percent of more than 3,400 accredited hospitals that measure and report performance data.

Each of the hospitals that were named as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures met two 95 percent (95/95) performance thresholds on 2011 accountability measure data. First, each hospital achieved performance of 95 percent or above on a single, composite score that includes all the accountability measures for which it reports data to The Joint Commission, including measures that had fewer than 30 eligible cases or patients. Second, each hospital met or exceeded 95 percent performance on every accountability measure for which it reports data to The Joint Commission, excluding any measures with fewer than 30

eligible cases or patients. A 95 percent score means a hospital provided an evidence-based practice 95 times out of 100 opportunities to provide the practice. Each accountability measure represents an evidence-based practice - for example, giving aspirin at arrival for heart attack patients, giving antibiotics one hour before surgery and providing a home management plan for children with asthma.

"We understand that what matters most to patients at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center is safe, effective care. That's why AMMC has made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. Arkansas Methodist is very proud to be named to the list of The Joint Commission's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures, and recognized among seven other healthcare organizations in the state including Baptist Health Medical Center and the Arkansas Heart Hospital in Little Rock", said Barry Davis, President/CEO. ♦

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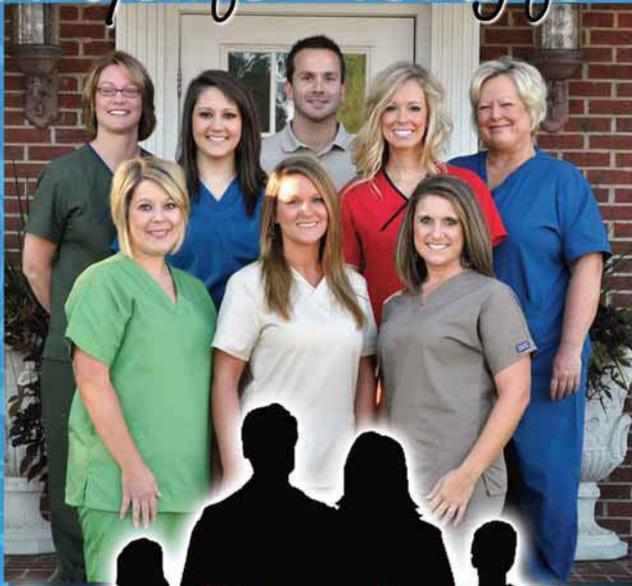
The Union Pacific Railroad presented its Operation Lifesaver program to interested Paragould residents.

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Always plenty to be appreciate of, regardless of the time of year

The Thanksgiving season has become a time of mixed emotions for me. It was only a few days before the Thanksgiving holiday when my father passed away six years ago, so my thoughts naturally return to those final few days of his life at this time of year.

However, there is so much of an “up” side to life because of his influence -- and the influences of other family members -- that it is impossible to be sad for very long.

I have been blessed by growing up in a family -- both sides, Mom’s and Dad’s -- that understands the importance of love and laughter. A family gathering, whether related to a holiday or not, elicits stories designed to make us smile, if not break out in total uncontrollable laughter.

In fact, one of Dad’s greatest attributes was to leave just about everyone in his presence with

Get Rich

By Richard Brummett



a smile. I recall an evening when he was hospitalized in Jonesboro, awaiting an open bed at UAMS in Little Rock. Around 11 p.m. I got the call that he was to be transferred via ambulance, so I hurriedly dressed and sped to Little Rock to meet him there.

Somehow, I arrived before the ambulance crew and waited very nervously for them to bring Dad into the hospital. When they finally exited the elevator and I introduced myself, a female EMT said, “Your dad ...,” then shook her head and smiled, “he’s something else.”

I was almost afraid to ask, but did, and was told that as soon as they stopped the ambu-

lance on the UAMS parking lot, Dad told them they might as well take him back home.

When they asked why, he said, “If that ambulance ride didn’t kill me, there’s nothing here that can.”

I appreciate his wonderful sense of humor and the fact that he shared it with me, my sister, my mom and my children ... and anyone else who would listen. There are times I’m like many other folks and sort of wish I had more money in order to do more things, but I’m grateful I have never wondered where I was going to sleep, or where my next meal was coming from, or if anyone loved and needed me.

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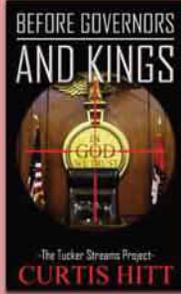
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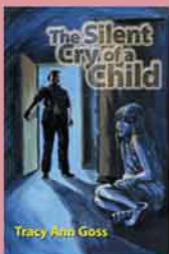
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Nine-eleven. Holy war. Scandalous sex in the church. A homosexual ordained. Left Behind. The Passion of the Christ, Religion and faith, once taboo topics in pop culture, have been catapulted to the forefront of contemporary attention.

Christianity became the ultimate faith of exclusivity when Jesus Christ declared Himself as the only way, truth, and life, excluding any other imagined route to eternal glory. The Bible promises that persecution will come to those who follow Jesus. Here is a startling and practical look at how modern events may logically and quickly lead to the fulfillment of God's haunting promise under a government that proclaims freedoms of speech and religion, as well as separation of church and state. Here is a case study of those promises broken when a government of the people is perverted by the people in the name of those very freedoms. Here is a prophetic look at one man's stand before governors and kings.

Tracy Ann Goss



The Silent Cry of a Child - For victims of extreme forms of domestic abuse, few can claim to have emerged truly triumphant and clear of its life-long traumatic effects. On the other hand, just the fact of surviving is a miracle in itself.

In *The Silent Cry of a Child* by Tracy Ann Goss, we endure with the author as she winds through the gruesome hell of her life, from childhood to well into her adult life. All the devil's torture formulae are there: rape, incest, severe beating, molestation, mental anguish—all from the hands of the person who was supposed to protect her against those.

All the violence of her early life is past her now, but like the muted forest that hid the evil of the father, there was just too much of it to hold and keep silent in her heart.

Following her own advice helps Barbara Ann Wheeler finish book

By Richard Brummett

Barbara Ann Wheeler home schools her children but it was a lesson her son taught her that led to the writing of her first book.

"I always loved to write," the first-time author said, "but I was my own worst critic. I would write something, look at it, and throw it in the trash. My dad for years encouraged me to 'get a book out there' but I wouldn't listen."

Then her son, Tristen, said the magic words.

"Tristen was saved at 8 and began to talk a lot about being surrendered to preach," she said. "We had started going to New Haven Baptist and the preacher, Ron Pickney, said sometimes God calls them young ... and so he surrendered to preach. He preaches his turn in Children's Church and it was when I was working on a sermon with him about using the gifts God gives you that he said, 'Uh-huh ... like you're using the gift God gave you to write.'"

Properly admonished, Barbara Ann finished a manuscript and sent it to 30 publishers within a week.

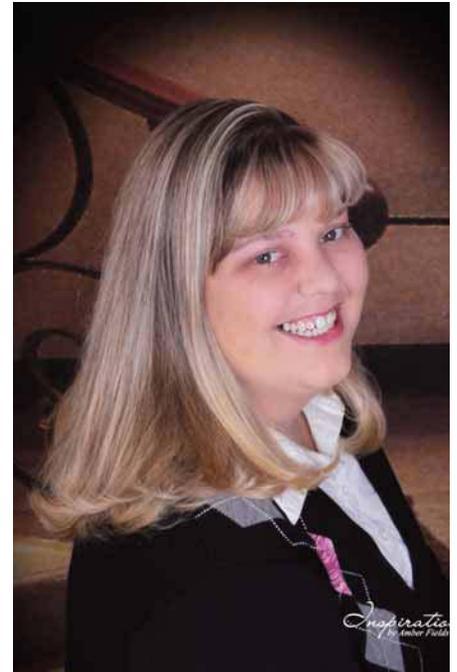
"Two-and-a-half weeks later I was signing the contract," she said.

The book is titled "In My Own Words" and was the product of tools used to teach Tristen and Skylar, 6.

"When I couldn't find a book I wanted something from, I would write it out in the form of a book for them," she explained, "or do creative writing with them.

"It's the first, hopefully, in a series. After so many copies are sold, then they start the second one, so I guess I have to hope a lot of people buy the first one."

"In My Own Words" is a summary of each book of the Bible. Barbara Ann said it "gives



Barbara Ann Wheeler credits her family with inspiring her to write her first book.

an overview of what's in the book of Genesis. The main lessons in Genesis are that God created you and loves you at the same time. It also covers what else is in Genesis: Noah's Ark and the colors of the rainbow, and the rainbow is God's promise. I hope when children read it, it inspires them to read the entire Bible."

The book also contains 10 interactive elements like dot-to-dot and

tracing pages, and one where the young reader can paste his or her photo inside a heart ... "because when you're inside the heart, it shows that God loves you."

The actual release date for the book is December 18. She said right now those who want a copy can get it from her at book signings, "or I have a Facebook page which lists events, Tate Publishing has a calendar of events and Teacher's Express and Lantern Bookstore locally have a few copies." ♦

Mitchell combines Christianity, horror to produce series of books

By Jennifer Thompson

Paragould resident Greg Mitchell has spent the last nineteen years of life making a career out of being a screen printer and graphic designer for the local, family-owned, business Capman, Inc. Over the course of the past sixteen years, he has also dedicated a great deal of his free time toward becoming a writer.

Mitchell, who is now a 34-year-old published author, said he began combining his passions for his faith in Christianity with one of his other passions, the genre of horror. Most recently published was Mitchell's second book in a trilogy, which he titled *The Coming Evil*. The theme of the book revolves around this very topic, Christian horror.

Mitchell said he would describe his books as being mostly akin to films like *The Exorcist* or *The Omen* in that *The Exorcist* deals with Christianity from the perspective of the exorcism and *The Omen* deals with Christianity in the form of an antichrist. Both

Mitchell said the last book of the trilogy is slated to be published in 2013.

are classified as horror films as well. "Both scripts were written by Christians," Mitchell said. "At the time, they were trying to create something that

would spark peoples' faith because that was at a time when people were starting to fall away from the church. I think that Christianity and horror go perfectly together. It makes perfect sense in my head," Mitchell said with a smile.

"The first book (of the trilogy) leans mostly on dealing with the Christianity aspect. It is about a group of people, all raised as Christians, who set out to see if what they were taught their whole lives is really what they believe or not," Mitchell said. "It's a natural thing, I think, to have monsters there that try to test their faith."



Greg Mitchell has been writing for more than 15 years.

Mitchell describes book two, *Enemies of the Cross*, as "The second act of a trilogy that depicts a world where monsters are real and simple men and women must overcome their doubts and fears in order to stand against the unspeakable creatures of the night."

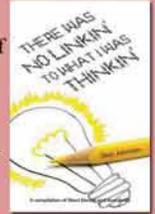
Mitchell said the last book of the trilogy is slated to be published in 2013. The two books already published can be purchased almost anywhere, including Lantern Bookstore locally; the Amazon, Kindle and Nook websites online; and Barnes and Noble.

Mitchell also has another published book titled *Rift Jump* that is a young-adult/fiction book, and a Christian movie *Amazing Love*, that was just released in October of this year. Additional information about Greg Mitchell, his trilogy, or his other works can be found online at www.thecomingevil.blogspot.com/

Mitchell is married to Meghan, with whom he has two daughters, Jo Beth (6) and Dani (2). The family currently resides in Paragould and attends Reynolds Baptist Church. ♦

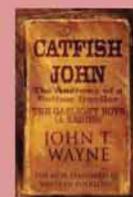
Stan Johnson

There Was No Linkin' to My Thinkin' - This series of short stories and anecdotes entitled "There Was No Linkin' To What I Was Thinkin'," has been a wonderful and exciting trip for me. The stories in this book deal with a variety of subjects.



Some are factual, true stories, while others are written with tongue placed firmly in cheek. I have called upon my life experiences for much of the material in my short stories. Many tales are drawn from my experiences as a young boy roaming the hills of northeast Arkansas, while others are from my having been a gospel preacher's son and the experiences related to that phase of my life. Many of the stories will make you laugh while others might bring a tear to your eye. However you react to the collection of stories, it has been an exciting trip with many great and wonderful times with family and friends.

John T. Wayne



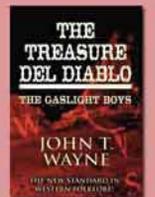
Catfish John: The Anatomy of a Bottom Dweller - To Rassie Cohen his first job meant everything. No longer would he be forced to wander the streets of St Louis looking for a meal or a handout. It meant that he had turned the

corner and was now looked upon as a man, but when he exited the barge with his first months wages after working like a dog for the last thirty days he discovered his old friends had other ideas.

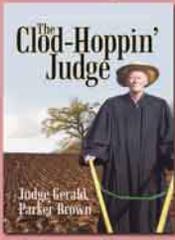
They beat him thoroughly, threw him on a west bound train and when the conductor removed him a few days later he was in Indan territory with no money, no job and hate welling up from within. He spent the next few days figuring just how he was going to get even, but life had other plans in store for Rassie, plans he couldn't dodge if he wanted to.

The Treasure of Del

Diablo - "Moses eased his horse in the direction of the cliff dwellings. These he noted were really underground living quarters. Wouldn't Satan reside in such a place? The closer he came to the cliff dwellings, the more he trembled with fear. Bones bleached white by years of sunlight accented the ground in front of the cavernous dwellings. Sweat began to appear upon his brow. His horse stopped about a mile short of the dwellings and stood still. Nudging his mount the horse refused to move. Moses noted the refusal of his horse and thought to himself, this is show' nuff a bad sign."



Judge Gerald Brown

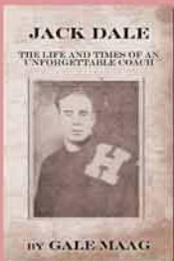


The Clod Hoppin' Judge

It was a hot August day in 1920 when a man rode on horseback away from his forty-acre Arkansas farm to fetch a doctor. His son, Gerald Brown, was about to be born. A short time later as he gazed at the tiny baby

in his arms, he had no idea that Gerald would one day be the first in his family to graduate high school and college—eventually becoming a trial lawyer and a state Supreme Court judge. In his compelling narrative that details his fascinating life story, Gerald shares a chronological glimpse into what it was like to grow up on a farm where his father plowed with mules. He attended a one-room school, rode a work horse seven miles to high school, and took a bath only one night a week. Even as the devastation of the Great Depression loomed around him, Gerald nurtured a dream to become something more—a dream that led him to serving as a marine in World War II and later attending college on the GI Bill. *The Clod-Hoppin' Judge: Memoirs of Judge Gerald Parker Brown* is the inspirational story of how an Arkansas farm boy overcame insurmountable odds to achieve professional success and personal fulfillment.

Gale Maag



Jack Dale: The Life and Times of an Unforgettable Coach

This book is a biography of the life and times of an enigmatic and unforgettable high school football coach in the 1950's as told by one of his players, Gale Maag. The book recounts the exploits of

both coach and student as they negotiate life's challenges.

Linda Davis



This book is the true story about the blessings that took place in the life of a mother during the most devastating time of her life. Even before her daughter was instantly killed in a car accident, Linda Davis was feeling God's presence preparing her for this heart-breaking, yet most spiritual journey of her life. Her daughter, Erica, knew what mattered most in this life and in the one to come.

Just for fun: Katelyn Oglesby hopes to be best-selling author

By Richard Brummett

Katelyn Oglesby hasn't hit the bigtime as a writer yet, but she hopes to someday ... unless she decides to own a bookstore or possibly "just make the books," all pretty logical thinking for a seven-year-old.

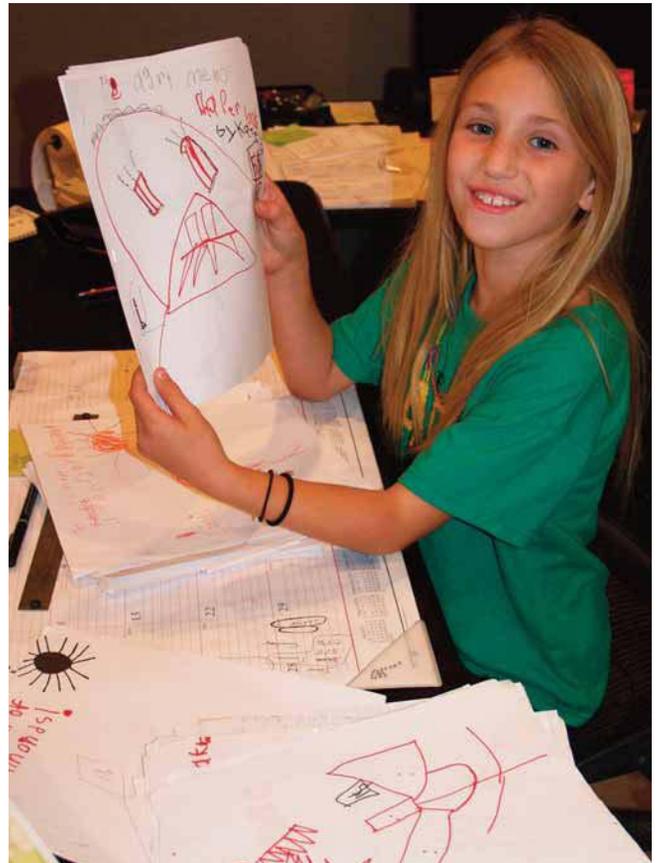
Needing something to do while sitting around her grandmother's office at RAKKO Ready-Mix in Brookland, Katelyn began jotting down stories and drawing pictures to illustrate them. Before too long, she saw looked at her enterprise as a money-making venture and began putting price tags on her "books."

"Oh, some I have five dollars on and some not so much, like fifty cents," she said. "Really, whatever I can get someone to pay."

Her grandmother, Vicki Kuykendall, said most of the revenue "comes from family, as you can imagine" but she is proud of the Greene County Tech second-grader for putting her imagination to work. "She has some cute ideas," Kuykendall said, and feels the youngster's creative side was piqued after meeting an author in person. "She went over the finer points of writing with her, and she soaked it up and starting making all kinds of books for us to put out front."

Churning out titles like "The Love Rock," "Too Much Work" and "The Meany Bird", Katelyn said ideas "really just come to me when I think about stuff. I write about stuff that's on my mind. I love to write. Sometimes my teacher has to get on to me because I'm writing too much."

Katelyn is the daughter of Ralph and Kandice Oglesby. ♦



Katelyn Oglesby hopes her penchant for writing leads to a future as a journalist.

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Storytelling led Gale Maag to put ideas together for first publication

By Richard Brummett

It was a long-time relationship with Coach Jack Dale, both as a player and later as an adult, that prompted Gale Maag to sit down and write a book.

"I never in my life dreamed I would put a book together," said Maag, author of "Jack Dale: The Life and Times of an Unforgettable Coach."

Coach Dale was a much-loved character for those who grew up around him in the Paragould community, and his antics on the field and in the classroom as coach of the Paragould Bulldogs became legend.

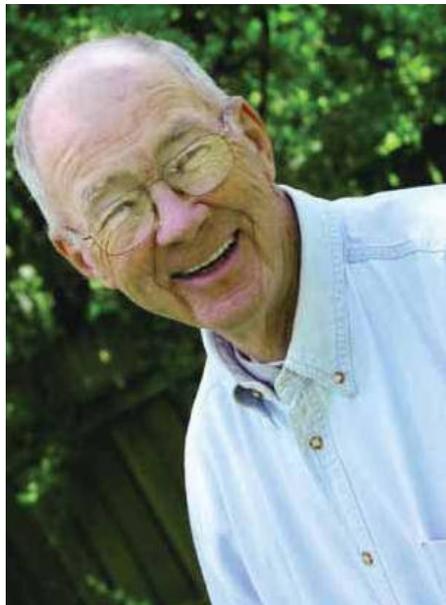
Like many of Dale's former players, Maag repeated and laughed at various renditions of stories about the former PHS football leader, until one day he decided to put them on paper.

"He was a unique individual," Maag said of his coach. "Even after high school you would get to know him real well. He was well-respected, with a dry sense of humor, but he was a card, too."

Maag said while attending some of the PHS class reunions he and other players would trade stories and some of the former Bulldogs asked him to write his versions down.

"And my son, Kelly, has heard Coach Dale stories all his life," Maag said, "and last fall he said, 'Write those down.' Classmates heard I was compiling some stuff and they began to send me some stories and one of his close friends, Coach Dale Hanks, contacted me and he had also been putting something together. We shared stories and this little pamphlet I had in mind, this little thing I thought might be 25 or 30 pages for the ones who wanted it, began to grow."

Maag said when his nieces visited from



Gale Maag remembers his high school football coach in his first book.

Dallas and looked at his work, they deemed it worthy of a book and got busy helping him edit copy and get it published.

"I've had a lot of fun with it," Maag said. "Coach Dale was pretty unorthodox ... some-

times hot-headed ... and he'd call you a knuckle-head one minute and make you like him the next.

"Once I got started writing I didn't want to put it away. Some

nights I was at the computer until 1:30 in the morning, trying to get the stories right. People have told me it relates to Paragould so well. If you grew up here you like reading about Third Street and Harmon Field. People tell me it brings back a lot of memories."

Lantern Bookstore has copies locally, but Maag said interested readers can find his book on Amazon or Barnes and Noble websites. ♦

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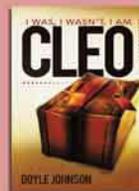
The Strange Man - Dras Weldon is a 22-year-old unemployed washout who lives in a world of horror movies and comic books. But when a nameless demon threatens his friend Rosalyn Myers, things change! Putting his faith into action, Dras races against time to turn Ros---and a whole town---toward God and away from unspeakable evil.

Enemies of the Cross -

Consumed by guilt for abandoning his brother Dras when he needed him most, Pastor Jeff Weldon fights to expose Greensboro's secrets. Meanwhile, the Strange Man grows closer to claiming Rosalyn for his own evil designs. Who will win the battle between those who hold to the light and those who lose themselves in darkness?



Doyle Johnson



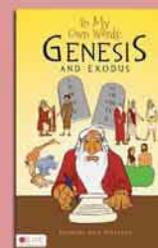
Cleo-I Was, I Wasn't, I

Am - Cleo Hertzwitz has hit rock bottom. Through no fault of his own, the former white-collar executive and family man is penniless, desperate, and clinging to the hope that one day he will find his way back home.

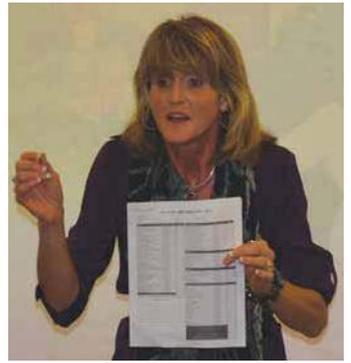
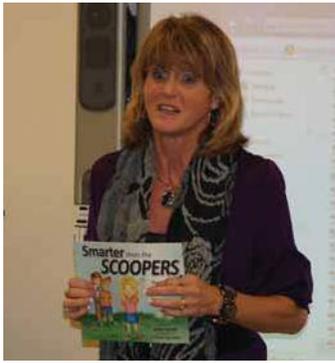
After Cleo inadvertently witnesses a murder in a dark alley, he crawls from hiding and grabs two valises left next to the bodies of the dead men. Caught between two worlds and sought by both police and gangsters, Cleo is about to discover that he unwittingly holds the key to solving a double murder.

In this chilling thriller, a homeless man must rely on the kindness of strangers and his gut instincts to outsmart those determined to stand in the way of his return to a peaceful existence.

Barbara Ann Wheeler



In My Own Words: Genesis and Exodus - The first in the 'In My Own Words' series by childrens christian author Barbara Ann Wheeler, details the first two books in the old testament on a child's level.



Author Julia Cook: To teach kids, enter their world

By Richard Brummett

“When you write for children,” said author Julia Cook, “think like you’re forty, but write like you’re three.”

Apparently, that’s a pretty successful formula since Cook has had 38 books published, with 17 of them winning national awards of some magnitude.

Cook, a resident of Freemont, Neb., was on the campus of Greene County Tech’s Primary School in September, presenting an informative session for kids, teachers and parents.

“Bibliotherapy is a great way to teach children,” she said. “You have to enter their world. Everyone is a kid ... or has been one.”

The former teacher and school counselor has been authoring books for about seven years, ever since the day she was having problems with young students “tattling on each other. I

couldn’t find a book about tattling, so I wrote one. It included four rules about tattling, and I took it to a teacher and she came back later and said, ‘This really works. You should do something with this.’

“I got a different children’s book and turned to the publisher’s page and then overnighted my book to a publisher on Monday. They called back on Wednesday and said they wanted to publish it. I said, ‘For how much?’ and they said, ‘No, we’ll pay you.’ I dropped the phone.”

That started her on the course that has turned her into a sought-after public speaker, one who has made presentations in 41 states, including appearances on national television. Her trip to GCT marked the 806th school she has visited.

“My goal is to become a household name in books that help kids and help parents,” Cook said. “The books are all proactive instead of reactive.

“Research is the hard part,” she said, “writing the story is easy. I can turn out a book in a week, maybe. On a subject like depression, it’s more difficult because the research is so involved. But the books themselves are full of fun, friendly, inviting words.”

The gist of her presentation at GCT was to familiarize students to both the dangers presented by interaction with strangers and the tools needed to stay safe. She refers to adults who would take kids as “scoopers” and teachers children to “be smarter than the scooper.”

She uses her dogs, Jake and Angus, as examples of how scoopers will lure youngsters in by bringing cute pets along.

“They will trick you with a dog like Jake or Angus,” she said. “It doesn’t matter how cute the dog is, it matters how smart you are.”

Book ideas come from publishers and teachers, among others, and Cook then runs

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with their ideas. She has addressed issues like anger, depression and divorce in a way that kids -- and parents -- can relate.

"Basically, I've been a lifelong problem solver," Cook said. "That's one reason I enjoy writing. On something like dealing with scoopers, I don't want children to be afraid ... I want them to be smart.

"But I'm modeling positive parenting skills in a book, too," she continued. "Often, it's not just the kids who are learning, the parents are learning, too. A lot of them are not going to go to parenting classes, even if they need them, but they can read to their kids and learn at the same time."

Many of her books are used to help raise much-needed funds for good causes, and she said St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital has always been a favorite of hers.

"Some books make money for foundations," she said, "and with St. Jude's I think a story on cancer from a kid's perspective would make money for them ... a story about a tree instead of a person. If it's about a tree, it's once removed. It's not about people, so it's not as painful."

GCT, Marmaduke and Westside staged a cooperative effort to fund Cook's visit to



Counselor Alicia Donner, left, and the author examine some of the books available for children and their parents to read.

Northeast Arkansas area. Tech Primary School counselor Alicia Donner said it "was

such an honor to have her here. She addresses so many issues that our children have today, from bullying to just about everything

you can imagine."

Cook said she enjoys meeting with parents to encourage them to use her books when

helping their children address issues they might not know how to properly confront.

"Parenting is the toughest job on the planet," she said. "If reading a book with a child helps that child to open up, or helps a parent to better connect with the child, then it's a real good tool. There are so many things going on in a kid's world today, and sometimes they simply just don't know what to do."

As for the author, she said helping children is the bottom line.

"If I died tomorrow," she said, "I would go happy, knowing I made a difference for at least one child." ♦

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Library staff keeps up with changing times

By Richard Brummett

Mike Rogers, Director of the Northeast Arkansas Regional Library System, said his industry is changing with the times, just like any other.

"We are," he said, "but the key is that libraries have to adapt. E-book patrons used to come in and it was all 'gloom and doom' because of the digital age, but as long as we adapt we can help them learn to embrace the services."

Rogers said he and his staff are more than willing to help readers find local authors, like those featured on pages 32-35 of this month's Premiere, because they are accustomed to dealing with both hard-bound books and the new computer generated versions.

"Lots of times local authors will come in and they will give us autographed copies of their new books," he said. "We have a good relationship with them."

He said when hard copies are not available, library staffers are adept at helping search databases for the desired results. "If you can give us an author," he said, "we're happy to help and can probably point you in the right direction right away."

Rogers said since the library system began making use of the electronic e-book method in August of 2011, readership has grown to an average of about 1,000 per month through that fashion.

"The e-type stuff is obviously easier on the authors," he said, "but probably harder for the public libraries. But we have a lot of services readers can use if they'll just stop in and ask. We have devices they can rent from us and put up to four books at a time on, and keep them for two weeks. We're here to help if people just ask."

The Greene County Library is located at 120 N. 12th St. in Paragould and may be reached at 870-236-8711. ♦

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Trick or Treat



The Paragould Jaycees were all decked out for their annual Halloween party, held at the Red Goose Deli. Pictured from left are, Dan Olson, Jeannette Olson, Jeremiah Allen, Kylie Allen, Heather Ward, Eve Higdon and Brian Brightwell.

Several Arkansas state parks earn awards

Mississippi River State Park near Marianna has been selected as the recipient of the 2011-2012 Region 3 Park of the Year Award by Arkansas State Parks, according to State Parks Director Greg Butts. Mississippi River State Park is located six miles southeast of Marianna on Ark. 44 and is one of the 52 state parks operated by the State Parks Division, Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism.

The State Parks Division presents awards annually for park excellence within Arkansas's state parks system. The awards were announced at the annual business meeting of the park superintendents. The 2011-2012 awards honor the Park of the Year, Region 1-5 winners, and awards for outstanding park maintenance, hospitality, volunteer program, resource management, interpretive program, and special event.

Along with Mississippi River State Park, other Arkansas State Parks Park of the Year Award winners for 2011-2012 were: Overall Park of the Year and Region 1 Park of the Year—Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park at Prairie Grove; Region 2 Park of the Year—Mammoth Spring State Park at Mammoth Spring; Region 4 Park of the Year—Historic Washington State Park at Washington; and Region 5 Park of the Year—DeGray Lake Resort State Park near Bismarck. Other award winners are: Outstanding Park Maintenance—Ozark Folk Center State Park at Mountain View; Outstanding Volunteer Program—Historic Washington State Park at Washington; Outstanding Hospitality—DeGray Lake Resort State Park near Bismarck; Resource Management—Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park at Scott; Outstanding Interpretive Program—Powhatan Historic State Park at Powhatan; and Outstanding Special Event—Historic Washington State Park's "Christmas in Candlelight." ♦

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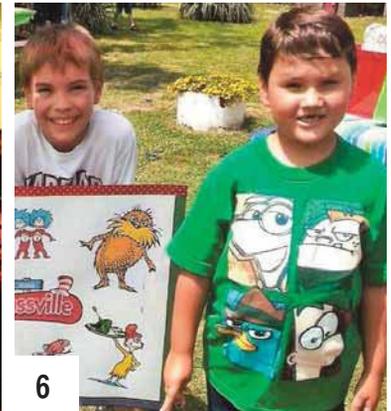
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Happenings!

1. Museum Gets Ramp

The Greene County Museum in Paragould has a new handicapped accessible ramp. According to Museum Advisory Board Member Steven Higgs (pictured), the ramp is a "great improvement". He said the museum is now accessible to all people because the ramp is easy to maneuver and safe. The ramp, which meets the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), is located on the north side of the museum with parking behind the building. The ramp was made possible in part by State Rep. Billy Gaskill and the Arkansas General Improvement Fund, and by the Union Pacific Foundation.

2. Birthday Surprise

Friday night, September 14, was the night for a surprise 60th birthday party for Linda Kaye Northen at the home of Jim and Darla Scudder in Paragould. Guests included Nan Dickey, Barbara McDonald, Charlie and Vicki Cook, Steve and Debbie Adams, Trey and Clarissa Cook, Bill and Rosalee Lott, Tyler Scudder and Heather Reed, Randy Brightwell, Winona and Sarah Thiel, Mike Thiel and his girlfriend Jenelle, Liz Fletcher, Toni Fulton.

3. Learning About Paragould

Students in the Paragould School District Advanced Learning Program, grades 3-6, recently went on a downtown tour of Paragould. The tour was presented by Amanda Driver from Arkansas Heritage in Little Rock. Students are currently involved in a unit of study about the history of Paragould. They ate lunch at Larry's Pizza before beginning the walking tour, which began at the old courthouse and moved to Centennial Park as

students learned about the history of the buildings downtown. Students toured the St. Louis-Iron Mountain railcar as they heard about how our town was given the name, Paragould, after Jay Gould and J.W. Paramore, both railroad company owners. The tour then moved to the Collins Theatre to hear about its rich history. Starla Wood, GT Coordinator, and Gina Starling, GT Facilitator, will continue the unit of study with the gifted learners.

4. Sisters Celebrate

Three sisters traveled to Flint, Michigan, to celebrate sister Anna Boyd's 94th birthday. While there, they attended the family of John and Viola Scobey's annual reunion with more than 100 relatives. Pictured are Anna Boyd, Hildred Gilmore, Ollie Winn and Joy Holcomb.

4. PSD Psychologist Earns Mini-grant

Paragould School District School Psychologist Gretchen Clayton received a mini-grant through the Arkansas School Psychology Association. The mini-grant covers the cost of an iPad, accessories and a school psychology app to be used for observations in the classroom. The new iPad will also benefit the Paragould High School's Wellness Center counseling clients for intakes, interventions and treatment plans.

6. Avid reader, birthday boy

Mason Andrew Jackson, right, and friends celebrated his birthday with a Dr. Seuss-themed food table and decorations. An avid reader, Mason chose the Dr. Seuss theme because of his love for books. He is the son of Keith and Christenia Jackson.



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The phrase, 'To Woozy!' rang out loud and clear for area motorcycle enthusiasts

By Richard Brummett

When one of their own fell deathly ill, area riding club members banded together to show support in an almost unheard-of fashion.

Justin Howell, a member of the Saints and Sinners RC and known to those who loved him as "Woozy", lost a long battle with leukemia during the summer.

Maybe it is a tribute to his likable nature that bikers from all over the area pitched in to help pay his medical expenses, made constant trips to the hospital to show support, and even lined up hundreds deep to serve as possible bone marrow donors if needed.

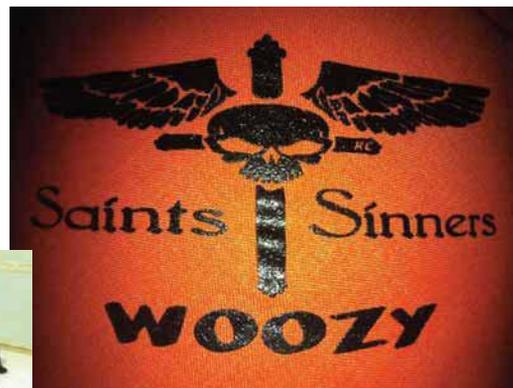
"The support was unreal," said Rocko Walls, vice president of the Saints and Sinners RC. "Normally, when someone from another club is having trouble you show your respect, but we would have 200 people at the clubhouse because Woozy touched the life of just about



everyone there. He was, I guess, 22 when he joined and he fought the leukemia for about a year ... but, man, he was a great guy."

Walls said fundraisers "easily raised six-to-ten thousand dollars just for medical bills and hospital bills, and no one thought twice about it." He said there were in excess of 300 motorcycles in Howell's funeral procession, and that "everybody loved that guy, and came together. The support from the biker community was unreal."

He explained how Howell was saddled with the nickname "Woozy".



Woozy, at far left, is comforted by fellow club members who showed continued support throughout his illness and shaved their heads upon his return home. Above is a bandanna designed for sale, and sporting orange ... the color for leukemia support.

"He was pretty stout, pretty muscled up," he said, "but we were at a fundraiser for the American Red Cross and when it came his turn to give blood, and the needle came out, his knees got weak and down he went ... just about passed out. From that day on, he was Woozy," Walls said.

"To all the people in the community, the family and friends but more importantly the bike clubs that showed Woozy love and respect, the Saints and Sinners RC would like to thank you because to Woozy, you were not just a friend, you were all family." ♦

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Local Civitan Club hands out awards

The Paragould Civitan Club recognized outstanding club members and named new officers at its annual banquet.

Teresa Brown was named Civitan of the Year and Josh McFall Rookie of the year, while Travis Hedge earned Citizen of the Year honors. ♦



2012-2013 Paragould Civitan Officers: Front, Director Jennifer Pepper; President, Jilayna Hammon; President Elect, Mary Crawford; Director, Krystal McFall; back row: Treasurer, Joyce Sullivan; Secretary, Debbie Smith; Chaplain, Blake Phillips; Past President, Kassie Phillips; Director, Brock Wooldridge; Director, Greg Gerdes; Sergeant at Arms, Aaron Hammon.



Above, Travis Hedge, Citizen of the Year, with his wife Sandra. Below, Teresa Brown was named Civitan of the Year and Josh McFall Rookie of the Year at the Paragould club's annual awards and installation banquet.



Jilayna Hammon and Debbie Smith were presented with Club Honor Keys.

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Judah Hammon, 2, proudly displayed his 107.1 Jack FM tattoo while watching The Miracle Rodeo at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Judah is the son of Aaron and Jilayna Hammon of Paragould.



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Senior B.E.E.S. make trip to Mackinak Island

The B.E.E.S. Senior Citizens traveled to Mackinac Island, Mackinaw City and Sault Sainte Marie in September. Forty-six group members toured the island by horse carriage and had lunch at the famous Grand Hotel. In Mackinaw City, they visited lighthouses. They also experienced being in the Soo Locks and the Canadian Locks. On the return trip they stopped in Grand Rapids to tour the Gerald Ford Museum. They had a wonderful trip and hope readers enjoy some of their pictures.

Anyone interested in learning about their future trips may call Carol Fleszar at 870-239-4093. The B.E.E.S. are currently planning a spring trip to New York City in April, 2013. ♦



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Engagement Announcements

Clouse-Fletcher



Ashley Clouse and Cody Fletcher

Ashley Clouse and Cody Fletcher have announced their plans to wed in December.

Ashley is the daughter of Chris and Candace Clouse of Paragould and Sherrie and Robert Keller of Sikeston, Mo.

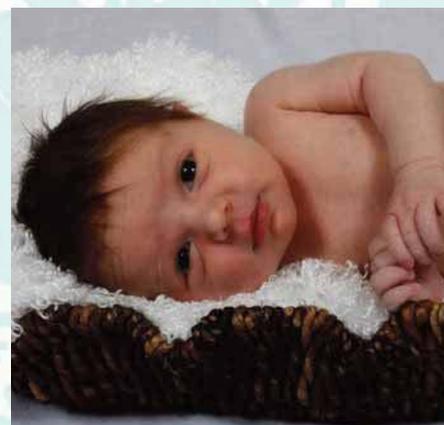
Cody is the son of Kirk and Terri Fletcher of Fayette, Mo.

The wedding is scheduled for December 15, 2012, at The Hillcrest Church of Christ in Paragould. ♦

Birth Announcements



Rylan Jay Thrash



Raelyn Dakota Mae Adamson

Amber Spencer and Ryan Adamson of Paragould announce the arrival of Raelyn Dakota Mae Adamson.

Raelyn Dakota Mae, born at Twin Rivers Regional Medical Center, weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Floyd and Tina Adams, Kerry Spencer, and Ronnie and Andrea Adamson, all of Paragould. ♦

Neal and Whitney Thrash of Marmaduke announce the birth of their baby, Rylan Jay Thrash.

Rylan Jay was born July 3, 2012, at St. Bernards in Jonesboro and weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Terry and Debbie Huckabay of Marmaduke, and Wendall and Cindy Rogers, Bill and Pam Blasko, and Doug Thrash all of Paragould.

Great grandparents are Anna Huckabay and Earl and Linda Parrish, all of Marmaduke, and Thelma Davis of Leachville. ♦

To have your child's birth announcement included in Premiere Magazine, email a photo and the information to:

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November 10
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November 17
- Breanne Reddick & Dex Gardner
December 15
- Hannah Shelton & Jarod Giles
December 15
- Amber Haynes & Lance Bowers
December 22
- Giny Draper & Nick Rice
February 9
- Lindsey Hinson & Matthew Clark
April 6
- Whitney Weeks & Matthew Miller
June 1
- Erica Schabbing & Jacob Pierce
July 20

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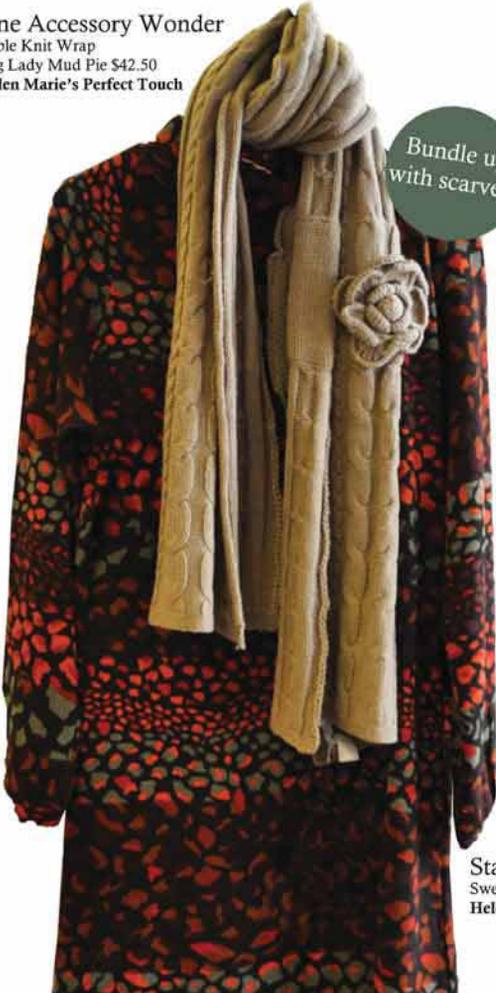
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Angie Joiner

Occupation: Student

Family: Husband Barry Joiner and children, Hailey, Kelsey and Cody

From: Paragould

Who taught you how to cook? My mother

When did you start cooking? I started baking cakes when I was 9 years old

Favorite cooking memory: Cookouts with my family. My parents and I would pick fresh veggies and fruits from the garden for grilling.

Favorite thing to make: I love to experiment with breakfast foods.

Who do you like to cook for? My family and friends

What is your family's favorite dish you make? Pork chops and mashed potatoes

Worst kitchen disaster: One of the first meals I made for my husband, Barry, was fried chicken. I apparently didn't do it right because when he bit into it the inside was raw. It was a long time before I cooked chicken for him again. Or should I say, before he ate any chicken I made?

What is the one ingredient you can't live without? Salt. ♦



Ultimate Sloppy Joes

Ingredients:

- 1 pound Lean ground beef
- 1/4 cup Chopped onion
- 1/4 cup Chopped green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup Chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 3/4 cup Ketchup
- 3 teaspoons Brown Sugar
- Salt and ground pepper to taste

In medium skillet over medium heat, brown ground beef, onion and green pepper. Drain liquid. Stir in garlic powder, mustard, ketchup, and brown sugar. Mix thoroughly. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. ♦



Homemade Sweet Potato Fries

Ingredients:

- 4 Sweet potatoes
- 1/4 teaspoon Olive Oil
- 8 ounces Shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 teaspoon Brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt

Cut potatoes into french fry style, trimming to make consistent size. Place on cookie sheet with olive oil, sprinkle with salt, brown sugar, and cinnamon. Broil on high, turning occasionally until done. ♦

Apple Pie Cups

Ingredients:

- Phyllo cups
- 1 can Apple pie filling
- Cool Whip

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place cups on baking sheet, add filling, bake for 10 minutes. ♦



To be included in NEA Cooks, or to recommend someone, simply email:
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 All you need is a recipe and a smile!



Audience members danced and sang along with the tunes belted out in a Patsy Cline tribute.

Collins Theatre hosts 'Patsy Cline Remembered'

Vicki Bishop, along with her band, entertained theatre-goers with a presentation of "Patsy Cline Remembered."

The show featured 25 memorable songs in chronological order. In between songs, Vicki gave information concerning songs and events in the life of Patsy Cline. ♦



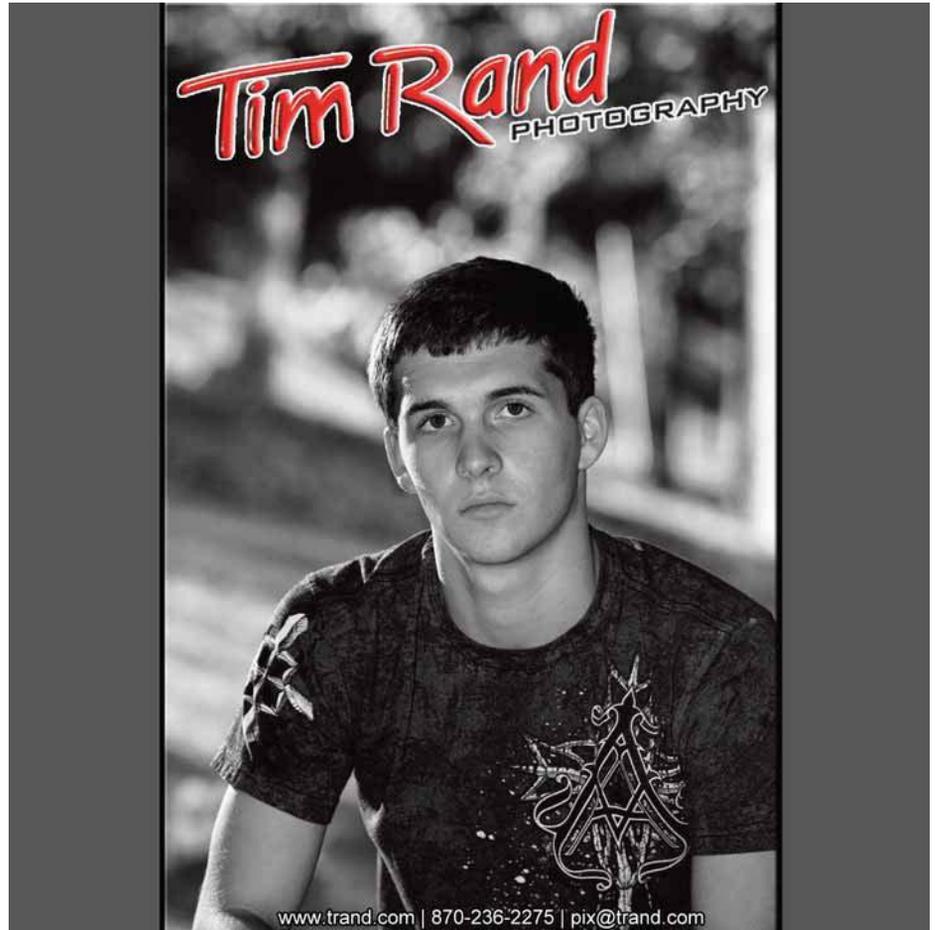
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 3rd

Christmas Open House

Staged in the One and Only Downtown Paragould. Contact Main Street Paragould at 870-240-0644 for information.

37th Annual Harvest Craft Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

At the Paragould Community Center. Call (870) 239-7530 for more information.

AMMC Childbirth Education Class, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Professional Office Building Auditorium.
For more information, 239-7467.

Wednesday, November 7th

The 5th Annual Caregiver Workshop, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

The East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging Conference Center, 2005 East Highland Drive, Jonesboro, will host the workshop. Dr. Kristin Addison-Brown with the NEA Clinic in Jonesboro will be the guest speaker. There is no charge to attend but pre-registration is required. To register or for more information contact: Rose Trosper
Family Caregiver Specialist EAAAA
(870) 930-2204

4,000 Steps Walk for Diabetes Awareness, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Paragould Community Center.
For more information, 239-7016.

Friday, November 9th

Wounded Warrior Festival, 3:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

At The Arkansas State University Equine Center. A \$1,000 prize will go to the winner of the scavenger hunt, which starts at 7 p.m. Call 870-897-9053 for details.

Saturday, November 10th

Jr. Auxiliary Blue Jeans and BBQ

At The Red Goose Deli in Downtown Paragould. Tickets are \$25.00 and available from any JA member.

AMMC Breastfeeding Class, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Professional Office Building Auditorium.
For more information, 239-7467.

Monday-Tuesday, November 12-13th

The Paragould Rotary Club annual auction, 6:30-10:00 p.m.

For those in Greene County, the auction can be viewed on city cable channel 26. For everyone else, this year, Rotarians have the auction live on the auction website, www.Go4Greene.org.

Thursday, November 15

AMMC Community Diabetes Program, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Professional Office Building Auditorium.
To RSVP, call 239-7016.

Friday-Saturday, November 16-17th

PHS School Play, 7 p.m.

The Paragould High School Theater Department will present the play Times of War by Eric Lane. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

Monday, November 19th

KASU's Blue Monday, 7 p.m.

With Rockin' Luke Stroud at Red Goose Grand Hall in Downtown Paragould.

Mommy and Me Breastfeeding Support Group Meeting, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

AMMC Professional Office Building Auditorium.
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Tuesday, November 20

Woman to Woman Cancer Support Group, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

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Monday, November 26th

KASU's Bluegrass Monday, 7 p.m.

With Cedar Hill at The Collins Theatre in Paragould.

Saturday, December 1

AMMC Childbirth Education Class, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

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Sunday, December 2nd

"A Christmas Carol"

At the Collins Theatre

Monday, December 3

AMMC Auxiliary Christmas Tree Lighting and The Foundation Auction, 6:00 p.m.

The Herget Atrium
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Tuesday, December 4th

Paragould Christmas Parade

Downtown Paragould.

Saturday, December 8th

Dinner Theatre, Red Goose Deli

The Elite Performing Arts presents "Mardi Gras Christmas" Dinner Theatre at the Red Goose. Call Misty Gibson at 476-9908 or Heather Claude at 476-6302 for times and ticket information.

AMMC Breastfeeding Class, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Professional Office Building Auditorium.
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Sunday, December 9

Holiday Tour of Homes, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Clubview Estates Subdivision
For more information, 239-7077

Thursday, December 13

American Red Cross Blood Drive, 11:00 am-5:30 pm

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Thursday-Friday, December 13-14th

AMMC Auxiliary Jewelry Sale, 7:00 am-5:00 pm and 7:00 am-4:00 pm

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Paragould Young Professionals First Monday Lunch, noon

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Second Thursday of every month

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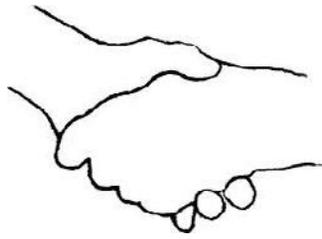
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In December, we'll be looking at a number of the Paragould/Greene County community's outstanding volunteers. You can nominate someone to be featured by emailing:

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Theme



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