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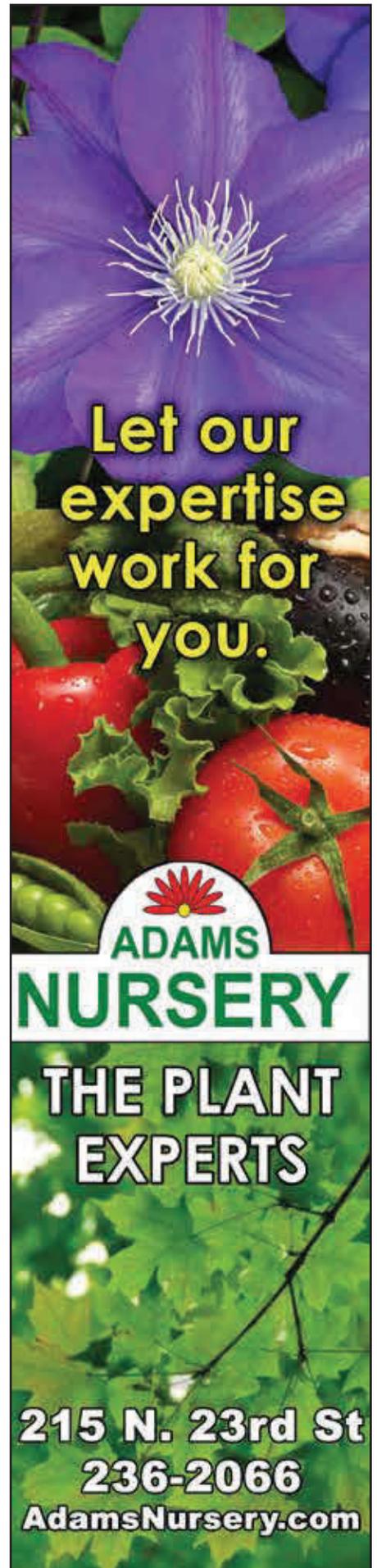


# From The Managing Editor ...



**T**his month's issue is full of "people stories," one of the things I like most about the magazine format. After years of covering hard news and sports in the newspaper industry, it is gratifying to be able to concentrate more on the people who make our communities what they are. Our cover feature story highlights Josie Melton, Arkansas Children's Hospital Ambassador for Northeast Arkansas, and her mother, Dana Cullen. The ACH Ambassadors, like Josie, represent the thousands of children treated annually at ACH and its clinics; Dana represents the many mothers worldwide who cherish every day they have with young children who enter the world with medical issues from Day One yet have the will to overcome and prosper.

Josie was chosen as an Ambassador in 2014 and attends events and shares her story with others in hopes of cultivating support for ACH and its efforts. There are other "mom" stories on the inside pages as well, and we hope you see someone familiar to you. We know you will when you take a look at the special section entitled "30 Under 40," several pages dedicated to bringing to the reading public's attention the community spirit exhibited by the people many of you nominated for recognition. These 30 young people are avid about contributing to their communities and having a positive impact through their many volunteer activities and projects. It takes citizens like them to help home towns and communities thrive, thanks to the many hours spent giving of their time to make life better for you and me. Right in the middle of the magazine you'll find a group of happy young ladies. Jonesboro High School's girls' basketball team brought home the state championship trophy by defeating Russellville. The victory represented JHS' first-ever girls' state basketball title. We have champion archers, school award winners, celebrity waiters, an auto show and a fashion show, all designed to entertain and inform you. We hope you enjoy this month's Premiere. ♦



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# A Mom on Top of her Game

"They rejoice in the good times and support me during the hard times."

By Caitlin LaFarlette

Growing from a family of five to nine — two parents and seven children — took Amy Wolfmeyer from a stay-at-home mom to one of the top sales associates at a local car dealership and she shows no sign of slowing down, all while caring for her children.

Just before moving from Olive Branch, Mississippi, to Jonesboro in 2011, Amy and her husband Matt welcomed son Michael to their family, adding to children Clayton, Kyle, Alyssa, Brent and Eli. A short six weeks after Michael's birth, Amy said she learned she was pregnant with her daughter Allison.

"I knew me going to work at that time was not happening due to my heart being at home to raise them," she said.

Amy worked for mortgage lenders and title companies in Memphis and transitioned to being a stay-at-home mom for Clayton, Kyle, Alyssa and Brent before marrying Matt, but said working from home was hit or miss and not something she could rely on. The Wolfmeyer's moved to Jonesboro for Matt's job and once all the children were old enough for pre-kindergarten, Amy began hunting for a new career and found a listing for a sales associate at Frank Fletcher Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram. "Since I didn't have any professional sales experience I didn't even think they would call but they did," Amy said. "Within 30 minutes of sending over my resume I had a scheduled interview for the next day."

Amy started selling cars in November 2015 and has since been the top sales associate every month. In December she sold 27 cars and was the top employee out of not only the Jonesboro Fletcher location, but all Fletcher dealerships.

"There has only been one woman be Number One within Fletcher that I am aware of," Amy said. "So I was the second, along with being the first woman to ever be Number One out of all Fletcher locations." She hit that achievement again not only in January, but in February for three consecutive months.

"That I am aware of, there has never been a woman, much less a mom with seven kids, be able to pull off those accomplishments," she added.

In less than a year Amy has become known as the Make It Happen Fletcher Dodge Girl thanks to her ability to get a vehicle to nearly every customer who walks through her door. Her success has exploded over social media, leading to her MakeItHappenGirlFletcherDodge Facebook page. Every closed deal ends with a photo for her social media accounts to spread the word. She said the best part of her job is sending customers off with a new car after they felt they had no options.

"I have had customers cry, literally, just because to them it's a sheer miracle," Amy said. "I never dreamed I could make money doing something I loved."

Even customers with good credit and cash in hand walk away from the lot after a great experience with Amy and are impressed with how she can pull off a deal.

Amy's family has had her back during the entire transition of moving from a stay-at-home mom to working full-time.

All seven children love having their mom work and ask every day how many cars she sold. Amy said they rejoice in the good times and support her during the hard times. ♦



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**Cost:** \$15

**Info:** [www.foajonesboro.org](http://www.foajonesboro.org)

04

### Mother's Day Tea

**When:** Wed., May 4, 10:30 AM

**Where:** Greene County Library  
Paragould, AR

06

### Alice in Wonderland Ballet

**When:** Fri.-Mon., May 6-9, 7:30 PM  
Sun., May 8 at 2 PM

**Where:** 115 E. Monroe, Jonesboro, AR

**Cost:** \$15 - \$17

**Info:** [www.foajonesboro.org](http://www.foajonesboro.org)

07

### Arts in the Park

**When:** Sat., May 7, noon-6:30 PM

**Where:** The Forum Park  
Jonesboro, AR

**Info:** [www.foajonesboro.org](http://www.foajonesboro.org)

13-14

### Beauty & the Beast Tryouts

**When:** Fri., May 13th 6 PM, Sat., May 14th  
1 PM

**Where:** First Baptist Church  
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Paragould High School students placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the region in the Economics Arkansas Stock Market Game, an investment simulation program for students in grades 4-12. Approximately 2,450 (7,300 students) teams participated in the spring 2016 session. Paragould High School came in 1<sup>st</sup> place over 161 teams. They won 44<sup>th</sup> overall (in the top 2%).

Albert Tiner, PHS teacher and facilitator, also participated in the teacher division and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the statewide competition. Around 47 teachers participated.

Economics Arkansas, a nonprofit education organization that trains educators how to integrate economics and personal finance concepts into the K-12 classroom curriculum, hosts the Stock Market Game program each fall and spring semester. It is a project-based investment simulation designed to teach saving and investing while also enhancing students' math, business, communication, economics and analytical skills.

Economics Arkansas will host a luncheon on May 10 at Verizon Arena in North Little Rock to honor the first- and second-place winners. The junior investors will receive cash awards, medallions and awards for growing a hypothetical stock portfolio of \$100,000 to use over the course of 10 weeks. ♦



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# Remembering Days on the Water

By Chuck Long



**CHUCK LONG**  
Regional Education Coordinator  
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The cypress lined oxbow looked very inviting as Dad and I launched the boat into the familiar waters. A light breeze and eighty degree temperatures meant the bream would be heading for the shallows and we were there to find the sweet spot where some of the little fighters had gathered. Our “fishing basics” included a sculling paddle, telescopic fishing poles, some terminal tackle, and a tube or two of crickets. We also carried Vienna sausage, a few crackers and a few drinks, which shared a cooler with the fish we caught to give us more room in the boat.

Due to Dad’s accounting profession, much of the fishing around the Long home did not start until after April 15. Usually it was into May before we hit the waters in earnest but then we would fish for hours looking for just the right spot to fill the cooler with some big bream. There was never much conversation as Dad sculled us in and out of the cypress looking for beds of fish preparing for the spawn. We were too focused on catching fish to talk and would keep the hooks in the water until tired and then take the catch home, clean them and our bounty would often provide supper.

Bluegill, redear, warmouth, green sunfish and longear sunfish are some of the fishes

that are often referred to as bream and they can all provide great angling action. In this part of the Natural State bodies of water like Lake Ashbaugh, Reynolds Lake, Walcott, Lake Charles, Portia Bay, Hill Slough and many other unnamed backouts, ponds and oxbows are full of bream eager to protect their beds as they begin the spawn. Typically the fish of this area run a little on the smaller size and may not be big enough to fillet, but are the right size to scale, remove the head and fry. Larger bream can be found with a short drive to haunts like Midway, Old Town, Horseshoe Lake, Wapanocca or Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee.

Once a specific body of water has been located gather a few tackle basics and head to the water. Keep things simple with number four light wire hooks, small split shot and a float just large enough to hold the offering suspended in the water column. Favored baits include crickets or worms while small jigs can be deadly for anyone who would prefer an artificial offering. These can be presented with spincast or spinning tackle but our favorite way is to use a ten-to-twelve-foot jigging pole that allows precise placement of the bait in likely areas.

As water temperatures reach about seventy degrees in a given body of water the bream

action will begin. The moon phase can be a good indicator of activity as these fish tend to gather in larger groups in the days around the full moon. Weather changes can impact the fishing for a day or two, but bream are not as moody as some other fish and often bounce back within a day or so after a weather change.

A fancy, fast boat is not needed and might even be a hindrance in the close quarters around the cypress trees and buckbrush these fish call home. A johnboat with a sculling paddle or light trolling motor is plenty to reach fish in most lakes. Throw in a lifejacket and a cooler with ice to hold the fish and let the fishing begin.

Dad and I are fortunate to have some great memories from some “interesting” days on the water and I hope each of you will take some time and get out and make your own memories. We have upgraded the boat just a little and I get the front seat and guide the boat with a trolling motor. We have changed our food choices slightly and have even gotten an extra cooler to keep fish and drinks separate but the memories are just as grand each and every day we hit the water.

Good luck and God bless. ♦

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Paragould High School Pride Band

“Now in its 17th year, BCME recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who work together to ensure access

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Vehicle owners competed for trophies in two categories: Pre-1991 models and 1991-to-present models. Entries also vied for major awards like Best in Show – selected by professional judges – and the People's Choice Award, where visitors were invited to vote for their favorites cars.

The show is sanctioned by several car clubs and includes one of the largest showings of Corvettes in the Mid-South.

The Jonesboro Auto Show is a major fundraising project for the Lions Club. The Car Show committee plans for and promotes the show to car clubs and collectors throughout the year, and in January starts recruiting entries, vendors and sponsors. The three-day event is staffed by club members, who volunteer their time to make it a success and each year bring in about \$10,000 to fund the club's numerous community projects. ♦



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The Paragould Rotary Club will then upload the picture to the album "Paws for a Cause: Most Photogenic Contest 2016." The 20 "most liked" dogs on its Facebook page will have their photos displayed at the event and will continue to get "likes" through monetary donations. Voting boxes will be associated with each photograph. The most "likes/votes" wins the category, which includes a trophy and an appearance on the cover of Premiere Magazine's June issue.

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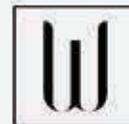
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**Saturday, May 14, 2016**  
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Professional Office Building at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center. This class will include education on car seat and crib safety, as well as infant CPR. Registration is required for all classes.

**BREASTFEEDING CLASS**  
**Saturday, May 14, 2016**  
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Professional Office Building at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center. This class discusses the importance of breastfeeding, breast preparation, feeding techniques and positioning options for mother and baby. Registration is required for all classes.

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**HEALTHY PREGNANCY CLASS**  
**Tuesday, May 31, 2016**  
**6:00 PM-8:00 PM**

In the Professional Office Building. This class can help ease the transition to parenthood for expectant mothers, their partner, and other family members. Topics include changes in early and mid-pregnancy; healthy lifestyle; coping with the discomforts of pregnancy; work-related issues; warning signs; and other information to help you have a safe, healthy, and worry-free pregnancy. This is a one-time class for expectant mothers who are prior to 16 weeks in their pregnancy. Registration is required for all classes.

**2-MILE GLOW RUN**  
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At the Greene County Tech Old High School Campus ("Eagle Mile" course). The 4,000 Steps GLOW RUN for Diabetes is an opportunity to raise awareness about diabetes, a disease that touches every family. Through a donation, individuals can honor persons currently managing the disease or remember those who succumbed to diabetes-related complications. Those interested should register online at <http://www.racesonline.com>. Pre-registration closes at midnight Thursday, June 2, 2016. To be guaranteed an event t-shirt, registration must be completed by Tuesday, May 24. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), the American Diabetes Association and local diabetes prevention efforts. For more information, call 870-239-7467 or email [allison.hitt@arkansasmethodist.org](mailto:allison.hitt@arkansasmethodist.org).



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# Young Lady

By Caitlin LaFarlette

Having a sick child can be difficult for any mother, but Dana Cullen has spent the last seven years learning to appreciate life, watching her 7-year-old daughter undergo various surgeries.

Josie Melton was born with VACTERL association, a disorder affecting different body systems that includes vertebral defects, anal atresia, cardiac defects, tracheo-esophageal fistula, renal anomalies and limb abnormalities. Josie's vertebrae, heart, renal system and limbs were affected at birth.

"Every one of her vertebrae are malformed," Dana said. "Most of the ribs on the left side of her body were fused together."

In January 2011, Josie had expandable rods attached to her ribs to separate them. She was also born with one kidney, her heart more on her right side and her left leg smaller than her right. Dana said she knew before Josie was born she would need expert medical care. She delivered Josie at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and was immediately transferred to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Arkansas Children's Hospital for six weeks.

"I'm convinced the dedication and perseverance of her team, combined with the prayers of so many close to us, got her through those first uncertain weeks, and finally home," Dana said. "Our NICU team encouraged me to be a partner in her care and taught me how to be an unwavering advocate for my daughter."

Dana and Josie continue to travel to Philadelphia for surgeries, 20 so far in Josie's short seven years. She will continue with the surgeries until she stops growing. "It's very hard to turn your child over to a surgeon and walk away," Dana said.

Despite multiple surgeries, Josie rarely complains and always has a smile on her face. Dana said even though

her daughter misses quite a lot of school, she remains at the top of the class and can run faster than the boys in her P.E. course.

"She doesn't let anything slow her down," Dana added. In 2014 Josie was chosen as an ambassador for Arkansas Children's Hospital. She attends events benefiting the hospital and shares her story in Northeast Arkansas. At last year's Super Hero Dash-N-Bash, Josie dressed up in a cape and handed out medals to runners. While the job is exciting and fun, Josie takes her role as ambassador very seriously.

"My favorite part is that we get to help children and get some money for them," Josie said.

When she isn't undergoing surgery or working on behalf of ACH, Josie enjoys playing with Barbies, singing, dancing, playing outside and spending time with her 14-year-old brother Zach. Together, Dana and Josie like getting manicures and shopping, especially at the bookstore.

Josie's condition is rare but for other children going through similar situations, she has wise words. "I just say, 'Just be brave,'" she said.

"Josie has always lived her life as though she has no limitations and we encourage that as well," Dana said. "Her surgeon always tells me he can fix anything that breaks, except her spirit."

The 7-year-old's unwavering bravery has not only touched her medical team, but her family as well.

Dana said Josie has made her consider how important it is to embrace and enjoy each day with loved ones.

"My life completely changed when Josie was born, for the better," Dana said.

And with Josie's constant smile and playful demeanor, the mother-daughter team is sure to meet any struggle with patience and strength. ♦

**Josie invites you to participate in the NE Arkansas Circle of Friends Radiothon, hosted by MOR MEDIA, Inc on June 24th.**

**For more information contact Jillian Hastings at [hastingsjb@archildrens.org](mailto:hastingsjb@archildrens.org) or 501.364.1476**



# Downtown Paragould Main Street

**M**ain Street Paragould kicked off its season of events with the 1st Thursdays event in April. The event was originally held several years ago and the Main Street Board thought it was time to come back and celebrate the new improvements to the district. The kids enjoyed decorating the new sidewalks with chalk and blowing bubbles at Swanky Storks. Dottie Proctor Lloyd conducted a Photography Walk and Ricky Shannon performed in Centennial Park. May's 1st Thursdays will be Art & Stroll with Everyday Life entertaining and lots of Art and vendors. If you would like to participate contact Gina Jarrett at 870.240.0544 ♦

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# Fundraising Event for the Jonesboro Family Crisis Center

Photographer William Laurence and B. Marie Salon teamed up to present "Spark, Ignite Your Style," a red carpet runway show to benefit the Family Crisis Center in Jonesboro. Ten models participated in the show, held at Jonesboro's Elks Lodge, and six paying sponsors helped raise more the \$2,000 for the center.



# Greene County Tech Odyssey of the Mind

Greene County Tech Sends Three Teams to Odyssey of the Mind World Finals

OM Teams, are you ready? For years OM teams across the nation and in over 25 countries have heard these words as a prompt to begin their long term performance. This year three Greene County Tech teams will hear this question at OM World Finals held at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. OM was created by Dr. Sam Micklus. He developed the first problem to challenge his Industrial Design class at Rowan University in New Jersey. In 1978, the first creative-problem solving competition was held. OM started in Arkansas in 1983 and at GCT in 1985. Physics teacher Mike Woodside organized a team to participate in the balsa wood problem. The program has expanded to include students competing in all five problems from grades 4 to 12.

This year GCT had 11 teams competing in Regionals at Pochontas, earning six 1<sup>st</sup> place and four 2<sup>nd</sup> place medals. They advanced to State OM at ASU-Beebe, winning two 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies, one 2<sup>nd</sup> place, four 3<sup>rd</sup> place and one 4<sup>th</sup> place medal. GCT Jr. High has its first ever team advancing to OM World Finals. Winning

1<sup>st</sup> place at state in Stack Attack and heading to Ames are 9<sup>th</sup> graders, Jackson Barr, Dakota Hudson, Jacob Ross, Elijah Ritter, and Devin Smith and 10<sup>th</sup> graders Trisha Adams and Alissa Moore. Coached by PACE teacher Jessica Gazaway and Gregory Spooner, they were challenged to build a balsa wood structure 8 1/2" tall and weighing 15 grams. At state, the team's structure held 695 pounds. The weight held, their problem solution, and presentation earned them 1<sup>st</sup> place.

GCT Middle School has two teams advancing to OM World Finals. The first team competed in No-Cycle Recycle. Winning 1<sup>st</sup> place were 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Abby Dunn, Jaden Henson, Josh Nelson, Jared Noel, Sam Scott and Gage Snyder and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Jacie Andrews. Coaches Marilyn Jerome and Darrah Snyder supervised the team as they designed and built a vehicle to carry two team's members. It had to navigate

a track and accomplish all required tasks.

The GCT Middle School Something Fishy team brought home a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy. Members include 7<sup>th</sup> graders, Gabriella Amaral, Lacie Edgin, Blaine Grooms, Conley Hunt, Crystal Richardson and Dustin Sipes. Coached by Gretchen Hunt and Shawna Grooms, the team was challenged to present a performance including three different catches by



the fisherman. The catches must be moving while caught by different team engineered devices. Kem Drake, Administrator of Gifted Programs at GCT, sends congratulations to all teams and their coaches. Tech is now making plans to send the teams, their backdrops, props, and required items to Iowa State University. Drake said, "The response of the community to help make this trip a reality has been amazing." Financial donations and items for a raffle have been arriving at her office. Anyone wishing to support the teams may contact the Office of Gifted Programs located at GCT High School. ♦



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# Congratulations

to Armor Seed's Nathan Waldrip  
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Thrilled that Nathan is being recognized for what his Armor Seed family sees every day—dedication and success in his professional endeavors, but also true commitment to community service.

Nathan serves as board president for Ag for Autism, where he has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the cause, and also volunteers in a number of capacities, notably as coach for a local youth basketball team.

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# WILLIAM LAURENCE DESIGNER PHOTOGRAPHY

**W**illiam Laurence is a Designer Photography studio, meaning I craft the session around the individual. I start with "Who are you, as a person?" and every other creative decision stems from that answer. My designer approach comes from my background; I come to portrait photography very differently than most photographers I know.

I was a natural media artist before beginning my journey into photography, working with pencils, pen-and-ink, and paint. I actually had exhibits, sold prints, and won awards as a fine artist. My formal training in photography was very traditional (back in the days of film). But shortly into my career, I had opportunities to photograph fashion and editorial work for fashion magazines, and have even photographed internationally. The fashion industry, along with my years as a fine artist, have shaped my focus and approach to portraiture into what it is today: a fine-art / fashion fusion.

After years of shooting weddings and fashion in Memphis, we opened our new studio in Jonesboro, AR in September of 2014. Our 2400 sq-ft space really represents our style and vibe. Even though much of my work is shot on location, I'm very comfortable shooting my contemporary style of portraiture in a studio as well.

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"I had so much fun!", "I've never seen a photographer shoot like this!"

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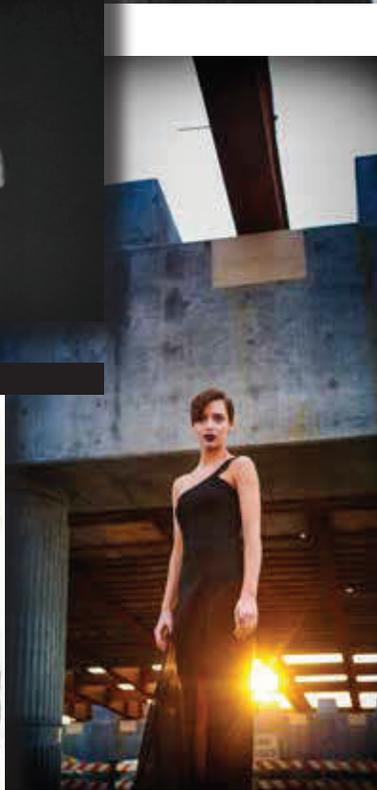
"That's her! That's my daughter."

"This is more than photography, this is art."

The studio focuses on creative contemporary portraiture and fashion/commercial photography. I specialize in photographing seniors and families, but have developed niche designer sessions for girls 7-12 (Petite Madames), "real women" (Portrait Couture) and couples (Connect Sessions).

My philosophy is that people are celebrities incognito, heroes in hiding. I believe that when I create an environment where someone can truly be themselves, the results are magic, every time.

For more information, visit our website ([www.WilliamLaurence.com](http://www.WilliamLaurence.com)) or call the studio (870-203-9977). We also have a Facebook page (William Laurence Designer Photography).



Shae volunteers with the Greene County Boys and Girls Club, was in Leadership Class XVIII, volunteered at the Celebrity Waiter Event for the Chateau on the Ridge, and is a member of the Paragould Young Professionals.

"I moved away for college in 2008 and did not return until 2013," she said, "and in that time so much changed in Paragould for the better. I was amazed at all the improvements we had made as a community and continue to make. There is still a ways to go to make Paragould truly inviting for the young generation, but I'm excited about where we are headed and hope to continue to help it grow."

## Shae Nunn

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Jeremy serves as Vice-Chairman for the Paragould Housing Authority and is a member of the Habitat for Humanity of Paragould board of directors and its construction committee. That organization recently completed its ninth house in Paragould and will soon begin construction on a 10th home. Jeremy is a member of Paragould Kiwanis Club, past Vice-Chair of Paragould Young Professionals, and a graduate of Leadership Paragould Class 15.

He has been married to his wife, April, for 10 years and they have a daughter, Ava.

"I am very honored to be recognized with such an outstanding group of dedicated, community-minded young professionals," Jeremy said. "I feel it is an obligation for our generation to step up and become leaders in the community and to make sure the future is as bright as possible for our children."

## Jeremy Biggs

Executive Director/Mission Outreach of  
Northeast Arkansas, Inc.

"I am fortunate enough to be a member of many wonderful not for profit organizations," Kimberly said. "One such organization, The Future Fund of Greene County, an affiliate of the Community Foundation, has allowed me to help with a festival on June 4th and 5th called Get Downtown in efforts to promote and raise funds for recycling, urban biking/hiking trails, and Greenspace.

"The Future Fund is a group of individuals that work with other organizations and government officials in efforts to promote an active and healthier lifestyle for Greene County. We have received a wonderful response from so many individuals. We use our funds to support an endowment with the Arkansas Community Foundation that enables a legacy for this purpose."

## Kimberly Dale

Branch Thompson Warmath & Dale



Jennifer said she moved here three years ago “alone, and decided to just jump in and make it home.” Now she owns a home, runs a singles group that reaches more than 550 people, and organizes Fall Mud Ball every year, a volleyball tournament that raises thousands of dollars for the NICU at St. Bernards Hospital. The last two years, hundreds have played in Critical Edge’s Fall Mud Ball - a volleyball tournament held in August. St. Bernards NICU was the benefactor last year, and was able to fund the purchase of “MommaRoo’s,” a needed piece of equipment not in the budget. Josie realized she couldn’t be the only single mom looking for something to do so she and a friend started NEA Singles, a Facebook singles group. “We are not a dating site, we empower newly-single people to build friendships, build their esteem, take chances, and get their lives back,” she explained. She is also involved with the March of Dimes, sings on her church worship team, and is part of Leadership Jonesboro through the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce. Josie is the mom of two boys, Michael and Nathan, and Grandma to Lilly, Dommy and Lyric. “Thank you for the opportunity,” she said, “and to whomever nominated me.”

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Jared refers to himself as “a pastor, a T-ball coach and missional community leader. I also help oversee The Crossing, a banquet hall recently remodeled for the use of city events.”

He said it is an honor to be nominated for the 30 under 40 recognition. “I love the city of Paragould and desire to leave it even better than I found it,” he said. “As a pastor, I believe one way I can do this is by equipping our church to use the gifts and resources they have been given to bless the city. This is why I focus a lot of my attention on raising up and coaching missional community leaders who lead groups of people into specific areas of the city with a focus on blessing that specific people/place. Right now we have nine missional communities (made up of 280 people) that focus on either Belle Mead Nursing Home, the foster care system, Labor Park, downtown, youth sports or feeding the poor. Our goal is to have one missional community per thousand people in our city. We believe when this happens we will change the culture of our city as more and more people are experiencing the love of Jesus in tangible ways. We have also started a missional community in Jonesboro and hope to launch more MCs there in the future.”

He also coached five different church planters who are seeking to do in their cities what his congregation is doing in Paragould. Those may be found in Grand Rapids, MI; Atlanta, GA; Asheville, NC, Memphis, TN and St. Louis, MO. “We are also planting a church in Cleveland, Tennessee, in June,” he said. “This church will be structured just like ours and will seek to establish one MC per thousand people in Cleveland.”

## Jared Pickney

Pastor/Fellowship Paragould

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## Deania Vanhoozer First Community Bank

Deania is a member of the Bono Church of Christ. She is the 2016 United Way Campaign Co-Chair and has been involved in many United Way events like the annual Day of Caring, Stuff the Bus, Live United with the Stars and the first Batting for a Better Tomorrow softball tournament.

She has also been an active participant in Make-A-Wish Mid-South, the Junior Auxiliary of Jonesboro and the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce. "I've been involved with the Jonesboro Regional of Commerce since 2008," she said. "I am a member of the Business Network Committee and the A-State Committee. I am a member of the Leadership Jonesboro Class of 2014. Our class project raised over \$23,000 benefitting the Miracle League of Jonesboro and we assisted in the grand opening events. We continue to raise funds with the annual Miracle League Bucket Brigade, scheduled for October 7."

In addition, Deania has worked with the St. Bernards Advocates and currently serves on the board of the American Advertising Federation of Northeast Arkansas as the Membership Committee chair.

She and her husband Rodney have been married for 14 years and have 2 children, Dylan and Drew.

"I love being involved and working to make a difference in the community where I am raising my family," she said. "I also enjoy working for First Community Bank because this organization is all about building strong communities. Whether you can give a few hours or a few days, volunteer opportunities are available."





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**Deania Vanhoozer**

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Tiffany said working at the chamber “keeps me very involved in the community. Apart from seeking and recruiting members for the Chamber, my job also consists of leading several committees. The Paragould Young Professionals are also my responsibility. I work each quarter to plan service, social, and educational events for this group. I feel it is very important for YPs in the community to be able to network, learn and serve in our community.”

She also volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, serving as its Public Relations Chair and planning all fundraising events, trying to spread the word about the organization.

“Perhaps my favorite volunteer activity,” Tiffany said, “is the Paragould Farmers’ Market. I serve on the PFM Board, handle public relations, and keep in touch with vendors as well as other day-to-day activities to keep the market running. I make it my goal to help the market grow a little more each year. I feel so passionately about it because of my deep agriculture background and roots and because it is something our community is in such need of.”

Tiffany attends First United Methodist Church, where she serves on the Hospitality Committee and the Evangelism Team.

“Paragould means so much to me,” she said. “I love watching how much our community is growing. There is so much to offer here for all individuals -- young to elderly. It touches my heart to see how our community businesses and residents support each other. I can’t see home being anywhere else.”

## Tiffany Henson

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## **Congratulations to Bear State Bank’s Lauren Johnson!**

Jonesboro native Lauren Johnson is a community banker at heart, someone who is all-in enthusiastic about making a difference. Her passion for volunteerism caught the attention of Premiere Magazine’s readers, who voted her to the “30 Under 40” list.

“I was raised here, I love this community and I personally want to give back and make this area a better place to live and enjoy.”

Lauren serves on the boards of the St. Bernard’s Advocates, United Way of Northeast Arkansas and The Learning Center. She is president of the American Ad Federation of Northeast Arkansas, is a goodwill ambassador for the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Jonesboro Young Professionals Network.

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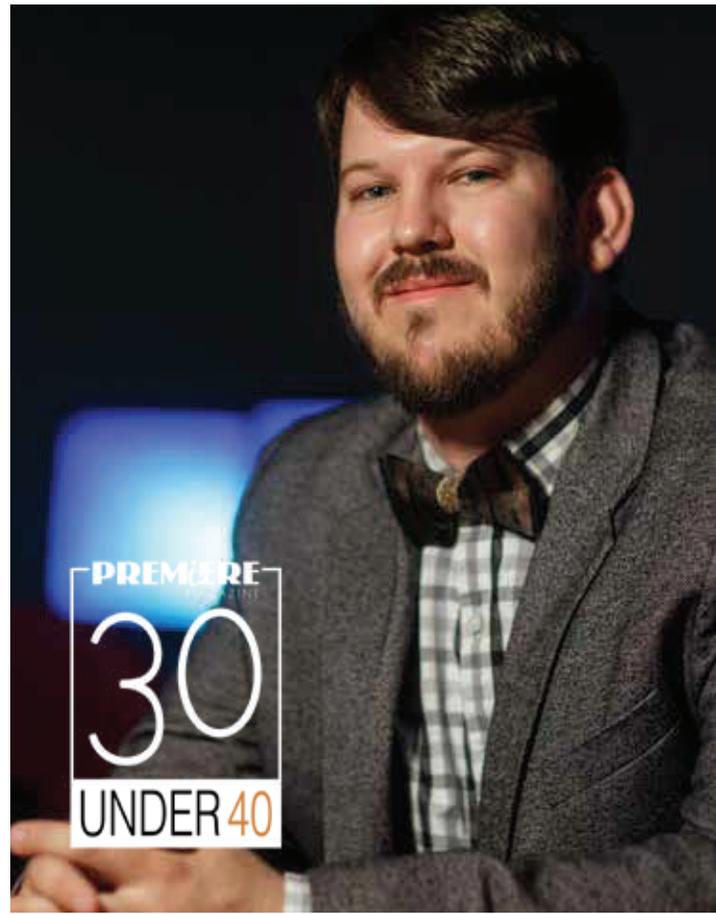


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Andrew is involved in his church at Searcy First Assembly of God. "There I am the college and young adult Sunday School leader and a serve as a deacon," he said. "I also have volunteered my time at Batesville High School this semester helping them start their first ever robotics team to compete in the FIRST robotics competition where we just recently competed in the Arkansas Rock City FIRST robotics regional and won and we will now go onto the World Competition in St. Louis, Missouri."

Andrew said he loves teaching at a community college. "I knew that I wanted to teach at a community college when I was first getting my degree," he explained. "My father teaches math at another community college and growing up seeing him make such a difference in people's lives had an impact on me. I love teaching at community college because you get students from all walks of life and a large percentage of those students are non-traditional students who are going back to school at an older age and sometimes they are single parents just trying to make a better life for their family. I love being a part of that transformation in these students' lives. I personally believe that anyone can change their lives through education, whether it be an associates degree, bachelors degree, vocational degree, technical, or higher. "Anytime a person educates themselves they are gaining skill and knowledge to change the world for the better. I hope to help encourage and empower students to do just that."

**Andrew Muse**  
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Jeremy volunteers in many capacities at the Paragould Primary School and serves on its PTO. He is both a Sunday School teacher and the song leader at Lafe Baptist Church and is an officer on the Northeast Greene County Fire Department. Jeremy also serves on the Greene County Soccer Board. He and his wife Brittany are the parents of two children, Eli age 6, and Eliah, age 1.

"First, I would like to congratulate each person nominated for this honor," Jeremy said. "It is especially humbling to be included with these community leaders. I appreciate Premiere Magazine and MOR Media for all of the hard work and dedication that it provides in having an outstanding, local publication such as this. I also want to take this time to thank the many fine individuals who volunteer and serve this community every day without any recognition. Paragould would not be the community it is without these numerous individuals who truly have servants' hearts."

**Jeremy Edgar**  
Owner/President of Edgar Electric, Inc.



Rose is the owner of the new Jonesboro Total Health, supporting healthy meals and helping others in simple or complex weight loss journeys. She is also a member of Central Baptist Church.

"I am a very young individual who has given my life to health and helping others change their lives for the better," she said. "I have been chasing the entrepreneur dream since the age of 22 and have finally made it. It has been the biggest honor and blessing to know people trust me and will develop their new lifestyles on my weight loss plan. I have a cookbook being published next month, as well, that shows my last year of work and effort I have put into developing this business."

She said that "God is my Number One" and she credits Him every day for any success she might encounter.

"I couldn't be more honored," she said of her nomination.

**Rose Hankins**  
Owner/Jonesboro Total Health

Hailey said, "Having been born and raised in Jonesboro, I am very involved with our community. I am a graduate of Leadership Jonesboro (class of 2015), and am also active in the Jonesboro Young Professionals Network, where I currently hold the position of board Vice President for JYPN. I enjoy helping out other philanthropic organizations across our community such as March of Dimes and St. Bernards, especially with their fundraising events."

She said she enjoys "making my community a better place to live, work, and play. It is my goal that through our downtown revitalization work, we recognize where Jonesboro started and embrace our culture for future generations."

**Hailey Knight**  
Executive Director/Downtown Jonesboro Association



Zachary is a nurse, marking his tenth year in the profession. He serves as the community liaison for Home IV and is an usher at the First United Methodist Church of Marked Tree.

"In the past, I have served as Rotary President for my local chapter," he said, "and helped on various healthfairs. I am involved with the ACT EAST Coalition of Northeast Arkansas, where we work to promote community education and to prevent readmissions to the hospital, am a board member of the Arkansas State University licensed practical nursing program, creator of the Northeast Arkansas marketers forum Facebook page, a certified Alzheimer's dementia practitioner, and a national Alzheimer's association volunteer helping to facilitate trainings, support groups, and various fundraising efforts for the Alzheimer's association."

Zachary is currently serving as the chair of the Northeast Arkansas Walk To End Alzheimer's, which is scheduled for September 17, and the Gala For Alzheimer's on April 21. "I am very passionate about healthcare and the promotion of continuity and education to the community," he said.

"First of all, thank you so much for this opportunity," Zachary said. "God has blessed me to be able to do something that I love and to work with such an awesome team of people who are equally committed to Northeast Arkansas and the healthcare profession. I have great family and friends, as well, who are always readily waiting to help me on my next endeavor. I am very committed to Northeast Arkansas and to helping the people."

**Zachary Hatley**  
HOME IV Specialists, Inc.



An advertisement featuring a portrait of Daniel Robinson, a man in a dark suit and red tie, smiling. The text "DANIEL ROBINSON" is overlaid in large white letters on a red background at the bottom of the portrait. To the right of the portrait, the text reads "Congratulations on being named TOP 30 UNDER 40". Below this is the Simmons Bank logo, which consists of a stylized 'S' in a square, followed by the words "Simmons Bank". At the bottom right, it says "Member FDIC | simmonsfirst.com".

Allison volunteers with the Greene County Boys & Girls Club, the annual Make A Wish Roadblock, is in the current class of Leadership Paragould and attends West View Baptist Church.

"I am very thankful I had the opportunity after college to come back to Paragould and work in a job that allows me to actively be a part of the community and give back," she said.

## Allison Hestand

M.F. Block Insurance



Lauren said she is "proud to serve several local charitable and civic organizations" such as:

- The Learning Center, Board Member
- St. Bernards Advocates, Board Member
- American Advertising Federation of NEA, Board Member/President
- United Way, Board Member
- Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce Goodwill Ambassador
- Member of the Jonesboro Young Professionals Network

"Thank you for selecting me as a 30 Under 40 winner," she said. "I am honored to be recognized for my community involvement. Jonesboro is a great place for a young professional to surround themselves with community leaders that can provide guidance to help you grow professionally. I find my community involvement to be extremely rewarding. I am proud to serve each organization and am thankful for the opportunity to do my little part to make Jonesboro a great place to live."

## Lauren Johnson

Bear State Bank

Taylor is a member of the Paragould Board of Realtors, First United Methodist Church, and "works within the community as much as possible," she said.

"I strive to work hard for the future of my family," Taylor added, "and my goal is to make a positive impact within my community. Thank you so much for this honor. I am truly grateful."

## Taylor Garner

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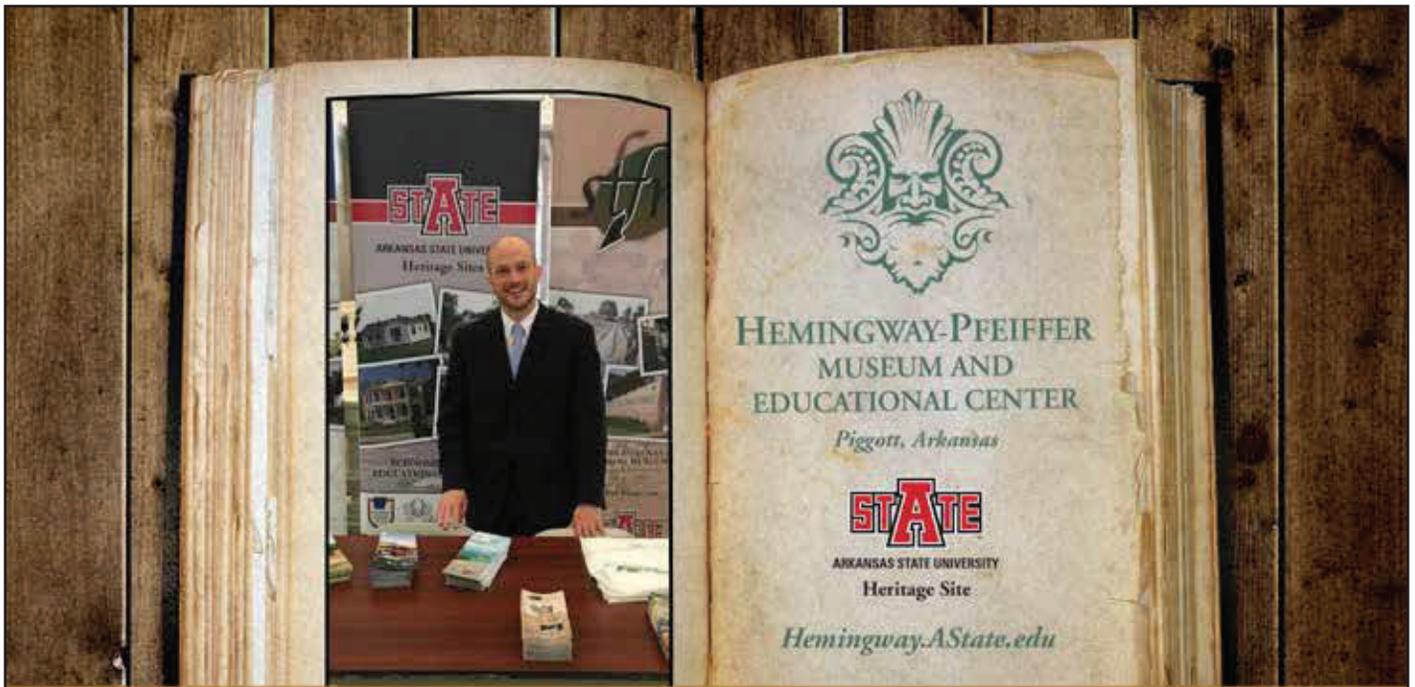


Brian says he has been "honored recently to serve with many great individuals on the Board of Directors for the following organizations which all work hard to make the City of Jonesboro, the place we call home, a great place to live: St. Bernards Charitable Foundation, Jonesboro Church Health Center, Northeast Arkansas March of Dimes, and St. Jude Superbowl S'Travaganza."

He has also been on committees for the United Way of Northeast Arkansas, and on the Financial Board of East Arkansas Planning and Developmental District.

"Thanks to anyone that has ever worked, lived, volunteered, protected, taught, and invested in the City of Jonesboro," he said. "It's because of you, these 29 individuals, and myself are listed in this magazine here today. The City of Jonesboro has given me everything I am today, and I want to do my part to leave this town a better place for our future generations."

**Brian Emison**  
First Community Bank



***Congratulations, Dr. Adam Long***  
*Director of the Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum*  
*from your colleagues at A-State Heritage Sites*

Jenny has a long list of community activities on her list, like:

- Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce
- Community Benefit Organizations Committee Chair
- Jonesboro Young Professionals Network Board Member
- Past Chair of Jonesboro Young Professionals Network Social/Membership Committee
- St. Bernards Advocates Board Member
- Member of Simmons First Foundation Regional Task Force
- Member of Paragould Young Professionals
- A-State Student United Way Advisor
- Poinsett County Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board Member
- First United Methodist Church - 1st grade Sunday School Teacher, VBS Volunteer, -Team 25:35 Ministries, SUCCESS School Mentoring Program

"I was taught at a very young age the importance of giving back without any strings attached & am fortunate to have seen that lived out through the lives of my mentors. We are all lucky to live in a community where we're constantly inspired by others to give back and be involved. As Director of Development for A-State, I get to continue doing what I love the most - building relationships with people and helping make a difference in NEA!" "Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to receive this recognition," she said.

## Jenny Keller

Director of Business Development/ASU



Monica works two jobs while continuing her education at Black River Technical College.

"I volunteer for my kids' school and to help with any events going on with my church," she said. "I try to help anyone I can. I am a single mother of four kids. I am currently seeking my CPA and business degree. My goal is to be able to help people."

She said many people lose their homes, businesses and more because they often have no one working with them to understand tax issues. "I plan on helping people budget the businesses and finances, to help them with payments to the IRS, and show them how to be able to pay their taxes and keep what they earned," she said. Monica said her goal is "to help someone and let them know that people do care. We all deserve a break. We all need help from time to time. We all deserve to be happy. If we can get our community to work as a team, help each other, and reach out to people, it would change so many lives."

## Monica Hall

Jackson Hewitt, Burger King

Meredith is the Secretary of the Paragould Rotary Club, which recently completed its annual disbursement of thesauri, dictionaries, and dental hygiene goody bags to many children in Greene County.

"I am a mentor for the Rotaract Club, which is new and actively looking for members ages 18-30 years old who want to make a difference in their community," she said. "I also enjoy being involved with the Paragould Young Professionals and am in Leadership Paragould this year. I attend church at both Liberty Church of Christ and Walcott Baptist Church." Meredith's spare time is devoted to being with her family, friends, and especially "my precious son, Colt."

"I appreciate this honor very much," she said. "If anyone is interested in how they can become more involved in their community, please feel free to contact me at [meresmmc@gmail.com](mailto:meresmmc@gmail.com). There is something out there for everyone."

## Meredith McMillon

Marketing Coordinator/Arkansas Dental Clinic



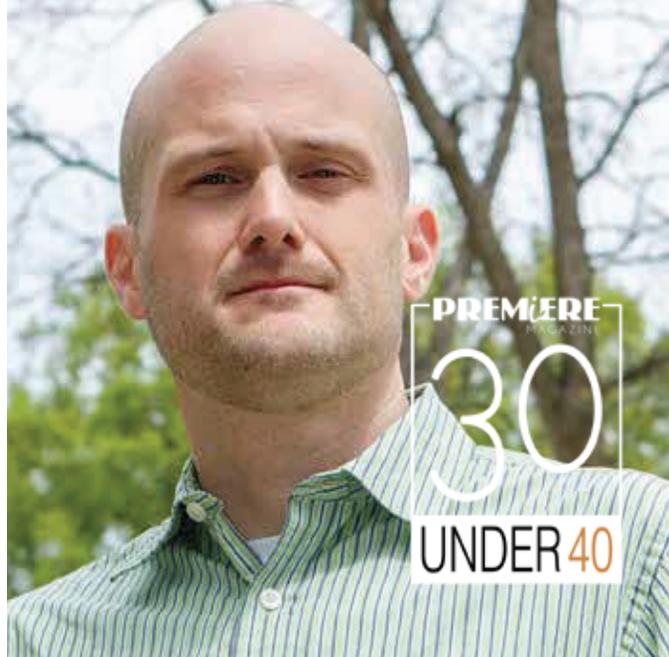
Adam is involved in the Boy Scouts as the Scoutmaster of Troop 4 in Jonesboro.

"I also advise the Boy Scouts' honor society (The Order of the Arrow) in Northeast Arkansas," Adam said, adding that he represents Clay County on the Arkansas Delta Byways board, the regional tourism group for the Delta, and is a member of Blessed Sacrament Church in Jonesboro.

"Northeast Arkansas is a great place to live, and I'm happy to be a part of this community," he said.

## Adam Long

Director/Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum and Educational Center



Shay is a member of the Rotary Club of Paragould, currently serving as the Program Chair.

"I am a past board member and have served as the PR Chair," she said. "I am a Leadership Paragould Class XIII Graduate and a charter member of the Paragould Young Professionals Chapter. I am a former member and past president of the Junior Auxiliary of Paragould" and can add titles like the Northeast District representative of the Arkansas Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations. She serves on numerous committees at the medical center as was recognized as the Employee of the Month in November 2011. "I am a member of First United Methodist Church of Paragould," Shay said, "where I serve on the Staff Parrish Relations Committee and as a nursery volunteer."

Shay is married to Jeremy Willis, and they are the proud parents to daughter Keagan Elizabeth Willis and Bella, a rescued dachshund. "Although I was not born here," she says, "I consider Paragould my home and find it a privilege to work and serve in this community."

## Shay Willis

Director of Marketing and Public Relations/  
Arkansas Methodist Medical Center

Blake is an active member of the Paragould Civitan Club. "I am a past board member of several local organizations," he said, "including Mission Outreach of Northeast Arkansas and Main Street Paragould. I am also active with the Paragould/Greene County Chamber of Commerce, having served on various committees, and I am a graduate of Leadership Paragould Class 12. I am currently in my first term on the Greene County Quorum Court. My family and I attend Center Hill Church of Christ."

## Blake Phillips

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Brian and his wife, Kristi, whom he says “plays a huge roll as well,” run their family business.

“I have provided sandblasting and powder coating for the city of Manila and surrounding areas on various projects,” Brian said. “I help coach youth sports at Manila elementary and middle schools. Killer Coatings donates to various athletic programs in the Manila school district and local charities. I am a member of First Baptist Church in Manila.”

He was employed at Nucor Steel Arkansas as a mechanic from 2004-2016, and his schedule allowed him to start his own business in 2007. “I saw a need for a custom powder coating shop in our area and with my dad being diagnosed with cancer it was the perfect opportunity for us to be able to work together,” he said. “Sadly, he passed away in May of 2008. That only motivated me more to make sure that I did everything I could to have a successful business that he would be proud of.”

“We are currently building a new 10,000 square foot facility in Manila to better serve our customers with on time deliveries and the very best quality the powder coating industry has to offer. We have expanded our services to not only powder coating but also sandblasting, hydro-graphics dipping and high temp exhaust coatings.”

He said his business “would not be what it is today without the support system of my valued customers, family, and friends. The support I have from my wife, Kristi, is second to none. She has a very active role in Killer Coatings as well as managing three medical clinics and is the best mom our two children could ever dream of having.”

## Brian Neal

Owner/Operator of Killer Coatings, LLC



## Andrew Muse

Assistant Professor  
of Mathematics

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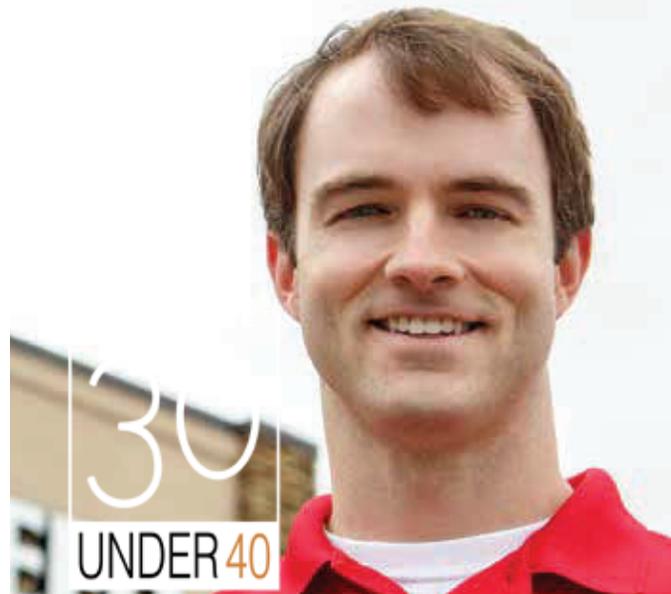
Nathan has served as the Ag for Autism President for the last five years. He has also participated in the Arkansas Children's Hospital Kampaig for Kids, the Arkansas Farm Bureau 2016 President's Leadership Council, is an Arkansas Alumni Association Jonesboro Chapter Board Member – currently the Treasurer – and is a member at Central Baptist Church - Journey Campus.

Nathan also finds time to volunteer as a basketball coach for the Jonesboro Public Schools' elementary program.

"I truly appreciate the nomination," he said. "There are countless outstanding young people in Northeast Arkansas and to be recognized along with them is an honor. The future for our area is very bright, and I am proud to call this place home."

## Nathan Waldrip

Armor Seed



Kelli teaches English III and AP Language and Composition at Paragould High School, and said, "Along with helping my students reach their full potential academically, one of my biggest goals is to help them become better citizens as well. And these guys learn by example. I sponsor Student Council at PHS and my kids and I help with many different projects that benefit our school and our community in general."

She is also a member of Reading on the Ridge, a local children's literacy advocacy group, and this is her third year to help coach Greene County Boys Club Basketball.

"I tell my kids that they need to do what they can with what they have," she said. "How can anyone expect people to believe what they're saying if they aren't actively living it as well? I enjoy giving back to the community, through my career and my volunteering, and it is my sincere wish that my students are taking note of that, too."

## Kelli Rollins

Paragould High School

Garrett is very involved with the children's ministry program at his local congregation.

"I also volunteer time as part of the Baptist Mission days when a dentist is needed," he said. "I participate in the Arkansas Mission of Mercy programs held for free dental work throughout the state on an annual basis."

Garrett grew up in Paragould and said he is "excited to be a contributing member to my home community. My wife Amber and I have 2-year-old twin boys and another boy coming in August."

## Garrett Webb

Owner/Paragould Smile Doctor



Brittany is secretary-elect in Rotary Club, mentor of the Rotaract Club, and involved with the Paragould Young Professionals, and the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class 19.

"I am also a Paul Harris Fellow," Brittany said. "I am a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lafa where I help with crafts and activities for our children's department."

She and husband Jake Murray have a two year old daughter, Zalie. "I'm so thankful for being nominated," she said. "I love my job because I get the opportunity to help women feel beautiful every day. I appreciate all of my clients and the wonderful staff that works for me. I would not be where I am if not for each of them."

## Brittany Murray

Owner/Esthetician at Rouge Salon and Spa



Kaleigh is proud to have helped in creating Woofstock 2015. "We spayed and neutered over 30 animals," she said, "which put a huge dent in our future pet overpopulation problems. If a female cat has her max litters and her kittens do the same and the cycle continues, in six years they can produce 420,000 cats. For dogs, if a female has her max litter and her puppies do the same and the cycle continues they can produce 67,000 dogs."

Since many animals are euthanized daily due to overpopulation, Kaleigh said her group's efforts "prevented over three million animals from being born just to be euthanized because there are too many or being dumped on the side of the road and abused."

She has helped make more than 150 dog houses out of recycled materials in the past year and used donated Styrofoam coolers to make 46 cat shelters. "The number of shelters made will grow in time," she said. "I got the idea to make the shelters because of a viral Facebook photo of an animal frozen to death due to winter weather. The shelters are given away for free because of my motto, 'No excuses.' She said there are no excuses for someone not to have a house for a dog or a cat when they are free."

## Kaleigh Workman

Arkansas Dental Clinic

Daniel currently serves on the United Way of Northeast Arkansas, the Craighead County Community Foundation, the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce, and Jonesboro Economic Development Corporation boards. "Being able to serve on these different boards gives me an opportunity to see the needs of the community and how we can help meet them," he said. "I also get to work with other great people that have the same passion for making our community better. I am very honored to be nominated and want to congratulate and thank the other nominees for all they are doing to improve their communities as well."

## Daniel Robinson

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Jana said the Valley View residents attempt to be as active in their community as possible. "We did a donation drive for the Northeast Arkansas Humane Society when they got broken into," she said, "and we do a lot with the Valley View community schools and at the river, where we own some property."

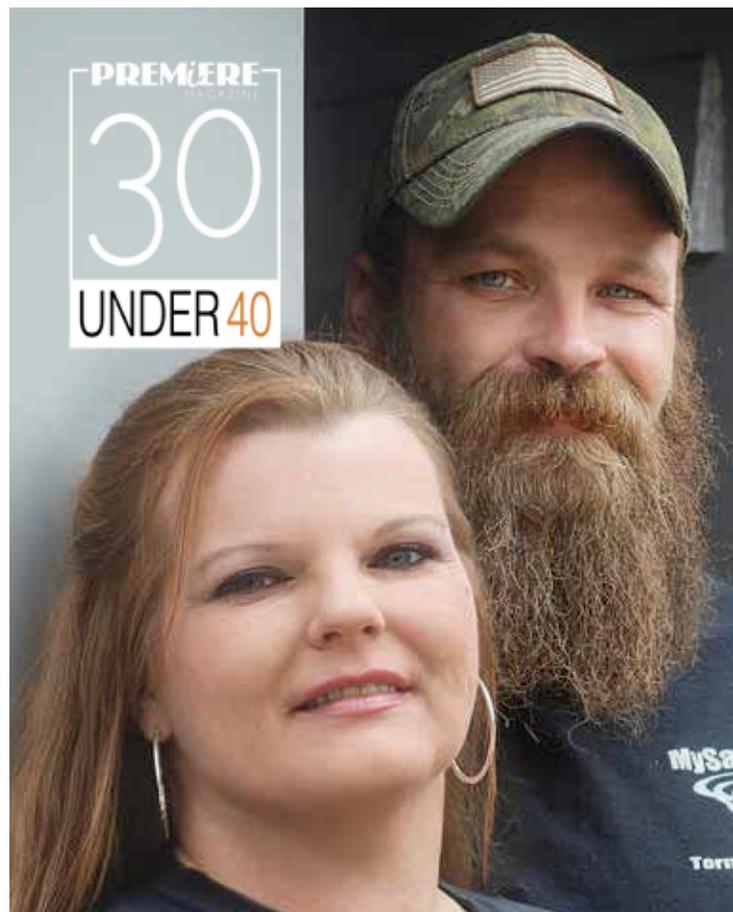
She said since their business is directed toward providing true shelter from the storm, they interact with community members to share weather safety tips whenever and wherever possible.

"Any of the kids in their classes at the schools, we'll make a presentation to them," Jana said, "or to senior citizen groups about the importance of tornado safety. Anyone, really, in the community we're willing to share information with."

She said she and her husband both feel "very, very, very honored" to be included in the 30 under 40 promotion.

"We really love our community and its people," she said. "We are so honored to be nominated and want to say thank you to everyone."

**Jana and Kyle Holmes**  
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# ASU College of Business Women's Business Leadership Conference

Arkansas State University's College of Business hosted the 2nd Annual Women's Business Leadership Conference in March. Dr. Shane Hunt presented Dr. Kathy White Loyd, Executive-in-Residence, Bryan School of Business, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, Executive Vice President and Treasurer, WalMart Stores, Inc.

The event is organized to encourage professional businesswomen to network with current students. Attendees had the opportunity to attend sessions such as How to Succeed in Non-Profit Careers and High-Tech Guerilla Marketing and a panel discussion of Women's Issues in the Workplace.

The day also included encouraging speeches by Erica Swallow, VP of Product, Noble Impact, and Dawn Prasifka, CEO, Girl Scouts Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The Women's Business Leadership Scholarship Committee announced eight awardees who have demonstrated a strong commitment to education, achievement, and leadership. They include:

Undergraduate -- Heather Bollman, Mingdelun Chen, Sheena Gammon, Erin Howard, Mackensie Nutt and Hillary Rodney  
Graduate -- Inna Mukhametova  
Imogene McDaniel Scholarship --Shauna Moultrie

Contact the ASU College of Business for information on this event for next year.



# Jonesboro Chamber Business Expo

The Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce hosted a Business Expo full of Super Heros! From Superman to our men in uniform, businesses set up booths and had lots of fun showing their goods and services to Chamber members and the public. MOR MEDIA's booth offered the cover to Premiere to some of the HEROs. Thank you for coming by! ♦



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# Greene County Community Fund Awards

The Greene County Community Fund held its 2016 Awards Luncheon at the Paragould Community Center in April. Several individuals, industries and organizations were recognized for their volunteer and fundraising efforts during the most recent Community Fund campaign, which saw \$267,000 raised for the many agencies the GCCF supports financially. New Community Fund Board Members for the next campaign are Julia Davis, Donnie Russell, Jeremy Sheffer, Beverly DePew and Kris Goodman. Present Board Members include Ty Sims, Kavin Snyder, Roxanne Wilson, Donna Emmert, Keith Milligan, Michael Cox, DaRae Roberts, Aaron Frahler and Pam Bradford. Kera Crafton is the Community Fund Executive Director. ♦



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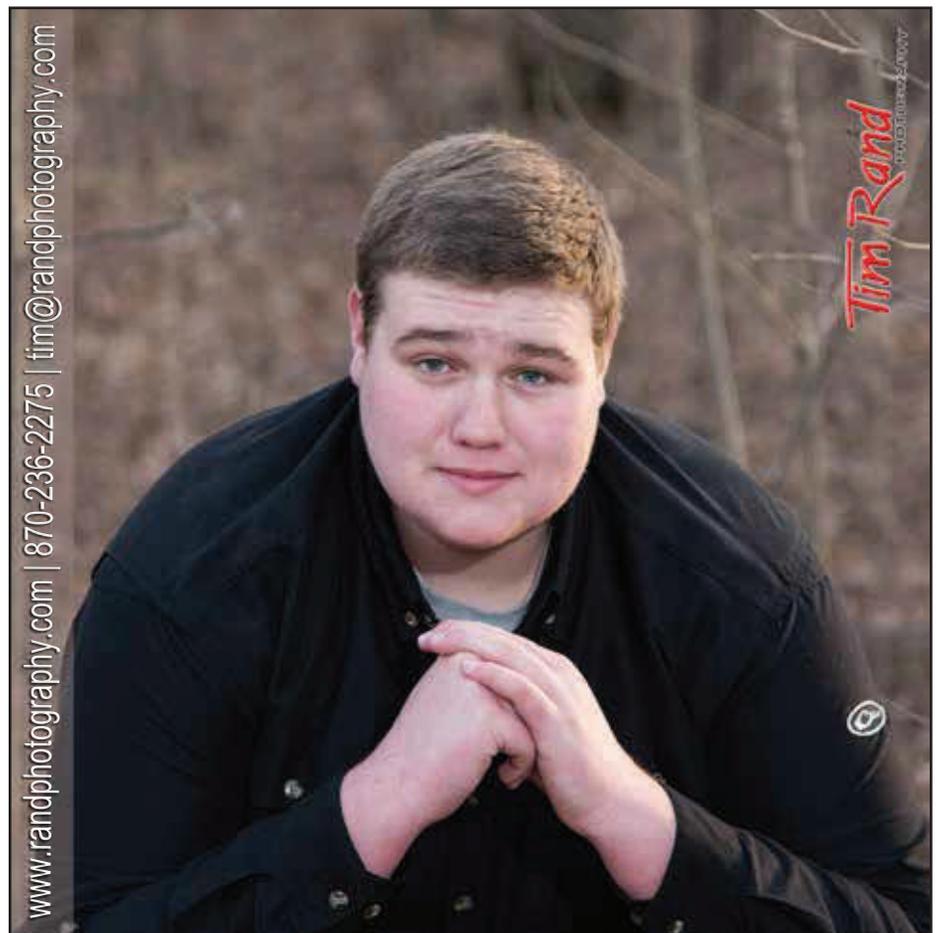
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# Dean Inman Retirement

After 22 years of service, Dean Inman is retiring from American Railcar Industries.

ARI was host to the celebration held in April at the Paragould Chamber of Commerce. The event was catered by CHOW at One Eighteen in Paragould, and friends and family offered well wishes.

Dean and his wife Peggy plan to enjoy retirement in Paragould.



Malissa Lewis and Dean Inman.



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# Local Talent Fundraising The Ozarks



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On Sunday, April 10th, at the First United Methodist Church a local band, The Ozarks, performed for a crowd of 151 music lovers. Classic hits from Johnny Cash, The Beatles and ELO were performed along with some original songs.

This event was the beginning of Luke Atwill's Eagle Scout project for the benefit of the Paragould Children's Home. With total ticket sales exceeding \$3,000, 8 guitars and 8 ukuleles will

be purchased along with other music supplies. Luke Atwill commented, "I feel blessed to have instruments growing up and you never know, maybe one of those kids at the Children's Home could be the next Elvis or Johnny Cash."

# Greene County Tech Bye Bye Birdie

Greene County Tech High School played host to a performance of Bye Bye Birdie in the school auditorium in April.

Director Lori Dial, assisted by Beverly Finley and James Jumper, led the GCT students through the performance of the spring play.



# OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

## Magan Harden

Paragould Primary

**M**agan has been teaching at the Paragould Primary School for 3 years. "I honestly feel blessed to have this profession," she said. "Kindergarteners are just so excited all the time and eager to learn. I love being around them and getting to inspire them to do great things."

On one of the school's Career days, she had a former student "so excited to show me she was dressed as a teacher. She had a Paragould Primary name badge on with her picture in it. She told me she wanted to be a teacher when she grows up and then come back and teach Kindergarten with me. I'm very thankful to do what I love every day with great students and colleagues."

Magan has been married to her husband Chris for 4 years. "I have two sisters, Whitney and Anna," she said, "two nephews, Hunter and Grason, and a niece, Katelynn. I have supportive parents Jim and Kathy Pillow, in-laws Randall and Angela, and a grandma that I cherish, Irene Pillow. I also have a strong church family at Lake Street Baptist Church." ♦



## Suzi Parnell

GCT Elementary

**S**uzi has been teaching special education for 42 years, the last 9 at Greene County Tech. She currently teaches reading, spelling, math, language arts and social skills to a self-contained classroom for 2nd and 3rd graders at GCT Elementary.

"I love teaching the special children and have many humorous moments every day," she said. "I enjoy the stories they tell me, even if at times the stories should probably not be told. We have laughed, loved and cried with each other. The hugs, pictures and notes that I have received and still receive are so precious to me. I get so excited when my students learn new skills or accomplishments in their subjects. It touches my heart that I still get phone calls, texts or notes from my previous students. Each child that I have come in contact with has blessed my heart in some way and they have taught me so much. My heart is full from all their love and I love each of them so much. I have also had the privilege of working with some wonderful parents and grandparents. Their support and help makes my job so much better. I am not looking forward to retirement because the precious children keep me young at heart."

Suzi's husband Calvin drives a bus for GCT and they have three daughters. "My family means the world to me," she said. "My grandchildren are the bright spots in my life. God has truly been good to me and I have some wonderful memories of my many years of teaching. What a wonderful profession teaching is." ♦



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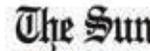
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May is a good month because it generally signals the end of cold, nasty days and allows outdoors activities to be enjoyed. I love going to high school ballgames or weekend tournaments and not having to see players wearing hoodies and fans covered with blankets, and if I'm mowing the lawn I like not having to hold my ball cap to keep it from blowing down the street. There is also the matter of my wedding anniversary during the month.

a reminder of the day I exchanged vows with my wife Cindy, the best partner I could ever have chosen. Everything about our relationship is extremely important to me, which is why if we can make it until May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> - somewhere in there - we will have been married for 43 years.

I still remember the first day I laid eyes on her. I was a senior in high school, sitting in Bookkeeping class, staring out the window as I did most mornings at eight o'clock when I saw her exit the gymnasium. I elbowed Jerry Davenport, who sat next to me, and nodded at the extremely cute girl with the short skirt and long hair. Jerry looked at her and said, "Yeah, that's my cousin."

You would had to have known the two of us back in the day to understand that either of us at that time could have had our attention drawn to Raquel Welch and our response would have been something like, "Yeah, I used to date her." So I was less than willing to accept that Jerry and this cutie were related until he convinced me they really were cousins. I told him he needed to introduce us and he promised to, then never did. I don't know if he was protecting her from me or me from her, but we had to work out introductions on our own and I'm glad we did.

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We have laughed many times over the years at our on the job training as a married couple, she a mere teenager and I an immature ballplayer. We bumbled our way through those formative years, building wonderful remembrances along the way once I accepted the reality that no professional baseball team was any longer interested in my services.

Our first home-cooked meal has long been a source of amusement. We lived in a tiny apartment, furnished mostly with things our parents gave us or purchased for us. On one of our first mornings together, Cindy decided to cook breakfast, her first as a wife and married-type person.

As I recall it, I was in the living room watching TV and she asked if I preferred my eggs fried or scrambled. "Fried," I said, because that's how my mom generally prepared eggs for us. I don't know how

many eggs were harmed in the frying process before my lovely bride returned and said, "Are you sure you don't want scrambled?"

That is apparently how eggs were served at her house, and the only way she really knew how to fix them. "Sure, scrambled,"

I said, not really caring one way or the other because I was in no position to criticize anyone's cooking.

All I knew how to fix was toast or, in a pinch, a bowl of cereal or a sandwich. The breakfast-making process continued and I was summoned to the kitchen table, and all seemed ready except for the toast.

"I don't think this broiler is working," Cindy said, pointing to the area at the bottom of the tiny cook stove and apparently expecting me to solve the riddle. Suddenly, the pressure was on. I didn't want to fail at my first husbandly enigma and was mentally preparing a series of words that sounded complicated and far over the head of a teen bride.

"Looks like the toastometer is out," I considered saying. "We will need to call the stoveologist."

Instead, I examined the scene and turned to Cindy and said, "Well, ... that's a drawer."

Seems she had grown up in a home with a gas stove where the bottom section was another cooking area. I grew up in the electronic age, and the bottom part was a drawer for storing pots and pans. We removed the sad-looking pieces of white bread with little dabs of butter on them and put them in the oven, then settled in for our first family meal. Each of us knew how to open a milk carton, so that part went pretty smoothly and we have laughed and loved our way through the years and meals ever since. As far as I know, we plan to keep the current arrangement going for several more years, regardless of how the eggs and toast turn out. ♦



# May

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### 03

**What:** Crowley's Ridge State Park's Wild About Wildlife School Days  
**When:** Tuesday-Thursday, May 3-5, 2016  
**Where:** Crowley's Ridge State Park, 2092 Hwy. 168 North, Paragould  
**Info:** Office: 870-573-6351; Visitor Center: 870-573-6751; Fax: 870-573-6758

### 05

**What:** 1st Thursday's Art and Stroll  
**When:** Thursday, May 5, 2016  
**Where:** Downtown Paragould  
**For:** Main Street Paragould  
**Info:** Office: 870-573-6351; Visitor Center: 870-573-6751; Fax: 870-573-6758

### 06

**What:** Gospel/Comedy Show  
**When:** Friday-Saturday, May 6-7, 2016; 7 PM  
**Where:** The Collins Theatre  
**For:** 1st Church of God  
**Cost:** \$20.00; Tickets available at the door.

### 07

**What:** Opening Day: Paragould Farmer's Market  
**When:** Saturday, May 7, 2016  
**Where:** Greene County Courthouse

**What:** 4th Annual Law Day Running Festival  
**When:** Saturday, May 7, 2016  
**Where:** Craighead County Courthouse  
**For:** Legal Aid of Arkansas. All proceeds will be used by Legal Aid of Arkansas to provide legal assistance to low-income Arkansans  
**Info:** Register online by going to [www.jonesboro10k.com](http://www.jonesboro10k.com).

**What:** Greene County Master Gardeners Plant Sale  
**When:** Saturday, May 7, 2016  
**Where:** Centennial Park, Downtown Paragould  
**Info:** Greene County Extension Office 236-6921. In the event of rain, the Plant Sale will be the following Saturday.

### 07

**What:** Paragould Rotary's Paws for a Cause Dog Show  
**When:** Saturday, May 7, 2016, 1 PM  
**Where:** The Greene County Fair Grounds  
**Info:** Register your pooch here: [www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77290868](http://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77290868)

### 08

**What:** Revival Services  
**When:** Sunday-Wednesday, May 8-11  
**Where:** Senath First Assembly of God, 601 South State Street in Senath  
**Info:** Featuring Rev. Paul Murray from South Bend, Indiana. The services will begin at 11:00 AM on May 8. Evening services will run Monday through Wednesday, May 9-11, at 7:00 PM. He will also speak at the monthly First Saturday Breakfast on May 7. For more information, visit [www.senathag.xyz](http://www.senathag.xyz).

**What:** Mother's Day activity  
**When:** Sunday, May 8  
**Where:** Crowley's Ridge State Park, 2092 Hwy. 168 North, Paragould  
**Cost:** Free  
**Info:** Children will be able to make a nature bouquet for their moms out of things they find out in the woods: pinecones and sticks.  
Office: 870-573-6351; Visitor Center: 870-573-6751; Fax: 870-573-6758

### 13

**What:** The Ultimate Oldies Show  
**When:** Friday-Sat, May 13-14, 2016 7PM  
**Where:** The Collins Theatre  
**Cost:** \$15 - \$20  
**Info:** Featuring music of the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's. Call to reserve your ticket 870-215-2253. Tickets available at Ignited Gifts in the Paragould Plaza and at Post Net in the Town West Shopping Center or by calling 870-215-2253.

### 25

**What:** Boating Education Course  
**When:** Wednesday, May 25  
**Where:** Lake Frierson State Park  
**Info:** Office: 870-573-6351; Visitor Center: 870-573-6751; Fax: 870-573-6758

### 27

**What:** A Time to Dance annual Spring recital "Heart of the South"  
**When:** Friday, May 27, 2016, 7 PM  
**Where:** Collins Theatre, Downtown Paragould  
**Paragould Cost:** \$8 at the door  
**Info:** For more information visit [www.atime2dancestudio.com](http://www.atime2dancestudio.com)

### 28

**What:** Fishing on the Ridge fishing derby  
**When:** Saturday, May 28  
**Where:** Crowley's Ridge State Park, Walcott Lake  
**For:** Children 15 and under  
**Info:** 200 catfish will be stocked in the lake and prizes will be given to winners of different categories.  
Office: 870-573-6351; Visitor Center: 870-573-6751; Fax: 870-573-6758

**What:** Memorial Day Madness Weekend  
**When:** Saturday, May 28  
**Where:** Crowley's Ridge State Park  
**Cost:** Programs are free but swimming and pedal boat fees apply  
**Info:** Kicking off summer with a DJ on the beach (Saturday only), interpretive programs, swimming, and pedal boats at Lake Ponder.  
Office: 870-573-6351; Visitor Center: 870-573-6751; Fax: 870-573-6758

### June 03

**What:** AMMC 2-Mile Glow Run  
**When:** Friday, June 3, 2016  
**For:** Arkansas Methodist Medical Center  
**Info:** 870-239-7467 or email [allison.hitt@arkansasmethodist.org](mailto:allison.hitt@arkansasmethodist.org). Register online at <http://www.racesonline.com>. Pre-registration closes at midnight Thursday, June 2, 2016

# Recurring EVENTS

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

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

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

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

**Second & Fourth Tuesday of every month:** The Paragould American Legion Post 17 meets at 7:00 PM at the corner of Court and Hwy. 49. The second Tuesday is a business meeting and the fourth is a Pot Luck Dinner with spouses and friends.

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

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

**Second Thursday of every month:** The Memory Cafe, support group for those having memory, dementia or Alzheimer's at 1:00 PM at the Senior B.E.E.S. Center, North 12th St. in Paragould.

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

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

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

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



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# HAPPENINGS

## 1. Angel Run

The Saints and Sinners Riding Club staged its annual Angel Run in March, raising money in support of Arkansas Children's Hospital. The riders have orchestrated the run every year since 2010, trying to raise awareness of the wonderful services provided by ACH and emphasizing the need for financial support from individuals and communities statewide. Each year, the Angel Run brings in thousands of dollars in addition to pledges collected during the Children's Hospital Radiothon. The club has donated more than \$50,000 to the cause over the years.

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## 2. Rotaract Helps PPD

Car wrecks, abuse, house fires. As an adult those can be extremely scary situations, as a child even more so. Some children are brought to the Paragould Police Department under traumatic situations such as those. They are alone and scared. Wouldn't it be easier if you had a friend help you through that time? That was what Paragould Rotaract Club thought when they started their Teddy Bears for Tots drive. Rotaract is collecting new or gently used teddy bears to donate to PPD. The goal is to make this a constant collection but that's up to you- the community. Rotaract has donated their first lot of almost 50 bears to the police department. Pictured left to right: Vice President Sarah Jane Lamb, Rotarian Todd Stovall, president Shawnda James, and secretary Aynsley Broom

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## 3. MHS CSI Event

The Marmaduke High School Gifted and Talented department recently conducted a CSI event for students from Baldwin, Oak Grove and Woodrow Wilson elementary schools in Paragould.

The Marmaduke students set up a series of stations including a blood spatter station, simulated crime scene station, stranger danger station, and one where students put together a kit including their current picture, DNA saliva swab, fingerprints and dental impressions in the event a child ever went missing. The high school students, led by Char Green, had to research, plan and prepare the stations which involved active engagement while learning. The elementary students had been involved in a CSI unit earlier in the school year, so this activity reinforced previous learning.

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# NEA COOKS

Gena & Laura McCullar

## Family/occupations:

**Laura:** My daughter Gena and my 16-year-old son, Tiner. I am employed by Kiss The Cook.

**Gena:** 20 years old and I attend Hair Tech Beauty College.

## How did you learn to cook?

**Laura:** My Grandma Dover cooked every meal of the day, every day, and taught me a lot, as well as passed down recipes.

**Gena:** I learned to cook from my mom and my grandmother, Sharran McCullar. I loved being a helper to them when I was younger.

## What are your favorite things to cook together?

**Laura:** We like to cook all kinds of things together, as well as new things. We like to make chicken quesadillas, salmon and all breakfast meals together.

## Funniest/worst cooking "disaster?"

**Gena:** When I was about 10 years old, my mom tried making steamed broccoli and cauliflower and ended up burning it. It stunk up the entire house and I remember hiding in my brother's room with a blanket under the door to keep the smell out. I didn't eat steamed broccoli again until a couple of years ago.

## What advice do you have for other cooks?

**Both:** No matter how many times you repeatedly burn the broccoli, you will eventually get it right.

## Gram's Bread Pudding

### Ingredients

6 cups cubed, day-old bread

2 ½ tbsp melted butter

4 eggs, beaten

2 cups milk

¾ cup sugar

1 tsp cinnamon

1 tsp vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In pan, spread out cubed bread evenly. Melt butter and drizzle over bread. Mix eggs, sugar, milk, vanilla and cinnamon and beat until mixed well. Pour mixture over bread and slightly flatten with fork.

Place pan in oven and bake for 45 min., or until the top springs back lightly when tapped. Serve alone or with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.





## CHELSEY ROBERTS AND CLAY SMITH

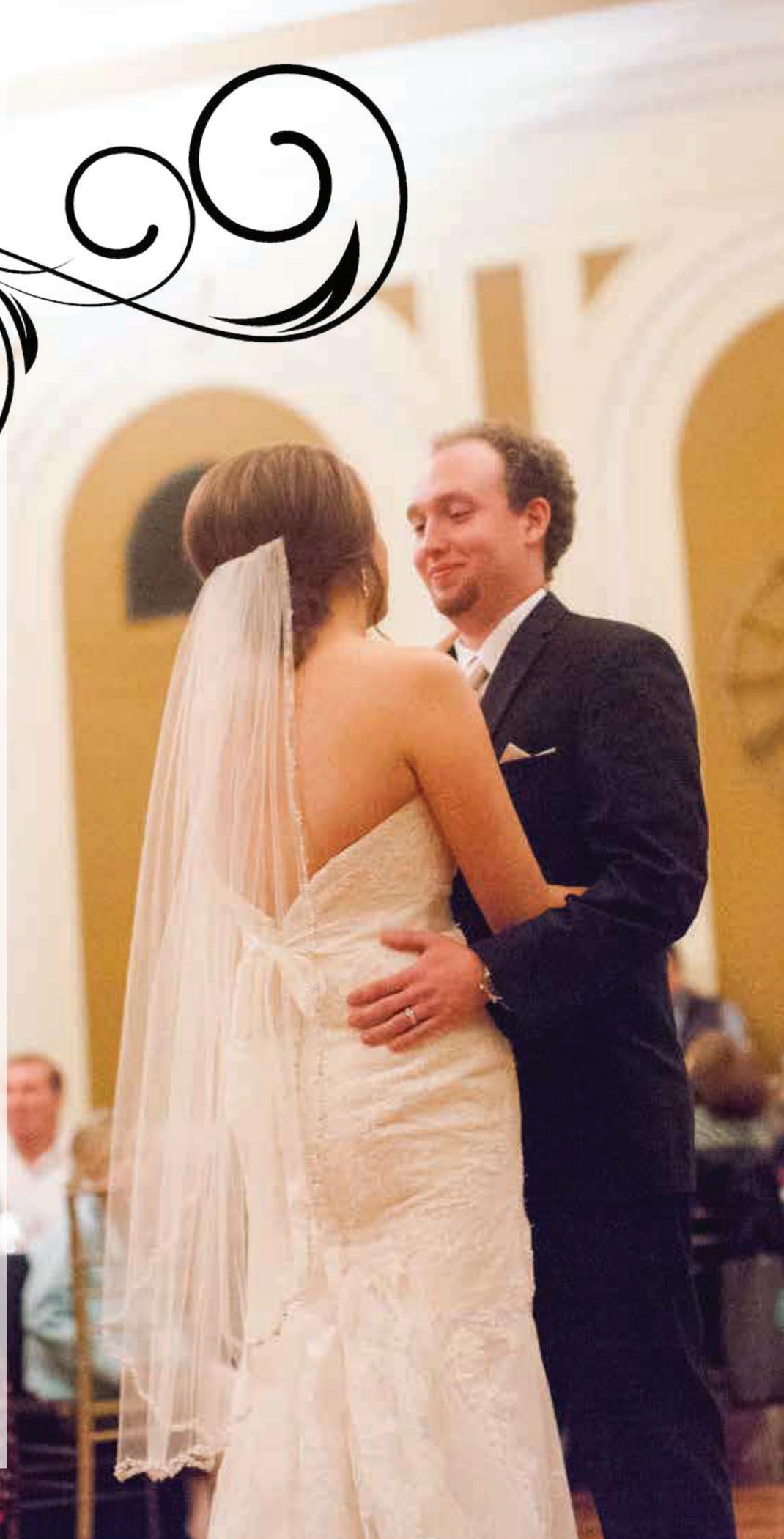
**January 9, 2016**

Photos by Anne-Camille Photography

Chelsey Roberts and Clay Smith were married on January 9, 2016, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

Chelsey is the daughter of Mike Roberts and Theresa Nedelman of Paragould. Clay's parents are Terry and Melanie Smith, also of Paragould.

Clay and Chelsey met at Mt. Zion Baptist, where they would eventually share their wedding day. Clay proposed on December 18, 2015, in the same place where their new home sits today.





# ENGAGEMENTS



Rachel Kirby and Matthew Jones  
Photo by Misty Koch

## Kirby-Jones

Rachel Lynn Kirby and Matthew David Jones have announced their plans for a May wedding ceremony. Rachel is the daughter of Dewayne and Michelle Kirby of Paragould. The prospective groom is the son of David and Judy Jones of Benton. The wedding is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at New Haven Baptist Church in Paragould.

Photo by Misty Koch

## Hunter-Moore

Skye Hunter of Rector and David Moore of Walnut Ridge have set an August date for their wedding. The two will exchange vows on August 8, 2016, in Piggott.

Skye Hunter and David Moore  
Photo by Kayla Davis



### Baby Registry

Bliss Fox	Isha Fletcher
Mallorye Wesley	Sadie Cremeens
Meagan Cole	Tina Bruce
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# Miller-Droke

Jordan Miller of Leachville and Skyler Droke of Hornersville and have announced their plans for a June wedding. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gordon and Missi Miller of Leachville. The prospective groom is the son of Steven and Donna Droke of Hornersville. The wedding ceremony will be on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at East Side Baptist Church in Paragould.

# Williams-Cupp

Shana Williams and Ryan Cupp have revealed their plans for a June wedding. Shana is the daughter of Doug and Dana Williams of Paragould. Ryan's parents are Kim and Darrell Wall of Jonesboro, and Paul and Aimee Cupp of Paragould. The wedding ceremony is set for Saturday, June 4, 2016, at 5 p.m. at West View Baptist Church of Paragould. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Shana Williams and Ryan Cupp  
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Graycen Colbert and Alex Bigger  
May 21

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May 28

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June 10

Jordon Miller and Skyler Droke  
June 25

Taylor Garner and Trase Davis  
July 23

### BABY Registry:

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Isha Fletcher

Emerald Kemp

Shannan Vaughn

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# Stay Tuned

What's in store next month

## Dog Show



Someone's pet will be front and center on the cover of the June issue of *Premiere*, thanks to voters at the annual PAWS For A Cause contest, staged by the Paragould Rotary Club. The dog selected as Most Photogenic will earn the right to be on the cover in June, so attend the event at the B.C. Loyd Entertainment Building at the Greene County Fairgrounds in Paragould on Saturday, May 7, and cast your vote. Someone's dog will appreciate it.

## Honoring Survivors



*Premiere* writers will feature area cancer survivors in conjunction with Relay For Life activities. Be sure to see the June issue of *Premiere*.



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