THEME: **365 DAYS** O F NAACP

DREW COUNTY NAACP BRANCH 6042

OCTOBER 14, 2023

University of Arkansas at Monticello **University Center Green Room** 346 University Dr, Monticello, AR

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- We get involved in local affairs of our community.
- . We play a positive role in our community.
- . We help educate our community.
- . We ensure that the mission of the NAACP is actively expressed and implemented in our city & county governments, educational and economic environment, and health networks.

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From President

Clarissa Pace

To the Officers, Executive Committee, Drew County NAACP Branch 6042 members, and guests:

I had crossed the line. I was free; but there was no one to welcome me to the land of freedom. I was a stranger in a strange land. Harriet Tubman

I am excited to greet each of you to the 2023 Drew County NAACP Branch 6042 Freedom Fund Banquet and Awards Dinner. Our civil rights organization was formed in 1909 as an interracial endeavor to advance social justice and civil rights for all. One hundred and thirteen years later, we are still mandated to keep the fight going.

In a historic decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ended race-conscious admission programs at colleges and universities across the country with the reverse of Affirmative Action. Black politicians are seeing black voters turn away from the polls due to distrust in the systems and biased law-makers. There is a disparity gap in Black wealth and, since COVID, there has been allegations of inequality in health services made available to the Black community. As Arkansans, we are now facing regression with the recently elected Governor, who shows obvious insensitivity towards our education system and calls Black history a lie.

Events like tonight, show that we MUST continue to stand together. We must continue to recognize leaders who are working together to make our communities THRIVE. We must continue to encourage up and coming leaders to take their places in this fight.

Congratulations to ALL HONOREES. You are here because what you do has not gone unnoticed. Thank you to the family and friends who have shown your support on their behalf. Thank you to those who have been long time supporters of such a momentous occasion. Thank you to all of the program participants for accepting our invitation to be a part.

Finally, "thank you," to branch members who have supported, participated and put up with all my emails. Thank you to Nancy Bowman and LaShunda Jackson for coordinating such as awesome silent auction with the addition of mocktail hour, hosted by Bettina Randolph. And a huge "thank you" to the officers and executive committee members of the Drew County NAACP Branch 6042 for such awesome work in making this entire event special. YOU ROCK!

To everyone, remember, "365 Days of NAACP" means we can never become complacent and satisfied with getting by. We must always strive to "Thrive: In Movement. In Culture. In Community.

Drew County NAACP Branch 6042

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Officers













Constance Williams

"Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are." - Benjamin Franklin



"Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public." - Cornel West



Drew County Authorized and Appointed Standing Committee Chairpersons



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POLITICAL ACTION
COMMITTEE



MEMBERSHIP & LIFE MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE



FREEDOM FUND COMMITTEE



RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE



YOUTH WORKS



HEALTH COMMITTEE



COMMUNITY COORDINATIONS



ACT-SO COMMITTEE



ARMED SERVICES & VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



EDUCATION COMMITTEE



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE



W.I.N. COMMITTEE



Legal Redress COMMITTEE

Contact any leader to join in the work.

Highlights of the NAACP

The NAACP was created on the centennial celebration of the birth of the "Great Emancipator," Abraham Lincoln on February 12, 1909. The atrocities committed against colored people in the Springfield, Illinois, riot during the summer of 1908 troubled the conscience of writer William English Walling of the Independent, a Springfield periodical. A wealthy Southerner and Socialist, Walling was moved to challenge freedom-loving Americans by invoking the spirit of the abolitionists who fought for social and political equality.

The local Drew County Branch of the NAACP #6042 was established in 1984 to extend the furtherance of the national objective. At the local branch, members endeavor to carry out the mission, vision and objectives of the national organization and the local branch.

Our Mission

Together with more than 2 million activists across the country, we work to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

Our Vision

Our vision is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

Branch Vision

To be bold, involved and equal.

Commitment

To make our vision a reality, we will:



- Ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens
- Achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States
- Remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes
- · Seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights
- Inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination
- Educate everyone on their constitutional rights and take all lawful action to secure the
 exercise of those rights, and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives,
 consistent with the NAACP's Articles of Incorporation and the NAACP Constitution



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Monticello, I want to thank each of you for being here tonight and sharing in the good times to be had at this years Freedom Fund Banquet.

Monticello is often referred to as the Heartbeat of South Arkansas and we could not agree more. We are the educational, social, commercial and industrial hub of the southeast section of our state. Monticello will follow no other city; Monticello will lead the way.

We are able to do this not because of any specific booming industry, or stroke of luck. We have countless amenities, restaurants, Lake and sports activities and wildlife just to name a few. By that's not why we are thriving.

We are thriving and leading the way in South Arkansas because of our **people**. We simply have the best community that the State of Arkansas has to offer.

We stick together through storms, be it ice or rain. We stick together during social, financial and spiritual struggles. One community, one vision and one goal; to be the best.

May God's grace and protection be upon each of you tonight and in your travels afterwards. Enjoy the company, the friends and fellowship tonight and know that you are always welcome in the Great City of Monticello!

God Bless Each of You! Mayor Jason Akers DREW COUNTY NAACP BRANCH 6042

FREDOM Bonoquet

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremony

Mr. Anthony Jackson

Greetings

NATIONAL NEGRO ANTHEM

Prayer	Bishop Michael Jones
Welcome	Mayor Jason Akers, The City of Monticello Mrs. Clarissa Pace, President DC NAACP Branch 6042
Entertainment	Mr. Gabriel Pace, Local R&B recording artist
Blessing of the Food	Pastor Daryl Daniels, Jr.
	DINNER SERVED
Entertainment	Miss Toni Fuller, Tap Presentation



2023 AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Presented By: Mrs. Angela Lopez and Rev. DJ Buffington

Non-Profit/Public Sector of the Year Award

Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions, CDO

Outstanding Leadership in Community Service
Male & Female

Mr. Anthony Jackson & Mrs. Angelia Anderson

CONTINUATION OF 2023 AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Partnership of the Year

Commercial Bank & Trust Company, Monticello, AR

Special Youth and Young Adult Recognition

Drew Central School District
Toni Rykell Fuller
Tra'Bennett Ryker Fuller

Monticello School District
Zaniyah Nicole Thompson
Jeremiah Daniels
Curtis Barrow, Jr.

Young Adult- 18-30
Rashawn Newton - Iesha Smith
Wesley Carnicle - Jada Trotter

Youth Council Achievement Award

Presented by Mrs. Stacy Smith M'Leia Rhodes

President's Community Award

Presented by Mrs. Clarissa Pace, President
Monticello Growth

Introduction of Speaker	Mrs. Samantha Sims
Entertainment	Mr. Gabriel Pace, Local R&B recording artist
Speaker	Mr. Vincent Sims
	CO-ANCHOR OF NBC'S 5 WEEKEND EVENING NEWS DALLAS/FORTH WORTH, TX
Silent Auction Winners	Mrs. Nancy Bowman & Mrs. Lashunda Jackson
Membership Appeal	
Remarks	Mrs. Clarissa Pace, President
Closing Prayer	Pastor Jerome Pace

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Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions, CDO

Outstanding Leadership in Community Service (Male)

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Outstanding Leadership in Community Service (Female)

Mrs. Angelia Anderson

PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Commercial Bank & Trust Company

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY AWARD

Monticello Growth

Community Youth of the Year (Youth Council)

M'Leia Rhodes



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SPECIAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT RECOGNITION

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Monticello School District

Zaniyah Nacole Thompson Jeremiah Daniels Curtis Barrow Jr. **Drew Central School District**

Toni Rykell Fuller
Tra'Bennett Ryker Fuller

Young Adult: 18 - 30

Rashawn Newton & Iesha Smith Wesley Carnicle & Jada Trotter

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Hope Place -Non-Profit of the Year

CASA of the 10th Judicial District - Non-Profit of the Year

Dariall Harris - Outstanding Community Leader (male)

Nicholas Smith - Outstanding Community Leader (male)

Peggy Orr - Outstanding Community Leader (female)

Sheena Cooks - Outstanding Community Leader (female)



CO-ANCHOR OF NBC'S 5 WEEKEND EVENING NEWS DALLAS/FORTWORTH, TX



Arkansas at Central Arkansas in Conway with a Bachelor of Science degree in speech/mass communications/journalism, co-anchors NBC 5 Weekend Evening News and reports during

the week and hosts 5 Talk Street. He joined the NBC 5 family in July 2019 after spending five

years anchoring and reporting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Vince is a three-time Emmy Award and an Edward R. Murrow awardwinning journalist. He has more than 25 years of experience in television news. Vince's reporting has included everything from politics, covering presidential candidates including Barack Obama and

Vince Sims is a 1989 graduate of Monticello High School and the son of John and Verna Sims of Selma. A 1993 graduate of the University of

Donald Trump, to sports covering two Super Bowls. Throughout his career, Vince has covered all kinds of severe weather situations including tornadoes, hurricanes, and snowstorms.

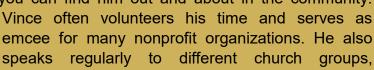
His journalism journey started in Little Rock, Ark as he was employed by KTHV Channel 11 as a video editor and photographer. He has since worked in Monroe and Shreveport, La.; Tulsa, Okla.; and Pittsburgh, Pa. Vince most enjoys covering stories that have an impact on someone's life or change their life for the better.



Vince has been given many community acknowledgments over the years including NW Louisiana YWCA Outstanding Journalist, The New Pittsburgh Courier Man of Excellence in Media, and Atl's Hottest Media Personality two years in a row among others.

Vince's dad was a farmer who raised cotton, soybeans, and cattle. His mother was an outstanding 3rd grade schoolteacher who taught him the importance of an education and dad taught him the importance of hard work.

When he's not at work you can find him out and about in the community.





organizations, and schools about his job and the challenges that come with it. Vince loves talking with young people about the importance of getting an education. He stresses to them their surroundings don't define their future. Vince talks about their community after growing up in rural Arkansas.



Vince considers himself a "sock enthusiast" with a large collection of fun and colorful socks. He also collects matchbooks. Vince is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated. Vince is married to Samantha Sims and they have one son.



NON-PROFIT/PUBLIC SECTOR OF THE YEAR

Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions, CDO

The Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions, CDO is a Community Development Organization and a referral-information agency that helps individuals who are applying for Social Security, Social Security Disability, rental assistance, SNAP and other programs that will help meet the need of the applicants.

In addition to assisting with the application process. Individuals are also assisted through the Social Security Disability appeal process.

During the pandemic, the Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions, provided application assistance for Rental Assistance and Utility Assistance (RAUA) to individuals who were impacted by COVID-19.

The CDO continues to assist individuals including referral for pharmaceutical assistance. Those who qualify may receive their medications free of charge or at a discount for up to one year.

The organization was selected as a 2020 Community Philanthropy Advancing Equity Award recipient and currently manages the Revival Center Food Pantry.

The CDO helps by appointments on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For an appointment, individuals may call 870-740-1093.

The office is located at 311 South Pine, Monticello, Arkansas

Bishop Michael Jones serves as the Executive Director and Linda Austin services as the Board Chairman.







OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADER OF THE YEAR - MALE

Mr. Earl Anthony Jackson



Mr. Earl Anthony Jackson is the assistant principal of Monticello Elementary School in Monticello. He is an example of an awesome person that goes over and beyond for his students and the community of Monticello. He has been a great asset to the Monticello School District by bringing joy and concern to the children and playing that supporting role to his peers.

He has worked to provide information to parents to help build a stronger relationship between the community and the school district. His children love him so much that past Monticello Elementary School, they return for a visit.

Not only does he serve the school district, but he also serves the community in which he resides. It is common to see Mr. Jackson fellowshipping and support various community activities and even giving of his talent as a Gospel recording artist, ministering through song. He has served so many organizations as their master of ceremony.

Additionally, Earl Anthony Jackson is a native of Fordyce, Arkansas born to Rev. Travis E. Jackson and the late Flossie Brazil Anderson. He attended public schools in the Fordyce School District graduating in 1992 and furthered his education at the University of AR at Monticello where he completed his undergraduate studies and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education in May of 2000. He obtained a Master of Science in Education – Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University – Jonesboro on May 14, 2016.

On October 26, 2013, he was inducted into the UAM African American Alumni Elite Hall of Fame. He is a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, the Arkansas Education Association and a member of the Drew County Branch of the NAACP where he serves as the Chair of the Education Committee. He's entering his 24th year in education and is presently employed with the Monticello School District serving in his 5th year as Assistant Principal at Monticello Elementary School.

He is a member of the New Horizon Church and Its Ministries, Incorporated of Fordyce, AR and serves as the Minister of Music and on the Board of Directors. He is a local radio personality on "A Time Out for Joy" – the longest running African American Gospel Radio program on KBJT 1590 AM/98.9 – THE GOSPEL SON!! He is a longtime member of the Tri-County MLK Celebration Committee of Fordyce and was awarded the Tri County MLK Community Service and Dedication Award on January 15, 2023.

He enjoys cooking, baking, watching TV, going to the movies, reading, spending quiet time at home or just being Uncle Ant to his many nieces and nephews.



DUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADER OF THE YEAR - FEMALE

Mrs. Angelia Anderson



Mrs. Angelia Anderson, a Public Health Educator is a native of Monticello, Arkansas and is the daughter or the late Mr. Calvin Shepherd and Ms. Linda J. Isom. She is married to Mr. Alfonza Anderson and has one son, a deceased son and one grandson. She is a member of the Drew County NAACP Branch #6042 where she serves on the Education Committee.

She is a member of Pilgrim Rest A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Rev. Christopher Goodman.

Mrs. Anderson serves and has served in numerous capacities in her church and community.

She is currently a member of the Drew County Health Coalition, Single Parent Scholarship Committee, OES Keyflower #59 & the Effie E. Brooks Civic Club.

She is the president of the Mary E. Lee Women's Missionary Society at Pilgrim Rest and serves as the East Arkansas Conference Christian Debutante Master Commissioner, EAC YPD Director and Arkansas Statewide Baby & Me Coordinator with the Arkansas Department of Health serving 14 counties.

Mrs. Anderson has served for more than 10 years volunteering in the community with the Drew County Cal Ripen Baseball, assisting with the football banquet, basketball regional tournaments and the Monticello Basketball Booster Club.



Drew County NAACP Branch 6042 Partnership of the Year ward

Commercial Bank was established in 1912, and its He believed in fair dealing, was extremely sister bank, First State Bank of Warren, was established before that in 1890. Both banks played a formative role in supporting the development of Drew and Bradley Counties resulting from the transportation innovation of the U.S. railroad system. We were founded on sound financial principles, solid business practices, and oldfashioned, common sense. Such aided steady growth and the emergence of modest enterprises becoming established financial institutions. Both banks survived two world wars, the Great Depression, and countless economic challenges to emerge as one of southeast Arkansas' leading banking operations playing a formative role in supporting the development of the region with each step.

A large part of our history, and in fact our modern history, originated in the founding of Ryburn Motor Company in 1946. If you don't know the name of Bennie F. Ryburn, Sr., you should. Mr. Ryburn was a local product who invested his life in developing and investing in Southeast Arkansas with the intent of developing the Drew County economy and goods and services available to citizens. In the mid-1960s, Mr. Ryburn witnessed consumers having difficulty obtaining car loans from local banks in town, so he, having met significant material success by that time in his life, purchased Commercial Bank. Obviously, he had a business need to finance vehicles for the buying public, but his primary interest was the working man and woman.

persuasive, and worked tirelessly betterment of Southeast Arkansas.

Commercial Bank has been involved in virtually every facet of Monticello and Drew County's development and has earned us the reputation as The Community Builder. We embrace our history and civic responsibility that aligns with being locally-owned and operated.

Now, in 2023, the third and fourth generations of Ryburns are invested in both banks - Commercial Bank as well as First State Bank of Warren, and the dealership. More importantly, the investment is in Drew and Bradley Counties and southeast Arkansas. The profits made here are reinvested in local jobs, local businesses, local taxes, and corporate philanthropy across a spectrum of charities and public good institutions such as Drew Central School District, Monticello School District, and UAM. We silently support many causes without publicity because it's the right thing to do in growing our economy from helping seniors who need meals and a visit to students who need an after-school network. Simply put, when you do business locally with Commercial Bank, you are giving back locally to ensure our community grows.

Locals serving Locals. We have roots where others have branches.





PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY AWARD

Monticello Growth

Monticello Growth was organized in June as a collective of young men, Detrick Lambert, Cedric Hudson, Glenn Marshall, Cedrick Wells, Tony Spinks and

Rayvon Newbill. The goal became to make a difference in their community. Since their organization, they have grown their membership.

In a short period of time of being organized, Monticello Growth organization has been involved in several giveaways and cleanup projects. They have assisted churches New Relationship

Church and Revival Center with their community outreach projects. They were recognized by The Great I Am Temple for their community work efforts that

began in June at the Jordan Park. At which time, they held their first FREE COMMUNITY COOKOUT and cleaned the neighborhoods in that vicinity.

This group of young adult men assist the elderly of the community as well by cleaning and detailing their yards.





Monticello Growth Motto: In order to obtain GROWTH, Guys/Girls Reaching Out Willing To Help. First you must Grow - Get Rid of Old Ways. Everybody is somebody, but nobody will wait on anybody.





COMMUNITY YOUTH OF THE YEAR (YOUTH COUNCIL)

M'Leia Cymore Rhodes



M'Leia Cymone Rhodes, a native of Monticello, Arkansas is the daughter of Hardy and Veronica Rhodes. She is a 2019 graduate from Monticello High School where she was a member of the Beta Club and National Honor Society. M'Leia was also elected to the 2018 Homecoming Court as the Honor Maid.

In 2022, M'Leia graduated with honors from the University of Arkansas at Monticello with a degree in Exercise Science. She received a master's degree from Harding University in Cardiac Function and Interventional Technology in 2023.

She is currently employed as a Clinical Account Specialist with Biosense Webster. As a Clinical Account Specialist, her role consists of partnering with an Electrophysiologist during cardiac ablations to provide expert product and technical assistance.

SPECIAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT RECOGNITION

MONTICELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Zaniyah Nacole Thompson



Miss Zaniyah Nacole Thompson is a senior at Monticello High School. She is a member of the Gifted and Talented program, and she is very active in high school sports. She participates in basketball and track and manages to maintain a 3.0 GPA.

She is completing an internship in cosmetology. She has been selected as Student of the Year for Monticello High School. Zaniyah recently relinquished her crown as Miss June Dinner 2022 and was recognized as the youngest winner at the age of sixteen. She has competed in several area pageants, winning first runner up in the Miss Star City pageant and second runner up in the Drew County Junior Miss competition.

Zaniyah exemplifies beauty and poise as well as inner beauty. She shows humility, kindness, respect, and a big smile for everyone she meets. In 2021 she presented a one-woman Art Show of her art works by Zaniyah, it was a sold-out event. Zaniyah plans to become a girls basketball coach in the future.

Jeremiah Daniels



Jeremiah Daniels is a senior at Monticello High with a 3.0 GPA. He plays Wide Receiver/Safety for the Monticello High football team, and he is a shooting guard for the basketball team as well. He is a member of the Spanish club, FBLA, and art clubs. He serves as the Treasurer of the Student Council and was elected as state representative while attending Arkansas Boys State this past summer.

He is the son of Tassie and Daryle Daniels, Jr. of Monticello. He is also a proud member of the Word Church of Monticello where his parents pastor. There he serves faithfully beside his father. Jeremiah is a well-rounded student athlete in pursuit of furthering his education.



MONTICELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT (continues)

Curtis Barrow, Jr



Curtis Barrow, Jr. is a junior at Monticello High School where he is taking Advanced Placement courses, is an Honor Roll student and plays football for the High School football team.

He also runs track. He enjoys spending time with friends and family and is a member of Revival Center Church in Monticello. Curtis is the son of KaTrina and Curtis Barrow, Sr.

DREW CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Toni Rykell Fuller



Toni Rykell Fuller is a freshman at Drew Central High School and a member of The National Beta Club, Lady Pirates Junior High Basketball Team, and Junior High cheer team. Toni has received multiple awards in cheer. At the end of her eighth-grade season, Toni was awarded the "Most Spirited" cheerleader and has been named an All American Cheerleader two years consecutively, 2022 and 2023.

Toni was invited to attend The Disney Thanksgiving Tour in November of 2022 in Orlando, FL. She was among over 3,000 All American Cheerleaders from the USA that participated in The Disney Thanksgiving Parade at Magic Kingdom.

Toni is also an 11-year member of The Monticello Dance Academy Competition Dance and Tumble Teams. Summer 2023, she and her dance teammates placed 5th place with their tap routine at The National Dance Competition in Destin, FL.

Tra'Bennet Ryker Fuller



Tra'Bennett Ryker Fuller, affectionately known as Tic Toc, is a 16-year-old sophomore at Drew Central High School. He excels in both sports and academia, closing his freshman year with a 3.5 GPA. As a freshman, he was moved to the senior high basketball team and senior high football team. He became the youngest quarterback to start in Drew Central school history. While just a freshman, Tra'Bennett made 2nd team all-conference in football and basketball. Tra'Bennett is a member of Greater Shady Grove AME Church of Wilmar where he participates in the Y.P.D. and is a member of the youth choir.

Tra'Bennett has participated in AAU basketball (summer league) since second grade. Summer 2023, he attended basketball camp at the University of Alabama. He is currently in East Lab at Drew Central and recently made the Pirates baseball team making him a triple treat.

Tra'Bennett is nice and respectful, and everyone loves him.



YOUNG ADULT: 18 - 30

Rashaun Newton



Rashaun Newton is a native of Monticello, Arkansas. He is the son of Ms. Trinita Newton and has one brother, Tramaine Newton.

Rashaun is a 2016 graduate of Drew Central High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He is currently pursuing a master's degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Rashuan is currently employed as the head Jr. High and Senior High School Boys Basketball Coach for the Hamburg School District and teaches Health and Physical Education. Prior to this season, he was employed by the Star City School District for (3) years as a teacher and

coach.

In the community, he served as an AAU Basketball Coach for the South Arkansas Hoopsters for (3) years and he is a proud member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

During his free time, he loves playing basketball, fishing, and hanging out with family and friends.

lesha Smith



lesha is the 29-year-old daughter of Miyoshi Leonard-Smith of Selma, and Earnest and JoAnn Smith of Crossett.

lesha is an active member of Sweet Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Selma, under the leadership of Dr. Robert Cook Sr. She is a member of the choir, usher board, hospitality committee, program committee, and trainee recording secretary.

She attended and graduated from Drew Central High School in 2012 with honors and a GPA of 3.75. Iesha was Class President, Choir member for 6 years, FCCLA, FBLA, National Honor Society, Basketball for 6 years and Softball for 4years. She later attended the University of Arkansas at Monticello and graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree in 2016.

Having a passion to work in the medical field, she enrolled at South Ark Community College in El Dorado where she graduated with honors in Nursing in 2018.

lesha is employed at Reinhart Family Healthcare as a Medical Assistant. She enjoys helping others. She previously worked at Grand Manor Assistant Living Facility as a CNA/Medical Technician where she still volunteers to work on off days.

lesha's hobbies are spending time with family, traveling, reading, shopping, and putting smiles on people's faces. She has been involved with pee wee basketball for 11 years. Iesha was extremely active in Girls Scouts where she earned her bronze and silver award and was an ambassador. She is an active member of Monticello Junior Auxiliary and a member of Drew County NAACP Branch 6042-B serving on the Health Committee.

Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me." She said, "because I know whatever comes my way, I shall overcome it."



YOUNG ADULT: 18 - 30 (continues)

Wesley Carnicle



Wesley Patrick Carnicle is a 28-year-old native of Monticello, Arkansas. He is the twin son of Ms. Tammy Owens. He is the owner of South Ark Weather, LLC, and a proud member of the Drew County NAACP Branch #6042, where he serves on the Public Relations-Communication Committee.

He is a graduate of Monticello High School. Mr. Carnicle is a Digital Creator and currently serves the Monticello area by providing news, weather updates and other information that keeps the citizens of Drew County and the surrounding areas informed of weather-related events as well as, information concerning new laws and ordinances.

He has been featured in multiple news outlets such as Weather Nation, Fox Weather, KATV, KARK, KLRT, the Weather Channel, ABC News Weather, TMX Videos and Storyful.

Jada Trotter



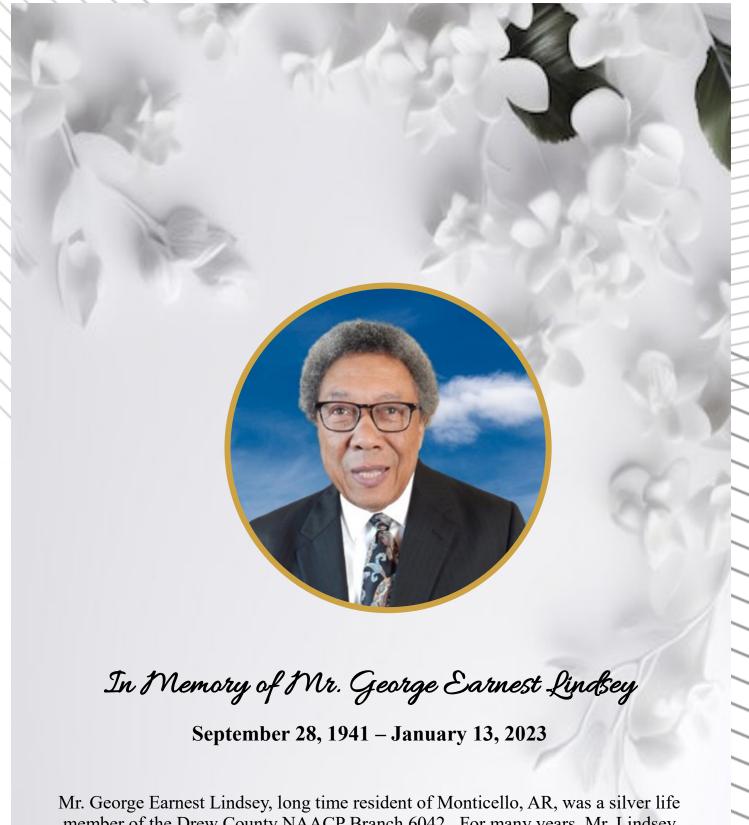
Jada Trotter is a 2019 graduate from Monticello High School, Monticello, Arkansas. A native of Monticello, Ms. Trotter is currently living in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

She is the proud daughter of Mrs. Jo Ann Smith-Lee, Mr. Tony Lee, Mr. Patrick, and Mrs. Marshon Trotter. Jada has one sister, Ms. Raya Clay. She is a 2023 graduate from Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in animal science & agriculture business.

As a student at Arkansas Tech, Ms. Trotter was a member of the Student Activities Board, the President's Cabinet and the PHI Mu Sorority and Agri Club.

She is currently employed by Butterball in Goldsboro, North Carolina as a part of the company's management team.

Jada's goal is to establish opportunities for women of color in the field of Agriculture. Her hobbies include traveling, drawing, and volunteering at the animal shelters.



Mr. George Earnest Lindsey, long time resident of Monticello, AR, was a silver life member of the Drew County NAACP Branch 6042. For many years, Mr. Lindsey served as secretary of the branch. He and his wife, Rugenal, published the Annual Freedom Fund Souvenir Booklet for many years.



Mrs. Mattie Orr of Wilmar, AR. She was the oldest member and officer of the Drew County NAACP Branch 6042 until her passing.

She was gentle in spirit and kindhearted to all. The 92-year-old member lived to fight for justice and equality for all as she saw the times change. She even lived to see an African American President of the United States of America.

We salute Mrs. Orr.





Peggy Ann Anderson Orr Honorable Mention for Community Leader of the Year

- Wilmar Native | 1967 Graduate of Wilmar High School
- Mother of two daughters.
- Community involvement includes, but not limited to:
- Steward & Trustee of Greater Shady Grove AME Church
- Drew County NAACP Branch 6042 former Freedom Fund Committee Chair.
- presently serve as Member-At-Large
- President of the Juneteenth Association of Wilmar, Arkansas
- Coordingtor of the June Dinner Parade
- Order of Eastern Star PHA Past Worthy Matron, Key Flower Chapter #59
- East AR Conference Lay Organization 3rd Vice President of the AME Church
- President of the Drew County Democratic Party

DAUGHTERS GWINNETT &, DENISE WITH LOVE JAMAR, JACKIE AND JENNIFER



Congratulations Jesha!



"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

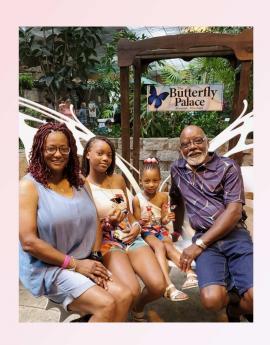
Philippians 4:13



We are extremely proud of you.

Continue doing your best because it does not go unnoticed. Keep God first and remain humble.

We love you! Mom, Elisha, Lauren & Kaydan







WILMAR JUNETEENTH ASSOCIATION IS SHINING THE LIGHT ON.....

2023 DREW COUNTY NAACP BRANCH 6042

SPECIAL YOUTH HONOREES

THESE STUDENTS ARE BEING HONORED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACADEMICS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT! WISHING YOU EVEN MORE SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.









Congratulations Inda Trotter

Revival Center Church Of God In Christ celebrates you, your scholastic, and professional achievements.



Congratulations



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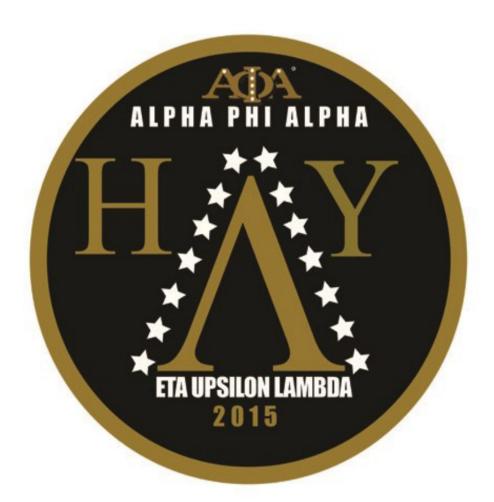


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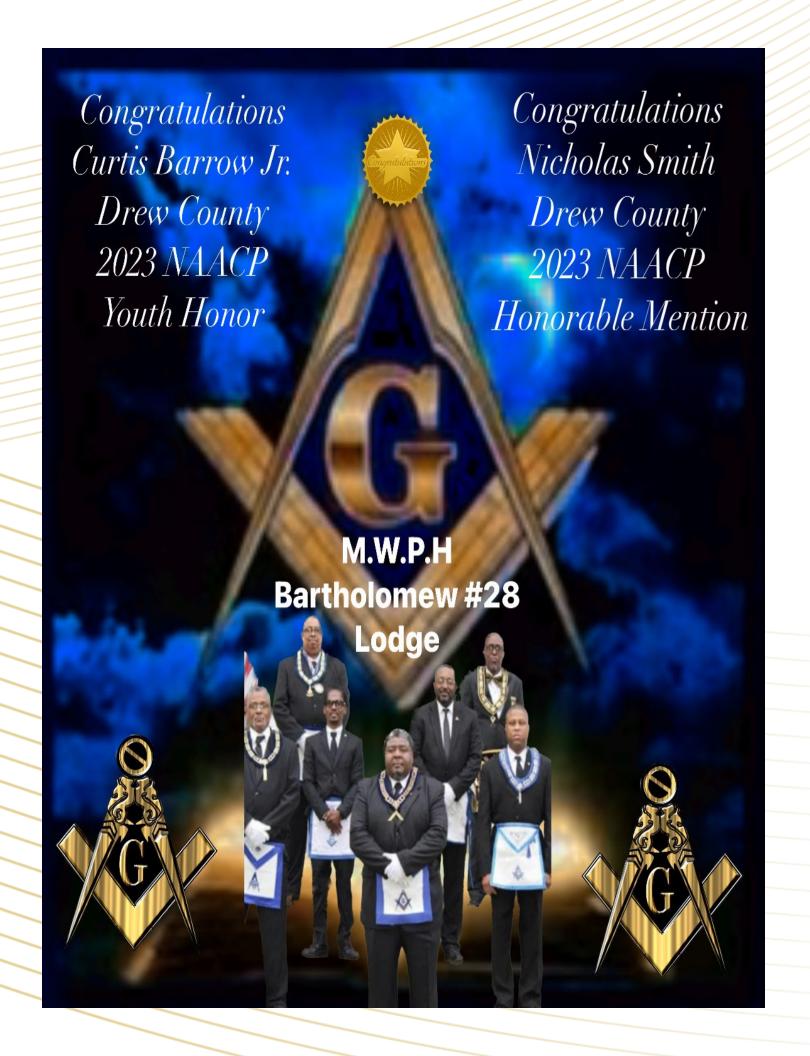
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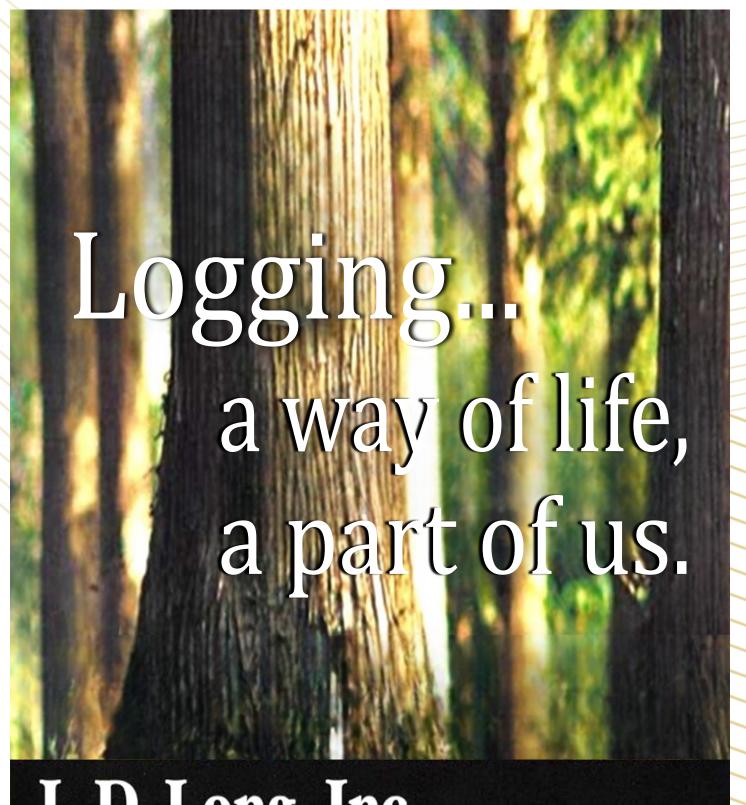


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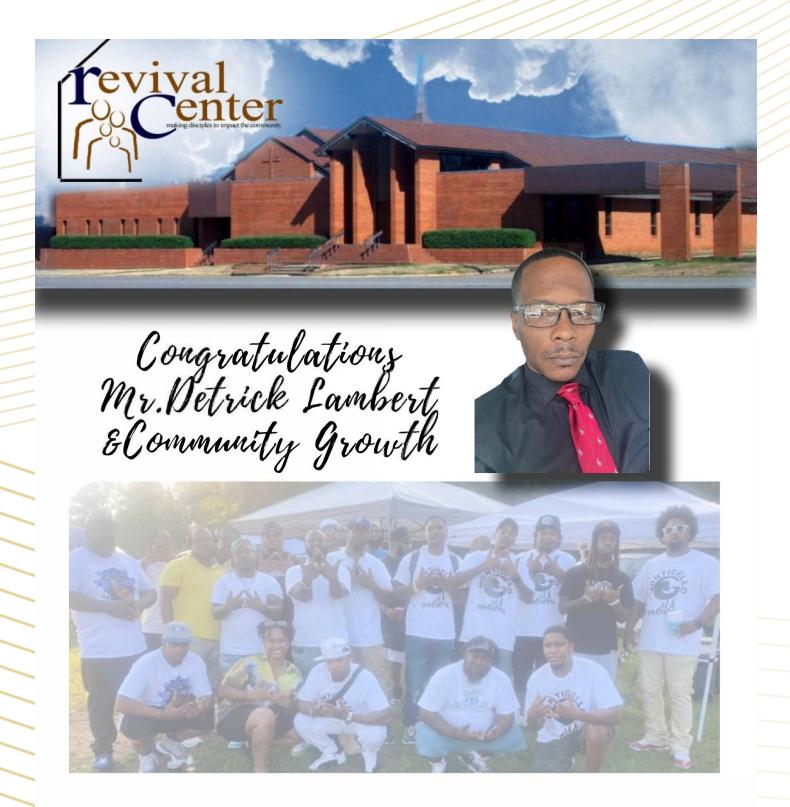
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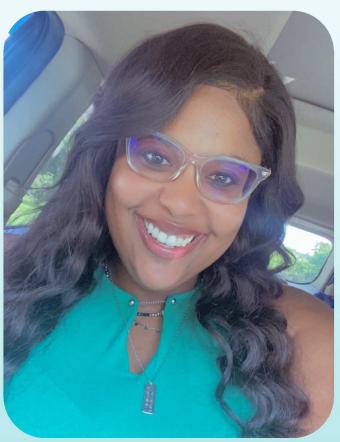
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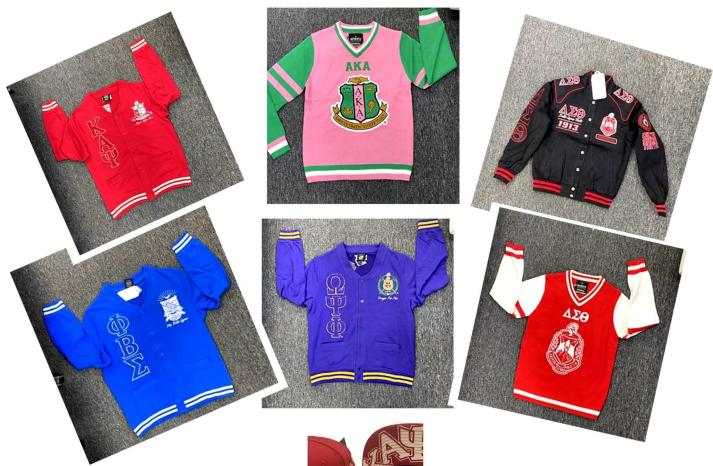
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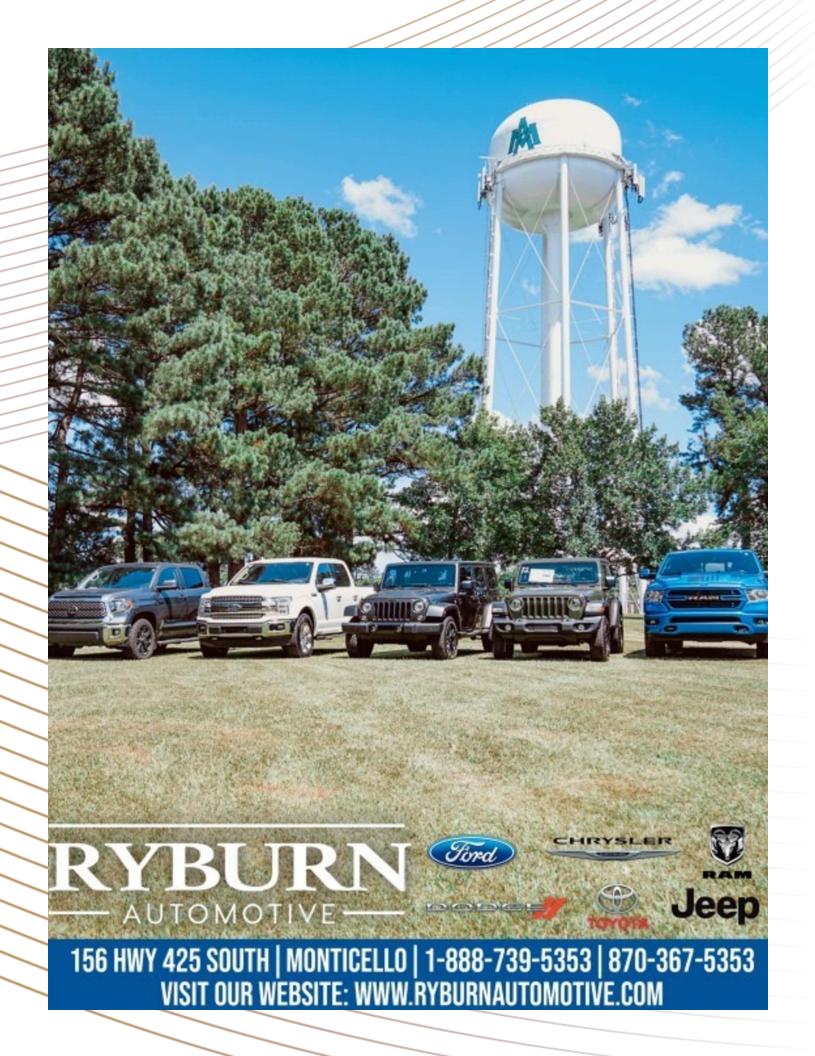
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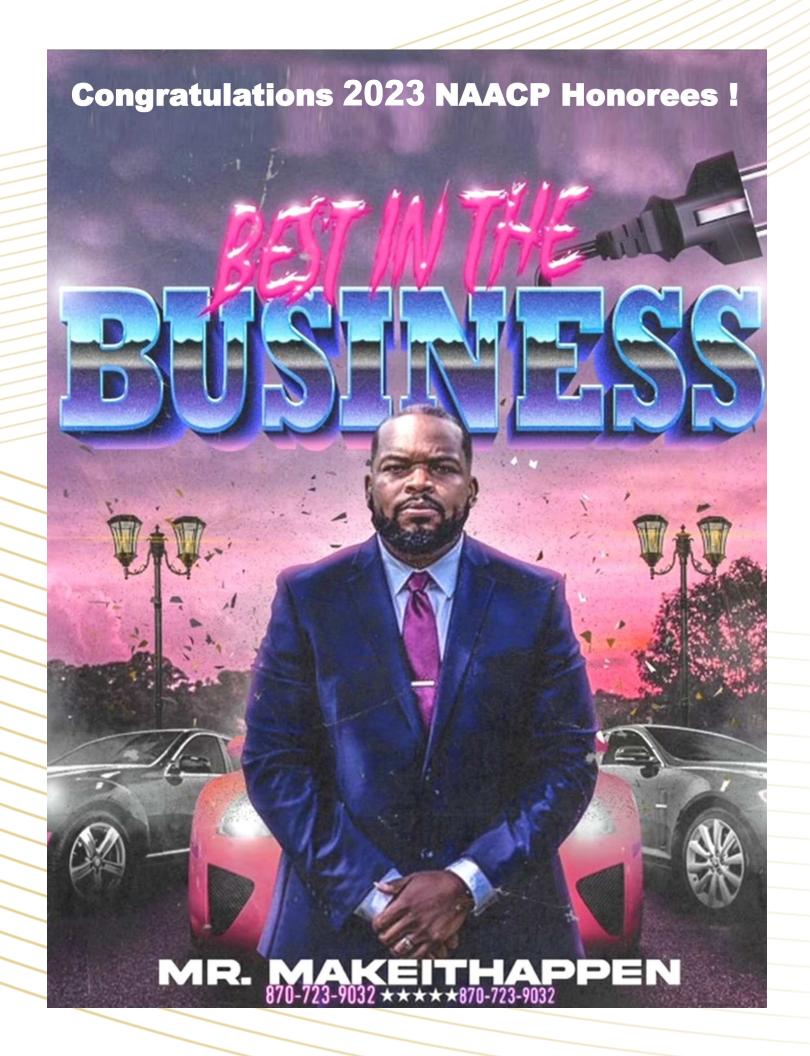
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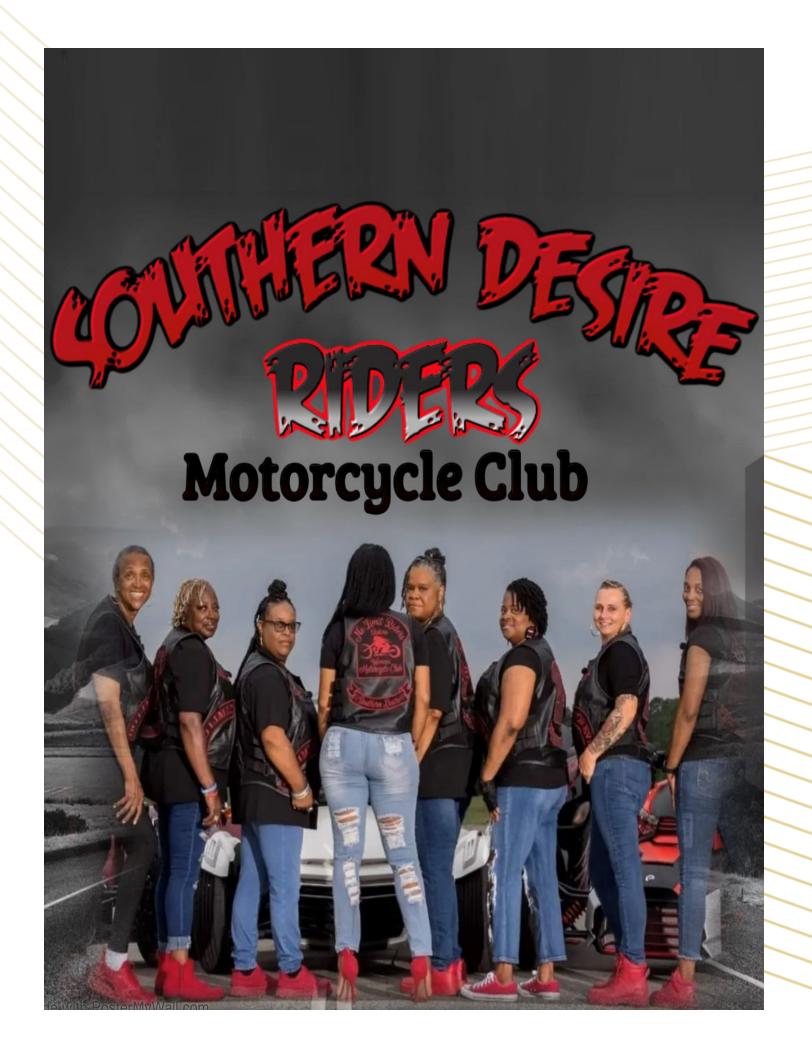
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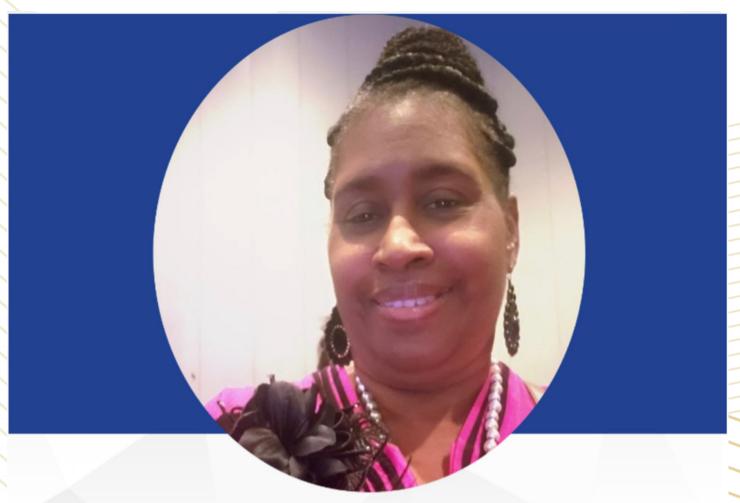
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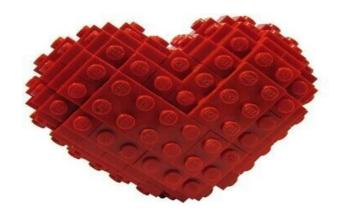


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CONGRATULATIONS

ANGELA

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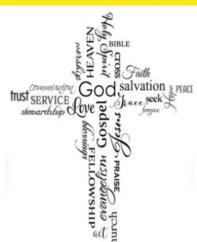
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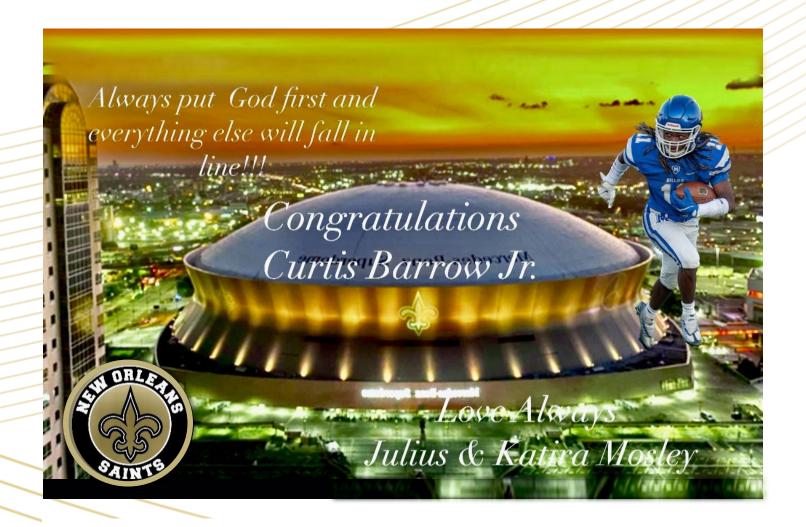
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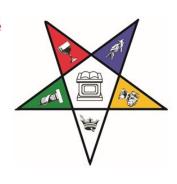


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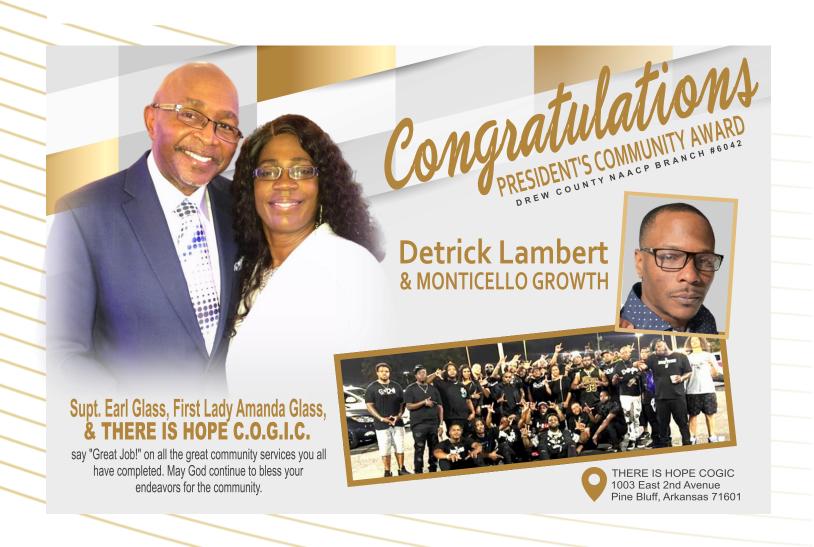
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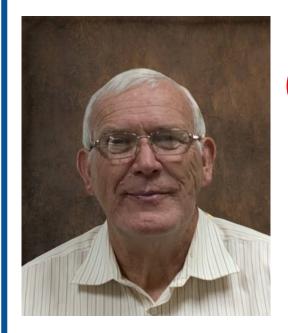
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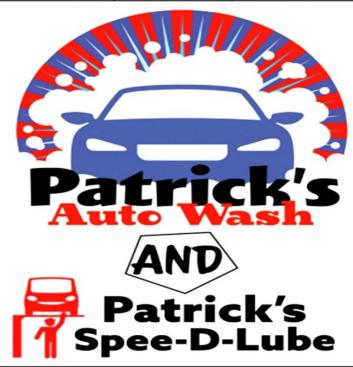
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Love, Big Brother Demetrius







Congrats Big "I"

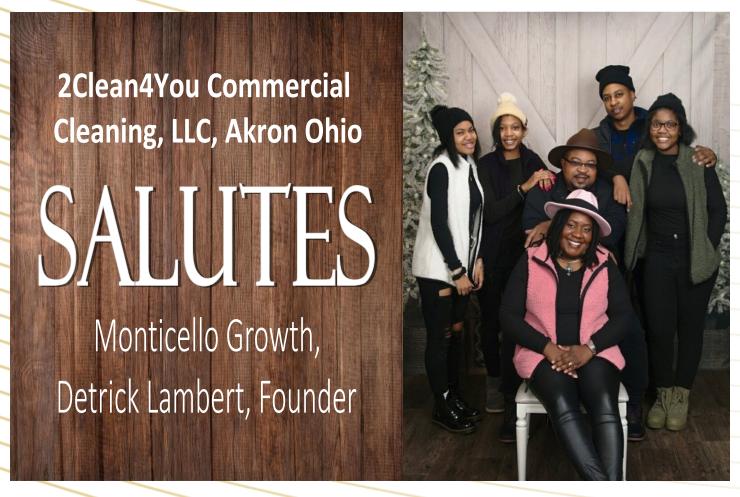
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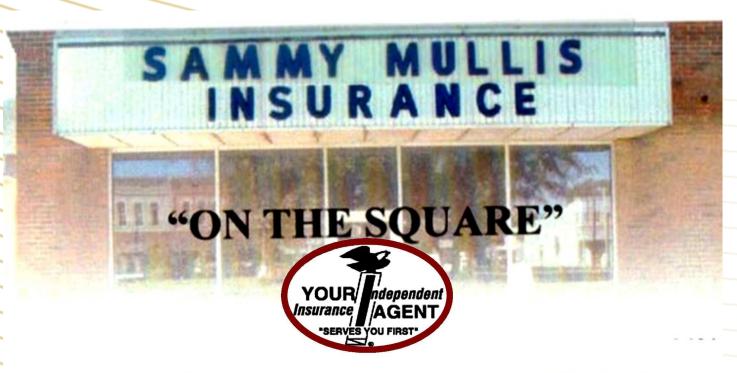
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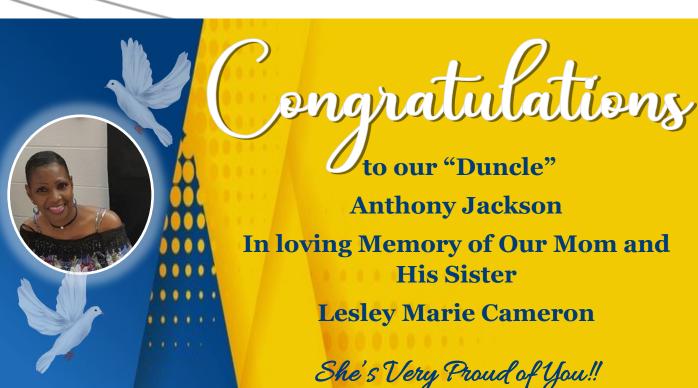


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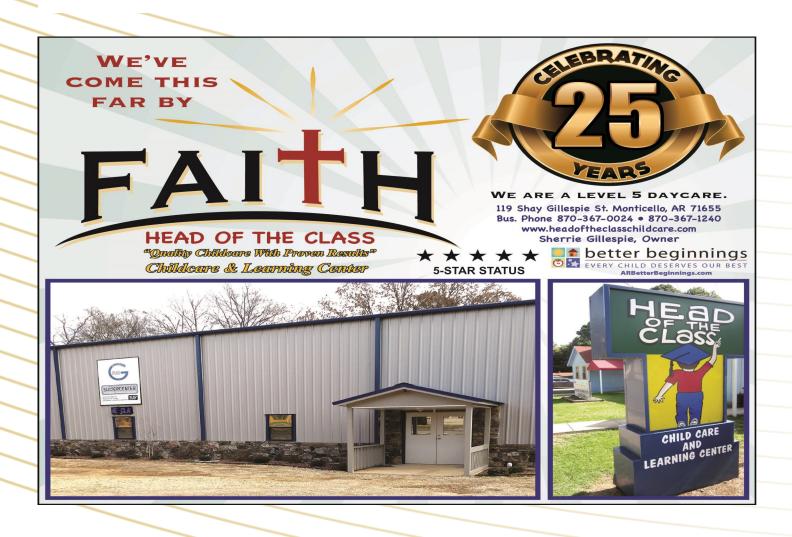
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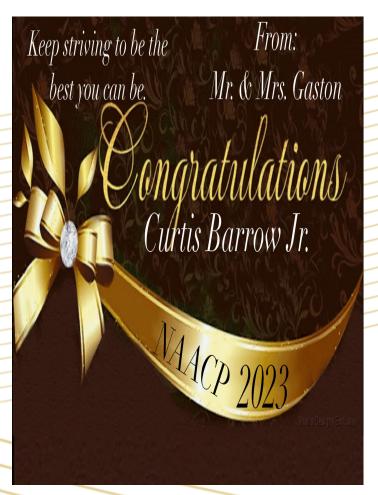
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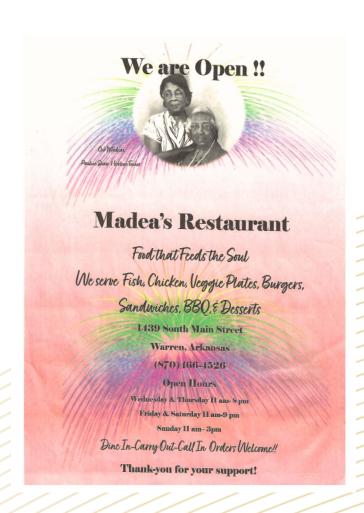
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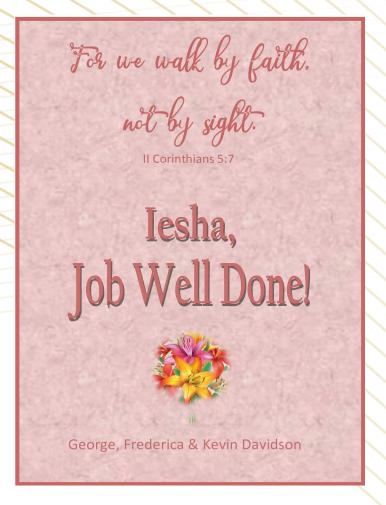
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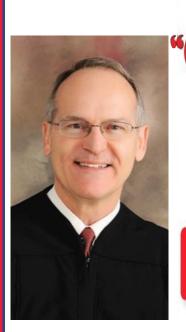
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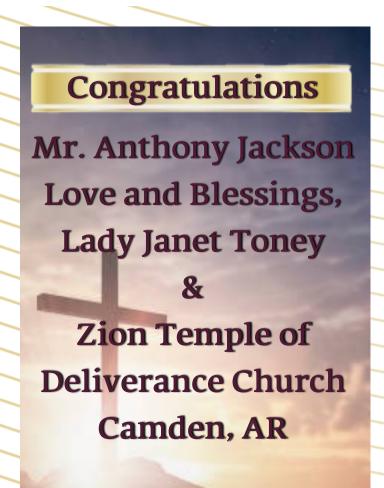
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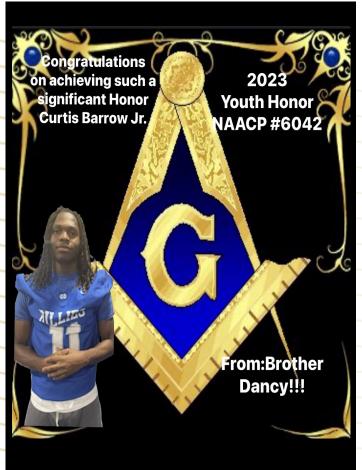
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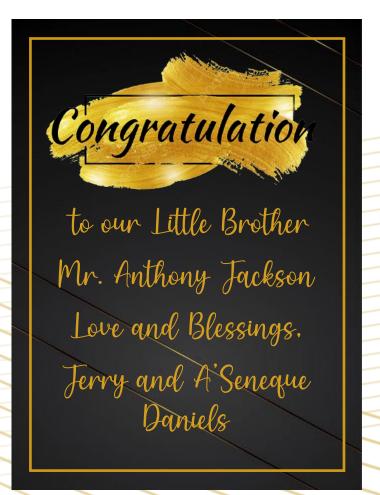
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Congratulations Anthony Jackson The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. You are such a blessing to all that you come in contact with. We love you! Angela Barrett and Terri Richardson-Johnson

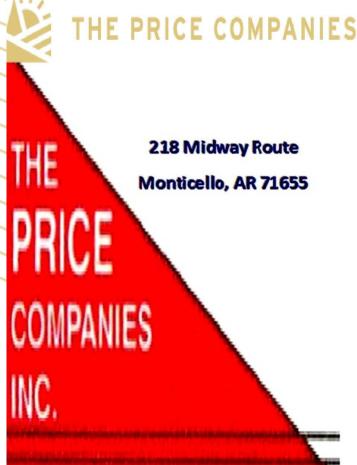


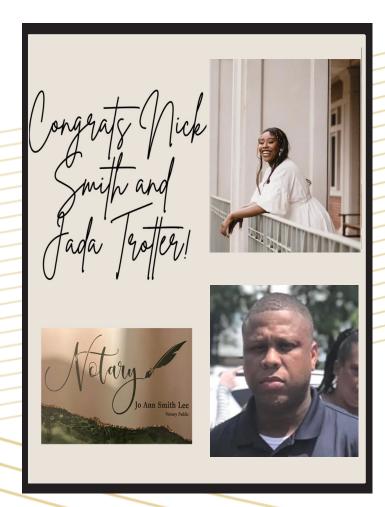




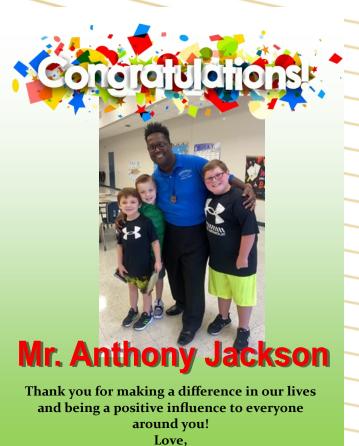












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