

EDUCATION NEWS

BRTC sets fall graduation dates

Black River Technical College will hold its registered nursing pinning and graduation ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12 in the Randolph County Development Center on the Pocahontas campus, 1410 Arkansas 304 East. BRTC's fall 2023 commencement will be held in the same location at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14.

BRTC Board of Trustees to meet

The Black River Technical College Board of Trustees will hold its quarterly committee meeting at 3 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Pocahontas Room of the Richard Gaines Business and Technology Building on the BRTC Pocahontas campus, 1410 Arkansas 304 East.

A-State's Barnhouse looks at historic hospital issues

A monograph by **Dr. Lucy Barnhouse**, assistant professor of history at Arkansas State University, has been published by Amsterdam University Press. In "Hospitals in Communities of the Late Medieval Rhineland: Houses of God, Places for the Sick," she argues both that hospitals' legal status as religious institutions had to be defended to protect resources, and that this status could be used to impose limits on who could be served. These issues have parallels in other periods of history and current debates.

Ole Miss students in Phi Kappa Phi

Caroline Pickens of Jonesboro and **Ashton Rodrigues** of Paragould were among the more than 190 University of Mississippi students who were welcomed into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society on Oct. 25 at the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts. Phi Kappa Phi membership is based on a student's character and academic standing. Juniors must have completed 72 credit hours and rank in the top 7.5

percent of their class, while seniors and graduate students must rank in the top 10 percent of their class.

Desai's research looks at blockchain

Research by **Dr. Hrishikesh Desai**, assistant professor of accounting at Arkansas State University, has been published in "The CPA Journal." His topic concerns the auditing of some cases involving blockchain use, in the context of Public Company Accounting Oversight Board standards. He also recently wrote an article for WalletHub about the availability of 0 percent credit cards, and two articles for MoneyGeek on credit card rewards and life insurance.

BRTC's Phi Theta Kappa elects officers

Black River Technical College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter has elected its 2023-24 officers. Business administration major Stephanie Spencer of Paragould was elected president; animal science major Elizabeth Spinks of Piggott and industrial maintenance technology major Krystina Compton of Jonesboro were elected co-vice presidents of community service; and arts major Ashley Stover of Biggers and psychology major Kaleigh Lester of Brookland were elected co-vice presidents of college project.

Ruccio, Reed speak at symposium

Dr. Kristen Ruccio, assistant professor, and **Leslie Reed**, instructor of English, both at Arkansas State University, presented at the Ozarks Symposium in Missouri. Ruccio discussed rhetorics about the ivory-billed woodpecker and how the declaration of its extinction has led to believers who think breeding populations of the bird still exist. Reed explained how a Facebook group she initiated about the Strangers Home community in Lawrence County has led to a resurgence of interest in the community and its history.

JONESBORO VPA MAGNET SCHOOL PEACE POSTER WINNERS NAMED



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Winners in the 2023-24 Lions International Peace Poster were presented with certificates Nov. 14 at the Jonesboro Visual and Performing Arts magnet school. The Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club sponsors the local contests. Pictured are (from left) front row: first-place winner Jude Mitchell, receiving \$75 and entry in the district competition; second-place winner Ariyanah Harrell, receiving \$50; third-place winner Camila Munoza, receiving \$35; and honorable mention Anna Hausstein; and back row: Past District 7-0 Gov. Pat Snodgrass, current District Gov. Roy Patterson, VPA art teacher Amanda Carrington, and JUH Lions Charles Hartwig and John Hiegel.

Jonesboro native named first competitor for WorldSkills 2024

JONESBORO — Lily Williams of Jonesboro has been selected by SkillsUSA to represent the U.S. at the 2024 WorldSkills Competition to be held Sept. 10-15, 2024 in Lyon, France. Williams will take part in the car painting competition. Her technical expert is Jamie Redd of Columbus, Ohio.



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"The 2024 WorldSkills USA team will have an amazing opportunity to represent SkillsUSA and our nation while undergoing incredibly rigorous training in their craft," SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis said in a press release. "These team members are making a serious commitment to both their skill development and personal growth that will foster their drive, passion and life's purpose."

Williams is a former

student at Northeast Arkansas Career and Technical Center in Jonesboro and plans to attend Lincoln Tech in Nashville, Tenn. after the competition. Williams represented the state of Arkansas at the SkillsUSA Championships in 2023 and won a national gold medal in the automotive refinishing competition.

"Being selected for the 2024 WorldSkills USA Team is such an honor," Williams said. "I'm excited for the chance to compete on this level and for all of the opportunities that I will be given in the future because of this."

The 47th WorldSkills Competition will welcome 1,500 competitors from over 65 countries and regions to take part in 62 skill competitions at Eurexpo Lyon. The competition will showcase dozens of trade skills from construction

and building technology, creative arts and fashion, information and communication technology, manufacturing and engineering, social and personal services, and transportation and logistics.

The WorldSkills USA team will compete in several trade areas in the largest international showcase of skilled trades. SkillsUSA will announce the official team sponsors and other team members and their experts over the next few months.

BRTC awards Eddie Mae Herron Scholarship

POCAHONTAS — The Eddie Mae Herron Scholarship has been awarded to Skikeshia Smith of Forrest City.

Smith is currently seeking a degree in criminal justice from Black River Technical College. She will be awarded \$500 (\$250 each semester).

The Eddie Mae Herron Scholarship is sponsored by the Eddie Mae Herron

Center in Pocahontas. The Center houses more than two hundred years' worth of African-American history and was the one-room schoolhouse and church for the African-American community of Pocahontas.



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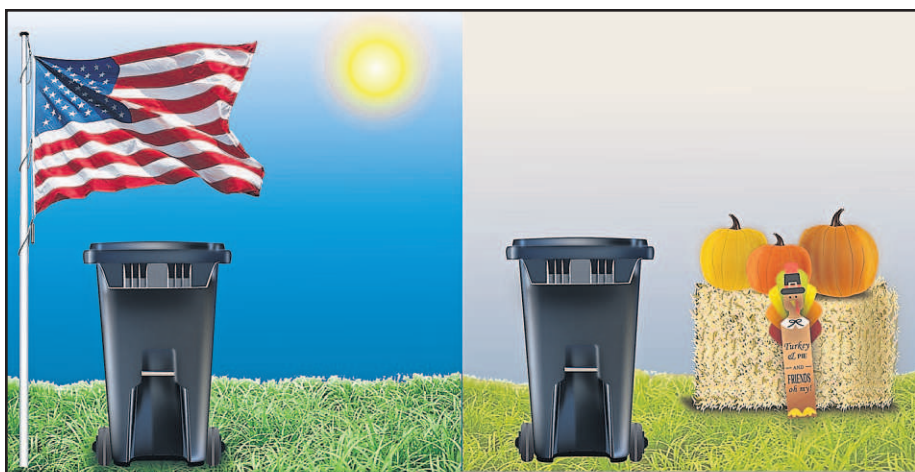
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