

# EVENT

## Notebook

### Mobile exhibition makes local stops

Wreaths Across America's mobile education exhibit will stop at Jacksonville Museum of Military History from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m. Sunday, April 17.

The exhibit will also be at the Beebe School Auditorium parking lot, 1201 W. Center St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 18.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization that places wreaths on veteran's headstones across the country.

The mobile museum exhibit includes interactive displays, short films and shared stories that educate visitors about the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes as well as to serve as an official 'welcome home' station for our nation's Vietnam Veterans.

All veterans, active-duty military, their families and the community members are invited to tour the exhibit.

Social distancing, sanitation and safety procedures will be in place to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

### Huckabee Sanders at Beebe dinner

Sarah Huckabee Sanders will speak at the Beebe Chamber of Commerce's annual awards banquet at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at Union Valley Baptist Church on Hwy. 64.

Awards will be given for volunteer of the year, business of the year and hometown hero of the year.

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, contact the chamber at 501-882-8135, beebechamberofcommerce@gmail.com or order online at beebechamber.ticketleap.com.

### Ward Country Dance hosts Washburn

Ward Country Dance, Hwy. 319 and Hickory St., will host a meet and greet from 7 till 9 p.m. Friday, April 15 for Republican gubernatorial candidate Doc Washburn.

Washburn, 66, hosted a conservative radio talk show until he was fired for refusing to comply with the company's COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

### Post 71 golf tournament April 25

Criswell Robinson American Legion Post 71 will hold the eighth annual Frank Fiore Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, April 25 at Rolling Hills Country Club, 271 Randy Beaver Drive in Cabot.

Shotgun start for the four-person scramble is at 1 p.m. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Entry cost is \$100 per person or \$400 for a team, which includes green fees, cart rental and one door prize ticket per player. For more information, call 501-203-5715.

### NLR Community Garden activities

The North Little Rock Community Garden Program is partnering with Arkansas Dream Center/Every Arkansan to host a Flower Bomb Workshop from 10 a.m. until noon Tuesday, April 19 at 1900 Pine St. Everyone is invited to participate and can register online at www.voluntear.org/opportunity/aOC2M00000Y0IRJUA3/native-wildflower-flower-bomb-workshop.

The North Little Rock Community Garden Program will be hosting a two-part workday with the St. Joseph Center of Arkansas, 6800 Camp Robinson Road from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 20.

Attendees can participate in a Sign-Painting Workshop from 12:30 until 3:30 p.m. The signs will be placed in community gardens in the city.

### Concord Cemetery meets April 27

The Concord Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 in the Family Life Center of Concord United Methodist Church.

"We ask for your donation and support to keep this cemetery maintained. All persons owning lots or who have family members buried in the cemetery are encouraged to contribute to its maintenance and upkeep," according to the announcement.

Contributions should be mailed to Concord Cemetery Association, C/O Karol DePriest, Secretary-Treasurer, 436 Furlow Loop, Lonoke, Ark. 72086.

### Gardening talk Saturday in Lonoke

Lonoke County Extension Service agent Kyle Sanders will hold a backyard gardening discussion from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Lonoke Community center, 1355 W. Front St.

### Plant sale fundraiser at Pathfinders

Pulaski County Master Gardeners' annual plant sale at the Pathfinders Greenhouse, 2520 Main St. in Jacksonville will have online sales April 11-16. Pick-ups will be April 18-22.

Orders can be made at aycockbd.wixsite.com/mg-plant-sale-2022 In-person shopping will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon April 22-23.

### Lonoke County job fair on April 27

The Central Arkansas Workforce Development Area, the Arkansas Workforce Center and the City of Cabot are hosting the Lonoke County Job Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 at Veterans Park Community Center. The event is free. The goal is to assist businesses fill multiple job vacancies in the county.

Employers who want to participate in the job fair should register at https://forms.gle/kLf5tZAm1QFTfuo07.

Attendees can network with employers and learn more about job opportunities available in the area. Job seekers should dress professionally, bring resumes and be prepared for an informal interview.

Scheduled to attend are Acti-Kare Responsive In-Home Care, Amazon, Arkansas Department

of Corrections, Arkansas Federal Credit Union, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, Building Bridges, C&S Siding, Cabot Public Schools, Centennial Bank, City of Cabot, Consolidate Admin Services, Dairy Queen, EOC Trio program, Katy Cerasale, Kiko's Kountry RV, Pinnacle Structures, Popeyes, Regions Bank, Southern Paramedic Service, Spring Creek Health and Rehab, StoneBridge Cabot, StructurLam, Superior Senior Care and the U.S. Navy.

### SANDRA WAGNER

Sandra Rae Wagner, 78, of Cabot passed away April 8.

She was born Oct. 14, 1943, in Union, Mo., to the late Leo and Lillietta Nicks Zimmer.



Wagner

Mrs. Wagner was a woman of strong faith and her family was very important. She was a member of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher for a number of years.

Education was also important to Mrs. Wagner. She always encouraged her children to continue their education. She did the same and earned her associate's degree from Arkansas State University in Beebe and her bachelor's degree from the University of Central Arkansas.

Mrs. Wagner became an elementary school teacher while in her 40s and taught for 20 years. She retired from Arnold Drive Elementary School in Jacksonville. After retirement, Mrs. Wagner enjoyed growing African violets. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Wagner was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Forrest Lloyd Wagner.

Mrs. Wagner is survived by her children, Brian Wagner (Mindy) of Vilonia and Erin Lowrey of Cabot; grandchildren, Caroline Wagner, Cade Wagner, Grace Wagner, Ashley Wagner, Mark Lowrey and Luke Lowrey; a brother, Gary Zimmer; and a nephew, Justin Zimmer, both of Union, Mo.

The Wagner family would like to thank the nurses and staff of Hospice Home Care Inpatient Facility for their

love and care over the last four months. The family asks memorial gifts be made in Mrs. Wagner's name to Alzheimer's Association at https://act.alz.org/donate.

Visitation and Rosary were held April 12 at Moore's Cabot Funeral Home, 501-843-5816. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 13 at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in Jacksonville with burial following at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Cabot. Sign the online guestbook at www.moorecabotfuneral-home.com.

### RICHARD T. HAYDEN

Richard T. Hayden, 83, of Jacksonville passed away on March 26.

He was born on Sept. 23, 1938, in Susquehanna, Pa. He served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force and retired.



Hayden

He is survived by his wife of almost 57 years - June 27th, Marie Hayden - and a daughter, Tamara (Brett) Swenson, of Charleston, S.C.; and five grandchildren, Andrea Hogge and Erica (Wesley) Crusberg of Hampton, Va.; Rachel Hogge of Radcliffe, Ky.; Anthony Swanson of Jacksonville and Morgan Swenson of North Little Rock; and one great-grandchild, Arianna of Hampton, Va.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Tanya Hogge, of Elizabethtown, Ky.; his parents, Ray and Laura Hayden; and two brothers, Ronald and Robert Hayden.

Richard and family called Jacksonville home since

## OBITUARIES

1969. Both girls were raised and schooled here, and one was born here. He was from Pennsylvania. She was from Alabama. Richard was a kind, loving and giving man. He was a great husband, father and friend. He loved people. He loved to talk and help and everyone loved him. He will forever be loved and missed by everyone who knew him. He will forever live in our hearts and memory. The world is a better place because he lived.

Funeral services were held March 31 at Moore's Jacksonville Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Brett Swenson, Fernando Rodriguez, Steve Carter, Anthony Swenson, Jim Hawk and Mike Scroggins.

Interment was at Chapel Hill Memorial Park's veterans section in Jacksonville. Rest in Peace, you are loved!

### GENE SEMON

Gene Lane Semon, 72, of Cabot passed away March 29.

He was born Sept. 2, 1949, in St. Louis, Mo., to the late Willis Eugene and Iris Maxine Lane Semon. Gene was educated in mechanical engineering at the University of Missouri at Rolla.

Gene's career in engineering and mechanical design included positions with Missouri Pacific's Mechanical Engineering Department, Whirlpool and Maybelline and spanned more than 25 years. He was an avid "train guy" from photographing, documenting and chasing down engines across the region to meticulously crafting a HO-scale model train track layout in his home.

He served one of the Union Pacific Historical Societies as president and edited various

publications about the history of the rails in Arkansas and Missouri. One of his favorite engagements was meeting with the "Train Guys" at the hobby shop or one of their model tracks and to enjoy breakfast. His interest in railroads started as a child when he rode with his father down to the Missouri Pacific coach yard to pick up his grandfather, Fred W. Semon, who headed the commissary for the Missouri Pacific passenger trains out of St. Louis.



Semon

Gene enjoyed cooking his and Cathy's family recipes for friends and family as well as his own creations from birthday cakes filled with sprinkles to heirloom pies that came out just right. He quietly and consistently showed his love by taking care of things for his family whether it be serving as the pool guy or the grill master for dinners, outings and vacations.

He was a loving and supportive husband, father, grandfather and friend and will be dearly missed. In addition to his parents, Mr. Semon was preceded in death by a brother, Don Semon, and a sister, Polly Semon.

Mr. Semon is survived by his wife of 28 years, Cathy J. Semon; children, David Semon, Beverly Semon, Rosemary Semon, Katharine Semon, Scott Perkins and Dennis Perkins; and grandchildren, Rafe Semon, Caleb Perkins, Alyssa Perkins, Kevin Semon and Hana Semon.

Memorial services were held April 2 at Moore's Cabot Funeral Home. Sign the online guestbook at www.moorecabotfuneralhome.com.

## Chickens

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been in the chicken farming business for 17 years. Coburn said the problem, besides the smell and the noise, is the legal ramification. "what if little Johnny goes barefoot through the yard and gets E-coli. The CDC, EPA and FEMA will be called in."

He went on to say the city already has birds at Dupree Park and other city parks and if they came down with bird influenza the CDC will shut-down the city. "They did that in Northwest Arkansas," he said.

"So what you are telling me," Blevins said, "Even though we already have unlimited chickens and roosters in the city, if we limit them to six, then all of a sudden the city will have an outbreak and be shut down."

Coburn said yes.

Blevins then asks Coburn, who has been a code enforcement officer with the city for about one and a half years, if he knew of any E-coli or salmonella outbreaks in the city.

"I don't know of any," Coburn said.

Blevins continued, "Any knowledge of this city having to shut down?"

"None," replied Coburn.

Even though the debate got a little odd, the threat of a breakout is real and the state has already taken emergency measures as 13 million fowl have contracted HPAI (highly pathogenic avian influenza) in 17 states, including Missouri.

HPAI is caused by a flu virus, which can infect poultry and wild birds and is highly contagious.

Arkansas hasn't reported any cases yet. But has evoked emergency measures (which also restricts the sale or exhibition of birds) that apply to an "affected area" defined as a region within a 25-mile radius of a flock in which the virus has been detected.

The emergency rules also state that all free-range and backyard poultry must be confined under a roof or inside structures to prevent contamination from infected migratory birds flying overhead, or by direct exposure to wild birds, if within the affected radius.

In other council business:

■ The city's 911 workers were honored by Council Member James Bolden and

the mayor through a proclamation as part of National 911 Education Month. "We know you are overworked and underpaid, but we want you to know how much the council and the city appreciates you," said Bolden. When asked how business at the 911 center was last year, Director Tabby Huggins, said the center fielded over 120,000 calls, including 25,000 911 calls. "We are on track already to surpass those numbers," Huggins said.

■ The council voted to allow the mayor to spend up to \$100,000 of city money for 1.5 acres of land next to the Splash Zone in order to expand the water park's parking lot. The mayor said the city is interested in eventually purchasing the rest of the property which enclosed an abandoned church and other structures.

■ The council approved annexation of an island of county property near Loop Road that was located entirely within the city limits. The developer of the 26-acres

plans apartments and rental homes for the property. Council Member Mike Dietz, who works in realty, said it was a good plan as the city is out of rentals and out of homes for sale.

■ It was stated in the March Animal Shelter report that the facility took in 84 dogs and 45 cats. Thirty dogs and one cat were returned to owners, while 36 dogs and 16 cats were adopted out. Nine dogs were euthanized.

■ The council approved Unite Networks request to put in fiber optics in the city for its commercial and industrial customers. The communication's company will pay the city a franchise fee of 4.25 percent of its annual gross receipts.

■ Council members approved a change in grass requirements. Grass on commercial properties where there are structures can be no more than 8 inches and where there is no structures on a commercial property grass can be as high as 18 inches.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Open-Enrollment Public Charter School opening in Cabot, AR, within Cabot Public School District

**Omni Classical Prep of Cabot**  
*tentative opening August 2023*

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