

"Ask, and it shall be given you."

-Matthew 7:7

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Beebe, Arkansas

Bake Sale to Benefit St. Jude's

Beebe teachers and employees of First Security Bank and other local citizens will bake up a storm to provide baked goods for sale this Friday at the main branch of First Security Bank as a benefit for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Come by the bank at 1801 Dewitt Henry Dr. Friday from 9 a.m. till they run out of baked goods. "Bring - Buy - Donate!" If you need more information, call Gwen Hardin at 882-8508.

City -Wide Clean-Up Continues thru May 13th

Are you ready for Spring Cleaning? The City is!!! Dumpsters will be available at the City Shop for your use beginning Friday, May 5th through Saturday, May 13th from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. every day. The City Shop is located at the corner of Cypress and Idaho (across the railroad tracks and behind the wire fence of the city yard.)

Please bring identification to verify you are a resident of the City of Beebe; i.e., Driver's License (I.D.) or Water Statement.

Important Phone Numbers

Beebe Police Dept. - 882-3365

Beebe Animal Control - Horace Taylor 501-288-2221 or 882-3365

Beebe Humane Society- 882-5281

For Emergencies call 911

Food Drive Saturday, May 13, 2006

The annual NALC (National Association of Letter Carriers) National Food Drive day is fast approaching. It is your chance to be a part of helping to "Stamp Out Hunger" in your local community.

Each year, the 2nd Saturday of May, US Postal Service letter carriers unite across the nation to collect non perishable food donations as they deliver mail. The letter carriers get no additional pay for collecting the food and it is the most uncomplicated, direct way to restock the pantries of those who provide food to the hungry.

According to America's Second Harvest, 38 million Americans are food insecure, hungry or at risk of hunger. Approximately one in four people in a soup kitchen line is a child.

In 2005, the NALC Food Drive provided more than 71 million pounds across the nation. In Arkansas, more than 400,000 pounds of food was collected and distributed to the Arkansas Food Bank and other local food pantries.

Beebe School Board Approves Increase in School Breakfast Charges



Parent Involvement Coordinator Patti Mathis explains some of her programs at the Parent Center to the Beebe School Board Monday night. Mathis said that they have 10 volunteers who have logged over 150 hours of help to the school. (Photo by Lee "Cat" McLane)

See School Board story on Page 13.

Antioch Fire Dept. to Host Cook-Out

The Antioch Vol. Fire Dept. will host a hamburger and hot dog cook-out Sat., May 13th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the firehouse. Donations will be accepted. Everyone is invited to attend.

NLR City Attorney, Paul Suskie, to Speak to Beebe American Legion Post 91

The American Legion Post 91 in Beebe will be hosting a community-wide presentation by North Little Rock City Attorney Paul Suskie regarding Afghanistan and "Operation Afghani Freedom (OAF)" on Thursday, May 11th. The event will be held in the Community Bank Room of the Roswell Beebe Community Complex at 321 N. Elm St. in Beebe. Doors will open at 6:30 P.M. with the presentation commencing at 7 P.M.

Mr. Suskie was activated and deployed for six months with the Arkansas National Guards' 39th Infantry Brigade to Camp Kabul, in Kabul, Afghanistan. He returned last June, 2005, just prior to announcing his candidacy for

Arkansas Attorney General. His service as a JAG Officer brought him keen insights into the inner-workings of the nation and its government, and his photographic documentation of his experience is memorable to all who have viewed it.

The American Legion Garner Brothers Post 91 in Beebe is a veteran's organization dedicated to serving the needs of the American Veteran, as well as a community service organization offering a variety of programs and other outlets for those "Veterans Still Serving America".

For more information contact Post Adjutant Paul Hill at 501-882-5106 ext. 102, or Auxiliary President Julie Hill at 501-882-3296.

"Walk for Life" Set for Saturday

"A Woman's Place Pregnancy Resource Center is having our first annual Walk for Life in Beebe on May 13th starting at 9 am and will finish by 10:30.

It begins at A Woman's Place Center at 115A (Behind Classic Creations and adjacent to the public library).

Pledge forms for the walk are available at "A Woman's Place" Pregnancy Resource Center.

There will be balloons and wash off tattoos for the kids. It is an easy walk of just two miles and you can bring your buggies or wagons. There will be free water provided by Dale McGregor's Sonic in Cabot. Come and have fun. We do need PRE- registration so please give us a call at 882-7694.

St. Jude's Bike-a-thon is Saturday

The "Wheels for Life" Bike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis will be held this Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m. at the school by the clock.

miles and those who are pledged the most money will win prizes. It's not too late, just show up Saturday morning for a good cause. For more information, call Gwen Hardin at 882-8508.

ASU-Beebe to Construct Science Building to Accommodate Growth



Architect's rendering of the future Science Building at ASU-Beebe



Pictured from left: Jerry Carlisle, Mike Gibson, Representative Bill Stovall, Senator John Paul Capps, Lt. Col. Dallas Wood, Florine Milligan, Jim Pickens, Lonnie Williams, President of Nabholz Construction, Representative Mark Pate, Mike Medlock, Senator Bobby Glover, Dr. Eugene McKay, Dr. Les Wyatt, Representative Lenville Evans, Representative Leroy Dangeau, Senator Shane Broadway, David Sargent, architect at Witsell Evans Rasco, and Senator Tim Woolridge break ground for a new science building at ASU-Beebe to meet the demands of increased enrollment.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held May 4, 2006 to celebrate the development of a new \$11 million science building on the Arkansas State University-Beebe campus to better meet the demand of increased enrollment.

"This new science building will enable ASU-Beebe to reach new horizons in science and

better serve the growing needs for advanced science classes," according to Chancellor Eugene McKay.

Eugene McKay, chancellor of ASU-Beebe and Les Wyatt, president of ASU were joined on stage with ASU Board of Trustees Mike Gibson of Osceola, Mike Medlock of Jonesboro, Lt. Col. Dallas

Wood of Paragould, Florine Milligan of Forrest City, and Chairman Jim Pickens, of Little Rock. Senator Bobby Glover, Speaker of the House Bill Stovall, Senator John Paul Capps, Representative Mark Pate, Representative Lenville Evans, Senator Shane

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Arkansas National Guard Honors Fallen Soldiers

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A small, solemn crowd gathered outside the 153rd Infantry Battalion's Bo Baker Readiness Center on S. Main St. in Searcy this past Saturday to honor the soldiers who had fallen during the 39th Brigade Combat Team deployment to Iraq in 2004-2005. Heaven withheld its forecasted tears long enough to allow the gathered crowd of troops, family members, special guests and dignitaries to spend a somber hour memorializing these diverse group of heroes who shed their differences to bond under the commonality of their shared patriotism. The event ended with the unveiling of a monument that will stand in their honor on the "public side" of the Readiness Center.

Major Russel Betts, Executive Officer for the 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry began the ceremony with a welcome and introductions of special guests, followed by a stirring National Anthem sung acappella by Bald Knob Principal Steve Landers and the invocation given by local 2nd Lieutenant Marlin Evans. Lt. Colonel Cary Shillcutt, Commander of the 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry stopped to give special praise and thanks to the many local citizens who had made this monument a reality, especially Jeany Smith, Marlene Lipe and Rita Strickland, who lead the charge. The Bald Knob High School Band also played several songs throughout the event, playing beautifully and adding a positive, youthful presence to the crowd that was otherwise... lacking. Remarks by the former 153rd Commander Lt. Colonel Kirk Van Pelt lead up to the reading of the names of the soldiers names engraved on the monument.

For those gathered with military experience, the playing of



Jonathan Brandon, 6, traces his father's name on a memorial honoring 33 Soldiers killed while serving with the Arkansas Army National Guard's 39th Brigade Combat Team in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Jonathan's mother April and his sister Brianna (3) remember Staff Sgt. Stacy C. Brandon who lost his life in Iraq April 24, 2004. The monument was built at the Col. A.J. "Bo" Baker Readiness Center in Searcy Ark., and dedicated at a ceremony May 6, 2006. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Chris A. Durney, 119th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.)

taps by Bald Knob student Cody Jernigan marked a moment in the event that brought afresh the memories of fallen comrades and the deeper meaning of the saying, "All Gave Some - Some Gave All". Principal Landers returned for a full, moving rendition of "America, America" that left few eyes dry, and after heartfelt recognition of these brave heroes by Arkansas National Guard Adjutant General, Major General Don Morrow, the monument was unveiled. Two

families of those fallen soldiers were escorted through the viewing first, and the rest of the public then followed respectfully.

You too are urged to stop by anytime and pay your respects to these great Americans and view this monument, located in front of the 153rd Infantry Battalion's Bo Baker Readiness Center on S. Main St. in Searcy. Park in the center of the parking lot running along parallel to Main St - you can't miss it.