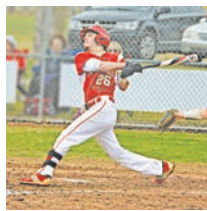
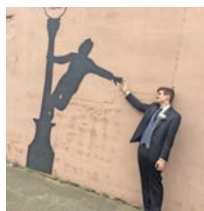


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Eugenia Ingram (right) and Bruce Gartman with StoneBridge Assisted Living pose at their booth during the Chamber Business Expo last Friday morning, April 20. The theme for this year was "Super Heroes." (Star Herald photo Brandon Smith)

## Business Expo hosts large crowd

**Brandon Smith  
Star Herald Staff**  
POCAHONTAS – The Randolph County Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Business Expo and Job Fair at the Randolph County Development Center at BRTC on Friday, April 20, where a crowd of 200 to 250 business people and students attended the all-day event.

The expo, which had a theme of "Super Heroes" this year, hosted 37 booths from various businesses from the Randolph County area as well as many from out of town. Chamber Executive Director Tim Scott said every year for the past three years, they

have had a particular theme and it has greatly helped the overall success of the event.

"We have had the [theme] just to get people excited," Scott noted following the expo. We have a theme each year and the booth people that want to participate decorate their booth depending on the theme. This year the theme was Super Heroes, which really is a broad, broad theme, but that's what we wanted. We wanted people dressed up or decorated with something behind their booth that really showed it off along with the theme."

Each year, a booth is picked as the "best in show," which is judged

based on originality and decorations. This year Archer Reality took home the trophy. Scott said every year there are some booths that "really" get into it. "One point of interest to me was Carter Reality and what they did," noted Scott. "One of the employees over there had the idea of going to Alma Spikes and getting the kids from ages 3 and 4 all the way up to ages 6 and 7 to do some coloring projects and that thing went over extremely well. There were pictures all over the front windows of the RCDC and other pictures taped to the other glass parts of the building. And then, the  
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## Arkansas Arts Center Artmobile to visit

Open to public Saturday, available for groups Sunday-Wednesday

POCAHONTAS – The Five Rivers Historic Preservation, Inc. is pleased to host the Arkansas Arts Center Artmobile, one of only a handful of mobile art museums in the nation, in Pocahontas from May 5 - May 9.

The exhibition will be traveling from Little Rock to Pocahontas for Founder's Day celebration and will be open to the public on Saturday and available for groups

to schedule Sunday through Wednesday. A Feast for the Eyes, the Arkansas Arts Center Artmobile's 2017-2018 traveling exhibition, will present a visual survey of the evolution of food from fuel to fine dining.

Spokesperson for the Artmobile's visit, Graycen Colbert Bigger, said she is super excited to have it here and that it provides a great opportunity to the public, especially for the chil-

dren, to be exposed to the art. It will also be open to school groups and is completely free of charge. Group tours will be given on a first come first served basis and museum staff will be on-hand to guide visitors through the exhibition. To schedule reservations, you may contact Bigger at 870-335-7409 or graycencolbert@gmail.com.

Food is a treat that  
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The Arkansas Arts Center Artmobile is one of only a handful of mobile art museums in the nation.

## World War I centennial ceremony to be held during Founders Day

On Saturday May 5, at 11:00 a.m., as part of Founder's Day, a World War I centennial commemoration ceremony will be held at the Doughboy statue in front of the courthouse.

Through a partnership of the Arkansas World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee and the Arkansas Forestry Commission, Arkansans were urged to plant trees in 2017 and 2018 to remember the 71, 862 Arkansans who served during the Great War including the 2,183 who died while in service.

The goal is to have at least one tree planted in each of Arkansas's seventy-five counties. Five Rivers Historic Preservation

INC. and the city of Pocahontas announces that the Randolph County division of the Arkansas Forestry Commission will be planting six trees in Overlook Park this week as part of the World War I commemoration.

The Arkansas World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee has provided soil from the Meuse-Argonne National Cemetery in France to be added when the trees are planted. The Great War claimed the lives of twenty-three young men from Randolph County. Local historian and President of Five Rivers Historic Preservation Inc., James Damon, will conduct the ceremony, and speak briefly.

## Contrail at sunrise over the Black River



This large contrail appears to be hanging eerily from the sky on Wednesday morning just before sunrise. Contrails are line-shaped clouds produced by aircraft engine exhaust or changes in air pressure. The photo was taken at Overlook Park on the Black River. (Star Herald photo by Anita Murphy)

## Pedestrian dies after being struck by pickup

MAYNARD – Joshua Allen, 30, of Reyno, was killed Sunday night, April 22, when he was struck by a vehicle on Highway 115 at Falcon Trail in Maynard.

The driver of the vehicle, who's name is yet to be released, was driving a 2005 Ford F150 traveling northbound when it came over a hill and struck Allen in the roadway at 9:16 p.m. The driver of the vehicle was uninjured.

Cpl. Gary Ladner of the Arkansas State Police handled the accident and stated that it was dark and rainy at the time of the accident and the driver apparently didn't see Allen.

## Wings of Honor Museum to host airfield reunion

WALNUT RIDGE – The Wings of Honor Museum will host their 20th annual Walnut Ridge Army Air Field Reunion on Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5, to celebrate the air field's 76th anniversary.

The reunion will kick off with a meet and greet reception on Friday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. followed by a reunion dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Reservations are asked to be made by

Friday, April 27, and a \$12 per person donation is requested for the meal. A complimentary ticket is available for the first 50 veterans who RSVP.

Saturday will begin with a pilots fly-in breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. as well as an FAA safety meeting. A donation of \$7 per person is requested to help cover the cost of the meal. A fish fry will then be held from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a requested donation

of \$10. Reservations for this meal should also be made by April 27.

Harold Johnson, president of the Wings of Honor Museum Board, noted they hope to have some World War II aircraft as static displays as well as a fly by on Saturday. The museum will be open during its regular hours the weekend, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Over the past year, several new exhibits have been added with

more being prepared. One will cover history regarding "Women in WWII" and another will serve as a tribute to all Arkansans who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their life to protect the country's freedom.

Three new board members have joined the museum over the past year including Dana Bigger, Terrence Ward and Chris Propst.

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The interior of the Wings of Honor Museum from their Facebook page.