

Men & Women of Distinction 2024



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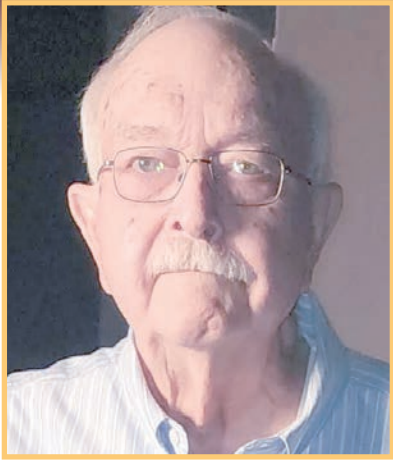


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Jim Harp

lege part-time for a while and also farmed.”

He then spoke about crossing paths with another inductee.

“I sold cars with Rodney Sullins,” he said. “I sold one to Ron Richardson, and he convinced me to change jobs. I then went to work for A.G. Edwards for 18 years.”

Harp then made another change that led him to Sullins again.

“I sold real estate with Rodney,” he said. “After I completed my apprenticeship, I started my own company. I sold that, and after my three-year non-compete clause was over, I started Weichart Realty with some other people.”

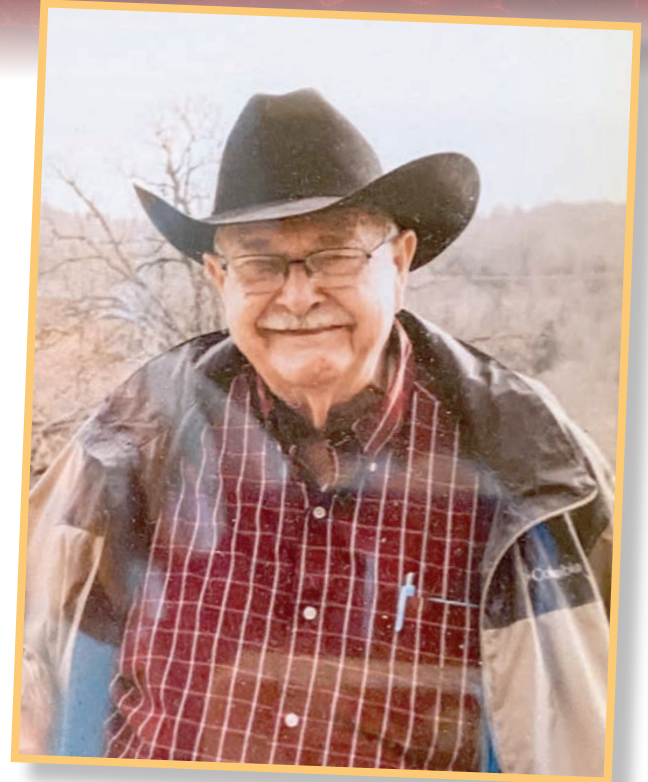
When looking back at his career, he pointed to an accomplishment that makes him smile.

“Being a founding member of Community First Bank and serving on the board the entire time that we owned it,” he said about his achievement. “That was a very rewarding experience.”

He continued to speak about his involvement in business in the area.

“I have to give God the credit for the success that I have experienced,” he stated. “No matter what I have done or what business I have been in, quality people show up to work with me. The bank was no exception. There were a lot of talented men and women that worked with us while I was there. We all worked well together.”

Harp has seen business change over the years.



There is one man that is proud of the community that he calls home.

Jim Harp has been a staple in the business community for years.

He stated that he has had several careers before his retirement.

“I had about three careers,” he started when he was asked about his resume. “I taught at the col-



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"Some of the change was good and some was bad," he said. "We have seen the work ethic erode. On the other hand, technology has made things much easier. We are more productive. Business is not better or worse; it is just different."

When asked what Boone County means to him, he was quick to add his home county as well.

"Everything and I must add Newton County, where I grew up. There can't be a better place in the world to live. We should feel blessed that we live in this part of the world."

Being retired, Harp has hobbies that he loves dearly.

"That can be summed up in four words," he said. "Horses, cattle, Razorbacks and Alaska are my passions. I have made 11 trips to Alaska to fish. That has been one of my hobbies."

He went on to say that he still has some rental properties and that he buys houses and remodels them. "I



am really retired this time," he said. "I don't do as much as I use to."

Harp is very proud of his family.

"My family is great," he said.

"They have been supporters of everything that I have done. I have two boys, Franklin and Paul. I have

seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren."

Harp is married to a retired teacher.

"Carolyn and I have been married for 38 years," he concluded. "It has all been good. We are a close family."



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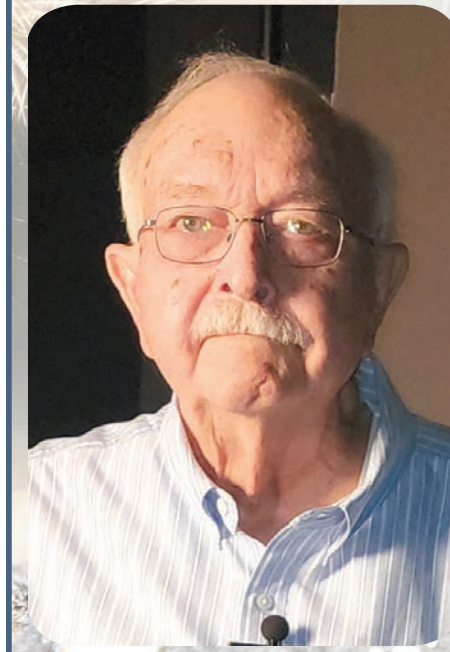
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Connie Cash Gray



Connie Gray Cash was a pioneer for women in Boone County. The Harrison High School and Eastern New Mexico University graduate is responsible for ushering girls sports back into north central and northwest Arkansas. As an art, science and physical education teacher at Valley Springs High School, Gray approached the school administration about starting basketball back. Most schools in Arkansas had dropped the sport, and Gray saw the desire of the young ladies of the school to play.

The school decided to play volleyball, and she was up to get the sport rolling.

She traveled all summer and came up with several schools that were willing to play. She coached a very successful Lady Tiger volleyball team for several seasons before changing her career path.

After the birth of her son, she moved into the family business.

“We started Home Ice Company in 1934,” she said. “Then we had the RC Cola Bottling Company and then moved into outdoor billboards.”



Our Community Matters

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The family sold the bottling company and then sold the ice company seven years ago.

Boone County is special to Gray.

“My family goes way back,” she said. “My grandchildren are sixth generation residents.

“You don’t appreciate where you are from until you go someplace else,” she said.

The Gray family has an unusual hobby.

“My husband is a train buff,” she said. “We ride out a speeder car on railroad tracks. He does all the train things. I take pictures of the scenery. I think that is from my background in art.

“I work with my chickens and

other animals,” continued Gray about her hobbies. “I am also trying to learn to play the guitar.”

The hobbies don’t slow Gray down. She still goes to work six days a week. She is beginning the process of slowing more things over to her son.

“I am trying to be a good steward of what my family has built,” she said.

Mrs. Gray is the daughter of Mosco and Josephine Cash. She is the wife of Phillip Gray and the mother of Aaron.

Aaron is married to Sarah, and they have three children: Isla, Jasmine and Meadow.



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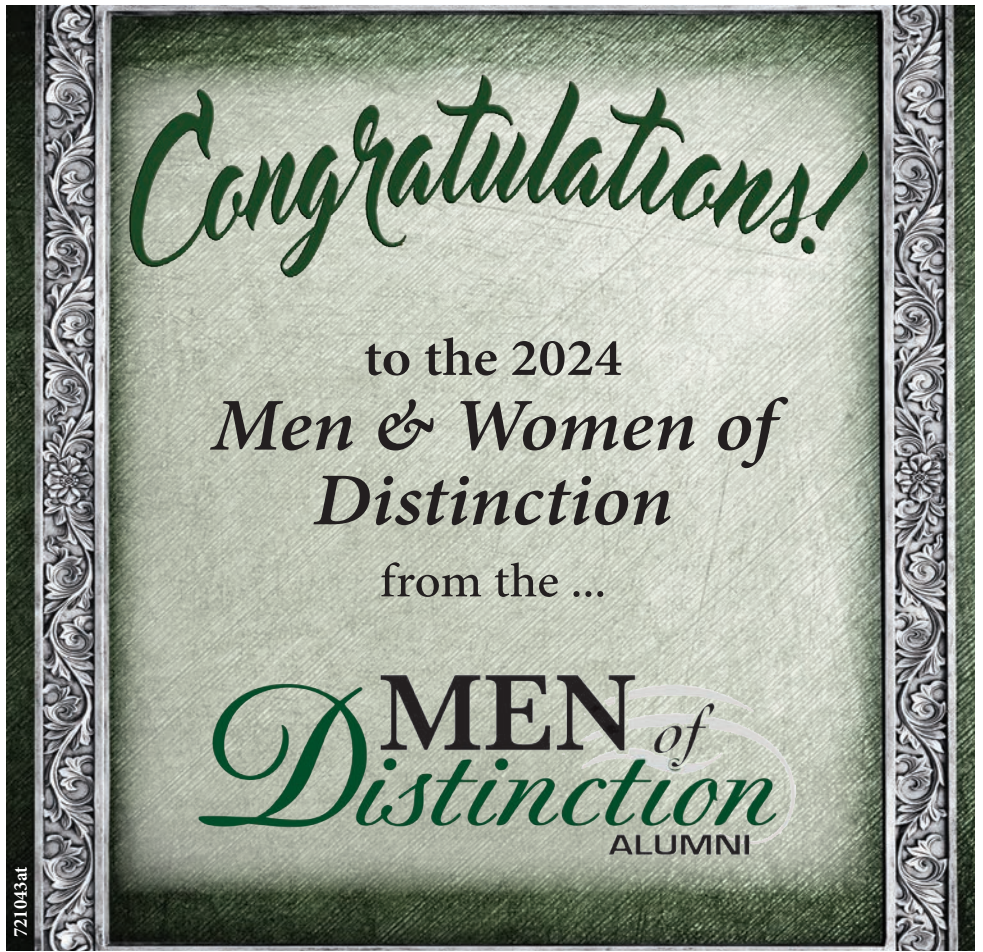
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Ken Reeves
Jim Stockton
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J.D. Erwin
Dale Garner
Fred Garry
Dr. Joe Melton
Jerry Pinson
Ronny Ramsey
Pat Reed
Ken Savells
- 2017:**
Ken Bailey
- 2018:**
Jon Burnside
Dale Hardman
Robert McCorkindale
Shorty Ozier
John Sherman
Paul Shrum
- 2019:**
Richard Hart*
Mark Martin
Kevin Merrill
Joe Nance
Robert Shaddox
Jim Sprott
Steve Turner
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- 2021:**
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Jim Milum
Dr. Brent Rossen
Scott Tennyson
- 2022:**
Matt Russell
Greg Satterfield
Fred Woehl*
- 2023:**
Arlon Hickman
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Blake Keeton
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WOMEN OF DISTINCTION PAST WINNERS

Women of Distinction 2011-2023

2011:

Cathy Brandt
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Kim Rossen

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Dr. Sue Ross Chambers
Robbie Grace Cotton*
Jane Christenson
Marcille Miller Lawrence
Marilyn Turney Mathis

2013:

Marsha Carter
Karla J. Gray

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Teri Garrett
Kay Maris
Norma Wilson-Newman*
Janet Voshell

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Leisa Phillips Dodson
Carolyn Bonsteel-Gokenbach*
Brooxie Nell Heard Karns
Mary Kirkpatrick
Stacie Klott
Kathy Thomason Martin
Betty Gray McFarland*
Mary Patrick*
Robin Reeves
Melanie Armstrong Savells

2015:

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Patti Fitzgerald
Dolly Garrison

Mary Jean Hunter
Sharon Pierce*
Mary Purselley*
Lou Ann Sutton
Arah Dean Turner
Kandy Webb

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Sue Barger*
Dianna Halbmaier
Margie Keener
Susan Sangren
Marilyn Scroggins
Jacquie Markle
Georgie Patton
Joy Woelbing

2017:

Julie Barnes
Beverly Bear
Donna Coughron
Violet Hensley

Gina Ray
Chonda Tapley
Bertie Wells

2018:

Holly Gilles
Peggy Jackson
Tracy Lindsey
Patty Methvin
Laretta Moore
Mary Pledger
Mary Wince

2019:

Melissa Collins
Lagena Johnson
Julie Lockett
Julianna Hamblin
Cindy Ramsey
Cheryl Satterfield
Tucky Zima

2020:

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2021:

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Gwen Hoffmann
Sarah Newman

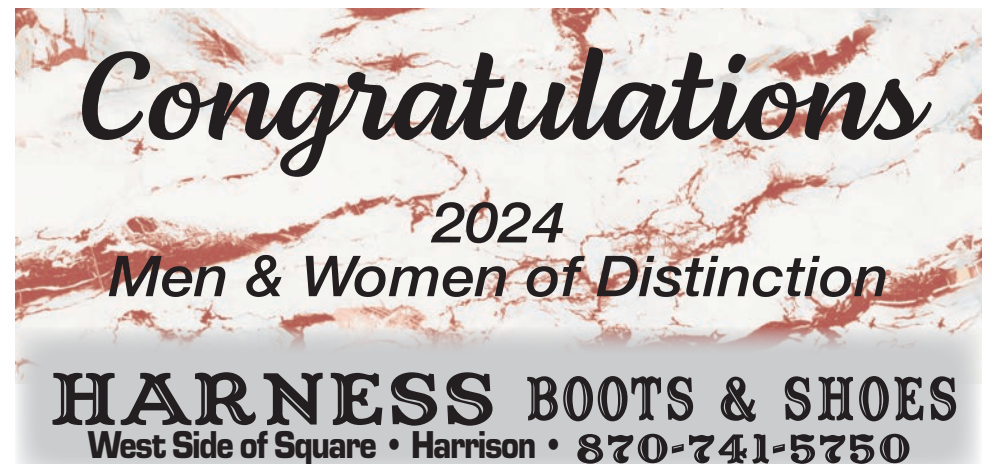
2022:

Joy Prater
Patsy Bailey
Diana Grace

2023:

Amanda Chitsey
Sammie Cribbs
Billye Sue Lawrence

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Ron Hutchcraft



He may not have the most well-known name in Harrison, but he may be the most known Boone County resident.

Ron Hutchcraft, through his ministry, is heard on 1,000 radio stations daily in the United States and in more stations around the world. His broadcast "A Word With You" is translated into the five most spoken languages in the world and sent out daily.

His program is translated into Chinese, Spanish and Russian, to name just a few.

Hutchcraft was born in Chicago, and his love for Harrison came when he met his wife in college there.

"Thank you, Harrison, for the gift that you gave me," he stated about meeting his wife Karen who is from the community.

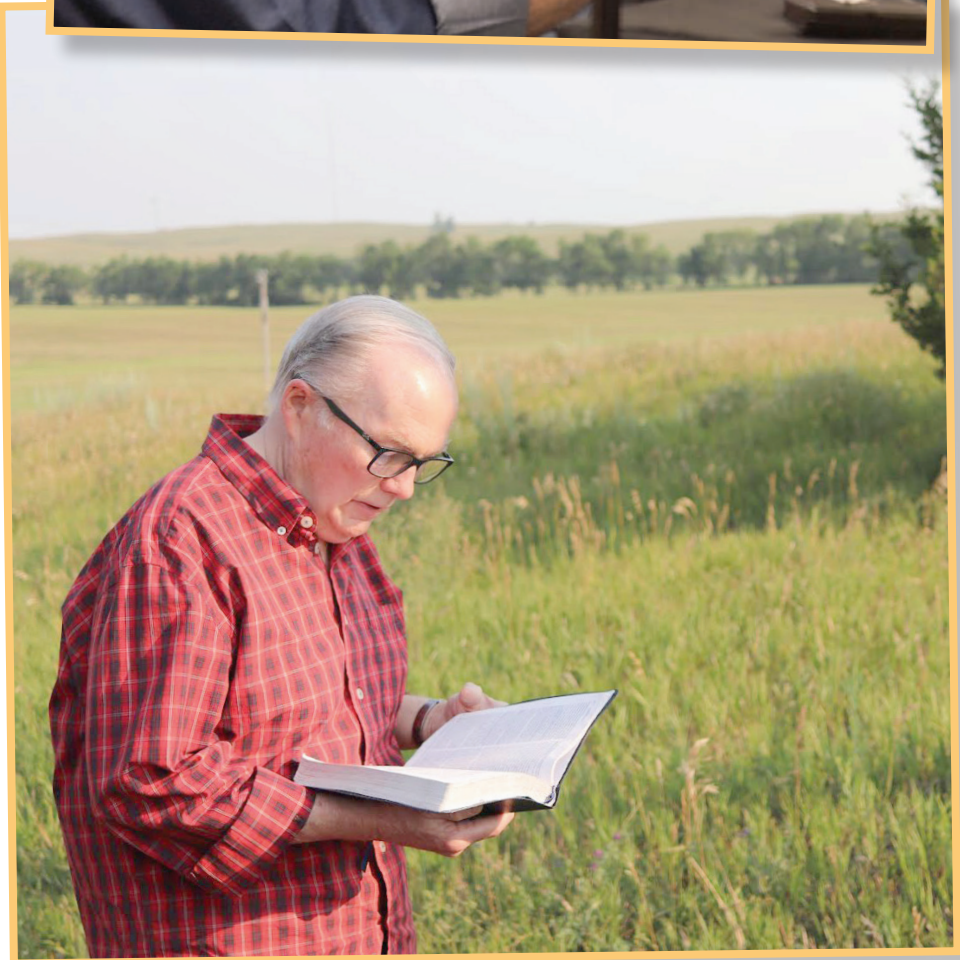
After finishing his education, Hutchcraft started to work with young people. He has worked with every aspect of youth in the country.



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He has turned his attention to the “most broken of all young people in America,” — Native American.

Through his ministry, On Eagles’ Wings Leadership Center has opened on the Hutchcraft compound in the Capps area. This is a gap-year program for young Native Americans.

Hutchcraft looks at his career and sees two aspects that may be his most shining accomplishments.

“Changed lives and rescued lives,” he started. “I am not the one that changes them. I have no power to change them, but my boss does.”

“On Eagle’s Wings is pretty exciting,” he continued. “That could be a real driving force for the spread of the Gospel.”

Hutchcraft is a traveler. He has preached the Gospel on every continent, but Antarctica. He believes that he has presented the Gospel in 12 countries. He wants to present the Gospel in as many places as possible.

“Our goal in a world that is increasingly confusing is to get the Light out there,” he said. “We are very aggressive now with social media. Overnight you can get out garbage or Gospel. What you present is available to anyone, everywhere, at any time.”

Beginning July 1, Hutchcraft will be leading the Warrior Leadership Summit. He expects attendees to represent 60-80 different tribes.

Boone County means a lot to Hutchcraft. This place gave him his wife, but the people helped to land his international ministry in the area.

“I just went back and read the reports about moving here,” he said. “Our



board of directors are from all over the country. They didn’t take Harrison seriously, but we had our scouts come here. One was from Texas, and one was from Ohio.

“What sold them was the people of this area and their welcome, their enthusiasm and their love,” he concluded.

In his spare time, Hutchcraft loves to travel, read, study history, and do genealogy.

His hobby would revolve around his nine grandchildren that all live in the area.

Karen, his wife, has passed. The couple has a daughter Lisa and two sons Brad and Doug.



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Dixie Shrum

Harrison is fortunate to have a health care worker who focuses on children. Dixie Shrum has devoted her life to the care and well-being of the youth of Boone County.

Shrum was first educated in the Harrison Public Schools. She moved to Fayetteville and attended the University of Arkansas.

It was here that she began her love of the health care profession.

“I was fortunate to be in the first Bachelor of Nursing program at the University,” she said.

After graduation, Shrum moved to Little Rock and worked for the Children’s Hospital.

She held several positions there and after a few years decided to further her education.

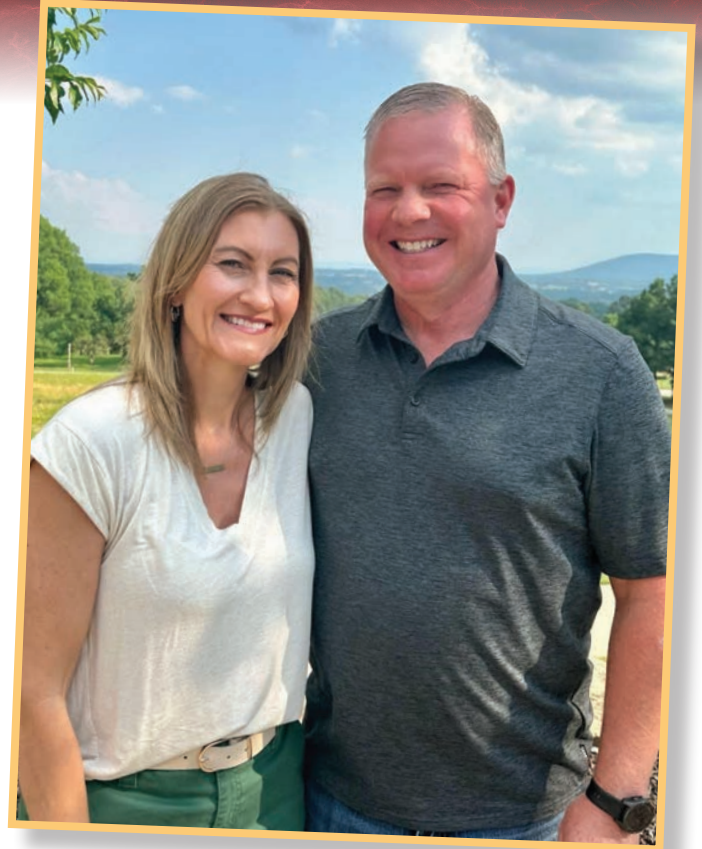
“I went back to school and earned my Master’s,” she stated. “I obtained my pediatric nurse practitioner certificate.”

She continued working for Children’s after receiving her certification.

Then the family moved to Harrison where she is in practice with her husband at Cornerstone Medical Clinic. She is a pediatric primary care provider.

“I have been fortunate to work with children all of my career,” she said. “I believe that children are our greatest treasure and our greatest resource. I believe that God put that desire in me to want to be in children’s lives.

Shrum stated that it



was exciting to take care of patients from their birth until they turned 18. Then her joy is fully realized when she sees them return to the clinic with their children.

Volunteering is also something that Shrum does. She has served in the PTA, with her church — First Baptist, Harrison and Harrison Public School Foundations.

Over the years in health career, Shrum has seen some dramatic changes. “We used to write small notes and now everything is electronic,” she said.

There are many elements that is slowing down health care, but she said that it has not hindered services.

Hobbies are now something that Shrum can enjoy. She chased her children around the country playing sports; now she can read and spend more time with the family.

She enjoys going to the gym and being involved in her church where she has made lasting relationships.

Shrum is married to Steve, and the couple celebrate three children: Jake, Sydney and Blake.



Rodney Sullins



Rodney Sullins is a jack-of-all trades.

The Valley Springs High School graduate has served his community and the county throughout his lifetime.

Sullins has always worked. He states that he officially began his career right after he graduated high school, but he worked way before he received his diploma.

“I started working — like most young kids did back then — by hauling hay,” he said. “I did a lot of things.”

One thing that Sullins did when he was in high school would not be accepted in today’s society.

“I was a school bus driver,” he said. “I was a substitute bus driver my junior year of high school, and then when I was a senior, I had my own route. There were four or five of us that did that. It is a lot of responsibility for a 17-year-old.”

After turning in his keys to the bus, Sullins picked up keys to cars. He sold Datsun cars at Claude Whither Motors. Then the company moved into satellites and videos.

Sullins started his own business in 1995. He moved into the electronic market and was a full-service dealer.

The next venture was into the recreational vehicles. He sold RVs until his retirement

last year. He also dabbled in real estate as he owned his own company for some time.

Despite being retired now, Sullins still has a long list of projects.

“I haven’t made it to the bottom of my wife’s to-do list,” he said. “I still have about 100

head of momma cows.”

Sullins has entered into another project with two of his grandsons. They are repurposing a barn into two apartments for the recent high school graduates.

Boone County means a lot to Sullins, and his volunteer efforts support that theory.

He served 22 years as a pee wee basketball coach.

“I really enjoyed that,” he said. “I hope that I had as much influence on them as they had on me.”

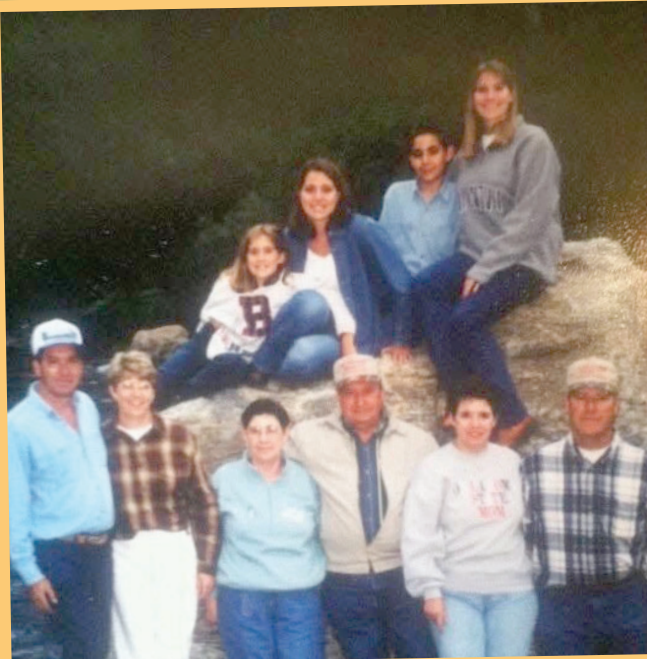
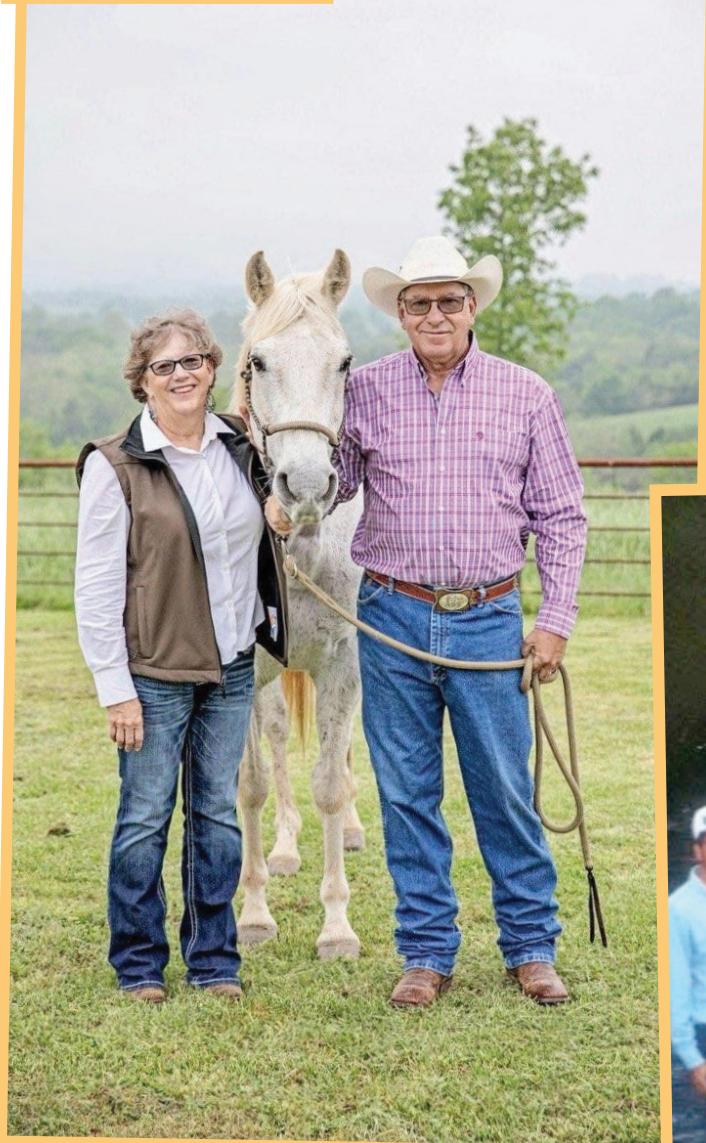
He served 10 years on the Valley Springs School Board of Education and will begin his fourth term as a Justice of the Peace for the county.

Over the course of Sullins’s career, he has seen many changes in business.

“The internet has changed everything,” he said. “It is not as person-to-person. Every job that I had was in sales. I just didn’t want to sell people something; I want to be friends with them. That type of relationship is gone now.”

When you can’t find Sullins on the farm, chances are that he is in the RV traveling. He attends the Cheyenne, Wyo. rodeo each year. He likes to ride horses and do a little fishing.

Sullins had been married to Judy Thomason for 51 years. They have three daughters, Allison, Shawna and Kelsey. They also have three grandsons and three granddaughters.



Alicia Trowbridge



There is one resident of Harrison that has made the best opportunity of moving to another country.

Alicia Trowbridge has been a staple in the city and that has come from hard work and determination.

Trowbridge immigrated to the United States from Guatemala. She arrived in the United States on the last day of being 16.

"I had my 17th birthday in America," she said.

During her time in America, she raised a family and found a meaningful career.

"I worked for the hospital for 31 years," she said. "But now I volunteer all the time."

Her joy of volunteering is evident in her life.

"I volunteer for the community," she stated. "I love to do that because it comes from the heart."

"It is what you do for others," she said, "and others do for you."

In America, she has two sons. Frank Anthony Trowbridge and Harold Roy Trowbridge are her sons.



Trowbridge loves living in the Harrison community.

"It reminds me of home," she said. "The people are so nice and friendly. They are religious here, and I love that."

When Trowbridge is volunteering, she loves to do arts and crafts with the children.

Her hobbies are numerous. "I like to dance and the music," she said. "I am a member of the Moose Club. I used to go dancing. I don't do that as much anymore. I socialize in many ways."

"I enjoy working in the garden," she continued. "I like flowers. I never had time to do that because I was working all the time. I love watching the flowers bloom. I love to see them every morning."

She concluded, "that is my life. Help others."

"One of my sons (Harold) lives with me and works at Tyson's; I love being home with him," she stated. "The other one lives in Chicago, Ill. and works for the newspaper there."

Trowbridge had another definition of family.

"What you call a family is my husband and kids," she said. "What I call family is my aunts and mother and my relatives. I have lost about everyone in Guatemala. I lost my husband in 1993."

When Trowbridge's husband passed, she became a traveler.

"I have been to 39 states and Spain and Italy."

She added, "America is number one with me."

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Daily Times announces Future Man, Woman of Distinction Scholarship recipients

Jeffrey Beck Morrow

Whether on campus, in the community, or on the basketball court, Jeffrey Beck Morrow, who goes by “Beck” behaves in a high-character manner and demonstrates leadership qualities for those around him. As a basketball player for the Pioneers, Beck has participated in many of Northark’s campus community service and Harrison community service initiatives and has made both environments better for those involved. He does not seek attention or accolades for his work, but quietly inspires others around him to exhibit virtuous actions. For these contributions he has been selected to receive the 2024 Future Man of Distinction Scholarship.

“I was very excited and relieved to have received this scholarship because it will help my family,” Beck said.

Beck has worked with and for the elderly, disabled, underprivileged, and underrepresented members of Boone County, and stands tall alongside those individuals that need the most help in society. Beck has joined Coach Hunter in providing service to Upward Basketball, Harrison Share & Care, the Boone County Library, the Harrison Master Gardeners, the Northwest Arkansas Special Olympics, the Harrison Task Force on Race Relations, and



other local organizations and initiatives.

Beck hails from Mountain View. He is working on an Associate of Arts degree at Northark. He said he was drawn to Northark because of the friendliness of everyone, especially the staff members around campus who are always nice and want students to succeed.

Coach Hunter said “Beck is someone that I believe has a very bright future in whatever he chooses to pursue. Beck said he was taught from

an early age, “My parents always instilled it in me to be a good person and always lend a hand to help others.”

In summation, Beck Morrow is an excellent young man. He makes top-tier grades in his academic courses, excels on the basketball court, and gives back to the community. Beck behaves in a manner befitting of a Future Man of Distinction and is therefore a very deserving recipient of the Future Man of Distinction scholarship award.

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Samantha George

Samantha George, a native of the town of Golden on Table Lake in Missouri, is the recipient of the 2024 Future Woman of Distinction Scholarship. Samantha is a member of the Lady Pioneers basketball team. Her Coach, Bobby Howard nominated her saying "Samantha is the first to volunteer for community service activities." For her contributions to our community, Samantha George has been selected to receive the 2024 Future Woman of Distinction Scholarship.

The news of the scholarship award was delivered while Samantha was helping with a kid's basketball camp. She said, "I was very shocked and surprised when Coach Howard told me I

would be receiving this scholarship, and I am very appreciative." She added her parents' instilled empathy and kindness in her from an early age. "It was always an expectation for me to help and be kind to others, no matter who they were, while understanding I shouldn't want anything in return."

During her first year at Northark Samantha earned a 4.0 GPA. Her future goal is to be a speech pathologist. She helped Coach Howard's grandson with his speech throughout the year and is great with kids. Being a speech pathologist is definitely her calling. She enjoys the family environment Northark provides.

"Samantha to the Lady Pioneers as an average player," Coach Howard noted. "I have

observed her, and she is the hardest working athlete I have ever seen in my 38 years of coaching. She is becoming a great player because of her hard work."

Samantha is a talented singer and sang the national anthem at Northark's spring commencement ceremony.

Howard nominated Samantha because she is shy and never wants praise for all she does for the elders and kids of our community. Characteristics that fit a Future Woman of Distinction perfectly.

Samantha and Beck will each be presented with a \$1,500 scholarship at the Men and Women of Distinction Luncheon on June 26, 2024, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Signature Bank Community Room.

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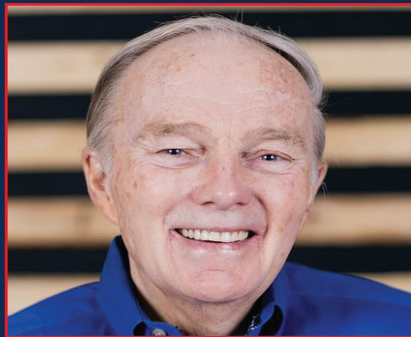
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