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Dr. Jennifer Methvin, ASU-Beebe chancellor, gifted a clear prism to each Gray Box Award recipient because of the clarity and color that each employee imparted on the lives of students. CMB/MSR

BY TORI CARR

The Gray Box Impact Award initiative started in August 2023 by Dr. Jennifer Methvin, ASU-Beebe chancellor, during the annual fall employee assembly. It was designed to reward faculty and staff members for being a beacon of hope for countless students grappling with uncertainty about their future careers or lacking access to higher education.

The award recognizes the efforts of these employees in enriching the pathways of individual learners.

"Providing students with clarity and support is at the heart of our mission. Gray Box Impact awardees excel at this work," said Methvin.

CREATING A ROUTE
Gray Box Impact Awards recognize employees who create, nurture vivid pathways for student success

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— DR. JENNIFER METHVIN,
ASU-BEEBE CHANCELLOR

In her discussion about the Gray Box Impact Award, Methvin explained that the term "gray box" symbolizes the considerable number of students who forego college or vocational training after high school due to perceived financial constraints. These potential students are represented in institutional data graphs with a gray box.

Karen Davidson, instructor of adult education, Janet Liles, director of pharmacy technology, and Frank N. Taylor II, student center assistant manager, are among the many dedicated individuals who have played pivotal roles in guiding students out of the "gray box."

They were recognized with the Gray Box Impact Award during the 2023-2024 academic year for their outstanding contributions to helping students navigate through this uncertain phase of their lives.

They have dedicated themselves to supporting students in achieving their academic goals, striving to reshape students' trajectories and empowering them to build brighter futures.

Alumna Tiffany String, a then LPN student who is now studying registered

nursing, remarked during a June 2023 Board of Trustees meeting on the Beebe campus about the assistance she received from Davidson.

"She paved the way for me to achieve my goals," String said.

During the same meeting, Stephanie Nicholson, an alumna of the pharmacy technician science program, commended Liles for her tireless dedication.

"She poured her heart into the program, ensuring every student had the tools to succeed," Nicholson said.

During her fall 2023 commencement speech, alumna Madison Ledwaba expressed appreciation for Taylor's unwavering support.

"Frank has been my rock through thick and thin, from academic stress to personal losses," Ledwaba said.

The Gray Box Impact initiative touches the lives of hundreds of students daily, demonstrating the profound impact of believing in someone's potential. For many students, this initiative represents a lifeline; a reminder that with the right guidance and support, their dreams can become reality. TC



Karen Davidson, Instructor of Adult Education



Janet Liles, Director of Pharmacy Technology



Frank N. Taylor II, Student Center Assistant Manager

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Academic All Stars Recognized at Arkansas Community Colleges Banquet in October 2023

JACOB CATER, ACADEMIC ALL STAR AWARD

Jacob Cater of Quitman is currently seeking an Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences with plans to major in broadcast journalism after completing a degree with ASU-Beebe. Cater is active on campus, serving as a leadership scholar, founding member of the Fellowship of Christian College Students, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society co-chair and a member of Turning Point USA. He is chair of the student Campus Services Council, which advises the Office of Student Life on the operations of the campus food pantries, Vanguard giving tree, Vanguard volunteers program, and the Student Emergency Hope Fund. Most recently, Cater was recognized as one of ASU-Beebe's Outstanding First-Year Students.

GARTH MARTIN, OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD


The late Garth Martin received an Associate of Arts degree in 1950 from ASU-Beebe, formerly Junior Agricultural College of Central Arkansas. Martin contributed to ASU-Beebe's growth and success as a member of the Development Council for over 25 years. He was also a longstanding member of the Arkansas Arts Center, Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, Arkansas Repertory Theatre, Old State House Association and Historic Arkansas Museum. He has volunteered at the Clinton Library, St. Vincent Hospital, Meals-on-Wheels and Heifer Village. Throughout his life, Martin encouraged students to

apply themselves, maintain positivity, and engage in school activities. Martin passed away Jan. 7, 2024.

MEREDITH GORDON, OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD

Meredith Gordon is an assistant professor of biology and botany at ASU-Beebe. Gordon attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where she received a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in ecology and evolutionary biology. After graduate school, Gordon worked in agriculture before joining the faculty at ASU-Beebe nine years ago. Gordon also serves as committee chair for the Global Awareness Committee, faculty advisor for the Ecology Club and faculty advisor for the ASU-Beebe chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

DR. CONNIE NOWELL, OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD

Dr. Connie Nowell has served 28 years as director of the TRIO programs, which includes Student Support Services and Upward Bound on the Beebe and Heber Springs campuses. Nowell has served on multiple committees, including strategic planning co-chair, chair of the retention sub-committee, Shared Governance Council and enrollment management. She was recently named program manager of the Title III Grant and the Child Care Access Means Parents in School grant director. Nowell received a doctorate in education from the University of Arkansas.  **RCC**



Jacob Cater



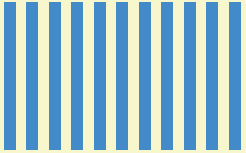
Garth Martin



Meredith Gordon



Connie Nowell



FULL-COURT FUNDRAISER


Gymnasium renovation made possible by donors, former coach honored with court name

The ongoing renovations of the gymnasium of ASU-Beebe have been marked by significant milestones and generous community support. With the fundraising campaign for the Jeannie Myers Lindsey Court surpassing 87% of its ambitious \$250,000 target, the momentum behind this initiative is truly inspiring.

A notable addition to the campaign is the renaming of the gymnasium to the Centennial Bank Gymnasium, presenting an excellent opportunity for signage and sponsorships. This strategic move not only enhances the gym's profile but also strengthens partnerships within the community.

Thanks to these contributions, the gym has undergone a remarkable transformation, including the installation of a brand-new floor by GymMasters in Searcy. This facelift extends beyond physical improvements; it fosters an environment conducive to the holistic



*On the left, major donors Brett Farris of GymMasters in Searcy, from the left, and Corey Williams of Centennial Bank stand with Jeannie Myers Lindsey, namesake of the newly renovated basketball court. On the right, Van the Vanguard and donors Dana Simmons, middle, and Cathy Eoff from Eoff & Associates Realty Inc. were also present for the unveiling of the new court.  **MSR***

development of students and enriches the experience of families and the wider community.

While significant progress has been made, the campaign continues to actively seek donations. Contributions can be conveniently made through various channels, including checks, invoicing to businesses or online at **www.giveasub.com/gym**. Every donation, regardless of size, contributes to the realization of our shared vision for an exceptional athletic facility.

In a meeting last December, the ASU System Board of Trustees passed a resolution to name the court the

Jeannie Myers Lindsey "Coach Lindsey" Court, honoring her remarkable legacy.

This recognition was further celebrated in February when ASU-Beebe presented her with the official resolution during the Heart of a Vanguard donor appreciation dinner.

As we press forward with our renovations, we invite all members of our community to join us in this exciting journey.

Together, we can create a space that not only supports athletic endeavors but also fosters camaraderie, excellence and pride in our beloved institution.  **AC**



Preview Days allow prospective students to peek inside the Vanguard One Stop, the hub for all their college application needs. The former bookstore location was remodeled using a Title III grant. 📍 **CMB**



The ASU-Beebe community comes together to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the new Vanguard One Stop. Connie Nowell, director of Trio/Title III project manager, Dr. Catherine Burton, director of advising and learning, and Stephanie Ungerank, director of distance education/Title III were integral in the design and implementation of the Vanguard One Stop. 📍 **MSR**



Dylan Adams, a future civil engineer, seeks guidance from the ITS Help Desk to reset his Banner login information. 📍 **CMB**



Second-year student Asia Simmons, criminology major, gets a head start on her transfer documents using the helpful resources located within the Vanguard One Stop. 📍 **CMB**



NO MORE DETOURS


Vanguard One Stop makes enrollment process easier

The Title III grant-funded Vanguard One Stop was introduced in September 2023 to streamline the college admissions experience, ending the need for students to travel to various buildings across campus in what was once referred to as the "Beebe shuffle."

Future and current students can now visit the Vanguard One Stop to navigate admissions, financial aid, tech support, disability services and the cashier's office with ease, all under one roof. Located in the Dr. Eugene McKay Student Center where the bookstore once was, the Vanguard One Stop is close to other student services such as advising and tutoring.

Students also can access the same seamless services with the Virtual One Stop by visiting **onestop.asub.edu** for information on new student orientation, campus housing, career services and more. 📍 **CMB**



Teddy Davis, dean of arts and humanities, announced her retirement during the 2023-2024 academic year, ending 41 years of service to ASU-Beebe.  MSR

PEDALING FORWARD

Teddy Davis Retires After 41 Years of Inspirational Service

Teddy Davis, the esteemed dean of the arts and humanities division at Arkansas State University-Beebe, bids farewell after a remarkable tenure spanning 41 years, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and impact.

Reflecting on her journey from humble beginnings to revered administrator, Davis remarked with a hint of nostalgia, "I think I might believe just a little bit in destiny."

Dr. Jason Goodner, vice chancellor for academics, shared the bittersweet news of Davis' retirement with the campus community, writing, "After forty plus years of service to ASU-Beebe, Teddy Davis will retire at the conclusion of the spring semester. Teddy shared her decision with me in August with a simple but powerful phrase, 'It's time.'"

Davis' tenure at ASU-Beebe began with her earning an Associate of Arts degree in 1978, a stepping stone that paved the way for her remarkable academic journey. She then pursued higher education at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science in Education with a focus in social studies in 1980, followed by a Master of Science in Education with a focus in political science in 1981, and finally, a specialist degree in community college teaching in 1983.

Recalling the pivotal moment that launched her career at ASU-Beebe, Davis reminisced, "Just as I finished my specialist degree, an opening became available at ASU-Beebe for political science and geography instruction. I applied, and I got it, and as they say, 'the rest is history.'"

While her journey began in the classroom, Davis' impact transcended traditional teaching roles. From

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— TEDDY DAVIS,
DEAN OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES DIVISION

serving as division chair to her current position as dean, she exhibited exemplary leadership and a steadfast commitment to academic excellence.

Davis' contributions extended beyond the confines of her division; she actively participated in institutional activities and committees, embodying ASU-Beebe's ethos of community engagement and collaboration. As she reflected on the evolution of ASU-Beebe, Davis remarked, "I have seen buildings added, enrollment numbers go up and down, seen the impact of technology... But the one constant that has never wavered is our dedication to our students."

Grateful for the opportunity to serve, Davis expressed heartfelt appreciation, stating, "I will always be grateful that ASU-Beebe was willing to take a chance on me and am thankful to those who mentored me over the years, continued to believe in me and valued my contributions to the institution."


As Davis embarks on her well-deserved retirement, she leaves behind a profound legacy characterized

by compassion, dedication and unwavering commitment to student success.

Goodner aptly noted, "Teddy's heart for serving students through advising will be missed... So much of what we do today in regards to advising and registration is a direct result of Teddy's passion for serving ASU-Beebe students."

In her parting words of wisdom to students, Davis urged them to give their all, get involved and seek guidance when needed. Her retirement plans include cherishing moments with loved ones, exploring new hobbies and giving back to the community.

As ASU-Beebe bids farewell to a beloved dean, Davis' impact will resonate for years to come, serving as a testament to the transformative power of education and the enduring legacy of dedicated educators like herself. Through her tireless dedication and unwavering commitment, Davis leaves behind a lasting imprint on the ASU-Beebe community, embodying the spirit of excellence and service that defines the institution. Her retirement

marks the end of an era, but her influence will continue to inspire future generations of students and educators alike.  **RCC**

Teddy Davis Educational Scholarship established

A privately funded scholarship - the Teddy Davis Educational Scholarship - has been established in honor of Teddy Davis for full-time students attending any ASU-Beebe campus.

If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at ASU-Beebe at (501) 882-8855, visit www.giveasub.com/givenow or scan the QR code below:





TOUR DE GRANTS

*Donor Contributions
Enhance Student Success*

Thanks to a generous donation from ASU-Beebe supporter and advocate Cathy Eoff, several faculty and staff received financial support to engage in scholarly activities or products designed to improve teaching, programmatic offerings and student success initiatives through the Vanguard Mini Grants program. For the 2023-2024 academic year, six initiatives were funded through the program.

BY CHARLENE
CHAMBERS



PARKIN ARCHEOLOGICAL PARK - WILD CLAY AND PITFIRE INTERCOLLEGIATE WORKSHOP

The Parkin Archeological Park - Wild Clay and Pitfire Intercollegiate Workshop is a unique collaborative experience involving various institutions and the public. Participants engaged in hands-on activities such as collecting local clay, processing it, GPS tagging and creating small pieces or preparing wet clay for travel.



TRIO LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINI LIBRARY

The mini library project, located in The Grove on the Beebe campus, serves as a communal space where individuals can contribute and share good books with others. The concept encourages a cycle of sharing and reading, allowing anyone to both place books they wish to share and take a new one to read.



HOSPITAL GRADE VITAL SIGN MACHINE

The mini grant funds were used to purchase a hospital grade vital sign machine available for student use in the medical professions program in the Regional Career Center at the Lonoke Business Academy. This purchase provides students with a quality educational experience by acquiring relevant and updated medical equipment for training purposes.



ASU-BEEBE SPANISH CHILDREN'S BOOK COLLECTION

The ASU-Beebe Spanish Children's Book Collection initiative involved procuring a library of children's books in both Spanish and Spanish/English, tailored to different reading proficiency levels, from beginners to advanced readers. The library is intended to immerse students in the joy of reading Spanish through engaging and age-appropriate materials.



PHARMACY PACKAGING SYSTEMS - MEDI-DOSE SYSTEM

Pharmaceutical packaging and medi-dose system, within the pharmacy technician program, successfully met federal and state guidelines to uphold the integrity and safety of medications. The comprehensive packaging system, integrated into the curriculum, allows students to learn barcoding technology and compliance packaging while adhering to safety standards.



THE RUTH COUCH READING AND STUDY ROOM

The Ruth Couch Reading and Study Room initiative aimed to create a secure and comfortable space for student parents who bring their children to the Abington Library and offers weekly book spotlights, worksheets and engaging activities for children, enabling student parents to balance coursework and parenting responsibilities effectively.

BREAKING THE CHAINS

Single mom with elementary education overcomes obstacles

Tiffany String, 35, clad in crisp royal blue nursing student scrubs, hesitantly approached the podium to address a crowded room of distinguished leadership from the Arkansas State University System who were gathered on the ASU-Beebe campus for a Board of Trustees meeting in June 2023.

What ensued was a poignant moment, as passionate advocates for higher education found themselves overcome with emotion when String, holding back tears, recounted how ASU-Beebe had been instrumental in helping her overcome seemingly insurmountable personal challenges to achieve her academic aspirations.

In 2017, after more than a decade of marriage and being a stay-at-home mom to a set of 4-year-old twin boys and an older son who was 8, the Georgia native suddenly found herself facing divorce while living hundreds of miles away from her family. She had few resources available to her at the time.

"I was lost. Confused. Didn't know where to turn," String said.

Because she was pulled out of school around 5th grade and



Tiffany String poses with her three sons after attending her LPN pinning ceremony in December 2023. The single mother has risen above difficult circumstances to pursue her academic goals. MSR

career options were scarce, String realized that she had to rise above her circumstances to care for her children, effectively breaking the chains that held her back. This was the motivation she needed to begin her educational journey.

"At the time, I was scared. If I didn't do something, who was going to take care of my babies? So I had to. It was because of them that I knew I had to push forward to take

care of them," String said.

Without a vehicle, String recounted that she used a bicycle and trailer that friends gave her to transport her children and herself to school.

"I had no vehicle that he left us. And I rode my little blue bike to get my three babies to school. I put them in a carriage and I was determined that I was going to build myself and have a degree," String said.

"At the time I was scared. If I didn't do something, who was going to take care of my babies? So I had to."

— TIFFANY STRING,
ASU-BEEBE STUDENT

After enrolling in the Adult Education program at the Beebe campus and receiving assistance from programs like Career Pathways and TRIO Student Support Services, String began her educational journey to earn her GED in 2018, but that was only the beginning of what would become a chain reaction in her life.

"After [earning my GED], I was like, 'You know what? There is a way. I can do this,'" String said.

Encouraged by her instructors who knew that she wanted to work in medicine, String went on to earn her Associate of Science in Liberal Arts & Sciences in July 2020, giving her the fuel she needed to continue to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse.

"I was like, 'You know what, I can be somebody. This ain't the end for me,'" String said.

In December 2023, String finished her technical certificate in practical nursing and passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

In January 2024, she began working on prerequisites toward her Associate of Applied Science in Registered

Nursing in pursuit of gaining the next level of nursing credentials, ensuring a brighter future for her family.

"I just want to be the best woman I can be for my kids and myself, really, and to have a stable job and position to take care of me and my family," String said.

String found her family at ASU-Beebe because of the support she received.

"I felt home. They always just went above and beyond to help me in anything," String said. "I feel like in one of the roughest times in my life they really impacted me. ... and to have someone pretty much just take you in to feel like family. That's what ASU-Beebe did for me."

With her dream career well within reach, String said the confidence she has now demonstrates how she has changed since her journey began.

"I don't walk around with my head held down any more. I don't feel worthless. I feel like I have something to offer my family and kids. I'm a better individual, really, amongst society," String said. "I feel like I have grown tremendously." MSR

Resources for students who are parents or need financial assistance

ADULT EDUCATION (501) 207-6290

For adults who need services and training to prepare for the workforce, including GED test preparation

CAREER PATHWAYS INITIATIVE (501) 207-6244

A grant-funded program to assist low-income parents with overcoming barriers to achieving academic success or success in the workplace, such as childcare expenses, fuel costs or tuition and fees.

CCAMPIS (501) 882-8963

Child Care Access Means Parents in School is grant-funded to support students who are parents with childcare assistance, personalized coaching and support.

TRIO (501) 882-8964

The TRIO programs are designed to assist limited-income, first-generation college students and/or students with a disability by offering mentors, tutors and enrichment activities.

More information: www.ASUB.edu.



Student Government Association President Ashley Clark and Chancellor Jennifer Methvin announce students as the winner of the #CampusCares Fundraiser challenge. [CMB](#)

PAVING A TRAIL FOR SERVICE

ASU-Beebe fosters a culture of community connection through various initiatives

ASU-Beebe goes beyond textbooks, fostering a vibrant community spirit through various student and faculty-led initiatives. This commitment to service is a cornerstone of the college's "Vanguard" identity, emphasizing leadership and positive development.

STUDENTS TAKE THE LEAD

The TRIO Leadership Council exemplifies this spirit with street cleaning for the Fallin' Blackbird Festival, a fall bake sale benefiting the Mission Machine, winter preparation drives and heartwarming Christmas card deliveries to the

Beebe Retirement Center. Vanguard Volunteers acts as a hub to connect student groups to service opportunities across the community. The Student Government Association (SGA) spearheaded the rebranding of the campus food pantries to the #CampusCares Support



TRIO Leadership Council helps those in need to bundle up for winter by organizing a winter prep drive. [SUBMITTED](#)

Pantries with their recent #CampusCares Fundraiser that was matched by the Engage Arkansas grant and resulted in over 4,000 donated items. The Business Club even hosted a First Responders Breakfast, a delicious and heartwarming way to thank those who keep our Beebe community safe.

NURSING PROGRAM INSTILLS COMPASSION

The college's commitment to service extends to academics as the nursing department requires its students to perform four hours of community service per semester. Activities ranging



Above: The Ag Club and other Vanguard members come together at the end of a successful Sunshine Rodeo event to commemorate their experience. [CMB](#)



Left: Nursing students assisted in post-tornado cleanup after the March 31 tornadoes in Arkansas. [SUBMITTED](#)

FACULTY AND STAFF JOIN THE TRAIL

Keeping on the path of community service, faculty and staff actively volunteer with students in events like the Sunshine Rodeo, an opportunity for mentally and physically challenged children to experience the joy of rodeo activities.

The dedication to service strengthens the connections within the ASU-Beebe community and extends a helping hand to the surrounding areas. The commitment to volunteering proves education is most enriching when it fosters a spirit of giving back. [CMB](#)

CROSSING PATHS

After nearly two years of planning for the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse, the ASU-Beebe campuses experienced the celestial wonder for the first time since the school's establishment.

The Total Solar Eclipse Task Force, led by Andrea Cole, met frequently before the event on April 8 to ensure the campuses at Beebe, Heber Springs and Searcy offered a safe, pleasant viewing experience for the nearby communities.

Employees on all campuses served in volunteer roles to ensure a smooth event, and their families were invited to come to work with them.

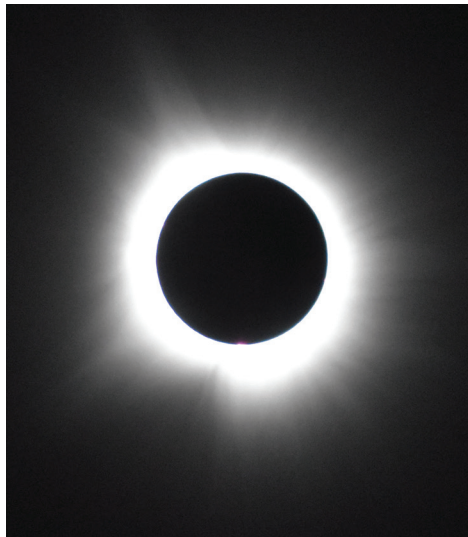
On the Beebe campus, students from University Middle School in Memphis, Tennessee made up the majority of visitors, providing a lively atmosphere.

On the Searcy campus, activities at the nearby Berryhill Park provided a festive ambiance.

Serenity was the scene at the picturesque Heber Springs campus, which also experienced the most totality at 4 minutes 5 seconds. **MSR**



Ticu Gamalie, assistant professor of physics, takes in the celestial scene at the Beebe campus. **MSR**



During totality, the sky became darker and the total eclipse could be seen with the naked eye. On the Beebe campus during the final minutes before totality, "Final Countdown" was played on the sound system. As the sun began to reappear, "Here Comes the Sun" was perfectly timed. **MSR**



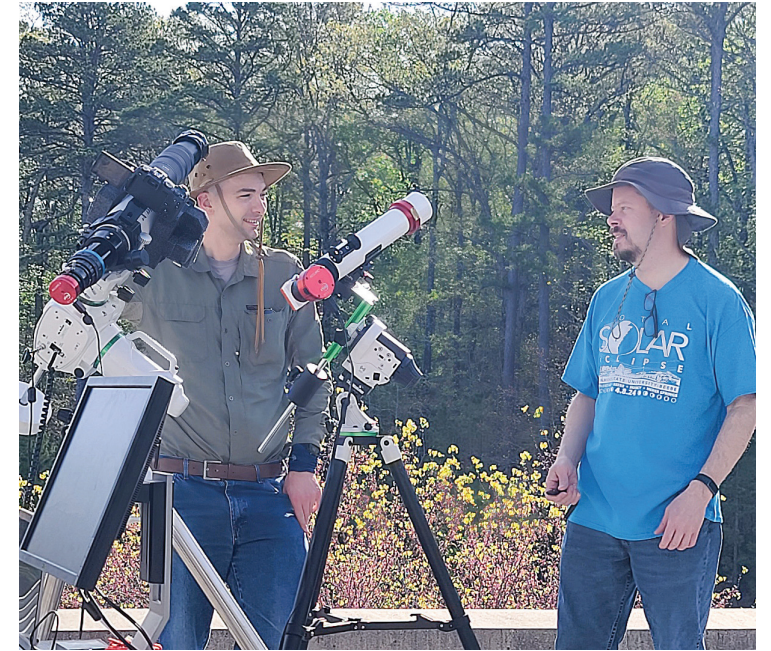
Berryhill Park near the Searcy campus served as one of the city's viewing sites, offering a festive ambiance for event attendees. **RCC**



An ASU-Beebe student carefully takes photos of the eclipse using his solar eclipse glasses as a filter. Behind him in the tennis courts on the Beebe campus, visiting students and their families from University Middle School in Memphis, Tennessee gather for the event. **MSR**



Visitors gather on the front lawn of the Searcy campus to take in the eclipse. The green space provided plenty of room to set up picnic blankets and bask in the sun. **RCC**



Sam Morris, ITS director of infrastructure, and Michael Goodman, master instructor of computer science networking technology, visit near the camera and telescope equipment used to livestream the eclipse from the Heber Springs campus. **SKOT HARNESS**



An Arkansas-shaped cardstock paper cutout with dots representing the Beebe, Heber Springs and Searcy campuses served as a method to view the eclipse indirectly through changes in its shadow. **CMB**

FULL CIRCLE

"Better Together"
Alumni Reunion brings
glimpse of the past,
connecting with the
future of ASU-Beebe

In September 2023, ASU-Beebe hosted the 2023 Better Together Alumni Reunion.

The reunion brought together alumni from various graduating years, offering a range of events and activities to foster connections and honor the college's rich history. Attendees enjoyed campus tours, receptions, a picnic and an outdoor concert featuring The Susie Glaze New Folk Ensemble.

The main event featured a panel of alumni and faculty sharing experiences and memories of ASU-Beebe, along with a performance by the Singers and Chamber Singers.

The festivities concluded with a memorable social gathering and dinner at the newly refurbished Centennial Bank Gymnasium, with ASU-Beebe alumnus Tom Brannon, KTHV chief meteorologist, serving as the emcee. The event was sponsored by Eoff & Associates Realty, Inc. **AC**



ASU-Beebe alumni reconnected, shared memories and celebrated their alma mater at the "Better Together" all-class reunion weekend in September 2023. **MSR**



Joe and Sherry Miller gather around the display of old class photos from the 1940s to the present, telling the story of ASU-Beebe pride. **CMB**



Vicky Davis, front from left, Glenda Drace, Sherry Miller, Dana Simmons, Kathy Rodgers, Robbye Frampton and Anita Derrick reunite after starting at ASU-Beebe in fall 1967. **CMB**



Garvase Brown, a former maintenance supervisor on the Searcy campus, speaks during the Searcy campus tour. **RCC**



Student Asia Simmons, center, joins her mother Tamara Simmons and 2023 alumna Sierra Miller at the alumni reunion. **MSR**



The late Garth Martin, recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award, addresses the crowd upon receiving a plaque from Dr. Jennifer Methvin. **MSR**



Joe and Sherry Jenkins Miller, Kathy Rodgers and Glenda Edward Drace reminisce and share memories in the hall of the Dr. Eugene McKay Student Center during the open house event. **MSR**



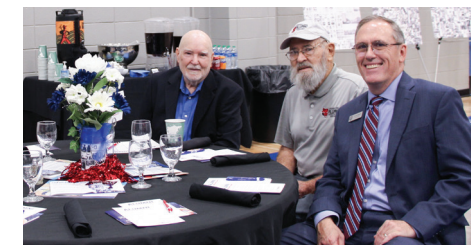
Ann Ramsey, from left, Shirley Fisher and Dottie Rye flip through the works of George Fisher, an artist known for his caricatures featured in the Abington Library. **RCC**



Tom Brannon, chief meteorologist at THV11, shares a few words from his days at ASU-Beebe in 1985. **MSR**



Two recent alumni pore over the past edition of the community report, reminiscing on events and achievements of their graduating year. **CMB**



Junior Fulks, from left, David Lee Mayes, and Dr. David Mayes visit before the main dinner event during the Better Together Alumni Reunion. **CMB**



Katherine Myers Nettles admires the artwork of Michael Schaeffer, the featured artist of the month at the England Center gallery. **MSR**



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My dream job requires a masters degree, and when I found out, I almost talked myself out of it because it required too much money. But **my foundation scholarship makes it possible for me to pursue my dreams,** while also serving as a student leader here on campus.

— Catherine Hartman, 2024