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EVENT HELD TO RAISE MONEY FOR FUNERAL

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FAYETTEVILLE — Elizabeth Morgan, 22, smiled even as tears rolled down her cheeks Sunday at George's Majestic Lounge.



Walker

Morgan had hundreds of people roaring with laughter as she recited quotations the late Bruce Walker was known for saying to his customers and friends.

Sunday's music-filled event at George's helped raise funds to cover funeral and other expenses with the help of 20 bands.

Walker, an longtime Fayetteville businessman, died from smoke inhalation on March 7 after his Flying Possum Leather store went up in flames.

Walker made Birkenstock sandals and a variety of leather creations since 1976 at his store on 526 Dickson St. A music lover, Walker also patented a leather guitar strap that many Dickson Street musicians came to know.

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## College Reviews Student Survey

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BENTONVILLE — NorthWest Arkansas Community College plans to enhance future services by using results from a student survey.

The survey was conducted by the college through Foundations In Excellence, a self-guided study designed to enhance achievement for first-time and transfer students in secondary education.

More than 1,400 students responded to the survey.

Lisa Anderson, the college's director of Institutional Research, said the survey has identified several things the college is strong in along with things the college wants to improve upon.

Anderson said students feel the college is excelling at the quality of instruction, student safety and acceptance along with relaying the importance of academic honesty.

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FEDERAL BELT-TIGHTNING

# Meth Cleanup Funds Cut

### LOCAL AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR COVERING COSTS

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Law enforcement agencies across the state are now responsible for paying the cleanup cost for busted methamphetamine labs after federal funds were cut.

Capt. Mike Sydoriak, the head of the criminal investigation division for the Benton County Sheriff's

Office, said he learned from the Drug Enforcement Agency that cleanup costs will no longer be paid by the federal government as part of budget belt-tightening.

The Rogers Police Department already have been billed for one lab this year, said Rogers Police Chief Ron Largent.

"It's an unbudgeted cost," Largent said. "This is going to be an issue

with the budget. I have to look at alternatives to find the money."

Travis Newell, head of the narcotics unit for the Benton County Sheriff's Office, said the cost to handle hazardous materials resulting from a methamphetamine lab bust can range from \$800 to \$5,000 per case. Cost depends on the size of the lab and how far the cleanup crew has to travel, Newell said.

Rusty Tayne, a spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Agency, said the DEA did not cut the funds.

"The money does not come from the DEA," Tayne said. "It comes from Congress and Congress has not funded that program further. We have exhausted cleanup funds that Congress had given us."

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## 'PRICELESS' LECTURE



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Robert Wittman, right, talks on Sunday with Chris Thurston, a volunteer with Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, prior to Wittman's lecture at Old High Middle School in Bentonville. Wittman spoke about his 20 years with the FBI's art crime team and shared stories from his memoir, "Priceless: How I Went Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures."

# Monte Ne Road Upgrades In Works

### PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS WOULD IMPACT OLDER NEIGHBORHOOD

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ROGERS — Nicole Mozzoni's two-story house is a nearly 100-year-old Sears kit house.

On a cold, breezy afternoon Mozzoni stood outside her home at 600 E. Mulberry St. looking at a satellite map marked with a proposed route for Monte Ne Road. She looked at the map, then at houses east of hers, then back at the map.

"It looks like the road would come pretty close to my house, maybe two houses down," she said pointing to a small house. "I don't think I like that. It would bring a lot more traffic into this neighborhood. There's enough traffic already."

The Mozzoni family is just one that could be impacted by proposed improvements to Monte Ne Road on the east side of the city.

The plan calls for the straightening of three 90-degree turns and moving the street farther to the west. The new five-lane street would connect with the existing road near Gum Street and Veterans Park. As many as 30 homes could be bulldozed to make way for the new road, city officials said.

The improved street would help move north-south traffic, easing congestion on Eighth Street, officials said.

### Resident Reaction

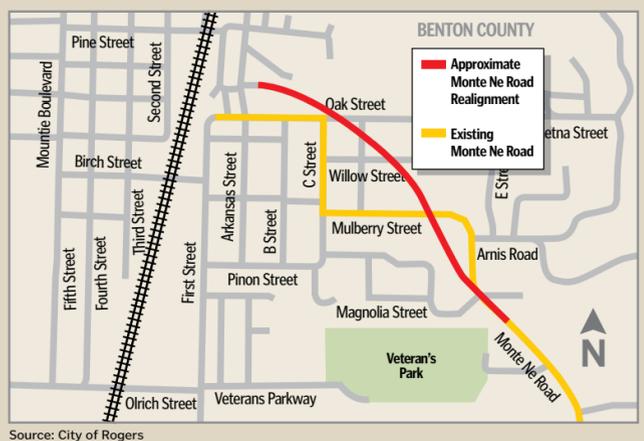
Although her children are older, Nicole Mozzoni said she is still concerned the increased traffic on Monte Ne Road would be a safety hazard for those with smaller children.

Mozzoni said she isn't against

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### City Plans To Move Monte Ne Road

Aldermen recently approved a \$483,042 contract to McGoodwin, Williams and Yates to design improvements to a portion of Monte Ne Road. Money for the project is tied to a proposed bond election.



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