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CONFERENCE TITLE GAME POSTPONED
Harding Academy and Rose Bud's championship game was rescheduled due to heavy rain. — PAGE 1B

BEEBE FACES FLOODING AFTER TORNADO
Monday night, Beebe officials encouraged Wynnwood residents to evacuate because of flooding. — PAGE 2A

Locals reflect on terrorist's death

Kensett native: Event is 'a piece of closure' for the US

By Luke Jones
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Nearly 10 years after one of our nation's most dire hours, President Barack Obama announced the death of Osama bin Laden, of

whose actions the ripple effects are still being felt as far from their origin as White County.

"With this situation, we don't celebrate death, but that's something this individual has brought to us in our nation," said Chris Heathscott, PIO for the Arkansas National Guard 39th

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Brigade and a former resident of Kensett. "I think it's a piece of closure for this nation, but you know we've still got other individuals in this world willing to step up and take his place to continue terrorist activity."

Congressman Tim Griffin, R-Ark., on Monday called the news a "historic moment."

"The death of Osama Bin Laden

is great news for the United States, our allies and the world," Griffin said. "This is an historic moment for our nation. Let there be no doubt: This is a major achievement and a victory for all Americans, especially for the men and women of the U.S. military and intelligence communities, who have sacrificed, along with their families, for the

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OSAMA BIN LADEN KILLED

Born: March 10, 1957
Death: President Barack Obama announced late Sunday night that bin Laden was killed by "a small team of Americans" acting under Obama's direct orders, in a covert operation in Abbottabad, Pakistan, about 31 miles north of Islamabad.



BIN LADEN

FLOOD WATERS CONTINUE TO RISE THROUGHOUT COUNTY

Rivers will rise to record levels

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As White County recovers from last week's vicious tornadoes, constant rain-fall is now causing extensive flooding.

According to County Judge Michael Lincoln, most flooding is occurring in Judsonia, West Point, Georgetown, Higginson and Griffithville. Lincoln said the worst flooding is occurring in the Judsonia and Bald Knob area.

FLOODING

Towns worst affected:
Judsonia, West Point, Georgetown, Higginson, Griffithville
Status: Still rising
Affected residents (as of Monday): 2,195

"It's going to get a little higher," he said. "I can't predict how much more it is. I think they said it will crest [today]."

Lincoln advised sightseers to steer clear of affected areas.

"We spend more of our time dealing with people who are just out driving around than people who actually live in the area," he said. "We would encourage people to stay away from the areas. We've got our hands full."

Emergency Management Coordinator Doug Baker advised drivers to avoid flooded roads wherever possible.

"Don't drive through rising water," he said. "You never know how deep it is. It doesn't take that deep of water to float a car."

Baker said it takes about eight inches of water for a car to lose control.

"That's not very much," he said. "It doesn't sound like very much and it's not. But it's



The Little Red River swirls less than a foot underneath the old road bridge in Judsonia. The old highway to Kensett, at the far end of the bridge, was underwater Monday. Water levels at the river near Judsonia were 36 feet, six feet over the flood stage, and officials are predicting the level rise even higher. Luke Jones/ljones@thedailycitizen.com

enough for you to be washed away."

Baker said the best thing to do if caught in rising water is to dial 911.

"What will end up happening is they will end up on the top of their car and get washed off of it," he said.

Residents in extremely flooded areas may find the waters approaching their homes.

"If water is coming into your home, get out of the home and go to a shelter or the house of a neighbor or friend," Baker said. "Stay there."

Baker said if a resident is forced to stay at his or her home to be sure to avoid electrical outlets.

"Water is a good conductor of electricity," he said. "Lots of people end up dying from electricity in their own home."

Baker said once residents leave their flooded home, they should not return until it is declared safe.

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A boat floats near the ceiling of a pavilion at Big Tom Green Lake near Worden. The entire campground was underwater Monday. Luke Jones/ljones@thedailycitizen.com

State given OK to overhaul Medicaid

By Andrew DeMillo
The Associated Press
LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas has been given initial approval to move forward with plans to overhaul the state's Medicaid program.

A spokesman for Gov. Mike Beebe said Monday that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has given

MEDICAID CHANGES

Who: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
What: Given state conditional approval to develop a plan for changing the Medicaid program

the state conditional approval to develop a plan for changing the program for the poor, elderly and disabled. The plan

is aimed at curbing growing costs.

State officials project that the Medicaid program in the state will face between a \$60 million and \$80 million shortfall next year. Beebe has proposed moving away from the traditional fee-for-service model that Medicaid uses for reimbursing providers to instead pay partnerships of local providers.



McKINNEY



GRAY

ARRESTED

■ Dale McKinney, 50, of Heber Springs
■ Jordan Gray, 21, of Searcy

Task force arrests 2 drug suspects

The Central Arkansas Drug Task Force (CADTF) recently made two arrests of suspected drug dealers.

On April 26, the CADTF assisted the Arkansas State Police subsequent to a one-vehicle accident on State Highway 16 in the Albion area. A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of

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WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy. Storms likely. Highs in the mid 60s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Northwest winds 5 mph.

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"Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we go nowhere."

CARL SAGAN
Scientist, 1934-1996