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CPD seeks public's help in break-in investigation

By **KOLTON RUTHERFORD**
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The Conway Police Department on Tuesday asked for the public's help in its investigation of multiple vehicle break ins this past weekend in the Makenna Cove neighborhood near Theodore Jones Elementary. The CPD asked Makenna

Cove residents to "check their vehicles and property" and to report any missing items to the department by calling 501-450-6120.

"While an arrest has been made, our work on this case is not finished," the CPD said. "Detectives are currently gathering an inventory of the recovered items to match the victims."

The CPD did not release the identity of the suspect arrested. As of press time Tuesday, no cases matching the department's description of the Makenna Cove vehicle break-ins have been uploaded into Court Connect, the state's criminal case tracking website.

"Additionally, we are seeking any digital evidence for

the weekend," the CPD said. "If you have security or door cameras, please review your footage."

The department added that "even a few seconds of footage can assist the detectives in getting the entire picture of the incidents."

"Anyone with additional information or digital evidence is asked to Contact

Detective Pence at 501-450-6130," the CPD said.

The CPD provided helpful tips for residents to protect their property against incidents like the ones reported in Makenna Cove. The department said that residents should lock their vehicle doors at all times, "never leave valuables like firearms, cash, electronics, wallets or

purses out in view" and to "park in well-lit areas or under motion-sensing lights" when possible.

"Your awareness and cooperation play an important role in keeping our neighborhoods safe," the CPD said.

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The St. Joseph School Junior High Quiz Bowl Team wins first place in a tournament held at Conway Christian Elementary School on Saturday. From left to right: Shade Gilbert, Ella Kate Johnson, Tyson Mallett, Drew Nabholz, William Sherman, Cameron Gooch and Holden Bettis.

St. Joseph School Junior High team wins Conway Christian Quiz Bowl

By **LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT**

The St. Joseph School Junior High Quiz Bowl Team won first place in a tournament held at Conway Christian Elementary School on Saturday.

Five games were played with Bigelow, Conway Christian, Danville,

Mt. Vernon/Enola and Southside Bee Branch. St. Joseph won all five of them; Bigelow by a score of 355-240, Conway Christian 355-200, Danville 370-100, Mt. Vernon/Enola 355-190 and Southside Bee Branch 355-60.

The team includes seventh graders

Holden Bettis and Ella Kate Johnson and eighth graders Cameron Gooch, Tyson Mallett, Drew Nabholz and William Sherman. Tyson was named the tournament's most valuable player.

The team is coached by one of the two high school religion teachers,

Shade Gilbert. Phyllis Eubanks, the other religion teacher, serves as the team's scorekeeper.

The upcoming district tournament, which will be held in Cotter on Feb. 14, could serve as the team's crowning achievement, a news release issued by the school read.



Tyson Mallett was named the tournament's most valuable player.



Quiz Bowl team members compete in the tournament.

Vilonia woman killed in Lonoke County crash Saturday

33rd fatality in Arkansas this year

By **KOLTON RUTHERFORD**
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A Vilonia woman was killed in a single-car crash in rural Lonoke County on Saturday morning.

Samantha Williams, 39, was killed when her 2010 Honda CRV "struck several mailboxes," crossed the centerline and "left the roadway and struck a tree" while she was driving westbound on State Highway 319 just before 10 a.m. on Saturday, a fatal crash report issued by the Arkansas Department of Public Safety read.

Weather and road conditions at the time of the crash were "clear" and "dry," the report noted. Williams had no passengers in the vehicle with her.

Williams' death was the 33rd fatality on Arkansas roadways in 2026. Additionally, the incident was the 33rd fatal crash in the state this year, according to preliminary statistics issued by the Arkansas Department of Public Safety.

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Senior NASA executive to host UCA's Executive in Residence Leadership Series

By **LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT**

The University of Central Arkansas College of Business will host Amir Deylami, chief operating officer (COO) of NASA's Ames Research Center, on Tuesday for the first of three Executive in Residence Leadership Series presentations.

The UCA campus is invited to attend, and the events are free and open to the public.

Deylami is the COO of NASA's Ames Research Center in Silicon Valley, where he oversees \$8 billion in assets and leads enterprise operations, infrastructure modernization and strategic transformation across a \$1 billion annual portfolio supporting more than 3,200 employees, 160 NASA projects and 100 partner agreements.

Deylami's UCA Leadership Series will include:



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■ Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 1:40 p.m.: Lessons in Leadership, Purpose and Resilience.

■ Tuesday, March 31, at 1:40 p.m.: Building People-Centric Cultures of Innovation and Trust.

■ Tuesday, April 16, at 3 p.m.: Leading Transformative Vision in Complex Organizations.

All events will be held in the UCA College of Business Auditorium in Conway.

"Amir Deylami is recognized as one of NASA's top-performing executives," Tim Bisping, dean of the UCA College of Business, said. "We are thrilled he will engage with our students, faculty and staff, and community partners and share his successful strategies on innovation,

"Amir Deylami ... is a successful Arkansan with two decades of executive experience at NASA, and we look forward to his visits to our campus."

TIM BISPING
Dean of the UCA College of Business

operations and technology. We asked Amir to serve as our Executive in Residence because he is deeply committed to mentorship and leadership development. He is a successful Arkansan with two decades of executive experience at NASA, and we look forward to his visits to our campus."

The Executive in Residence program connects successful industry experts with students, faculty and local business professionals.

Conway Regional Emergency Deptment earns recognition

By **LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT**

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) has recognized Conway Regional Medical Center's Emergency Department for excellence in stroke care, along with the Arkansas Trauma System, redesignating the hospital as a Level III Trauma Center.

As part of ADH's statewide stroke quality awards, Conway Regional was recognized for excellence, consistency and teamwork in three stroke care performance categories, a news release issued by the hospital on Monday read. Conway Regional achieved Ruby status for defect-free stroke care and stroke band documentation, and Pearl status for door-to-CT times, reflecting timely, coordinated care for stroke patients. "We are proud to be recognized

by the Arkansas Department of Health for the consistency, coordination, and quality of care our teams provide every day," President and CEO of Conway Regional Matt Troup said. "These recognitions reflect the collaborative work of interdisciplinary teams throughout our hospital and our ongoing commitment to providing highly intentional, patient-centered care when it matters most."

In addition to the stroke care recognitions, Conway Regional Medical Center's Emergency Department was redesignated as a Level III Trauma Center by the Arkansas Trauma System. This designation recognizes the hospital's ability to provide 24/7 trauma evaluation, stabilization and emergency surgical care for patients with a wide range of traumatic injuries.