HOLMES COUNTY **HERALD** THURSDAY, **NOVEMBER**

Arkansas Possum Pie

The heavy dew and thick runs into the woods. mist coming from the frost land seems to hinder the view to the big black Angus grazing on the browning grasslands. You can hear their ing our pastures. We would mooing as they eagerly call find the carcasses, some-

babies in for breakfast. The big massive sized bull paws at ground establishing territory there among the "ladies" as they feed their offspring.

Then as gaze through the big binoculars, I see a smaller a

near, he pounces on one's sible to catch. back and takes a big chomp

These cows are prey for all covered once green pasture wild dogs, coyotes, or anything on the prowl. We have lost many new-born calves to the savage animals prowl-

> times days later laying by their bellowing mothers.

We have several barn which cats. seem to multiply every months, few that keep the mice and snakes out of our barn so we keep quite Peggy's Take we keep quite a bit of cat food on hand

animal move in toward the to keep them fed. We have feeding herd crawling and a large raccoon that gets into slinking low on his belly. our locked barn every night With a closer look I recog- and pushes a forty pound nize a skinny gray hungry weight off the closed bucket coyote easing upon his prey. of cat food and eats his belly Before the cows know he's full. He too seems impos-

I remember my granddadout of her right hind quarter. dy had a milk cow, named Then I see the big black bull Bossie and she was left to run toward the scuffle and wander the fields in the daybegin to snort and the coyote time but always came to bed

down for the night in his big barn sitting straddled the Montgomery County and Attala County boundary lines. No harm ever came to her.

It seems that the threat of harm to animals as well as to humans is a greater threat to us now in this day and time than it was years ago. Coyotes and wild dogs are not as much of a threat of predators as that of another kind. We hear of children being shot sitting at stop signs with their parents. A little girl was shot last week in her chest as she was trick a treating with her siblings. A couple camping was killed and buried in the sand just a few days ago. We all, people and animals face predators now that we could have never imagined.

This is not an easy time that we live in and as I sit here with my "binoculars" observing life as it is today, I see all this happening and as helpless as I was to stop the coyote from attacking, there is absolutely nothing that I can possibly do to stop it.

We lived in Arkansas for about 12 years and a friend of mine gave me this recipe for Arkansas Possum Pie. It's called that because you think it's one kind of pie but it's another.



November 14 - Sandy Gilbert, Pacey Wigginton Regan, Rosemary Hammett, Danny Donald, Charlie Bell, Dylan Hager, Brenda Tate, Chrissy Branch, Jeri Jo McCleskey, Travis Fulgham, Johnny Word, Emma Wallace, Louis "Doug" Scott **November 15 - Tommy**

Buford, Patty Branch Wigginton, Molly Ables, Mike Pierce, Jacob Ashley, Faizah Clark, Jennette Moore

November 16 - Matt Kathy Gilmore Killgore, Barbara Jordan,

POSSUM PIE

6 oz soft cream cheese

3/4 cup of

confectioner sugar

1/4 cup chopped pecans

1 3/4 cups cold milk

1 t. vanilla

1/4 cup vanilla

instant pudding mix

1/3 cup chocolate instant

pudding mix

1/2 cup heavy whip cream

Crystal Belk, Melba Dean Davis, Daquaveion Cross, Marlee Tate

November 17 - Rose K. Cheatham, Jeffrey Jones, Jr., Sara N. Martin, Cynthia Marshall, Willie Gary, Joshlyn M. Winstead, Delaney Smith, Burton Atkinson, Cyndi Wallace

November 18 - Steve Newton, Deborah Bishop, Kathleen McKennie, Mike Thomas, Kristin Durff, Vegan Dilmore, David Dilmore, Harlee Grace Pierce, Lyndsey Flynn, Amanda Bevill

1 cup pecan halves

Beat cream cheese and sug-

ar until smooth. Spoon into

a graham cracker crust and

sprinkle with pecans. Whisk

milk, vanilla and chocolate

puddings til thick. Refriger-

resident of Attala County

whipped cream

and columnist.

November 19 - Betty Smith, Christy Randle, Dacey Jo F. Holland, Brenna Casey, Stephen Joe, Kamren Joe, Shay Alford Blaylock, Lexie Edwards, Janis Clay-

ton, Kinley Killebrew November 20 - James Edward Killebrew, Sophie Bilsky, Ashley Dixon, Dana

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November 14 - Elmer and Linda Keith, Billy and Lynn Edwards, Joey and Nan Netherland, I.H. and Carolyn Montgomery

November 15 - Daniel and Amanda Carnathan, Darren and Martha Lloyd

November 16 - Robert and Helen Wooten

November 17 - Roderick and Latoya Cox, Art and Wendy Sweeney, Shannon and Dee Dee Davis, Jonathan and Cassie McClellan

November 18 - Donnie ate for a 4 hours. Top with and Michele Holder

November 19 - Howard * Peggy Sims is a life-long and Barbara Harrison

November 20 - Grey and Brett Clark



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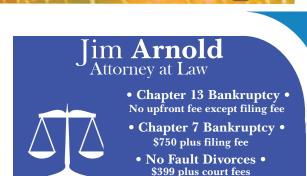
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