

...ndbreaking ceremony for a new branch location on Harrison Street in Batesville. Merchants and Planters board members
 ...velopment with local dignitaries. The branch, which will be the Newport bank's third in Batesville, will be located on
 ...otos submitted

Journalism ward



The Rotary Club of Batesville recently gave Community Awards to area leaders nominated by the public. Pictured: (front row, left to right) Lisa Sullins, director of Batesville School District Pre-School, winner of the Good Neighbor Award; Leigh Keller, guidance counselor at Batesville High School, winner of the Educator of the Year Award; (back row, left to right) Patrick Collins, resource officer for the Batesville School District, winner of the Role Model of the Year Award; Robert Foster, founder of Intimidator, winner of the Making a Difference Award; and Judge Bill Walmsley, chairman of the Independence County Library Board, winner of the Community Service Award. Not picture: Dr. Melody Moody, winner of the Doctor/Nurse/Care Worker of the Year.

Qualls
 ...s and communications
 ...m instructor. He retired
 ...journalism part-time.
 ...s produced numerous
 ...line media as well as
 ...nd the law.
 ...g young journalists,"
 ...ents say that I have
 ...r career goals. That's

Qualls page 6

First in y event

...or creed," said
 ...e across veterans,
 ...to them, and they
 ...this (the post) is
 ...nd they've been
 ...so we're trying
 ...y, especially the
 ...n as well, and
 ...d let 'em know:
 ...ace here. We



The Rotary Club of Batesville also recently presented \$500 scholarships to outstanding area high school graduates. Pictured: (front row, left to right) April Lyilyn Collins, Midland High School, and Elizabeth Pratt, Southside High School; (back row, left to right) Madison Nicole Stave, Batesville High School; Zachary Reese Slagley, Cave City High School; and Allison Claire Shirley, Cedar Ridge High School. Photos by "Butch" Ketz

Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranch charity golf tournament is right on course

First Community Bank recently held its 19th annual charity golf tournament to benefit the Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranches. The tournament was held at the Eagle Mountain golf course in Batesville. This year's tournament proceeds were \$20,513, and more than \$233,000 has been raised for the ranch as a result of First Community Bank's charity tournaments.



Dale Cole, CEO and chairman of First Community Bank, and Boris Dover, COO and president of First Community Bank.

...r the state
 ...can Legion
 ...Democrat-
 ...ille post's
 ...kely the
 ...LGBT

"Lending a helping hand to children in need has always been very important."