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### Paramedics find lost urn, ashes

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Two local paramedics stumbled upon an urn with ashes in it when responding to a call last week. Tracey Pilkington of Regional Paramedical Services said she and her partner, Ralph Glover, were waiting for law enforcement officers to secure a scene on Nov. 21 because of a violent patient when Glover saw something on the side of Arkadelphia Road. "He thought it was a Christmas ball," Pilkington said. Pilkington said she picked up the small, blue urn and noticed that the lid was coming off. She removed it and found the ashes were still inside. When Pilkington carried it to an area funeral home the next day, a worker there told her that it looked like a portion of someone's ashes. "He said four or five kids will sometimes divide up a parent's ashes and put them in smaller urns like that," she said. Pilkington said there is no way to know whose remains were found because only large urns that carry the complete ashes have an identification tag inside. Pilkington has placed a lost and found advertisement in the Daily Mountain Eagle and made an announcement on several programs at the television station in Jasper. Two people have responded so far, but neither were the owner. Pilkington has also contacted the city police department and county sheriff's office. However she has been told that no reports have been made for a stolen or lost urn. In the meantime, she is carrying the urn with her until someone claims it. She isn't sure what she will do if the urn's rightful owner is never found. "I've thought about going somewhere nice and strewing the ashes or just keeping them. I can't throw it away. That's somebody's parent," Pilkington said.

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