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Warren High School Class of 2022 graduates



The Warren High School Class of 2022 walked down the field Thursday for graduation. The valedictorians each gave a speech thanking their teachers, families, and fellow students.

Warren School Board approves contract with Metro Disaster

By Zach Killian
Editor

The Warren School Board approved a contract with Metro Disaster Specialists for the removal of contents and to restore items in the Warren High School Building after the fire on March 30. Warren School Superintendent Bryan Cornish said they hope to be able to restore the school memorabilia, musical instruments, and band uniforms. They will also provide temporary classrooms for the 2022-2023 school year for Warren High School. The temporary classrooms will be set up in the student parking lot. Superintendent Cornish said half of the parking lot would be used for the temporary classrooms and the other half would be for parking. He reported there will be 10 temporary buildings, which would hold 20 classrooms and two offices. Two portable restrooms will be installed also.

The school board approved to extend the ACT 1240 Waiver Plan to five years. The plan allows the school district

to hire teachers that are not certified and work with them to get their certification.

The school district received two bids to furnish the new elementary school being built. Superintendent Cornish recommended the purchase from VIRCO for \$474,246.26. The school board approved the recommendation.

In his report, Superintendent Cornish thanked the school secretaries and nurses for the work they do. He thanked those in the community who helped make prom possible. The Warren High School Prom was held at the National Guard Readiness Center.

He said the school district was going to meet with a forensic engineering team to determine which part of the high school would be salvageable and determine which part they could start restoring. He said he hoped they could have the cafeteria restored by the fall.

The school board approved the following resignations: Rebecca May, Eastside instructor; DarShauna

Shepherd, Warren Middle School Assistant Principal; Nathaniel Jackson, Warren Middle School Counselor; Amye Young, Brunson and Warren Middle School art instructor; Jessica Lacey Hackett, Warren Middle School English instructor; Sara Daniell, Warren Middle School Literacy instructor; Eugene Tate, Elementary P.E. instructor, Jr. High head girls basketball coach, assistant girl senior high basketball coach, and assistant track coach; Billy Reed, Warren High School instructor; Kaci Wilkerson, school nurse; Daysha Matthews, paraprofessional/ISS instructor at Brunson; April Thompson, paraprofessional at Warren Middle School; and Heidi Lassiter, Warren High School Parent Involvement Facilitator.

The school board approved the following hires: Madison Neal, Eastside instructor; Dalila Pedroza, Eastside Instructor; Ruby Ar'Dell Donaldson, Brunson Instructor;

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Two properties condemned for cleanup by city council

The Warren City Council approved the condemnation of two properties in the city at their monthly meeting on Monday, May 9. The sanitation department condemned a property on West Pine Street and North Myrtle Street. There was discussion of other properties that were waiting to be cleaned up. Sanitation Manager Rob Johnson told the board he had found people living in houses without water and sewer. He stated he was reluctant to kick people out on the street unless

a family member can assist them or other arrangements can be made.

Johnson reported the compressor was finally repaired. He said their trucks were running well.

Street Foreman Monty Hearnberger reported they were cleaning ditches and replacing culverts. They were also cleaning the streets for the Pink Tomato Festival.

The city council received two bids for the sanitation truck interest rate. Warren Bank and First State Bank

submitted the bids. The city council accepted the lowest bid from Warren Bank.

The city council gave permission to sell the fire department's 1978 fire truck.

Warren Fire Chief Chuck Moore reported the fire department responded to 12 calls during the month of April. He said the new fire engine was in service.

The next city council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13. It will be held at the Warren Municipal Building in the courtroom.



Jason and Laura West were named Bradley County Farm Family of the Year. Look forward to learning more about their story in an upcoming edition. Pictured left to right: Landen West, Paisley West, Jason West, and Laura West.

Hermitage School Board discuss cell phone policy

By Zach Killian
Editor

The Hermitage School District discussed the district's cell phone policy at their monthly meeting on Monday, May 9. After some discussion, it was decided the student handbook committee would discuss any modifications needed to the policy. The committee is made up of staff, students, parents, and community members. Suggested modifications will be brought to the school board at the next meeting in June.

The school board discussed the Digital Learning Plan, which the district currently has, but it does not intend to write for the 2022-2023 school year

A motion was made to accept the recommendation to utilize Ameri-Corp volunteers Joanna Salinas and Karissa Salinas for summer learning. The school board accepted the motion.

The school board approved a motion to seek bids for the child nutrition program and other goods for the 2022-2023 school year.

A motion was made to approve out-of-state travel for the state soccer and cheer camp. The motion was approved by the school board.

After an executive session, the school board accepted the resignation of LaReina Grundy.

The following people were approved by the school board

to be hired for the migrant program. They are: Faron Johnson, Travis Stanley, Charish Curry, Erandi Acuchialendar, Martha Martinez for part-time, Madison McGhee, Lizzett DeLeon, Christy Rowell-Trotter, Clare Ortiz for part-time, and Selena Jurado.

Hermitage Elementary Principal Rosalynda Ellis gave her report to the school board. Hermitage Superintendent Dr. Tracy Tucker also presented her report to the school board.

The next Hermitage School Board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 13 at Hermitage High School Cafeteria. The monthly meeting is open to the public.

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In 2021, there were more than 400,000 children in the United States in foster care. Many of those kids were unable to return to their families and were waiting to be adopted. These children spend about three years in foster care before they become eligible for adoption, but they can wait up to 10 years for placement. Some are never placed.

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Reminiscing from the past . . .



Oldtimer's Notebook

By Robert L. Newton

The publishers of *The Eagle Democrat* have chosen to publish articles from the past *Oldtimer's Notebook* in memory of Robert L. Newton. This article was first published March 29, 2000.

Like many towns and areas in the American southland, Warren and Bradley County get scores of immigrants almost monthly from Mexico and other Central American countries.

We've noted recently there is a downtown place of business now that caters to these good people (its location is the one-time home of the mens department of The Bradley Store, for oldtimers, the place where Larkin Gray sold shoes and where our late and valued friend, Lovett M. Reaves, sold clothing for men).

That store was open on a recent Sabbath afternoon: a trailer that sold tacos and other Spanish favorites was parked in front of what once was The Bradley Store and folk, all Spanish, all ages, were milling about on Warren's Main Street.

We are frequently in Hot Springs for inspirational meetings: to get there, one passes through land owned by Georgia Pacific between Fordyce and Princeton.

There is heavy logging in that area now...all sawhands we saw were Mexican immigrants.

Lady came up to me in Hot Springs the other day and asked the usual question: "Do you know who I am?"

Turns out it was Susan Eberle Thomason, younger daughter of the Charles E. Eberles, who moved to Warren from St. Louis during World War II.

Couple resided in a house

that had been erected for Joe Reaves the Original across the street (south Main) from the home of the S.B. Fullertons.

Susan was in the WHS Class of '53 and married Joe Thomason, Hot Springs, starting wingback for Bowden Wyatt's Arkansas football team of 1954. The Thomasons taught until retirement at Magnolia and moved a decade ago to Taos, New Mexico.

Susan says she plays tennis daily at Taos, an arts community near Sante Fe.

She wanted to know what ever happened to a classmate and friend, Bernard A. Frazer? I was able to tell her he has prospered, apace, as an advertising man for clients like First State Bank of Warren and Hermitage and other activities of a fiscal nature.

Mr. Eberle was a CPA-Lawyer type who had worked in St. Louis for Samuel Holmes Fullerton, according to Mr. Fullerton's grandson, our valued lifelong friend, Sam Fullerton.

When the Eberles came to Warren, he worked at the Bradley office in fiscal and tax counseling for the company.

Charles E. Eberle had married a lovely lady named Hazel Williams. She was good to us kids who hung around with her older daughter, Mary.

Miss Hazel had a valued friend across the street in the lady who had married Tony Slezak: Mrs. Slezak had attended the excellent Brandeis University in the Boston area (wasn't Slezak a onetime associate of Manning Taylor in the army? That's another story).

Miss Hazell recommended to me a book and loaned it to me to read: t'was Thomas Wolfe's monumental "Look



Junior Rotarians Derrick Avery (left) and Jose Castro (right) spoke before the Warren Rotary Club.



Hope Place Director Wendy Curry (left) was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting with Denen Cuthbertson (right).

Rotary Club learns about Hope Place

The Warren Rotary Club met for its weekly meeting on Tuesday, May 10 at First United Methodist Church. The meeting began with a new member induction when Rotarian Carlton Davis inducted Terrie White, current president of the Bradley County Chamber of Commerce, into the club. The group heard from Hermitage Junior Rotarians Derrick Avery and Jose Castro before President Dennen Cuthbertson intro-

duced Hope Place Warren Director Wendy Curry for Rotarian Bob Milton's program.

Curry had a heartfelt speech about what Hope Place Warren does and who they serve in the community. She went on to talk about some of her own personal experiences that helped influence her into this line of work. Curry explained that Hope Place Warren is a faith-based center that helps teen girls, women, and men of all ages

take back their lives and give them the hope and support they need to become the best parent they can be.

She continued by explaining this isn't a hand-out service despite all their resources being completely free and confidential. The clients take classes that include parenting skills, life skills, and bible studies among others as their way to earn things they need for their child or children. She said they are also focusing on

teaching girls their self-worth as that is one problem they've seen in the community along with a lack of life skills among people of all ages.

Curry also mentioned that not everyone of their clients are homeless or drug addicts as they have clients from all walks of life.

Curry concluded the program with a couple of different success stories and answered a few questions from the crowd.

Homeward, Angel."

One of the many favors she extended in my direction.

The older Eberle daughter, a widow, resides in Plano, Texas, her sister says. The brother, Charles, Jr., is retired as an executive with Proctor and Gamble.

Wasn't Charlie the last Warren man to attend that now-defunct Western Military Academy of Alton, III? S.B. Meek, Jr., N.H. McDaniel, and Edwin Hampton all went there, didn't they?

Think Susan was accompanied that day in Hot Springs by a UoFA friend and Warren resident, Martha (Mrs. Clint) Huey.

Attorney Huey labored on the Hot Springs football team as a halfback with Susan's brother in law, George Thomason (or was it George?) didn't he?

The Thomasons were sons of Dewey Thomason, who came from the North Oak Grove area of Bradley County.

Susan says she still gets together with classmates and friends like Alice Ann Girdner, Shirley Outlaw, and Marion Teague (maiden names only ladies).

Two good friends are back from a wonderful mouth's trip to Australia: Phyllis May Barnes and Greta Lyon.

The ladies went with a tour group: said the rugged part was that long flight over and back...plus missing some connections (but they had a great time, as usual).

Our good friend, Don McWilliams, broke his ankle several days ago. Don is a caterer in his second career and was supposed to provide the victuals for a wedding that weekend and for another civic occasion the next.

In step his daughters, Gwen Sledge and Dana Johnson, and their spouses, Jimmy and Rob, and provide food for them.

Just stepped in and did it all, fine, thanks.

Gwen and Jimmy operate Pines Broadcasting: Rob is in welding and Dana helps her lovely mother, Lucy, in cos-metology. The Sledges have two handsome almost grown sons and a tiny daughter that was a borderline mid-life dividend. The Johnsons have a son named Hunter who will be a rich man someday (he knows how to work hard, buy cheap, sell high... simple rules of business).

The elder Sledge son, as a junior high kid, helped our old pal Funderburg install our TV dish antenna. Now he is a college student, cranking out those top grades (you'd expect that, considering his parents).

We sold Eagle Publishing and entered retirement two years ago.

The more-attractive, younger half of our marriage

faced it with fear, being worried the one-time country editor would be "bored and run out of things to do."

Royce Poole, who retired many years ago from a supervisory position at Potlatch, told me he started enjoying retirement "at five o'clock that first after-noon."

Amazingly, so did I. Getting bored just never, ever took place.

There are all kinds of newspapers to read (we take four).

That and divers magazines and books and other stuff.

Then there's the computer and E-mail to folks near and far.

...and visits to make downtown and coffee to drink at the bank and people to visit on the hallowed brick streets of Warren laid down so long ago.

Of course there are TV programs of all kinds, including our afternoon favorite, Judge Judy, which features a real New York Jewish lady named Judith Sheindlin who pours out justice hot and heavy on the unfortunates who find themselves be-fore her bench.

And, there is this column, which the good folks at THE EAGLE DEMOCRAT still publish.

The onetime country editor is richly blessed, and man he sure knows it! Selah!

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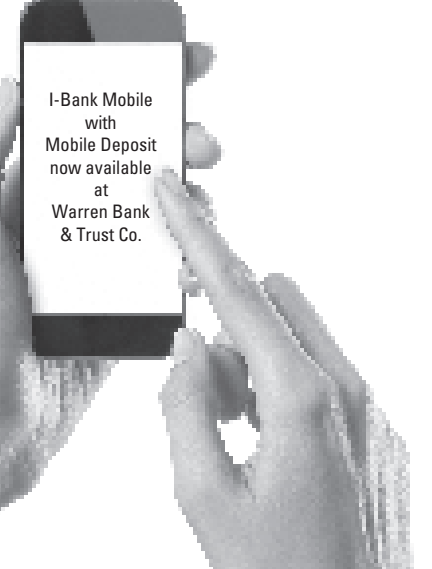
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Warren High School class of 2022 receive over \$1.3 million in college scholarships

Graduates of the Warren High School Class of 2022 were awarded over \$1.3 million dollars in scholarships at the Senior Awards Ceremony on Monday, May 9. While students in the Class of 2022 were offered scholarships from multiple institutions, these awards reflect the scholarships that have been accepted. Several seniors were recognized for receiving the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship. These awards are based on test scores from seniors who are attending eligible in-state institutions. The scholarship is valued at \$14,000 over four years.

WHS Honor Graduates were awarded the following scholarships:

The UAM Academic Scholarship, valued at \$24,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Jacey Ashcraft; Mississippi College Academic and Basketball Scholarships, valued at \$80,000, were awarded to Salutatorian Keller Bigham; the SAU Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scholarship, valued at \$24,600, the Blake Harris Memorial Scholarship, valued at \$500, the Amber Wilson Beta Club Service Scholarship, valued at \$200, the Southeast Arkansas Alumnae Chapter Trailblazers Scholarship, valued at \$750, the Americorps ELI Education Award, valued at \$1342, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Brianna Cambell; the UAM Weevil Excellence Scholarship, valued at \$8,000, the Americorps ELI Education Award, valued at \$1342, and the Ar-

kanas Academic Challenge were awarded to Salutatorian Stephanie Canuto; the UCA University Scholarship, valued at \$18,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Halley Childs; the UAM University Scholarship, valued at \$36,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Ruthann Corker; OBU Academic and Football Scholarships, valued at \$64,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Riley Cornish; A UAM Foundation Scholarship, valued at \$800, was awarded to Clayton Dunaway; the Weevil Excellence Scholarship, valued at \$8,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Valedictorian Annie Figueroa; the UCA University Scholarship, valued at \$18,000, the Martin Music Scholarship, valued at \$500, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Ella Garner; the UAM University Scholarship, valued at \$36,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Valedictorian Jayden Grider; A UAM Foundation Scholarship, valued at \$800, the Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation Scholarship, valued at \$1,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Connor McDiarmid; the ATU Dean's Scholarship, valued at \$16,000, an ATU Baseball Scholarship, valued at \$14,000, the ATU Concurrent Scholarship, valued at \$2,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Aidan Reynolds; the UAM Academic Scholarship, valued at \$24,000, the Arkansas State Employee Scholarship, valued at \$1,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Valedictorian Bailey Solis; the SouthArk HOSA Scholarship, valued at \$6,984, the Carthel Raines SEACBEC Scholarship, valued at \$500, and the Arkan-

sas Academic Challenge were awarded to Hector Torres; the Arkansas Academic Challenge was awarded to Leslie Vega; the UAM Academic Scholarship, valued at \$24,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Valedictorian Leah Wolfe; the UAM Leadership Scholarship, valued at \$6,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Valedictorian Luci Woodard; the ATU Academic Scholarship, valued at \$28,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Mylesha Yao.

Scholarships awarded to other graduates include:

The UAM Leadership Scholarship, valued at \$6,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Caleb Barnes; the UCA University Scholarship, valued at \$18,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Olivia Brown; the SouthArk Student Ambassador Scholarship, valued at \$6,984, the Dr. & Mrs. H. A. Dew Scholarship, valued at \$8,000, the Thomas C. Brunson Humanitarian Award, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Zoey Carroll; the UAM Weevil Excellence Scholarship, valued at \$8,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Chandler Byrd; the Arkansas Academic Challenge was awarded to Kevin Corcules; the UCA License Plate Program Scholarship, valued at \$1,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Dakota Eyman; the Arkansas Welding Academy Scholarship, valued at \$500, was awarded to Luis Gonzalez; the Arkansas Academic Challenge was awarded to Cade Hancock; the Mississippi State University Freshman Academic Excellence Scholarship, valued at \$6,000, the MSU Old Main Scholarship, valued at \$7,500, and the MSU Non-resident

Tuition Scholarship, valued at \$28,000, were awarded to Chandler Haynes; a UAM Band Scholarship, valued at \$14,400, was awarded to Anna Herron; a UAM Band Scholarship, valued at \$14,400, was awarded to Hannah Herron; a UAM Band Scholarship, valued at \$16,000, was awarded to Vivanna Herron; the Arkansas Academic Challenge was awarded to Sam Hollingsworth; the UAM Leadership Scholarship, valued at \$6,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Keely Huit; the Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation Scholarship, valued at \$1,000, was awarded to Caleb Huntley; the Americorps ELI Education Award, valued at \$1342, was awarded to Monica Jacinto; a UAM Band Scholarship, valued at \$14,000, a UAM Foundation Scholarship, valued at \$800, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Landon Jennings; the UAM Leadership Scholarship, valued at \$6,000, a UAM Band Scholarship, valued at \$21,600, the Martin Music Scholarship, valued at \$500, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Harley Latta; the Sherry Vincent Memorial Scholarship, valued at \$500, was awarded to Celeste Martin; the SAU Merit Scholarship, valued at \$12,000, the Anthony-Gathen-Raney-Tolbert Scholarship, valued at \$1,000, the Dr. & Mrs. H. A. Dew Scholarship, valued at \$8,000, the Sherry Vincent Memorial Scholarship, valued at \$500, the FUMC Garner Family Scholarship, valued at \$2,500, the Blake Harris Memorial Scholarship, valued at \$500, the Junior Auxiliary of Warren Scholarship, valued at \$2,000, the Warren School District Scholarship, valued

at \$2,000, the Lanette Blackmon Scholarship, valued at \$250, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to R.J. Martin; the Arkansas Academic Challenge was awarded to Mattie Meeks; the ATU Leadership Scholarship, valued at \$4,000, was awarded to Chloe Phelps; the Union Bank & Trust Scholarship, valued at \$1,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Josef Rawls; the SouthArk Freshman Recognition Scholarship, valued at \$3492, a SouthArk Basketball Scholarship, valued at \$2,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Isaac Richey; the Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation Scholarship, valued at \$1,000, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge were awarded to Quwan Ross; the

Arkansas Academic Challenge was awarded to Creed Smith; the Arkansas Academic Challenge was awarded to Caleb Strickland; the Mississippi State University Freshman Academic Excellence Scholarship, valued at \$12,000, the MSU Student Body President Scholarship, valued at \$6,000, and the MSU Veteran, Service-Member, Dependent Non-Resident Tuition Waiver Scholarship, valued at \$62,720, were awarded to Pierce Wargo; and the Arkansas Academic Challenge was awarded to Jacob Worriax.



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Tristan McMahan, Warren Middle School counselor; Brandy Roebuck, Warren Middle School Social Studies instructor; Melanie Deshon

Vereen, Warren Middle School science instructor; Tina Anthony, Warren Middle School literacy instructor; Stacey Carmeans, Warren High School history instructor; Erick Roebuck, Warren High School oral communi-

cation instructor; and Sara Daniell, Warren High School instructor.

The next Warren School Board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 13 at Warren School District Administration Building.

Sharon Balintine Justice of the Peace District 9 VOTE



I WANT TO REPRESENT YOU, THE TAXPAYERS IN DISTRICT 9 AS YOUR JUSTICE IF THE PEACE ON THE BRADLEY COUNTY QUORUM COURT. I HAVE CAMPAIGNED DILIGENTLY TO EARN YOUR RESPECT & CONFIDENCE.

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I MAY NOT BE AS WELL-TRAVELED AS MY OPPONENTS, BUT I DO KNOW WHAT ISSUES FACE THE TAX-PAYERS IN BRADLEY COUNTY. I CERTAINLY HOPE THE NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN BY THE QUORUM COURT WILL BE MANAGED MUCH MORE EFFICIENTLY THAN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OR AR STATE GOVERNMENT, TWO OF MY FORMER EMPLOYERS.

ANY INDIVIDUAL CAN BE IN CHARGE OF EMPLOYEES AND STILL NOT BE A LEADER. AS MY GRANDPA USED TO SAY "ANY HORSE CAN TOTE THE HARNESS, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE'S PULLING THE WAGON!"



SCAM/ID THEFT PRESENTATION

June 1, 2022 • 11:00 A.M.

To be held at:

The Railroad Depot,
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Presented by:

Raegan Sharp, Public Affairs Programs Liaison
Office of Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge

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Guest Column

Unique ways to celebrate summer

(StatePoint) Summer holidays often revolve around being together, but whether your family and friends are near or far, there are plenty of fun and unique ways to celebrate these holidays in-person or virtually. Here's a little history on a few annual summer occasions, and ideas for amping up the festivities.

Host a Memorial Day Celebration of Life. While Memorial Day weekend is often the unofficial start to summer filled with camping trips, beach parties and barbecues, it's important to remember that we commemorate this day to honor the legacy of those who have served and lost their lives in the U.S. Military.

You can embrace the bond with your family by having a traditional backyard party or picnic in remembrance of those close to you who have served. Honor them by serving their favorite foods, playing their favorite games, or even writing your favorite memories down on a piece of paper and sharing them with the group.

Honor Juneteenth by Showing Your Appreciation for Black Culture. Juneteenth takes place on June 19 and commemorates the emancipation of thousands of slaves who were not aware of their freedom until that date in 1865. On this date, Union General Gordon Granger landed in Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were now free. And in 2021, Juneteenth was officially recognized as a federal holiday in the United States.

Many honor Juneteenth with educational and family gatherings, supporting Black-owned businesses, and by visiting museums and exhibits dedicated to Black culture. You can also send a personalized message of love and inspiration. And who better to deliver your message than Grammy Award-winning artist Alicia Keys? Her completely customizable SmashUp video greeting is specifically designed to celebrate the Juneteenth holiday.

Create a Custom Dad-Approved Experience this Father's Day. What better way to show your appreciation for the father figure in your life than by creating a day all about him? Think about his favorite hobbies and design an itinerary sure to receive the Dad seal of approval. Whether it's a fishing trip, creating your own backyard mini-golf course, or going on a brewery tour in search of the best local IPA, it's sure to be a Father's Day he'll remember.

If you can't be with Dad, sending a personalized video or e-card is a great way to show your care. These greetings are made just for him, and you can even add a gift card to one of his favorite stores.

Get Crafty for Fourth of July. Fourth of July is the peak of summer and commemorates the Continental Congress formally accepting the Declaration of Independence of the United States in 1776. Often enjoyed with food, fireworks, and parades, it's a bash that's anticipated all summer long.

Get into the patriotic mood by creating some original décor or USA-themed foods for your cookout or fireworks watch party. Try your hand at designing items like patriotic napkin rings, American Flag-inspired desserts, painting outdoor items such as flowerpots red, white, and blue, or even making your own sparklers and lanterns to hand out to guests when they arrive. Then, after guests have settled into the festivities, add an extra layer of fun by using filter-like Selfie SmashUps to turn yourself and guests into Uncle Sam.

Each summer holiday is an opportunity to bring people together to make new memories. By thinking outside the box, you can truly make a splash this summer.



Market on Main, sponsored by the Bradley County Chamber of Commerce, was back after a short hiatus with 23 vendors participating in the event. The next Market on Main will be from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 18 in downtown Warren. To reserve a spot, call 870-820-6285.



Senate News

from
Ben
Gilmore
Senator

Arkansas is making a massive public investment to bring broadband access to every corner of the state.

Last year the state hired a consultant firm, Broadband Development Group, to develop a master plan.

The firm's chief technical officer made a lengthy presentation to the legislative Joint Performance Review Committee.

Broadband Development Group is recommending fiber optic technology, in spite of its potentially higher costs, because it would "future proof" the system.

In other words, it may be faster and cheaper to install wireless cells in rural areas, but the dramatically growing demand for high speed Internet would soon overburden

the capacity of wireless systems, he said.

The demand for greater Internet capacity has been growing by 50 percent a year, he said. As networks build more capacity, telecommunications companies tend to offer products and services that require more capacity.

The new services include holographic displays, lengthy videos in high definition and real time telephone connections that include video as well as audio.

As broadband speed increases, new applications are developed that demand more speed and the circle creates its own momentum. Thus, a minimum standard for broadband capacity is a moving target.

Wireless is good for mobile phones and satellite connections in automobiles, but Broadband Development Group's mission is to recommend technology for households, the executive told legislators.

Nationally, the consensus

is that a minimum speed of 100 megabits per second is a good household standard.

For a typical family, a minimum capacity of 100 Mbps would allow two children to do online schoolwork, to allow another family member to stream a show on a platform like Netflix and for another family member to attend a Zoom meeting, all at the same time.

A drawback to wireless is that new satellites are not in a stationary orbit above the earth. They are lower to the ground and move constantly. Satellite dishes must constantly search for the satellite that is moving overhead, and to do that the dish must have a clear view of the horizon. Trees and hills block signals, and in Arkansas there are lots of trees and hills, the executive said.

A current estimate of the cost is about \$550 million. The federal government has several large grant programs ongoing. The most recent one is just getting underway.

Rules will be written in June. It should provide \$1 billion to Arkansas, he said.

The state will have to decide how best to subsidize installation of new fiber networks, for example, whether to award private companies a flat fee, such as 75 percent of project costs, or whether to guarantee a minimum rate of return on investment.

Broadband Development Group recommended a detailed application process for Internet providers to follow if they wish to participate. It also recommended allowing a broad diversity of companies to apply, such as utilities, electric companies, municipalities, Internet service providers and cable networks.

Asked by a senator if it would be good to allow two or more providers to compete in a certain area, in order to increase options and enrollment, the Broadband Development Group executive replied that "most people in the telecom business like having a monopoly, if they can."



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Author Siegfried Johnson spoke at First United Methodist Church in Warren.

Best selling author speaks at First United Methodist Church

By Zach Killian
Editor

Author Siegfried Johnson was the guest speaker at the First United Methodist Church Women's Group meeting on Monday. He is the author of the New York Times' best seller *Dancing with David*. Johnson said the book was considered to be religious historical fiction.

According to the book's summary, it says: "In January 2021, archaeologist

David Aaronson unearths a 3,000 year old autobiographical psalm of David near the Dead Sea, inscribed across six tables and dedicated to a mysterious woman the king calls his Kochav Hayam (*Star of the Sea*). The discovery lends credence to his claim of Aaronson's former student, Stella Maris, who since 1988 has told of dancing with King David in a vision, he calling her his Kochav Hayam. When the new

psalm tells of a hidden seventh tablet, the king's dying prophecy awaiting discovery by his Kochav Hayam, Stella heads to Jerusalem to reunite with Aaronson, rekindling the attraction both resisted exploring 33 years earlier."

Johnson earned a graduate degree in biblical Hebrew from the University of Michigan. He currently serves as senior pastor at Christ of the Hills in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas.



Union Bank sponsored Adams Ice Cream Truck for each BCMC employee to get a free treat. They were at the BCMC from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and they also covered the night shift from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Rep. Jeff Wardlaw (left) and Interim CEO Leslie Huitt (right) presented a certificate of appreciation to Tina Battles (center) for 30 years of service at BCMC. Tim Burley (not pictured) also received an award for 30 years at BCMC. The following employees were given service awards: Nancy Kelly, Leslie Pedigo, Rebecca Miles, Beverly Rauls, Brooke Hatch, Bruce Huitt, Jessica Hammock, Kimberly Caldwell, Sabrina Peacock, Tamara Whitlock, Jean Rhodes, Hallee Byrd, Haley Wagnon, Cordelia Patton, Cliff Moore, Reeca Reddin, and Kimberly Langford.

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Westerman Weekly Column

Rep. Bruce Westerman

President Biden said last month that he was doing "everything in [his] power" to bring down gas prices, while simultaneously blaming Vladimir Putin for the problem and taking no responsibility for his own part in the crisis. While Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine is certainly contributing to higher energy prices worldwide, the reality is, President Biden's own reckless policies started the energy crisis well before Russia invaded Ukraine. Canceling the Keystone XL Pipeline, killing oil and gas leases on federal lands, and, just last week, doubling down on those poor decisions by axing oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska, will only worsen domestic supplies and America's ability to be energy independent. These policies will continue to drive prices in the wrong direction. President Biden has done everything in his power to raise prices on hard-working Americans, and no amount of obfuscating from the White House will hide that truth.

The President's tone-deaf, destructive pronouncement comes at a time when a gallon of gas averages \$4.43 in the U.S., costing American households an extra \$2,000 per year. Inflation continues to stand at 8.3% according to this week's Consumer Price Index report, hovering at a 40-year high. Inflation has quadrupled since Biden took office, resulting in lower real wages for the past 13 straight

Arrest Report

Christopher Herron, 8548 State HWY 248, Hot Springs, was arrested May 8, on a warrant.

Robert Payne, Crossett, was arrested May 8, on a warrant/parole warrant.

Koty Means, 509 Howard St., Warren, was arrested May 11 on a warrant.

Octavio Padilla, 109 N. Bradley, Warren was arrested May 13.

Jermue Rodgers, 128 N. Menard Dr., Chicago, was arrested May 14, for shoplifting and disorderly conduct.

Jermue Rogers, 128 N. Menard Dr., Chicago, was arrested May 15, for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

months. Americans simply cannot afford for President Biden to deliberately undermine our energy sector any further.

In an embarrassingly predictable speech this week, President Biden attempted to blame everyone but himself for a flailing American economy. When asked if he takes any responsibility for inflation, Biden said, "my policies are helping, not hurting," but his own Treasury Secretary disagrees. In a recent address, Secretary Janet Yellen said that the Administration's excessive spending caused an increased demand for goods which has certainly fed inflation. Spending, coupled with poor policy has jeopardized

our economy and energy security. President Biden can blame others, but, as he said in the beginning of his Presidency, the buck stops with him. He must answer for the strain felt by every American trying to make ends meet.

Biden's attack on domestic energy has not done one thing to help the environment or the economy. Instead of efficiently producing our own energy, this Administration would rather beg OPEC+ to meet our energy needs and drain the Strategic Petroleum Reserve by 40%, a level not seen since 1984, in a vain attempt to lower gas prices. Families should not have to choose between groceries or filling their gas tanks. Congressional

Republicans have done all we can to push President Biden in the right direction to once again unleash American energy independence and allow gas prices to naturally fall. Sadly, he refuses to listen to reason, the American people, his Treasury Secretary, or the Federal Reserve Chairman who said this week that "the most painful thing would be if we were to fail to deal with [inflation] and inflation were to get entrenched in the economy at high levels." He may say he has a plan, but Americans haven't seen it. All we see is a blame game and energy policies that increase prices to satiate far-left environmentalists at the expense of American families.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

MAY 24, 2022

Preferential Primary Election/Nonpartisan Judicial General Election/Annual School Election

Early Voting for the 2022 Preferential Primary/Nonpartisan Judicial General Election/Annual School Election will be conducted at the Bradley County Courthouse in the County Clerk's office. Early voting will be available Monday - Friday (5/9/22 - 5/13/22) 8 A.M. - 6 P.M.; Saturday (5/14/22 & 5/21/22) 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.; Monday - Friday (5/16/22 - 5/20/22) 8 A.M. - 6 P.M. and Monday (5/23/22) 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. The list of Early Voting and Election Day poll workers is posted in the County Clerk's office. Any voter wanting to have a poll worker disallowed from participating in the election because they are related within the second degree of consanguinity to a candidate on the ballot, must submit their objection in writing to the county clerk within 10 days of this notice.

The following Vote Centers will be open Election Day, May 24, 2022 from 7:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Warren Housing Authority Warren YMCA Banks Community Room
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Absentee - Bradley County Courthouse

Opening, Processing, and Canvassing of Absentee Ballots will begin at 5 P.M. May 24, 2022 at the Bradley County Courthouse.

FOLLOWING ARE THE OFFICES AND CANDIDATES THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE THREE BALLOTS FROM WHICH VOTERS WILL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE:

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U.S. Senate Jack E. Foster Natalie James Dan Whitfield	Governor Jay Martin Anthony "Tony" Bland James "Rus" Russell III Supha Xayprasith-Mays Chris Jones	Secretary of State Josh Price Anna Beth Gorman	State Representative-District 94 Curley Jackson Andrew C. Pritt
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Unopposed Democratic Candidates

U.S. Congress District 04-John White
Auditor of State-Diamond Arnold-Johnson
Lieutenant Governor-Kelly Ross Krout
Justice of the Peace Dist. 1-Gwendolyn S. Bullard
Justice of the Peace Dist. 4-Jimmy L. Sledge

Attorney General-Jesse Gibson
Commissioner of State Lands-Darlene Goldi Gaines
State Treasurer-Pam Whitaker

REPUBLICAN BALLOT:

U.S. Senate Heath Loftis Jake Bequette Jan Morgan Senator John Boozman	Attorney General Leon Jones, Jr. Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin	Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders Francis "Doc" Washburn
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Commissioner of State Lands-Tommy Land
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County Judge-Klay McKinney
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Justice of the Peace Dist. 8-Alton R. Richard
Constable Washington Township-Benjamin J. Wood

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State Representative Dist. 96-Sonia Barker
County Clerk-Karen H. Belin
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Obituaries



Billy Hearnberger
Billy R. Hearnberger departed this life on Friday, April 22, 2022.

He was born March 15, 1942. A native of Banks, he was the son of A.C. and Nell Hearnberger.

He leaves his daughter Melissa Crump, his son Jim Hearnberger (Becky), step-daughter Holly Dean (Scott), sister Barbara

Robertson, brothers Harris and Floyd Hearnberger, grandchildren Drew Hearnberger (Brook), Hayley Hearnberger, Paige Crump, Brooklyn Blackwell, Nole Dean, and great-grandchild Siler Hearnberger.

Hilton McCray, Jr.

Hilton A. McCray, Jr. died Thursday, May 12, 2022. He was born on July 28, 1952. He was the son of Hilton, Sr. and Vera Toatley McCray.

He is survived by his son Hilton A. McCray III, siblings Gregory McKay, Edith McCray, and Brenda Harding, and an uncle Robert Edwards.

The funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Warren. Burial will be in Union Cemetery in Warren.

Arrangements are made by Hammons Funeral Home.

Financial Talk with Michael Gardner, CPA

There is a perceived relationship with investments. The more risk there is in an investment carries with it an expectation of a higher rate of return. For example, a savings account has no risk of loss and therefore the rate of return is almost nothing. An index option is one of the riskiest investments in that it is tied to a very volatile index and the option is in a constant state of decay. Over time it becomes worthless.

There are times in our lives when our risk tolerances change. When we are young and fully employed, we may be willing to accept more risk. Individual stocks or mutual funds may be the investment we want. As we grow older and the number of years that we can expect to be employed shortens, then the money in our accounts must be guarded and we are less likely to accept risk in our portfolio.

However, sometimes it is not clear when that change takes place. People wake up one day and consider that they have significant moneys stored up and think that they should be doing better with that money. For the most part, these are people that have never invested in anything and would have no idea how to place an order to buy a stock. Some of them go to large reputable investment

firms where someone else can invest their money. After management fees and sometimes transaction fees they sometimes find out that the risk they took was not in the investment but from the person with fee incentives that are usually not in the investors favor.

This is just an example of what can happen when you get out of your comfort zone with your investments. If you just lost 10% of your money it could easily take ten years to replace it with interest bearing accounts. Most people would think that would be an unacceptable risk. It is probably wiser to leave the money in low-risk accounts and understand that you really don't care what the interest rate is. Your primary objective and why you have the money in that account to protect it, so why worry about an interest rate that will not provide significant growth to your balance. That is not why you have it there.

Getting your investments to grow at a reasonable rate is the result of either significant training or a long period of trial and error. Portfolios can be diversified into multiple individual stocks. It usually takes quite a few stocks of unrelated business to achieve a reasonably spread to your risk. Even with this portfolio you have the risk of loss if the entire marketplace begins to lose value. It is possible to diversify even further with the purchase of various mutual funds. Each mutual fund has some kind of diversification of its own, and by buying a variety of these mutual fund you can reduce the risk, but there is still risk.

Your CPA can consult with you on the tax effect of your options and help you with any estate planning you may need.

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