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Hermitage High School Class of 2022 graduates



Hermitage High School seniors graduated at Hermit Field on Friday. Braden Harrod gave the opening address. Alan McGhee and Erica Corker each gave the Highest Honors address. There were 35 graduates from Hermitage High School.

Veterans Museum to host Memorial Day program

The Bradley County Veteran's Museum will host a program in observance of Memorial Day at 11 a.m. on Monday. The program will be held at the Bradley County Veteran's

Museum. The veteran's museum has its program scheduled. There will be a prayer, the singing of the National Anthem, and the reciting of the Pledge of

Allegiance. BG Roger L. McClellan, who is a retired U.S. Army veteran, will be the guest speaker. The program is open to the public. Parking will be at the YMCA.

Judge gives update on courthouse project

Bradley County Judge Klay McKinney updated the quorum court on the status of the courthouse bell tower. Judge McKinney said it was three weeks since the county heard back from the engineers on how to finish the project. He said there was still a "window of time" that the bell tower could be completed by the time the Pink Tomato Festival begins. The area would be cleaned up by festival time. The courthouse grounds would also be blocked off, if the project is still in the works.

Judge McKinney reported the money from the American Rescue Plan would come in

soon. The judge stated the plan was to build a complete budget during this month to prepare for the American Rescue Plan Funds.

After being brought up by Justice Bobby Hargraves, the judge told the quorum court that Chicot County was planning to construct a recycling center. Chicot County would then be able to take all of the county's solid waste to the planned recycling center, making it cheaper than a landfill. Surrounding counties would also be able to use the facility.

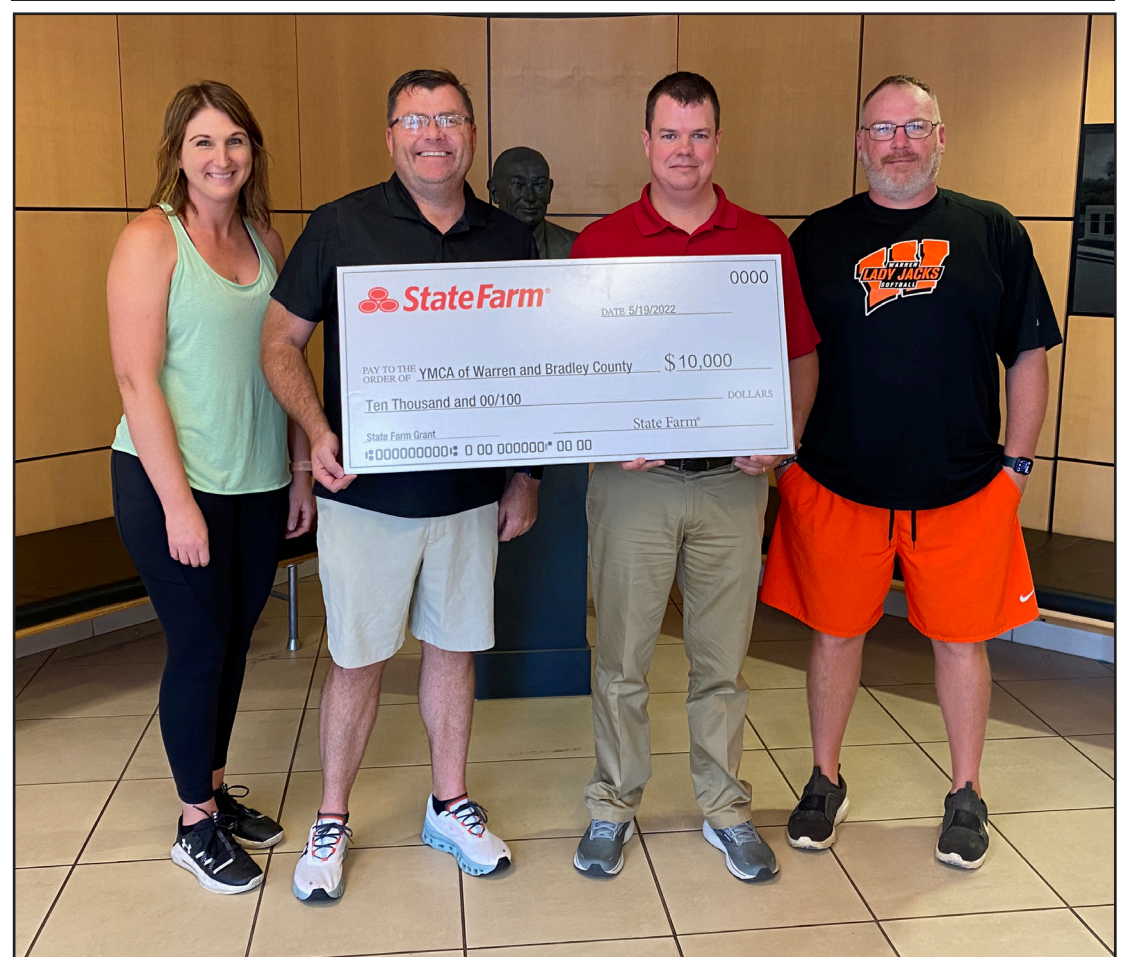
Bradley County Medical Center Interim CEO Leslie Huitt gave an update to the

quorum court. She said they planned to secure a \$1 million grant from the United States Department of Agriculture for the purchase of new beds, updating the surgery wing of the hospital, and other improvements. The grant would require a 45 percent match by the BCMC.

An ordinance was passed by the quorum court allowing families with more than four members to obtain a second solid waste container if needed. There will be a fee of \$13 per month for a second container.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 20 at the courthouse.

EARLY DEADLINE
The Eagle Democrat office will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. The ad deadline will be noon Friday, May 27.



The YMCA received a \$10,000 donation from State Farm. Pictured left to right: Stacie Stone, David Richey, Joey Cathey, and Bart Goodwin.

State Farm donates \$10,000 to YMCA

Local State Farm agent, Joey Cathey has a long history of demonstrating what it means to be a Good Neighbor by stepping up to help his community.

On Thursday, May 19, 2022, Joey Cathey presented Donald W. Reynolds YMCA of Warren and Bradley County with a \$10,000 grant from State Farm® as part of our Outstanding Community Engagement Program.

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was selected by State Farm Agent Joey Cathey, as part of his recognition for being 1 of 100 agents nationwide who were nominated and selected for their outstanding community engagement.

"At State Farm, we are committed to helping build stronger communities," said Agent Joey Cathey. "For me, it's not enough to simply say we're a Good Neighbor, we embrace the responsibility to make this community better by being a part of a solution. The Y is

special to my family, and it is a huge asset to our community."

"The YMCA of Warren and Bradley County is extremely grateful for our partnership with State Farm Agent Joey Cathey and his involvement at the Y," said YMCA CEO David Richey. "It is an honor to stand with him in making our community a better place. We celebrate with him this recognition and we are humbled that he would think of us as a recipient for this grant."




The city of Hermitage hosted a free farmer's market Thursday at the Hermitage Community Center. The city received a \$15,000 grant for the farmer's market and purchased produce to give away to the public at the market. The next farmer's market will be Thursday, June 2 where there will be a Salsa Fest. There will be food trucks, mini golf, craft vendors, salsa cook off, and more. The event will be held at the Hermitage Community Center. Admission is free.

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Prejudice
 After the Israelites were deported by the Assyrians in 722 B.C., the Assyrians relocated captives from other countries to the land of Israel. Their descendants became the Samaritans. These people worshiped many gods and eventually attempted to include God among those they worshiped. The Israelites despised the Samaritans.

The shortest route from Jerusalem to Galilee was through Samaria, but many Jesus traveled miles out of their way to avoid Samaritan territory. Jesus, however, not only traveled through this land, He stopped and stayed. Jesus did not allow **cultural prejudice** to keep Him from ministering to people who needed to hear His message.

"When they came out to see Him, they begged Him to stay in their village. So He stayed for two days, long enough for many more to hear His message and believe." John 4:40-41.

Christ followers should follow Jesus' example and look past cultural differences to share God's love with whomever needs to hear it.

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 April 5, 2000.

The golfers are out in force these days at the Warren Country Club and at other venues which provide sites for this sort of pleasure.

Back in the antiquity of the early 'fifties, those of us who wanted to play "pasture pool" had to drive to Fordyce for the pleasure, Judge T.D. Wayne, A.B. Banks, and others having secured a golf course for that small lumbering town in the 1920's.

We'd car pool to Fordyce: those who could afford it could always pick up a kid who wanted to be a caddy: they usually congregated in front of the Presbyterian Church there on golfin' days.

Later, of course, the Monticellonians got busy and bought a farm north of the Drew County seat and set up their own nine-hole golf course (since supplanted by a very nice club house where meals, indeed, libations are available to the membership...and guests).

The Monticello course was mostly an uphill, downhill affair: we remember playing there once on the Fourth of July when lightning struck right in the middle of the number three fairway: some of the faint-hearted (including me) stopped playing right then (but not Dr. Merl Crow: this winner of the Silver Star in World War II wouldn't let something like the weather bother him!).

Group got together in Warren 45 years ago or so and got to talking about getting a golf course here. Among the prime movers were W.R. Warner, the Fullertons, Dr. Albert Weiss, Lawrence Derby Sr., J.B. Frazer, Sykes Harris, etc.

The group seriously looked at a site northwest of Warren where Bobby and Jondalyn McDougald now have a hand-

some home. This was property of Joe M. Thompson, the gasoline distributor and husband of the imposing Margaret Scobey Thompson, Warren Bank and Trust (she was the one who would call you if you got overdrawn back in those days: she made it feel like something just short of cruelty to children or barratry if you misjudged what you had, or didn't, in your checking account).

Group also inspected the home of Glenda and Jim Cross on U.S. Highway 63 North (used to be called the Pine Bluff Road). This property was flatter, of course, and seemed quite convenient to the group, but they looked at a third site, this one being the choice, south of Warren on the Morris property.

Mr. H.C. Hackbarth, retired golf professional at the Country Club of Little Rock, designed the course.

Warrenites (folk from Hampton, too) have been playing on the course ever since.

Warren has its second clubhouse, first having succumbed to fire (I can remember volunteers helping erect the first one, including Attorney Clint Huey and the late Morris Glenn as roofers).

As for Fordyce, we pass through there frequently en route to civic occasions in Garland County, hardly eschewing the chance to stop at "the bakery."

Going into town from Warren, the sharp-eyed will notice a new metal building to the left surrounded by a high fence.

There is apparently a new jail, a new site of incarceration for those who have bent society's rules in Fordyce.

Mayor Gregg Reep and the Warren City Council have meditated, at least, on an additional jail for Warren, just east of the handsome police department-jail-fire department "emergency services center". This jail would be a barracks-type deal to

Director of SEACAC speaks at Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Warren met Tuesday, May 17 for their weekly meeting inside the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church. The club's program was introduced by Warren Mayor and Rotarian Denisa Pennington. She welcomed Michael Jones, Executive Director of the Southeast Arkansas Community Action Corporation (SEACAC) to the club to make a brief presentation. Jones, who is a preacher by trade, recently took over the position as Executive Director for SEACAC and is working hard to build back the corporation's reputation. He made some remarks about his personal life, including his background as a pastor along with talking about his

family before going into what he's working to accomplish at SEACAC.

He spoke a little about SEACAC and their mission along with mentioning they serve Bradley, Drew, Ashley, Desha, and Chicot counties and each county has an office. He spends time in all five counties as a part of his role. SEACAC exists to aid eligible households/individuals for a number of things including rent, food, and educational opportunities all with the purpose of alleviating and/or eliminating poverty in the area.

Jones spoke at length about working with the UAM technology campuses, along with others in the area, to provide



scholarships to people to help get them the training the need for jobs that have worker shortages in Southeast Arkansas.

He gave one example of a man he met through his

preaching that was able to turn his life around with a technical degree. The program concluded with Jones answering a few questions from the Rotarians in attendance.

shelter those who, for one reason or another, either don't or won't fines as levied by the courts.

City fathers here feel such an installation would not only enhance the city's coffers but perhaps place some sort of limitations on the bending of the law hereabouts.

Reason such a facility is needed is that there is not room in the "new jail" for all those who should be en residence there.

Dogwood is breaking out beautifully between here and Malvern.

One is always reminded of the legend that the Christ was crucified on a cross made then, of dogwood.

The Great Lord then decreed that dogwood, while bearing beautiful blossoms, would never be of such size from which a cross could be built.

The dogwoods of 2,000 are spindly, beautiful.

And they are a reminder, just as are rainbows.

You'll recall in the Old Testament that the Almighty said he would spread the rainbow across the heavens to remind Him never to destroy the earth again by flood.

We enjoy listening to books, on tape, letn us by Miss Leona Littlefield and her mother, Mrs. Oscar K. Littlefield.

We listen to the tapes in the car while traveling: they are particularly entertaining driving through northeast Oklahoma, where there is absolutely nothing to see at all.

"Most boring drive ever," said the late Dr. Hugh Moseley about the trips to see his pediatrician daughter, Dr. Jane Thomason, and her family at Ponca City).

Mrs. Littlefield has been hospitalized in Little Rock.

At 85, her health is failing but she still retains an interest both in life and in those recorded books, since she is, of course, without vision.

Mrs. Littlefield was the former Miss Willie Willard Boone of Searcy: she met her husband, a printer for the newspaper at Heber Springs, in the 'thirties. They married and moved to Warren where he joined James R. Moseley as the back shop leaders at The Eagle Democrat.

Mrs. Littlefield was just an outstanding teacher of the Bible and of Sabbath School at our church.

Something else, she had the complete, undivided love/loyalty of her children, including Miss Littlefield and her sister, Nancy Margaret, now married to our old friend Kenneth Godwin at Lawton, Okla., and certainly her son, David, killed in a tragic truck wreck in Union County several years ago.

Her husband was one of the most-gifted I ever knew. He could do ANYTHING.

He left The Eagle Democrat as co-publisher in 1977: he'd been there almost 40 years.

Oscar Littlefield was one of the people who coaxed the onetime country editor into retirement. Said he, speak-

ing of his own retirement: "I didn't know life like this was possible!"

We he ever right! This retirement is good stuff.

Our valued friend of a lifetime, Orville Henry, is also retired but, like me, produces newspaper columns published at Bluff, Springdale, and elsewhere for the DonRey Group.

Orville is said to be suffering from The Bad Disease, but he still cranks out those entertaining columns.

What he says apparently has effect: we hear Nolan Richardson's head was all but on the charger, like the head of John the Baptist, before Arkansas won the SEC tourney and Henry wrote some warning about "rockin' the boat" in Fayetteville.

The perceptive Frank Broyles, surely others, took notice of 100 officers who participated in Basic Police Training Class 2000-A at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in East Camden, Arkansas.

The twelve week, 480 hour course, which began January 2, 2000, included instruction in standard police tactics, firearms, legal, educational, technical skills, and practical exercises. In each course, emphasis is placed upon the officers, achieving excellence in both academic subjects and firearms training. An officer must maintain an academic score of at least 70 percent on each examination, and consistently fire at least 80 percent during firearms training exercises to successfully complete all phases of

the course.

Graduation ceremonies were conducted March 24 at 10 a.m. in the Southern Arkansas University Technical College Gymnasium in East Camden.

Spencer and his wife, Kristy, have two children, Dana and Julie. Spencer is the son of Douglas J. and Debbie Spencer and is a 1989 graduate of Warren High School.

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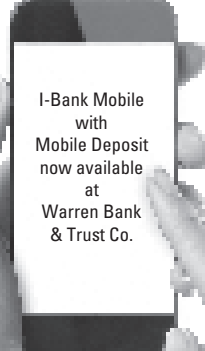
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The Bradley County Medical Center Foundation Board met Thursday after not meeting in person for two years due to COVID. Seated left to right: Jane Harris, Treasurer, Bridgette Harding, President, Joen Bryant, and Glenetta Burks. Standing left to right: Sharon Ellis, Jeannette Hooper, Andrew Tolbert, Kathy Hall, Liz McKinstry, Marilyn Johnson, VPSS, Leslie Huitt, Interim CEO, Charlotte Tenner-Brown, Dennen Cuthbertson, BCMC PR.



The Warren High School Lumberjack Cheerleaders for 2022-2023 school year were announced. Back row: Kamari Triplett, Anna Grace Mitchell, Emarie Davis, Victoria O'Neill, and Taylor Hasley. Middle Row: Sarah Forrest, Aaliyah Walton, Anna Marie Harrod, and Ashlyn Crawford. Front row: Co-Captain Bryleigh Bickers and Co-Captain Tabitha White. Not pictured: Murphie Wilkinson and Paige Byrd.



On Tuesday, May 17, Jacob Smith, Section Chief for the Substance Misuse Branch at the Arkansas Dept. of Health conducted training on what Narcan was and how to recognize an opioid overdose and how to administer. This was a grant opportunity that provided Narcan kits to law enforcement and firemen in Bradley County. The Warren Police Dept, Hermitage Police Dept., Bradley County Sheriff Dept., Fire Departments from Warren, Bradley County Rural, Banks, Hermitage, Pleasantville, Sumpter, and Farmville were present. Hermitage Mayor Tonya Kendrix, Warren Mayor Denisa Pennington and Banks Mayor Keeton Hudson also attended. This was a partnership of the Mayors to provide local law enforcement and firemen with necessary lifesaving Narcan kits for Bradley County.

News Briefs

The McCoy Cemetery in New Edinburg will hold its annual meeting at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 23 at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church. All families and interested parties are invited to attend. The cemetery is also accepting donations for the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery. Please mail donations to McCoy Cemetery, P. O. Box 4, New Edinburg, AR 71660.

The McGriff Reunion will be Saturday, June 4, at South Side Missionary Baptist Church in Star City at 10 a.m. A potluck dinner will be at noon (bring your favorite meat or casserole, two vegetables and dessert). Auction - please bring an item; all proceeds to go McGriff Reunion. All family/friends invited. Details: Melissa McGriff Mitchell, 501-276-4233.

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The purpose is to remember and honor the men and women who died defending the freedom we all enjoy. BG Roger L. McClellan US. Army (retired) will be the speaker. Cathy (Richardson) Worley will provide the music for the program.

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Editorial

Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



It was the end of the Civil War, and the men in uniform hoped the danger was over and they could finally resume their lives. But in an instant, a cruel twist of fate forever ended those hopes for hundreds of people. The explosion of the steamship Sultana in 1865 was the worst maritime disaster in American History, a disaster that took the souls of hundreds on the Mississippi River between Arkansas and Tennessee. It is a story still remembered with sadness and dread to this day.

Up until the railroad spread across the country, the rivers of America were the interstate highways of the time, offering relatively quick and easy access (for the time) to cities across the nation. Countless steamships would drift up and down the rivers, carrying passengers and cargo for a growing country on the move. The Mississippi River was by far the most important, with its tributaries allowing access to an expanse from the Appalachians to the Great Plains and to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Sultana was commissioned in 1863 in Ohio as a private wooden steamship and had sailed many river miles safely, mostly between St. Louis and New Orleans. It typically had a crew of 85 and was intended to carry 376 passengers. It often carried cotton and sugar but also shipped Union soldiers to positions along the river.

It was under the command of Captain James C. Mason of St. Louis, who was also part owner. On April 21, 1865, just days after the Civil War ended, the Sultana limped into port at Vicksburg to repair a leaking boiler. The repairs were intended to only be temporary, with a small patch of thin metal over the leak. In the meantime, thousands of newly released prisoners were crowded into camps, anxious to go home. Mason made arrangements with army officers to take on board as many of the men as the ship could carry, charging the army \$5 for each enlisted man and \$10 for each officer.

The men were mostly Union soldiers, coming from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia. Desperate to return home, they flooded aboard the ship, determined to leave the horrors of the war far behind. For these Union veterans, the voyage was to be a celebration, knowing they would be home within days. On April 24, the ship left Vicksburg, headed for Cairo, Illinois. But the ship struggled to leave port, weighed down by anywhere between 2,100 and 2,400 men, with the exact numbers lost.

Many of the men had just been released from the notorious Andersonville prison camp in Georgia, and despite the cramped conditions on the ship, were relieved to be able to breathe in the fresh air as free men. The ship was under strain against the current and the weight of the passengers, but its captain was certain the Sultana would make her way to port without incident. On April 26, the ship stopped at the bustling port of Helena. Afterward, the Sultana went on to Memphis, where it dropped off 200 passengers and a load of sugar. At midnight on April 27, the Sultana pushed forward again.

At 2 AM, just ten miles northwest of Memphis, disaster struck. The damaged boiler exploded. In an instant, a chain reaction caused two others to erupt. The explosions tore the ship apart, setting it aflame. The force of the blasts threw men into the water. Others followed, leaving the burning mass in a terrifying bid for safety. Some tried to rescue injured men from the murky depths. Some of the remains of the flaming ship continued to drift, running aground and sinking not far from Marion. The confusion and the screams echoed through the night.

As the ship sank, the waters extinguished the flames. Suddenly, the men were enveloped in blackness, struggling against the cold, inky waters around them. The screams of injured and desperate men were everywhere, until the waters claimed the screams as well. Some survivors were able to swim to shore. Less than thirty minutes after the blast, the Bostona, another steamship, saw the flames and the men in the river, and the crew worked to pull dozens of men out. Many burn victims recovered would die in the coming days from their injuries. Bodies floated along the river, some washing ashore. Frantic searches continued for days, with many ships joining in. In the end, the disaster claimed nearly 1,800 lives.

The Sultana was not the first steamboat disaster, but it was by far the worst. In 1828, the Car of Commerce sank when a boiler exploded near Osceola, killing 28. In 1832, the Bradywine caught fire while sailing along the Mississippi River, leaving at least 69 dead. The St. Joseph exploded in 1850 near the confluence of the Arkansas and Mississippi Rivers, leaving twenty dead. More than 200 people would die on the Miami in 1866 when a boiler explosion caused a fire on the ship near Desha County. However, few regulations regarding fire safety, quality controls on boilers, ship capacity, or life preservers existed at the time. Even the most cautious captain took a considerable risk with equipment quality he could not guarantee with each voyage.

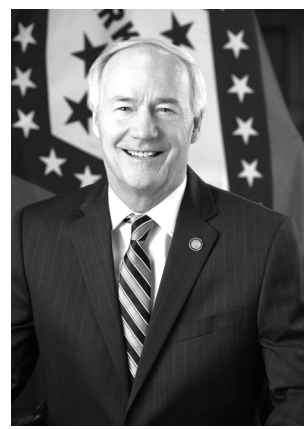
Memorials of the victims were placed in their various hometowns in the years afterward. A handful of the remains of the Sultana were found buried in the mud of a soybean field on the Arkansas side in 1982. In 1987, the Sultana Association of Descendants and Friends was organized to educate the public about the tragedy. The association organized a temporary museum in Marion in 2015, but it is currently working with a team of community organizers and benefactors to organize a new, expansive museum about the disaster. Located in the converted 1938 Marion School Auditorium-Gymnasium building, the new museum is expected to open in 2023. The state legislature has marked April 27 as Sultana Remembrance Day.



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On Friday, May 20, Kim Williams, Great River Road Director and Arkansas Delta River Travel Writer from the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism met with local leaders and organization members on Arkansas's Great North American Eclipse forecasted to occur on April 8, 2024. Williams discussed percentages of darkness cities would experience during the eclipse, the projected number of tourist the state could see and gave examples of events and activities cities could do during such event. Plans for future meetings are being discussed. The meeting was held in the Depot building in Warren. Pictured from left to right: Mayor Tonya Kendrix, City of Hermitage; Kim Williams; Michelle Carter, County Extension Agent Family and Consumer Sciences; John Gavin, County Extension Agent Staff Chair; Terrie White, Chamber President and Executive Director; and Mayor Denisa Pennington, City of Warren.

Gov. Hutchinson's Weekly Address



If you're not convinced that every vote counts, consider the race for one of the U.S. Senate seats in Pennsylvania. At last count, the difference in the totals was 31.2 percent to 31.1 percent – two tenths of a percentage point difference. Closer to home, in our neighboring state to the south, the

new mayor of Pineville, Louisiana, won by five votes. If only six of the loser's supporters had voted, he would have won by a single vote.

In the 2020 election, the candidates for a school board seat in California tied. So the winner, as the law requires, was decided by a roll of the dice. The challenger rolled snake eyes, and the incumbent threw a three. Even with the dice, the winner won by only one.

Stories such as those are interesting. Since they are rare, we may be inclined to overlook the one fact that each race had in common: The winner was chosen by the slimmest of margins. That slim margin will determine who will make consequential decisions that affect voters.

Arkansas's 2022 election may be one of the most consequential in a decade. We have re-

drawn the state's legislative boundaries, which the law requires every ten years after the U.S. Census. Although many legislators will be re-elected, we are in a sense electing a brand-new general assembly. Thanks to Arkansas's term-limit law, we also are electing a new governor, attorney general, lieutenant governor, and treasurer; the incumbent Republican secretary of state has a challenger in the primary and will face a Democrat Party challenger in the general election. The incumbent land commissioner will have an opponent in the general election, and three people are running in the general election to become auditor. We will be choosing three associate justices of the Arkansas Supreme Court, four court of appeals associate judges, sixteen circuit judges, twenty-eight prosecuting at-

torneys, and one district court judge.

Our four representatives in the United States House are running for re-election, as is one of our U.S. senators.

Every one of the candidates we elect will have a direct effect on many Arkansans. Voting in Arkansas is easy. Early voting continues Saturday and until 5 p.m. Monday. On Tuesday, Election Day, the polls are open from 7:30 in the morning until 7:30 p.m. That gives every voter twelve hours to cast a ballot.

Even with a one-hundred percent voter turnout, the outcome of a race could be razor thin. But a large turnout at least gives us the assurance our government reflects the authentic voice of voters. The United States is a free nation because many worked and fought to give us freedom. Our vote is a note of thanks.



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Arrest Report

Jorge Gomez, #6 Lura Lea Ln, Warren, was arrested May 18th, for no drivers license.

April Gill, 1420 Brecken Ridge, Little Rock was arrested May 18th, for possession of schedule 3 and no turn signal.

Carl Jamerson, 908 George St. # C-2, Warren, was arrested May 19th, for domestic battery 3rd degree.

Claressia Dozier, 401 1/2 W. Elm St., was arrested May 19th, for domestic battery 3rd degree.

Stephen Cox, 11590 Hwy 8 N., was arrested, May 22, factious tags and driving on a suspended license.

Legals

ORDINANCE NUMBER 774 BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BRADLEY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 293 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ARTICLE 1: Article 4 of Bradley County Ordinance No. 293 is amended to include the following:

"The County Judge shall have the discretion to provide one (1) additional container to a Residential Unit with five (5) or more occupants at the expense of the System. A Residential Unit acquiring one (1) addition container shall pay an additional fee of \$13.00 per month (in addition to the standard monthly collection fee) for the collection of the additional container by the System.

ARTICLE II: The collection of household garbage being a critical service to protect the public's health and welfare, and the need being great for households having more than five (5) occupants to obtain an additional container as soon as possible, an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE III: All other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby revoked.

APPROVED:
Klay McKinney
County Judge
February 16, 2022
Date

ATTEST:
Karen H. Belin
County Clerk
5-25-1tcBCC

Westerman Weekly Column

Rep. Bruce Westerman

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi recently announced the extension of remote voting through June 28th due to risks of COVID-19 as a "public health emergency." The proxy voting system has been abused by Members on both sides of the aisle from the start. Simply watch any vote on CSPAN to see the ridiculous number of M.I.A. members. Or watch a committee hearing where Members tune-in from a boat, their car, or even their beds. These absent legislators are neither ill, nor exposed to COVID-19. They simply would rather be home or at other events.

As frustrating as Speaker Pelosi's decision is, its hypocrisy truly came to light in April when President Joe Biden announced his decision to allow Title 42 to expire on May 23. Title 42 is an immigration order requiring immigrants to remain in their country of origin until their paperwork is processed based upon COVID-19 as a public health emergency. He claims that this order is no longer needed as a health measure, ostensibly because COVID-19 isn't an emergency anymore. Think about that. The Speaker says it's a health emergency, but the President says it's not. The Democrats are in disarray.

What's more, this week, a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) court filing revealed that 234,088 migrants were encountered at the border in April, the highest in DHS history. In this

nod to the radical Left, President Biden ignores his advisors who fear that allowing Title 42 to expire will cause a "mass migration event" and sow chaos at a time when we need stability in America. It is expected that a federal judge will rule on the constitutionality of President Biden's decision to reverse Title 42 within the next couple of days. I will be watching the decision closely, and I hope to see Title 42 upheld. Arkansans are rightly concerned about how our tax dollars are being used at the border by this President, especially when Democrat leadership can't decide whether we are or aren't in a public health emergency.

Our nation is facing myri-

ad crises including a historic baby formula shortage, inflation not seen in 40 years, gas prices topping \$4.00 a gallon in every state, and a dangerously overrun southern border. Congress needs to do the job we were sent to Washington, D.C. to do. We were sent to advocate and vote according to our constituents' values, but that job is simply impossible to manage effectively when the Members are not in Washington, D.C. I encourage my fellow Members to vote in-person regardless of Speaker Pelosi's extension of proxy voting. We have a duty to the American people to not cut corners when dealing with policy that will drastically affect folks' lives.

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4. Ironing clothes
5. Doing laundry
6. Cleaning windows
7. Stovetop/oven
8. Mopping
9. Dusting
10. Vacuuming

Source: Better Homes & Gardens

top 10 movies

1. Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness (PG-13) Benedict Cumberbatch, Elizabeth Olsen
2. The Bad Guys (PG) animated
3. Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (PG) James Marsden, Jim Carrey
4. Firestarter (R) Zac Efron, Ryan Kiera Armstrong
5. Everything Everywhere All at Once (R) Michelle Yeoh, Stephanie Hsu
6. Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore (PG-13) Eddie Redmayne, Jude Law
7. The Lost City (PG-13) Sandra Bullock, Channing Tatum
8. The Northman (R) Alexander Skarsgard, Nicole Kidman
9. Family Camp (PG) Tommy Woodard, Eddie James
10. The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent (R) Nicolas Cage, Pedro Pascal

Source: Box Office Mojo

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Local scholarship recipients named

The 2022 Anthony, Gathen, Rainey, and Tolbert Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 have been awarded to each of the following high school seniors:

Mya Tolbert from Dollarway High School, will be attending the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Jaquenton Harris from Dumas High School, will be attending the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Jamara Mcfarley, from Dumas High School, will be at-

tending the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Ronald Martin, Jr. from Warren High School, will be attending the Southern Arkansas University.

Retired former school district superintendents, Frank Anthony, from Pine Bluff, David Rainey, from Dumas, and Andrew Tolbert, from Warren, are pleased with the students selected and wish them the best as they begin their college careers.

Obituaries



Frances B. Kelley

Frances Beatrice Holloway Kelley, age 97 of Warren, passed away on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at Chapel Woods Health and Rehabilitation. She was born September 9, 1924 in Bradley County to the late Melvin John Holloway and Annie Mae Forester Holloway. She married J. W. Kelley, Jr., on March 25, 1944. He passed away on April 14, 1987 after 43 years of marriage. She was also preceded in death by a beloved son-in-law, Morris Dean Bryant.

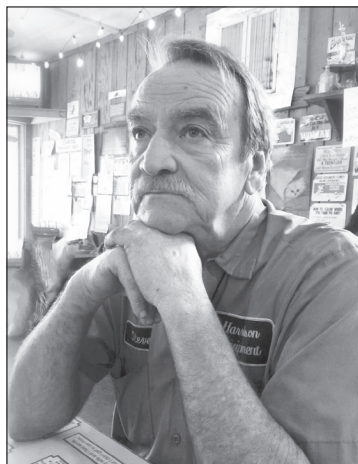
Frances came from a large family and had nine brothers and sisters. She was the last surviving sibling. Brothers preceding her in death were Arthur Holloway, Fred Holloway, Allen "Tobe" Holloway, James "Jim" Holloway, and J.T. Holloway. Sisters were Atha Davis, Hazel Teague, Jessie Lassiter, and Betty Wangle.

Frances was a homemaker most of her adult life. She was a clever cook who used fresh vegetables from the gardens that she and J.W. planted each summer. She loved to fish and enjoyed spending time with J.W. at their camp house on the Saline River. After her children were in high school, she worked for a time at Jack Winter Sportswear and then took a job in the furniture factory at Potlatch Corporation. In her later years, she helped take care of many of the elderly in Warren, sitting with them and doing domestic work as needed.

Frances is survived by two children, Terry Gene Kelley (LaDonna) of Fayetteville and Debbie Bryant of Warren. She also leaves behind grandchildren Jamie Loftin (Jeff) of Fayetteville, Julie Flowers (Scott) of Clarksdale, Mississippi, and Leslie Bryant Reep of Warren. Also left to cherish her memory are great grandchildren Kate Loftin, Cameron Loftin, Gaines Flowers, Jonathan Flowers, and Karley Reep.

A graveside service was 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at Oakland Cemetery in Warren with Terry Kelley officiating. Burial was in Oakland

Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. Active pallbearers were Steve Barnes, Jeff Loftin, Scott Flowers and Randy McKinney. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. David Chambers, Tommy Maxwell, Dr. Kerry Pennington, Dr. Scott Claycomb and Ed Lain.



Steven Harrelson

Steven David Harrelson, age 64 of New Edinburg, passed away on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at home surrounded by his family. He was born December 8, 1957 in Warren, to the late JE Harrelson and Estelle Loomis Harrelson.

Other than his parents he is preceded in death by brothers, Ronnie Harrelson and Gerald "Jerry" Harrelson and sister, Bonnie Thompson.

Survivors include his loving wife, Jerri Gale Johnson Harrelson whom he married on March 15, 1980. Sons, Steven Patrick Harrelson and spouse of Jessica of Orange, TX and Daniel Ryan Harrelson and spouse Paula of Arlington, TX; daughter, Heather Michelle Harrelson of Saline, MI; brother, Larry Harrelson and spouse Karen of Jacksonville, TX and sister, Wanda Howard and spouse Jimmy of Camden; Mother-in-law, Jackie Johnson of Warren; Grandchildren, Cadence Lee Harrelson, Steven Camden Harrelson, Kinsley Wyne Harrelson, David Ethan Harrelson and Danica Jade Harrelson.

Funeral service was 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22, 2022 at Frazer's Funeral Home with Bro. Teddy Ayers officiating. Burial was in Moseley Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. Active pallbearers were Camden Harrelson, David Harrelson, Matt Harrelson, Brady Harrelson, Eric Howard and Dustin Howard. Honorary pallbearers were CJ Ward, Rick St. John, Jeff Moseley, Jack Moseley, Jimmy Barnett, Don Goupil, Benny Millwood and Honorable David W. Talley, Jr. Online guestbook www.frazerfuneralhome.com

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Financial Talk with Michael Gardner, CPA

As we approach mid-year, we have a time when it is really easy to do some simple tax planning. What you earn at your job is usually consistent month to month over time, so by taking your check stub and dividing the important numbers by the number of checks you have received this year you get your averages. Take the average federal tax withheld and multiply that by the total number of paychecks in a year and you will have the amount of tax you will have paid in by year end.

By taking the total income tax you will have withheld by the year's end and comparing that to the tax liability on your last year's tax return you can get a simple estimate of whether you will owe tax or get a refund. There are a couple of reasons to do this. One of the reasons is that there seems to be a gradual reduction in refunds as your income goes up on a joint return. The issue exists because the tax tables assume you are the only one on your joint tax return that is earning income.

Warren School Board hires new personnel

By Zach Killian

The Warren School Board met in a special called meeting on Thursday to discuss personnel.

The school board accepted the following personnel resignations: Dalton Weatherly, Warren High School math instructor; Cody Jones, Warren High School Head Boys and girls soccer coach and assistant baseball coach; Aalexus Jones, Warren Middle School coding instructor/P.E. instructor; and seventh grade girls head basketball coach; Braley Sanson, Warren Middle School math instructor; Keyaira Charles Brown, Brunson instructor; Matt

The W-4 has a difficult to understand cross checking table that allows you to put your income on one side and your spouse's income on the other side to point out at a cross point what the amount of additional income you should have withheld in order to have enough paid in to cover the tax due. Good luck with that.

To change your withholding, you can provide your employer with another W-4. The W-4 refers you to a website where you basically pre-prepare next years income tax return to see if you are having enough withheld. You can avoid all that by considering the simple comparison explained above, and then put the additional withholding you need to get the results you want on W-4 line 4-C. After that fill out the top and sign the bottom.

The other reason for doing the planning now is that there is still time to fix any withholding issues you might have. Too many people found out last year when they were having their taxes prepared

that they only had half as much withheld than the tax they now have due. Up until then their employer was using the old W-4 for calculating their payroll check, which was legal. When they switched to the new W-4 the paycheck that was calculated did not withhold enough income tax. I expect this error to continue to be a problem.

The Arkansas income tax withholding still uses the old form and does not seem to be a problem. Of course, you can have numbers checked by your CPA if you have had a problem with your calculations. If there is a problem, you still have half a year to spread the withholding corrections over to reduce the pain.

The IRS has been and is still behind on processing their mailed in tax forms and let-

ters. Their target is to be up to date by the end of the year. As of the end of April they were still 6.7 million paper filed returns behind from the last two years. They had yet to process 2.3 million amended returns and also had millions of payroll tax returns needing work. The IRS is now saying they are current on their unopened mail.

This article is for general tax information based on authoritative sources that are subject to change without notice. It is not intended to be advice for your personal use. You should consult a tax professional as your circumstances may differ from those used as an example here. Michael W. Gardner, CPA is available to answer questions about this article at michael@mwgcpa.com or 870-798-2326.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Idaho is the only U.S. state to explicitly declare that cannibalism is illegal.

• In 2001, the FBI warned Russell Crowe that al-Qaeda were planning to kidnap him as part of a "cultural destabilization plot." For nearly two years, the agency guarded the actor in public, but refused to provide him with any details about the threat.

• In Germany, folks who urinate in the streets are called "wildpinklers," meaning "free pee-ers."

• Gorillas sing happy songs while they eat — louder when enjoying a favorite food.

• Talk about election fraud! In 2013, police in the Maldives arrested a coconut for loitering near a polling station during the presidential election. The fruit's offense? Locals feared it might have been imbued with a magic spell to influence the election, as there was a Surah (chapter from the Quran) written on it. The coconut was released upon being found to be fake.

• In 2014, over 2.8 million American dogs were on an antidepressant drug similar to Prozac.

• Alarmed neighbors of a couple in Sydney, Australia, called the police after hearing a woman screaming, furniture crashing and a man shouting: "I'm going to kill you, you're dead! Die! Die!" When the law arrived on the scene they found, however, not a typical case of domestic violence, but a frenzied attempt to kill a spider.



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