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Local residents from around the area packed the courtroom where the public forum was held to hear from both local and state candidates.

## Local and state candidates speak at local public forum

By Zach Killian

The Bradley County Republican Party sponsored a public candidate forum for state and local candidates to speak to the public on Monday, April 4. Each candidate had three minutes to speak. The courtroom where the event was held was packed with local residents wanting to hear from the candidates.

The public forum started out with the local candidates speaking. Jimmy Williams, a candidate running for Justice of the Peace for District 5, was the first candidate to speak. Williams said he was a local citizen that wanted to give back to the community. He told the audience he was retired and felt like he had an opportunity to serve the community as a Justice of the Peace.

Three candidates were running for Justice of the Peace for District 9. Each candidate was pres-

Sharon Balentine, a candidate running for Justice of the Peace for District 9, was the next candidate to speak. She said she was a Christian and was concerned about the community. She said

she would be a Justice of the Peace with "unquestionable integrity." She stated she had been going to the quorum court meetings for the last several months.

Dana Harvey, another candidate running for Justice of the Peace in District 9, spoke before the audience. She said she had grown up in Bradley County her entire life and she valued the community here and how the community united to help its citizens. She said there were needs for roads and waste management in the county.

Eddie Wayne Parnell, Jr., who

is also running for Justice of the Peace for District 9, spoke before the audience about his candidacy. He shared that he had 26 years of military experience. He stated that as a member of the National Guard Association of Arkansas, he was exposed to budgets. He said if the county could bring more assets to the table, they'd be able to collect the benefits.

The circuit judge for District 10, Division 04, Subdistrict 10.1 had two candidates that spoke before the audience.

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**Deadline for the Eagle Democrat's** 2022 **Graduation Edition** will be Thursday, April 28

## **Banks and Hermitage to** host local Easter events

By Zach Killian **Editor** 

Bradley County will have two events for Easter this coming weekend. The city of Hermitage and the town of Banks will have two separate Easter events on Saturday, April 16.

On Saturday morning from 9 to 11 a.m., the town of Banks will host the Easter Bunny with Breakfast with the Bunny. The event will be held at the Banks

cocoa, coffee, and juice. The Easter Bunny will also be there for pictures.

The city of Hermitage will host their Easter event later that day at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The Easter event will be held at the Hermitage City Park. Besides the Community Easter Egg Hunt, Survival Flight will be flying in to the event from El Dorado. There will also be two food trucks at the event, Sock Hop

will be served with donuts, Soda Shoppe and Los Jarochos. Vendors will also be at the event to sell various crafts. KSC Inflatables will be on hand with an 18foot slide and a bounce house. There will be a small fee to use the slide and bounce house. The Easter Bunny will also be attending the big event for pictures.

The city of Hermitage is seeking volunteers and donations of plastic eggs. If interested, contact Hermitage City Hall at 870-463-



PotlatchDeltic donated a check to Warren Fire Department for \$10.000. The money went towards the purchase of a new fire truck that was bought. The cost of the truck was \$287,000. The fire truck is a 2022 model. Pictured left to right: Mac Tolefree, Josh Belvedresi, Misty Dunn, Greg Cheshire, Warren Mayor Denisa Pennington, Emily Mosely, Warren Fire Chief Chuck Moore, Larry Hayes, Dorothy Henderson, and James Jones.







The Bradley County Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Easter Egg Hunt at the Warren City Park on Saturday. There were 2,000 Easter eggs donated. Over 100 kids attended the big Easter event. They gave away \$550 in prize money. Rep. Jeff Wardlaw and his wife Missy, donated the prize money and rented the bounce house for the kids. They also provided and cooked hot dogs and donated candy. Union Bank donated coins to put in the Easter eggs and Warren Bank donated candy. ESCO and Sheriff Herschel Tillman donated prizes for the most eggs found. Walgreens and SuperValu donated eggs and candy. Chapel Woods and Malorie Forrest provided the Easter Bunny. Make Warren Shine decorated the gazebo for Easter. Julie Hamilton thanked all the Chamber members and volunteers for making it a wonderful event. She said she was pleased with how it all went. Hamilton said she loved serving the community.

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By REV. JIM BALES Pastor - First Assembly of God Sponsored by Esco Termite, Pest & Weed Control

#### Then He Screamed

"My God!"

Ignoring the pain, he pushed upward until his shoulders were higher than his nailed hands.

"Why have you forsaken me?"

As he gave his final breath, he spoke a final time, "It is finished!" Bizarre, isn't it? The thought of this man's blood providing redemption for "whosoever" will.

The soldiers are busy now with the business of cleaning up the dead. Two men have come, they are given the body of Jesus to prepare for bur-

And we are left with the relics of his death:

Three nails in a bin.

A braided crown with scarlet tips.

A vinegar soaked sponge.

Dice tossed at his feet.

The spear with blood and water on the tip.

The sign, King of the Jesus.

Rub your thumb over the tip of the spear. Balance a spike in the palm of your hand. Read the sign written in your language. And as you do, touch the velvet dirt, moist with the blood of Our Savior.

Blood He bled for you.

The spear He took for you.

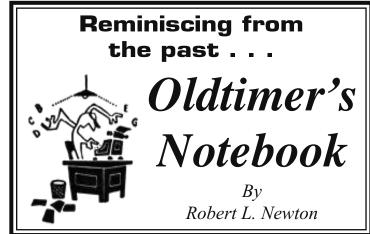
The nails He felt for you.

The sign He left for you. He did all this for you!

I urge you as you read this and ponder what Jesus did for you, leave something at the cross. (You see what Christ left.) Those bad habits, leave them at the cross. Your selfish moods and white lies, leave them at the

God does more than forgive our mistakes; He removes them! "As far as the east is from the west." (Psalm 103:12).

Never to be remembered! Hebrews 8:12



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 February 23,

As noted last week, we were privileged to be among the fans the other day when Florida swept into Fayetteville and proceeded to sweep the Razorbacks off the floor with about 20,000 other witnesses (among them: Baker Fullerton of DeWitt, Ruth Ann Wisener of Fayetteville and her brother, Neil; the witnesses are siblings of Warren banker Bill Wisener and children of one of Warren's greatest gifts from Fountain Hill, Dorothy Peebles Wisener).

Arkansas is short-handed and short to the point that this bunch of Hogs would be hard-pressed to win in the AIC conference and its oldtime standouts like ASTC and Arkansas Tech.

It's fun to be in Fayetteville, win or lose.

At last, they've got enough hotel space to house the masses. . . and the aura of prosperity is all around (mainly because of Tyson and the chicken business and

businesses that exist.)

Speaking of Fountain Hill people: Conrad Deal and L. D. Willis played on the same basketball team there over half a century ago.

You may have noted in last week's paper that Conrad's grandson is now a first lieutenant in the Air Force; L. D.'s son, Don is a highly-placed official with the power company (once a fine cager himself at Hendrix and Hermitage High).

Perhaps you've been promising yourself, for years, you'd go back to a place of memory of youth; we've been guilty of that by promising ourselves to go back to the site of the YMCA's Camp Mansfield at Bank Springs on the Saline River.

Mansfield was about halfway between the bridge across the Saline for the Monticello highway (soon to be replaced, apparently) and the old one at Sutton landing that fell in the river two decades ago.

Bradley Lumber Company owned the land, but the Brothers Fullerton gave the YMCA a long-term lease without charge and Clifford J. Mansfield, vice-Wal Mart for all the rest of the president and general manager of

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the Arkansas Lumber Company (on the site of Brunson school) gave the Y a building that had a kitchen and dining room downstairs, plus quarters for the camp director, and three rooms up-

One room was big (campers slept there) and the two smaller rooms were for counselors.

Building was of wood, of course; wood stained green.

Boys slept on bunks that had two levels.

"Springs" were chicken wire stretched across 3 by sixes.

"Bank Springs" was near the water's edge (the Saline's edge, that is). Water from the spring was, as they used to say, "cold as kraut."

One of the events of initiation for new campers was the damming up of the spring and the tossing of the unfortunate new boys into the freezing (almost) water.

For some reason, boys at Camp Mansfield swam without the benefit of swim suits.

In my possession, someplace, is a picture of the bunch of the lads in the "swimmin' hole, with Jack ("Seven-Finger") King on the diving board.

Jack, a son of Bobbie and Turner King, had lost a finger in his childhood.

as "Seven-Finger." The late Noah A. (Rex) Fraser

From then on, he was known

was the nearest neighbor to Camp Mansfield; he maintained a home with his wife, Miss Ollie, and her daughter, Patsy Lappin, that connected to his establishment, "Airport Inn."

Mr. Rex always tried to help the YMCA with its continuing problem of vandalism at the camp (the Y eventually got an elderly gentleman named Mr. Weaver to stay there all the time; this helped a little).

Camp Mansfield is long gone, of course.

It was always too close to town (Warren, that is) and kids who had trouble gettin' homesick had difficulty when the wind was right and they could hear the Bradley Lumber Company's morning, noon, and evening whistles.

Wonder if you can even find "Bank Springs" now.

Bet you can . . .

We go through the Hot Spring County hamlet of Lono periodically en route to attend temperence rallies and other uplifting procedures at the city of the springs.

Lono's school system has gone the way of all flesh, consolidation (like Banks and Wilmar, just to mention a couple) but a WPSbuilt gymnasium still stands across the road from a convenience food store, which must be Lono's only surviving business.

The Lono gym reminds me of the old one erected in the early 'thirties on the main street of Hermitage.

You'd assume this was a WPA project, rather like the one at Lono, but it's all lost in history's

The Hermitage gym was busily-employed in the middle third of the century, serving as the site for games of the Hermitage Hermits and surely the powerful girls teams forged by the late Senator Lee Reaves that featured people like "Hank" Johnson Holderfield of Rison and Sue Robertson Adams of Warren.

James Cuthbertson of Warren served as superintendent at Hermitage back then; he had two of his onetime teammates from Arkansas A&M on his faculty, James Monk and the late Floyd Richardson.

Bradley Lumber Company sponsored an "independent" basketball team at Hermitage featuring Cuthbertson, Monk, and Richardson while the late Howard (Chick) Harris, a softdrink bottler, sponsored one in Warren called the "Warren Dr. Peppers" that, in the season of 1938, featured the one-day-to-be Marine Colonel Kenneth Croswell, a 6-5 giant of his time who had played a single season at Arkansas College of Batesville but who later would matriculate at St. Marys of Texas (San Anto-

That Main Street gym at Hermitage hosted many a "county tournament" with games between Hermitage, Warren, Banks, Vick, even Eagle Lake (where a two-room school survived after World War II with the attractive mother of Denisa Pennington and Rhonda Herring, Mrs. Ronald Clanton, as teacher in the "little room.")

very good fire one day back there in the 'fifties. Wood buildings do that some-

The gym at Hermitage made a

times (like the old YMCA, come to think of it).

We hear the home of the moribund Chevy dealership on North Myrtle will soon be housing Southeast Arkansas Community Action, long housed at the onetime Bradley High.

Building was damaged in the snowstorm (back portion of the roof fell in) but it's being fixed up for its new tenant.

Larry Henderson now directs the agency as successor to Eddie Colen and the late James M. Rogers (and Mr. Rogers WAS born in the parsonage of First Presbyterian on South Main and in 1916).

A final dispatch from our son of the spirit, Maylon Rice, now a reporter for the NORTHWEST ARKANSAS TIMES of Fayetteville (and a recent bridegroom; see the society section of This Great Family Journal).

"I see where two of my childhood friends are seeking office. One: Janet Lain Kimbrell has my full support - her momma and daddy held up the entire back row and back side of the Macedonia Baptist Church out on Arkansas 15. Rufus Lain was a deep bassondo-throated church treasurer – nobody never – even the jovial Raleigh Halligan dared question his take on the church finances.

"Once, as a child, I remember someone asking if there was enough money in the church box to buy new collection plates and some prettier altar furniture . . . "No, we don't" said Rufus Lain and he sat down ending his treasurer's report.

"There was some silence; then Wally Ferguson, who doubled as WJHS Choir master and parttime preacher, suggested we all sing a hymn (right in the middle of the business meeting) and we

"NO ONE EVER SAID a word about it again."

Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life. --Herbert Asquith



Immanuel Baptist Church gave away 100 bags of groceries to anyone who needed it on Saturday. Meals were also delivered to people's houses. The church cooked a total of 150 lbs. of fish and 165 lbs. of chicken.

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#### **FORUM**

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Demetria Edwards, a candidate running for circuit judge of District 10, Division 04, Subdistrict 10.1, was the next candidate to speak. She has been a licensed attorney for over 20 years. She said she was running for circuit judge because she has "a desire to be able to administer justice with integrity, with honesty, and in an informed way."

Circuit Judge Quincey Ross, who is seeking reelection, spoke before the audience. He said he succeeded his aunt, the late P. Luevonda Ross, who passed away in 2016. He stated he presided over 2,258 cases which had been closed. Judge Ross said the main thing that the people were looking for is fairness.

The two candidates for State present and spoke before the au-

Judge Chris Carnahan, one of the candidates running for the State Supreme Court position, was the first candidate to speak. He said he was a former general counsel for the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy. He was endorsed by the Gun Owners of Arkansas. Judge Carnahan said it was important to have a justice to have that trial experience. He Lowery, the candidate running said it was important for people to handle their conflict and make their argument in the court and not in the streets.

David Sterling, the second candidate running for the State move on to state treasurer. He Supreme Court position, said he was a "judicial conservative"

on April 15.

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who believes in the Constitution and rule of law. Sterling stated he didn't believe judges should legislate from the bench. The judge should apply the laws in an impartial way, he stated.

The two Democrat candidates running for State Representative for District 94 were present and spoke before the attendees.

Curley Jackson, one of the candidates running for state representative and the mayor of Wilmar, spoke before the audience. He told the audience that he would concentrate on essential services such as roads, water. and sewer. He also said that smaller cities didn't always know how to receive grant funds. Jackson said there needed to be better organization in the state. Another problem, he said, was wasting money.

Andrew Pritt, the other Democrat candidate for state representative, was next in line to speak. Supreme Court Association were Pritt said Bradley County produced leaders and he wanted to follow in their footsteps. He said we needed to learn to work together. He told the audience that he would be an Arkansas State Representative and not a Democrat State Representative. He stated he was running on a platform of jobs and not on a jail. He said he would like to bring in a veteran's hospital to the area.

> State Representative Mark for state treasurer, spoke before the audience. He said he was in the legislature for five terms. Rep. Lowery said he felt he had done enough there and wanted to said it fits what he's done as legislator.

Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

**CITY OF WARREN RESIDENTS** 

In order for the City of Warren Sanitation Department

to observe Good Friday, there will be NO garbage

pickup on Friday, April 15, 2022. ALL OTHER DAYS WILL

BE AS REGULARLY SCHEDULED FOR THE CITY OF

**WARREN**. The Municipal Building will also be closed

that is required for the City. CDL preferred. Some job responsibilities

include assisting daily with the upkeep of all City streets including

asphalt repair, replacement, and repair of all culverts, assist with water leak repairs, maintenance of sewer ponds, tree limb removal,

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applications for a full-time and part-time **Public Works Laborers.** Applicants must possess the ability to work independently, be trainable,

have good listening skills,

knowledge of public works and

have a minimum of a high school diploma. Must be able to pass a pre-

employment background check, motor

vehicle check and drug screen. Applicants should have an interest in obtaining either a

Water and/or Wastewater Licensing to the level

-Laura Bush

A representative for Eddie Joe Williams, a candidate running for Secretary of State, spoke to the audience. The representative said Williams was appointed by President Donald Trump to the Southern States Energy Corporation. Williams was a mayor of Cabot and served for 35 years as regional transportation director.

Secretary of State John Thurston, running for reelection, said his main goal was election integrity. He said Arkansas didn't see any voter irregularities in the 2020 general election. He said in his opinion, Arkansas had the most secure election in state history in 2020.

A representative for candidate Leon Jones, running for Arkansas Attorney General, spoke for Jones at the forum. The representative said Jones spent 20 years in public service. He said he wanted to attack trafficking and cybercrimes and put more resources in stopping those issues.

Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin, another candidate running for Arkansas Attorney General, was not present at the forum, but left a note to be read in his place. According to the letter, he stated that he was the most experienced candidate in the race. He worked to lower taxes for Arkansans. He wrote he would work hard to reform the criminal justice system to keep violent criminals behind

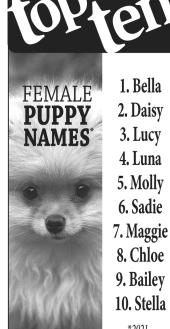
Bradley County Judge Klay McKinney and Justice of the Peace Jimmy Sledge and Eddie Wayne Parnell, Sr. were the unopposed candidates who were present at the public forum, but they did not make a speech.

#### **News Briefs**

The Bradley County Quorum Court will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bradley County Courthouse.

The Hermitage City Council will meet on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hermitage Community Center.

**Bradley County Retired** Teachers and Employees Association will meet Monday, May 2 at First United Methodist Church in Warren at 11:30 a.m. A silent auction will be held with items contributed by members.



Just about everything you need can be found in Bradley County. Shop locally and support local businesses in our area.

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Carole Lee Little and her mom, Cathy Richardson, both collaborated on the design of the Pink Tomato Festival t-shirt in the annual t-shirt contest. They received a \$200 prize check. Most of the entries received were by local artists. Pink Tomato Festival Chairwoman Brooke Hatch said they were very pleased with the submissions they received. There were 15 submissions. Pictured left to right: Teri White, Carole Lee Little, Cathy Richardson, Brooke Hatch, and James Wells.





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Bradley County Solid Waste will not run on Good Friday, April 15. Friday's route will be picked up on Thursday. The court house and the landfill will be closed on Friday, April 15..

> Klay McKinney, Bradley County Judge Bradley Herring, Solid Waste Man-



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## **Immanuel Baptist Church**

is hosting the first Bradley County Community Easter Cantata entitled King of Kings. The 40-member choir and soloists are made up of vocalists from many different churches across Bradley County. This will be a great end to the community Holy Week services and is going to be an amazing night of worship that you will not want to miss.

Friday, April 15th • 6:30 p.m. • Immanuel Baptist Church

This is a free event open to the entire community.



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## **Editorial**

## Small steps for you and your family to go green Earth Day

(StatePoint) If you're like many parents, you want to set a good example for your children and teach them how they can positively impact the world around them. However, when it comes to sustainable efforts, the responsibility of saving the environment can seem like a monumental task.

Going green while parenting might sound challenging, but small steps can make a difference, especially as more compa-

nies and brands Guest Editoria on the effort to go green. Get started on the right foot this Earth Day with the following tips and insights:

#### **Choose Eco-Friendly Shoes**

Children's feet grow fast and need to be replaced often. That's why you can consider selecting footwear that incorporates ecofriendly features. Here are a few sustainable options:

- Teva's signature sandal straps are made from recycled plastic bottles to reduce waste. The brand offers styles for men, women, and children.
- Birkenstock's classic and modern footbed sandals, which come in various colors, are made from natural materials such as cork, natural latex, and jute.
- The TOMS Earthwise Collection includes an assortment of on-trend flats with a 50% recycled cotton canvas upper and a non-removable insole made with 50% eco-content for a seam-

To make shopping for eco-friendly footwear easier, Rack Room Shoes created a shoppable page on its website featuring made with sustainable materials. rackroomshoes.com/cs/sustainablematerial.

#### **Choose Paper Over Plastic**

With a bit of creativity, you can replace plastic utensils, sandwich bags, and single-use beverage containers at home with sustainable, reusable alternatives. Also, try purchasing favorite household items in bulk instead to limit the amount of packaging you consume.

While individual efforts are important, companies will also need to embrace change. Retailers, such as Rack Room Shoes, are enacting company-wide initiatives. They have begun replacing plastic bags with paper in many locations and will be using only paper bags, chain-wide, in the coming months. The company also recycles, utilizes energy efficient lighting and has sustainable flooring at many locations.

You and your children can make an impact by taking a reusable tote when you shop and learning about your local recycling program together.

"It's important to work with our customers, associates and partners to positively impact our environment," said Rack Room Shoes president and CEO Mark Lardie. "We are making progress by continuing to identify ways we can evolve our products and processes for a more sustainable future."

The small steps you take to go green will keep the planet healthy for generations to come.

#### Warren Branch Library to have Backpack Giveaway

Warren Branch Library will be having another backpack give-away for the local friends experiencing homelessness.

While the library is able to provide many of the needed items through generous contributions from the community, several items are still needed.

If you would like to help with donations, the following items are needed: Cutter Skinsations Insect Repellent, Aloe Vera Gel, notebooks, pens, socks, and antibiotic ointment. In order to fill all of the bags, fifty of each of these items will be needed. Donated items may be dropped off at the library at 115 W. Cypress in Warren by April 29. Volunteers will be needed to help pack the backpacks in May. For more information about the program, please call the library at 226-



## Letter Policy

The Eagle Democrat urges all responsible persons to express opinions on any subject of general interest to the community by way of a letter to the editor. Letters submitted for publication must bear the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer and should be limited to 300 words. Letters should be mailed to *The Eagle Democrat*, 200 West Cypress, Warren, AR 71671.



The Easter Bunny visited the Warren Easter Egg Hunt at the city park on Saturday morning. He was there to take pics with kids and families. Pictured left to right: Jane Harris, Warren Mayor Denisa Pennington, Libby Woods, Easter Bunny, Julie Hamilton, and Terrie White.

## **Beef Quality Assurance certification** course set for May 13 in Magnolia

Arkansas ranchers will have an Dew. opportunity on May 13 to either earn certification in the Beef Quality Assurance program or be re-certified during an event led by faculty and staff from the Cooperative Extension Service and Southern Arkansas University.

The event, which will be held at SAU, has two sessions. The morning session, from 9 a.m.noon, is for ranchers who wish to be BQA certified. The afternoon session from 1-4 p.m. is for those who wish to be re-certified.

"Participants are welcome to join the morning session only, or afternoon session only, but are welcome to attend both sessions," said Jerri Dew, Columbia County extension staff chair for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

Participants are asked to call the Columbia County Extension Office at (870) 235-3720 or email jdew@uada.edu to RSVP attend by May 6.

The morning session at SAU's Agriculture Building will be a BQA Certification Course taught by Keith Gresham, Dallas County extension staff chair; Keri Weatherford, Ouachita County extension staff chair; and

The afternoon session, at the SAU Showbarn Complex, will be a hands-on training. It is considered a BQA re-certification course with sessions led by:

• Vaccines — Daniel Rivera, director of the Southwest Research and Extension Center at

• Pregnancy checks — Charles Looney, professor-cattle improvement for the Division of Agriculture.

• Low-stress handling -Hunter Burnett assistant professor-animal science at Southern Arkansas University.

• Forage testing — Jerri Dew, extension service.

A meal will be provided at noon, sponsored in part by the Columbia County Cattlemen's Association.

"SAU is excited to partner with the Cooperative Extension Service to provide producers with this for the sessions/meal they plan to opportunity," said Copie Moore, Ph.D., associate professor of agricultural science at SAU. Moore arranged use of SAU's facilities for the event.

> To learn more about Division of Agriculture research, visit the Arkansas Agricultural Experi-Station website: ment

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#### **Fan Drive to** begin May 1

The Area Agency on Aging of Southeast Arkansas is having their annual "Beat The Heat Fan Drive" for Bradley County beginning May 1 through July 31

The purpose of the drive is to distribute a fan to a needy elderly or disabled person.

To receive a fan, call Angela D. Marshall, 870-952-0588 or Regina Coulter, 870-550-5305. Leave a message if no answer.

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## **Bradley County and state COVID** cases remain low

By Zach Killian **Editor** 

Bradley County reported two active COVID cases last Wednesday, according to the Arkansas Department of Health. The total number of positive cases in the county were 2,987 with 2.936 cases recovered. There were 49 COVID deaths reported in the county. Arkansas reached less than 1,000 active cases with 963 cases reported. This was the lowest number of cases reported in the state since the beginning of the pandemic.

Several counties reported zero active cases. Searcy County, Pike County, Cleveland County, Calhoun County, and Lafayette County reported zero active cases in their respective counties. Pulaski County reported the most active COVID cases with 209 reported.

Bradley County reported that 60.9 percent of the county population was fully immunized and 12.5 percent of the population was partially immunized. The Department of Health reported that 55.5 percent of the state population was fully immunized and 13.1 percent of the population was partially immunized. There were 557,292 individuals in the state that received a booster.

Hospitalizations declined in the that received a booster. southeast region of the state. There were only two positive hospitalizations reported in the southeast region of the state. There were no positive admissions in the ICU or on ventilators. The Department of Health reported 103 positive admissions were in the hospital throughout the state. There were 32 positive admissions in the ICU and 22 positive admissions on ventila-

Bradley County still reported two active cases on Thursday. The total number of positive cases in the county were 2,987 cases with 2,936 cases recovered. Arkansas gained more active cases with 1,022 cases reported.

Calhoun County, Lafayette County, Pike County, and Searcy County all reported zero active cases. Pulaski County had the most active cases reported.

Bradley County reported 61 percent of its population was fully immunized and 12.4 percent was partially immunized. The Department of Health reported 55.6 percent of the state population was fully immunized and 13.1 percent of the state was partially immunized. There were 558.158 individuals in the state

There were only three positive hospital admissions in the southeast region of the state. There were zero positive admissions in the ICU or on ventilators. Hospitalizations decreased in Arkansas with 95 positive hospital admissions reported. There were 35 positive admissions in the ICU and 23 positive admissions that were on ventilators.

Bradley County reported two active cases on Monday. The total number of positive cases in the county were 2,987 with 2,936 cases recovered. The Department of Health reported 1,004 active cases in the state. More counties reported zero active cases. These include Newton County, Searcy County, Woodruff County, Calhoun County, Pike County, Sevier County, and Lafayette County.

Bradley County reported 61.6 percent of the county population was fully immunized and 12.5 percent of the population was partially immunized. The Department of Health reported that 55.6 percent the state population was fully immunized and 13.1 percent was partially immunized. It was also reported that 559,828 individuals in the state received a booster.

#### Westerman Weekly Column

Rep. Bruce Westerman

**Maintain Title 42** 

The situation at our southern border continues to worsen as Spring brings about a predicable spike in illegal border crossings and encounters. In addition to the expected seasonal spike, President Joe Biden is ending Title 42, originally implemented by President Donald Trump as a public health measure barring asylum applicants from entering the U.S. while their applications were being processed. This measure has proven to be one of President Biden's most unpopular decisions yet, with 56% of U.S. voters opposing the plan.

Under President Joe Biden, border arrests at the southern sharply have border increased, and by the Administration's own estimates, are set to skyrocket to 18,000 a day after

the end of Title 42. Unfortunately, he has provided no plan at all to counter the surge or offered our border patrol any sort of increased support. Our border security is severely threated by this chaos.

In the last 30 years, law enforcement officials have discovered more than 230 cross-border tunnels that were used to smuggle drugs, weapons, and people through the Mexico-U.S. border with most likely many left undiscovered. With such an unprecedented surge of migrants flooding the border, many agents are diverted from their essential tasks of monitoring our ports of entry or finding tunnels like these to instead process mi-

Cartels are taking full advantage. Fentanyl seizures are up 134% in FY2021, but many times the drugs pass undetected resulting in a historic number of overdoses in the U.S. According to the CDC, fentanyl overdose is now the leading cause of death in Americans aged 18-45. Not COVID-19, cancer, or car acci-

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dents. Fentanyl. We must prioritize stemming the flow of this horrible substance.

Democrats claim Title 42 is unnecessary as a health measure while also asking for an additional \$10 billion in COVID-19 funding because they do not believe the pandemic is over. Democrats simply can't have it both ways. If President Biden continues his course and ends Title 42, but continues to refuse to assist our border patrol, the crisis at our southern border will continue to devolve into chaos. President Biden must listen to the American people, realize the effect of his policies on this country, and maintain Title 42.

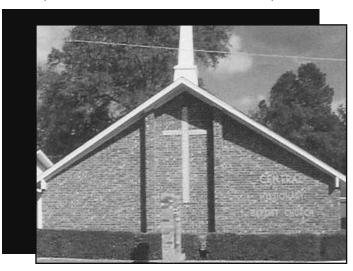
Words are easy, like the wind; Faithful friends are hard to find. -Richard Barnfield

## REVIVAL

#### **Central Missionary Baptist Church**

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The Bradley County Ministerial Alliance hosted Holy Week services this week. Rev. Jim Bales gave the Word at First Baptist Church on Monday. The church hosted lunch for everyone after the message.

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Average teacher salaries in

Arkansas ranked 47th in the na-

tion in 2020, down from 46th in

Legislators on the Senate and

House Education Committees

heard a lengthy salary compari-

son last week, written by legisla-

Nationally, the average teacher

The top average teacher

salary in 2020 was \$64,133. In

salaries were paid in New York,

California, Massachusetts and

the District of Columbia. The

cost of living is highest in those

states, according to an economic

When average teacher salaries

in Arkansas are overlaid with a

standard cost of living index, we

move up to 28th in the nation in

2020. In 2018 and in 2019 they

ranked 22nd and 25th, respec-

The Southern Regional Educa-

tion Board compiles education

data from 16 southern states. The

average teacher salary in the 16

southern states was \$55,205 in

2020. Arkansas teacher salaries

ranked 13th, but when adjusted

for cost of living they moved up

The average teacher salary was \$51,819 in the six states that

share a border with Arkansas.

When adjusted for the cost of liv-

ing, average salaries in Arkansas

ranked fourth, which was exactly

nessee ranked first, second and

third. Missouri, Mississippi and

Louisiana ranked fifth, sixth and

Legislators pay attention to dis-

parities in teacher salaries within

the state. For example, last year

the Fayetteville School District

paid average salaries of \$61,682

and the Dermott School District

Texas, Oklahoma and Ten-

in the middle of the rankings.

to ninth.

seventh.

Arkansas it was \$50,546.

index cited by staff.

2019 and 44th in 2018.

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#### in charter schools too. Haas Hall Academy in northwest Arkansas paid average salaries of \$52,732 and the Imboden Charter School District paid an average of \$35,600.

the average was \$47,238.

paid an average of \$39,263.

Generally, schools in cities pay higher salaries. The average

salary in urban school districts

last year in Arkansas was

\$54,912. In rural school districts

The disparities in salary exist

Charters generally paid lower average salaries than regular public schools. Although disparities exist between the salaries paid by individual charter schools, there was not a pronounced disparity between urban and rural schools. Urban charter schools paid teachers an average salary of \$43,472 and rural charter schools paid an average of \$44,759.

The legislature does not mandate salaries except for minimum levels. Act 170 of 2019 mandates minimum salaries of \$33,800 for a teacher with no experience. The minimum salaries go up for teachers with a master's degree and for teachers with experience in the classroom.

On average, schools pay more than the state-mandated minimum salary. Last year the average minimum salary was \$35,799.

Last year 97 Arkansas school districts had minimum salaries at the state-mandated level of \$33,800, and 138 districts paid minimum salaries that were higher than the state mandate. The Springdale School District

had the highest minimum salary level, which was \$48,242.

Act 679 of 2021 creates a teacher salary equalization fund for school districts where the average minimum salary is below statewide averages. The goal is to bring up salaries in those districts to \$51,822.

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#### **Political Calendar** 2022

MAYOR OF WARREN Gregg Reep

**BRADLEY COUNTY SHERIFF and COLLECTOR** Herschel Tillman

FOR DISTRICT 94 STATE REPRESENTATIVE Jeff Wardlaw Andrew C. Pritt

FOR BRADLEY COUNTY **TREASURER** Diane Wesson

FOR BRADLEY COUNTY JUDGE Klay McKinney

FOR BRADLEY COUNTY **QUORUM COURT DISTRICT 9 Sharon Balentine** Dana Harvey Eddie Parnell, Jr.

## **News Briefs**

The Area Agency on Aging of Southeast Arkansas is having their annual "Beat The Heat Fan Drive" for Bradley County beginning May 1 through July 31 The purpose of the drive is to distribute a fan to a needy elderly or disabled person. To receive a fan, call Angela D. Marshall, 870-952-0588 or Regina Coulter, 870-550-5305. Leave a message if no answer. Fans will be distributed by appointment only at Warren Senior Citizens Center, 96 N. Etheridge St., Warren. Recipients must show proof of age 60 or over or disability.

Parker-Prospect Cemetery meeting will be held April 24 at 2 p.m. at the cemetery.

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A public hearing will be held by the Warren

Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom on April 25, 2022, to conmobile home at John Street. Being more fully described as: Lot; PT3, SWSE, 01-13-10, Parcel Number 743-00166-000 on John Street. That property belonging to LaBertha English

All persons having any interest in the above mobile home request are urged to attend this

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

NO. 06PR-22-29-2 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CURTIS CLINTON DENTON, DECEASED Last known address of decedent: 1801 West Pine Street, Warren, AR 71671. Date of Death: October 18, 2021

The undersigned were appointed Administrators of the Estate of. Curtis Clinton Denton, deceased, on April 5, 2022.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate

This notice first published the 13th day of April, 2022 Sue D. Kennedy, Administrator

c/o Richard L. Roper Bar Identification No. 79246 Attorney at Law Barton & Roper, PLLC Post Office Box 1236 Warren, Arkansas 71671 (870) 466-4214 Attorney for the Estate

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BRADLEY COUNTY ORDINANCE NO.

2022-770

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, STATE OF

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY GENERAL SUB-FUND TO BE CALLED THE ARPA REVENUE REPLACE-MENT FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Article 1. Affirmation. It comes before this Court that there is a need to establish a County General sub-fund on the books of the county to track the revenue replacement funds taken from the ARPAFund #3046 either calculated annually according to the formula articulated in the final rule or from the election of a standard allowance allowed by the final rule. This Court recognizes and affirms the need for such a fund to properly account for and control all such revenues allowed and expenditures made with replacement revenue in compliance with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule from the U.S. Treasury. Article 2. Establishment of Fund. There is hereby created on the books of the Bradley County Treasurer and the books of the Bradley County Clerk or Comptroller a County General sub-fund to be known as the ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund with a fund number of 1006 as assigned by Arkansas Legislative Audit. Any revenue or transfer codes; office/department codes; and expenditures codes are to be assigned locally using the County Financial Management System per the direction of Arkansas Leg-

Article 3. Operation of Fund. The ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund is subject to all the normal county budgeting, appropriation and expenditure regulations of Title 14 of Arkansas Code Annotated and the County Financial Management System. Funds

transferred to the ARPA Replacement Revenue Fund as "county revenue loss" may be used enerally for government services traditionally provided by county government to include, but not limited to: construction and maintenance of roads and bridges; other infrastructure projects; provision of public safety; purchase of government vehicles and equipment; and county administrative costs. Revenue replacement funds cannot be used to make an extraordinary contribution to a pension fund; for debt service; for replenishing county financial reserves; for settlements or judgments or for a project that conflicts with or contravenes the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act. Proper records and documentation must be maintained on the use of

these funds for federal audit purposes Article 4. Emergency Clause. It is found by this Court that the transfer of revenue loss dollars from the American Rescue Plan Fund to the ARPA Replacement Revenue Fund for general county government services is Imminent making it necessary to establish the ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund in order to be able to properly track the revenue, appropriated expenditures and/or appropriated transfers. Therefore, an emergency is delared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of passage and approval.
Dated: February 22, 2022

Klay McKinney, County Judge

Attest: Karen H. Belin,

4-13-1tcBCC

## **Police** Report

Marcus Finks, 318 E. Pine, Warren, was arrested April 5 on

Stacy Ross Hunter, 203 W. Central, Warren, was arrested April 5 and charged with possession of a controlled substance Sch. II, possession Sch. VI, simultaneous possession of drugs and firearm.

Octavio Padilla, 109 N. Bradley, Warren, was arrested April 7 on a warrant.

Brandi Daniels, 202 E. 2nd St., Hermitage, was arrested April 9 on a warrant.

Traci Michelle Walker Marier, 41, 1709 W. Pine, Warren, was arrested April 11 on a warrant out of Drew County.

\*Editor's Note: The names listed above are recorded in the Warren Police Department Arrest & Confinement Record and are a matter of public information. THE EAGLE DEMOC-RAT'S "Police Report" is a direct copy of the Confinement Record and does not state the offenders' innocence or guilt, merely the offense named on the record by arresting officers.

## **Good Housekeeping**

#### Healthy Key Lime Pie

Fat-free sweetened condensed milk and fat-free yogurt trim the fat and calories from this luscious lime pie.

- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups low-fat graham cracker crumbs
- tablespoons trans-fat free vegetable oil spread (60% to 70% oil)
- tablespoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- cup cold water
- envelope unflavored gelatin 22 Key limes or 4 to 5 regular
- can (14-ounce) fat-free sweetened condensed milk

1½ cup plain fat-free yogurt 1. Preheat oven to 375 F. In 9-inch

glass pie plate, mix crumbs with spread, sugar and salt to moisten. With hand, press onto bottom and up sides of pie plate. Bake 10 to 12 minutes, until golden. Cool until ready to fill.

2. Meanwhile, to 1-quart saucepan, add water; sprinkle with gelatin. Let stand 2 minutes to soften. Cook on low to dissolve, stirring. Remove from heat.

3. From limes, grate 2 teaspoons peel and squeeze 1/2 cup juice; if using Key limes, do not use grated peel — it will make filling taste bitter. In bowl, whisk lime peel and juice, milk and yogurt. Whisk in gelatin

4. Spoon filling into crust. Cover; refrigerate at least 2 hours to set. Serves 10.

• Each serving: About 235 calories, 5g total fat (1g saturated), 6mg cholesterol, 185mg sodium, 42g total carbohydrate, 7g protein.

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## Archeologist to give public talk at UAM on 1730 Natchez Battle

Dr. Tony Boudreaux, associate professor of anthropology and Middle Eastern cultures at Mississippi State University and director of curation and CRM for the Cobb Institute of Archaeology, will give a lecture at the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) on April 21 on his Natchez battlefield research.

In the talk, "The Search for 'Missing' Mounds and Traces of a 1730 Battle at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians," Dr. Boudreaux will discuss recent efforts to use French battlefield maps, geophysical surveys and subsurface archeological excavations to identify features from the conflict that occurred in 1730 when an army of French, Natchez forts.

Choctaws and other Native allies attacked the Natchez Indians near their principal town.

Dr. Boudreaux's talk will center around his research on the battle, which occurred near the town that the French called the "Grand Village." The battle was in reprisal for earlier attacks by the Natchez.

Anticipating this counterattack, the Natchez built two forts near the Grand Village. When the French and their Native allies arrived, they laid siege to these forts, established firing positions on and around the mounds at the Grand Village and proceeded to dig a sap—a type of fortified trench-toward one of the

Dr. Boudreaux was invited to give the talk at UAM by station archeologist Dr. Matthew P. Rooney, who has worked extensively with Dr. Boudreaux on previous archeological projects.

The event is sponsored by the Tunican chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society and the UAM School of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The talk is open to the public and will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, in the UAM Student Success Center, Room 102. Free parking is available in front of the building.

For more information on the UAM public event, please contact Dr. Matthew Rooney at (870) 460-1090.

## Political campaign signs not permitted on right of ways

ARDOT reminds candidates for political office and their supporters that it is unlawful to place campaign signs on highway right of ways in Arkansas.

"There are several Arkansas statutes addressing encroachment and the placing of signs or other objects on highway right of way," stated ARDOT Director Lorie Tudor.

Laws permit only official directional, informational and regulatory highway signs on state-owned highway property; the local Area Maintenance Office removes all other signs.

Arkansas Department of Transportation personnel will remove any "yard" signs placed on the right of way and will contact owners of large "billboard"

signs. Owners can pick up the signs during normal business hours at the nearest ARDOT Area Maintenance Office.

"The Arkansas Department of encourages Transportation everyone to follow the right of way laws to keep the roadsides clear and ensure our highways are as safe as possible," Director Page 7

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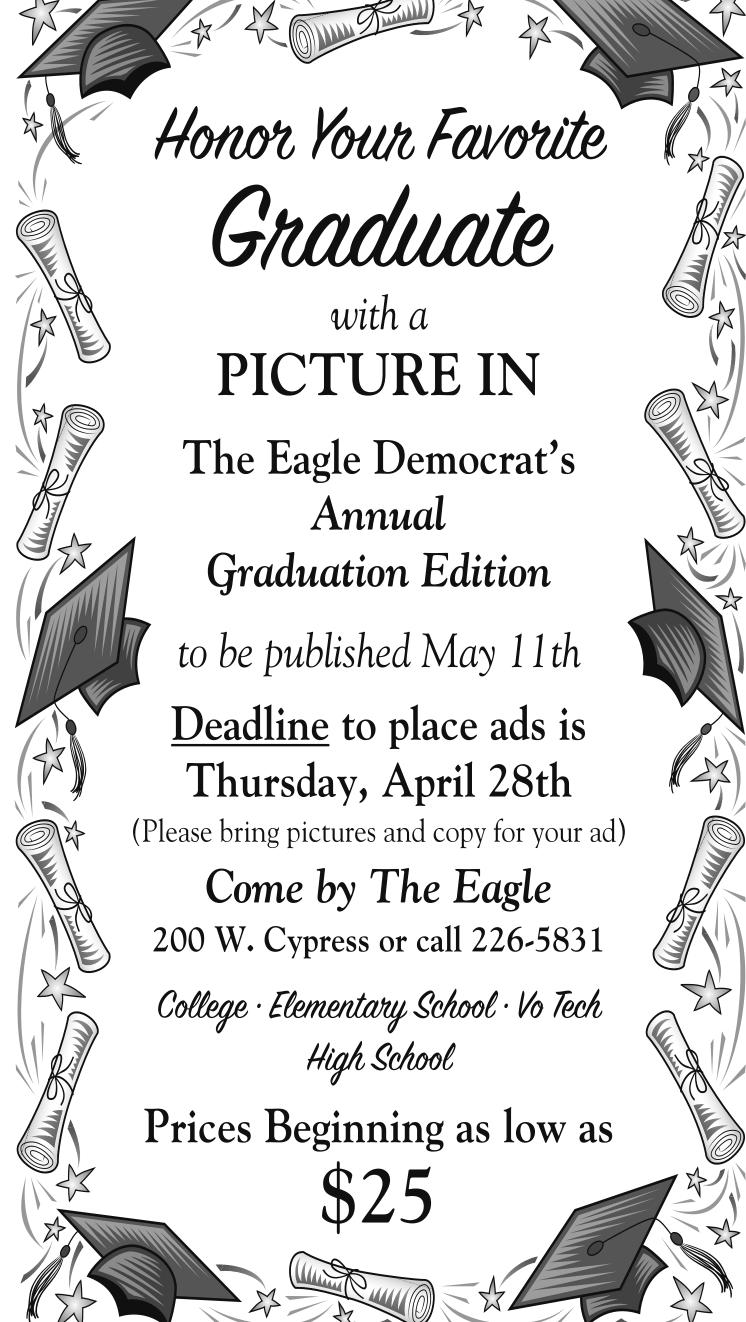
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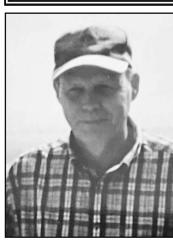
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#### **Obituaries**



#### Edward N. York

Edward Nelson York, age 71, of Warren, died Sunday, April 3, 2022 at the Bradley County Medical Center.

He was born Thursday, Sept. 7, 1950 in Warren, a son of the late Leonard York and Alice York.

He worked in the auto body repair industry for 47 years, was a member of Eagle Lake Crossroads Baptist Church, a graduate of the Hermitage Public Schools and served his country in the United States Army.

He is preceded in death by his spouse, Marilyn Cosby York whom he married Dec. 21, 1972 and she died Sept. 26, 2007.

He is survived by his daughter, Stephanie York Burks and spouse Joe, Warren; brother Melvin York, Jackson, Miss.; sisters, Fay Forrest and spouse Jerry, Sumpter, Judy York, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and Elizabeth Briley, Wiggins, Miss. and a grandson, Harley Sanders.

Church service was 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at First Baptist Church with John Gaskin and Michael Gardner officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Steven Forrest, Jason York, Joe Burks, Michael Gardner, Brandon Burks, Harley Sanders and Bob Williams.



#### **Jason Langley**

uason Langley, age 46, of El Dorado, passed away on Friday, April 1, 2022.

Jason was born Oct. 30, 1975, to Dale Langley and Mary De-

Jason, a loving husband, father and son, worked as a mechanic for Milam Construction for 22 years and was a member of Galilee Baptist Church.

He is preceded by his grandparents, Charles Laird Sr., Bobbie Helen Langley; uncle, Gary Langley and his cousin, April Payne.

Surviving him are his wife of 9 years, Carrie Langley and their children, daughter, Swayzie Grace Langley and son, Charles Edward Langley.

Also surviving him are his parents, Mary DeSilvey (Ron) and father, Dale Langley (Kim); his sisters, Renee Roberson (Chris) and Jessica Langley; stepbrother, Kenneth DeSilvey; along with his grandparents, Donald Langley (Yvonne), Katherine Laird; niece, Laken Roberson, nephew, Lucas Roberson; uncles, Dennis Langley, Rev. David Laird Jr. (Cynthia) and Keith Laird (Christi) and aunt, Sandy Miller (Danny).

Services were held Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 3 p.m. at Galilee Baptist Church with Bro. Clay Dixon and Rev. David Laird Jr. officiating. Burial fol-**MERCHANTS & PLANTERS AGENCY** 

lowed at Shiloh Cemetery in Three Creeks under the direction of Young's Funeral Directors, El Dorado.

Memorials may be made to Galilee Baptist Church, 117 Galilee Road, El Dorado, AR 71730.

#### Barbara Jo Dawson

Barbara Jo "Jodie" Dawson, 85, of Dallas, Ga., formerly of Fountain Hill, died on April 2, 2022 in Dallas, Ga.

Born Dec. 4, 1936 in Monticello to the late Oscar and Arra Hogue Dawkins.

Survivors include sons, Billy Gates and Larry Gates; daughter, Angie Acree; grandchildren, Dakota, Hunter, Si and Katie Gates and great-grandchild,

Graveside was 2 p.m. April 7 at Lacey Cemetery in Drew County by Frazer's Funeral

#### A word from Governor Asa Hutchinson

I would like to talk about the national increase in violent crime, and what we are doing to combat that here in Arkansas.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the world felt like it came to a halt while we dealt with the issues of public health. But violent crime did not slow down. In fact, violent crime actually increased since 2018. Homicides in Arkansas were 224 that year, but in 2020, the number was 310, an increase of 38 percent. All this is according to data from the Arkansas Crime Information Center.

Government has no greater responsibility than to assure public safety, and at the state level, we are taking several measures to address this increase in crime and the current threat to public

First, we have tangibly shown our support of our law enforce-

I signed into law a \$5,000 bonus for every certified fulltime police officer in the state. We raised the salaries of our state troopers and have expanded the number of positions at the Arkansas State Crime Lab to accelerate rape-kit testing.

Finally, we also allocated money to enlarge the prison at Calico Rock.

The prison expansion is necessary because our local court system does not have enough flexibility or adequate space in the county jails due to the lack of space in our prison system.

This last week, based on recommendations by Secretary Solomon Graves and the Division of Community Correction, I announced the expansion of the Intensive Supervision Program.

This expansion will add officers to a team dedicated to providing a higher level of support and supervision to those who pose a higher risk of violent

These are those that have spent time in prison and were released on parole. We want them to get a second start in life, and our ultimate goal is to help them do that. But you have an element of those who pose a greater risk than others, and the design of the Intensive Supervision Program is to focus on those high-risk offend-

I have asked the General Assembly to approve \$1 million in funding for this initiative. It will cover new positions at a fivecounty area in Central Arkansas.

This initiative will help keep our Our need to support the men and streets safer and curb violent

It is a dangerous but important

women who put their lives at risk increases every day.

I want officers to know we suptime to be in law enforcement as port them, and we want to make violent crime is on the increase. their job as safe as it can be.

#### **Arkansas Society Colonial Dames** hold State Conference in Hot Springs

The Arkansas Society Colonial Dames XVII Century held their State Conference at the Hot Springs Country Club in Hot Springs. Dr. Cindy Bagwell Crum, President of Ouachita Valley Chapter and Melrose Bagwell, Vice President, of Ouachita Valley Chapter, represented their chapter at the state conference.

Reports were heard from the state officers, the chapter presidents and the state committee chairmen. Ouachita valley chapter received a number of awards. They received a Certificate for Outstanding Service and Appreciation from the National Defense Chairman for helping with a Ceremony and Reception Honoring Veterans; a certificate for the best report for Colonial Heritage, Research and Records; a certificate from the Heraldry and Coats of Arms for the largest donation for heraldry books; a certificate from the Scholarship Chairman, and a certificate from the Flag Custodian Chairman.

President General Dorothy Thompson presented Melrose Smith Bagwell and Dr. Cindy Bagwell Crum with certificates in recognition of twenty-five years of Dedicated Service to Colonial Dames and had her picture made with them and Arkansas State President Patricia McL emore

The following nominating committee was elected: Sharon Wyatt, Chair, Christina Twardowski and Melrose Bagwell

The National Conference will be in Arlington, Virginia April 5-9, 2022. State Chaplain, Jerrie Townsend, conducted a lovely Hour of Remembrance for 4 state members that expired during 2021: Cheryl Young, Mayme "Tess" Hill, Joan Zumwalt and Priscilla Goehring.

Following lunch President McLemore introduced President General Dorothy Thompson. She gave a short bio and presented a program on what she wants to do during her administration. She was presented with a basket of goodies made in Arkansas and the Arkansas Traveler and its his-

An invitation to the 2023 State Conference hosted by Marquette and Joliet Chapter was given by Christina Twardowski.

#### **UAM** awarded grant for special ed. resource teacher academy

commissioner of the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) announced in an ADE Commissioner's Memo that the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has partnered with six universities in Arkansas, including the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM), to offer Special Education Resource Teacher Academies.

The UAM partnership is a result of a grant proposal submitted on behalf of the UAM School of Education in March 2022 by Dr. Kim Level, dean of the UAM School of Education, and Deborah Givhan, special education coordinator and instructor in the UAM School of Education.

The ADE Commissioner's memo explained, "The purpose of the Special Education Resource Teacher Academies is to provide current licensed public school educators in Elementary K-6, 4-8, or 7-12 ELA, Math, or Science the opportunity to earn an additional Special Education Resource Endorsement and participate in job-embedded professional development while receiving graduate school credit hours, at no cost to them. Additionally, educators obtaining this endorsement will be able to provide special education services within the general education classroom, as supplementary supports, or in special education classrooms. This will expand the district's ability to consider and offer a variety of special education service delivery models. With the growing emphasis on inclusive practices, this opportunity will assist in providing Arkansas school districts with the skilled staff needed to lead the nation in student focused in-

clusive education." Givhan expressed excitement after receiving the grant, stating, "I'm thrilled that UAM has the opportunity to enhance the capacity of teachers prepared to work with diverse populations of students. As the state of Arkansas strives to increase the inclusion of students with special needs in our general education classrooms, I feel that this training will be instrumental in the success of all students. And it's free to eligible teachers."

Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, emphasized the importance of bringing the academy to the university, stating, "Special education is an academic critical shortage area, and UAM, as one of the main suppliers of teachers in the region, is dedicated to providing service to Southeast Arkansas and beyond to address the teacher shortage. UAM is well-positioned to assist general education teachers to access professional development opportunities and gain the tools necessary to provide student-focused, inclusive special educa-

On March 30, Johnny Key, tion instruction in general education and special education resource classrooms. We thank Dr. Kim Level, Ms. Deborah Givhan and the DESE for bringing the Special Education Resource Teacher Academy to UAM."

UAM has received a grant to sponsor 36 teachers to obtain their K-6 or 7-12 Special Education Resource Teacher Endorsement. This includes full tuition and fees for 12 hours of graduate credit, all books and materials, the cost of one application of the Praxis exam and a \$100 stipend to help cover the travel cost to the face-to-face meeting.

The opportunity is open to all licensed Arkansas teachers K-6, ELA (4-8 or 7-12), math (4-8 or 7-12) and science. The first faceto-face meeting will be held on Saturday, May 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the UAM campus. This is a mandatory meeting. The four required courses are 100% online and run Summer I: May 31 to June 29; Summer II: July 5 to July 27; Fall I: August 17 to October 6; and Spring I: January 11 to March 2, 2023.

Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2022, and will be processed on a first-come, firstserved basis.

All candidates must attend the mandatory face-to-face meeting on May 28, 2022, successfully complete all courses and successfully complete the Praxis exam on the first application. All requirements must be met by the end of May 2023.

For more information, contact Deborah Givhan at:

givhan@uamont.edu.



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#### Senate News from

John Boozman

Senator

Arkansans are unfortunately familiar with the devastating impacts of tornadoes. I've seen the damage left in their powerful wake and talked with homeowners, businesses and local leaders about the challenges they face in getting things back to normal. In the face of these trials, I have also seen the resolve of citizens determined to rebuild and the care of those who offer hope through words and deeds to friends and neighbors experiencing some of the greatest hardships of their lives.

Natural State residents have a long and proud history of opening their hearts to help others. Support thrives in our communities beyond the aftermath of a natural disaster.

I've met with people from all corners of the state who have answered the call to serve, making connections and tapping into the resources and knowledge of others who have the same desire.

I'm constantly inspired by Arkansans who are identifying problems, rolling up their sleeves and getting to work on real, innovative solutions. These problem solvers are working in communities across the state alongside elected officials and civic groups like boys and girls in scouting as well as veteran service organizations. And these efforts are noticed.

Across the state, communities have built a solid foundation to inspire and grow a passion for service and giving back to others. Thanks to the encouragement of organizations like EngageAR, which aims to empower service and volunteerism at the municipal level, these communities can continue to spread kindness in our state's time of need.

I was proud to recently recognize the newest recipients of EngageAR's Community of the Year Award; Osceola, Vilonia, Maumelle, Fayetteville, Siloam Springs, North Little Rock and West Memphis. They have demonstrated the value of civic engagement through efforts like citywide cleanups, training volunteer firefighters, cultivating gardens to feed the food insecure and expanding foodbank opera-

Volunteering gives people the opportunity to put their talents to use on behalf of others. It's a powerful and rewarding experience and the involvement of citizens in these communities has made a positive impact.

As Arkansas Municipal League Executive Director Hayes says local people solve local problems best. For instance, the Disabled

American Veterans chapter in Mountain Home recognized the need to take action to reduce and prevent veteran suicides. Its members launched an outreach program to connect with veterans who are outside of the VA

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system - and it worked. There was a significant decrease in veteran suicides.

In order to build on this success and the positive results of other veteran-serving non-profits and community networks, I authored the IMPROVE Well-being for Veterans Act to create a grant program to leverage these efforts so we can help bridge the gap existing in VA outreach.

This new strategy harnesses the ideas of community advocates into sound policy so they can continue the great work they're already doing.

I'm proud Congress passed this legislation and we're working with the VA right now to ensure it's implemented as we intended.

One of the things I learned early on as a Member of Congress that has continued to serve as inspiration for my work in Washington, is that you can get a lot accomplished if you don't care who gets the credit. That's the same mentality I've seen across our state as communities do what they always do in times of need: bring people together to achieve what can't be done individually.

There's nothing more fulfilling than seeing Arkansans from all walks of life who share the same goal - helping their neighbors. I encourage all Arkansans to stay true to the spirit of service and selflessness that helps make us all better.

#### **News Briefs**

First Baptist Church Food Pantry is open every third Tuesday of each month. The pantry will be open Tuesday, April 19. Requirements to participate: you must be a Bradley County resident, have a photo ID and a utility bill. Each household may receive from the food pantry at FBC once per month. Recipients should use the driveway between the Activities Center and the

American Legion Martin-Tate Post 82, Bradley County Veterans Inc., and Veterans of Foreign Wars Baker-York Post 4564 will meet Monday, April 18 starting at 3 p.m. in the Bradley County Veterans Museum.



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City of Monticello **Seeking Seasonal Pool Lifeguards** 



Pool Lifeguards for the McCloy Public Pool and Jordan Splash Pad for

Applicants must be 16 years of age or older. Applicants must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screen and be available the entire 2022 Summer Season between the hours of 12:45 pm – 8:45 pm red swim wear and designated footwear.

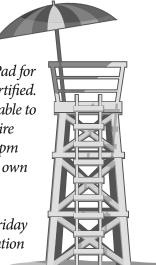
Deadline to apply for this job is April 30, 2022. contact Human Resources at City Hall - 870-367-4400.



*The City of Monticello* is now accepting applications for Seasonal

the 2022 Summer Season. Must be Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid Certified. seven days a week. Lifeguards will be expected to provide their own

Applications can be picked up at City Hall Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:30 pm. For more information



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