

Family accepting donations after fire

By Zach Killian
Editor

The Banks Volunteer Fire Department responded to a trailer fire at 9:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 at Bradley 1 in Banks. The Bradley County Sheriff's Office also responded to the scene.

The trailer home was a total loss, according to the Town of Banks officials. There were no injuries reported. The residents were able to escape with what they had on.

According to the fire report, the residents were cooking supper and the wall behind the stove burst into flames and engulfed the ceiling. The flames spread through the entire trailer.

The town of Banks is accepting donations for the residents of the trailer. Clothes and basic essentials are accepted. For the mother, they are accepting size 16 pants, Large tops, undergarments, socks, and shoes. For the two teenage sons, they are accepting Large shirts, 34x32 pants, 32x32 pants, shoes, socks and underwear.



Donations are greatly appreciated by the town and family. Items or donations can be left at Banks City Hall. For more information on where or what to donate, call 870-465-2570, leave a message or message the Town of Banks Facebook page.



Carlitos Roque



Brianna Barker

Suspects arrested on battery charges

On the date of Tuesday, April 12, 2022, officials of the Warren Police Department responded to a call at a local medical facility in reference to a possible child abuse.

During the course of the investigation it was determined that the 19-month-old victim's injuries were not consistent with the events given. Suspects Brianna Barker and Carlitos Roque were determined to have been the sole caretakers of the child

during the time of the injuries and were arrested for the charge of Battery 1st.

The child was transported to a Central Arkansas Hospital for medical treatment. Barker and Roque were taken before Judge Bruce Anderson for a First Judicial Appearance where their bond was set at \$10,000 a piece. Both suspects were bonded out.

The investigation is still ongoing at this time by law enforcement.

Former teacher arrested for rape

Former Warren School District employee Kaitlyn Ann Raines, age 23, was arrested by the Warren Police Department with the aid of Bradley County Sheriff's Department for two counts of Rape and Computer Exploitation of a Child.

According to officials with the Warren Police Department, Raines appeared before Judge Gibson and a bond had been set at \$200,000. Raines was still incarcerated. She was bonded out.

The investigation is still ongoing by local law enforcement.



Kaitlyn Ann Raines



Part of Bradley County Road 45 near the Mt. Olive Community was washed out during the rainfall over the weekend. Raymond Quimby of the Bradley County Road Department surveyed the road damage.



The city of Hermitage held their Easter Egg hunt on Monday. The city brought in food trucks, a bounce house, and Survival Flight flew in for the event.



The town of Banks hosted "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" on Saturday morning. Kids were able to get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Holy Hills Banks Community Food Pantry also gave over 100 boxes away.

Bullying issue brought up to Warren School Board

By Zach Killian
Editor

A parent spoke up at the Warren School Board meeting last Monday to address the issue of bullying in the middle school. The parent voiced her concerns about the school and the bullying that was taking place. She spoke on behalf of her child and another parent, whose child was also allegedly being bullied. The parent told the school board this was an ongoing issue. She asked the school board what needed to be done to provide a safe and secure environment for her child and others in the school.

Superintendent Bryan Cornish told the parent he was not aware of the complaint, but was willing to sit with her and other parents to discuss more about the allegations of bullying. He told the parent the school district had regulations that had to be followed in the matters of bullying. He agreed that students should feel safe at school. Dr. Kerry Pennington, vice chairman of the school board also said that parents had brought up the bullying issues to him. He said the procedures might need to be reviewed to deal with the issue. He said the procedure must be fair and effective.

Superintendent Bryan Cornish reported they were still figuring out what to do for the rest of the school year and next school year, due to the Warren High School fire. He said they were reevaluating the situation every day.

The school board approved the 2022-2023 certified salary schedule, classified salary schedule, and the transportation salary schedule. There were no changes to the certified salary except for those over 15 years. The classified salary received a 15-cent increment raise. There was no change to the transportation salary.

The school board accepted the following resignations: Skye Clanton, as Brunson Dean of Students; Brandi Green, as Brunson Counselor; Kaytlin Outlaw, as instructor at Warren Middle School; Kaitlyn Raines, as instructor at Warren Middle School; Ashley Richardson, as instructor at Warren Middle School and yearbook advisor; Sarah Moore, as instructor at Warren High School; and Qaveshia Banks, as ABC paraprofessional.

The school board accepted the retirement of Judy Moring as

Eastside Elementary instructor.

The school board approved the following hire recommendations: Emily Johnston, as Brunson Counselor; Lee Ann James, as media specialist; Rosalyn Avery, as fourth grade literacy instructor; Brittany Moring, as fourth grade literacy instructor; Nathaniel Jackson, as Warren Middle School counselor; Coleman Horn, for E-Sports; Randi Hasley, as Warren High School Cheer Sponsor; and Shaneice Harris, as Eastside paraprofessional.

The Warren High School prom will be on Friday, April 22 at the new armory.

Warren High School principal Tiffany Gathen thanked SEACBEC for sharing their building with the Warren High School. She thanked Eastside for feeding their staff. She also thanked the school board, superintendent Cornish, the fire and police departments, and community members for their support.

"We are Lumberjack strong," she said.

The next Warren School Board meeting will be on Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. It will be held at the Warren School Administration Building.

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Busyness

Just the sound of the word seems frantic. Yet many today try to live their lives in constant motion, dictated by a long daily to-do list or pursuing random activities. At the end of the day, they feel totally exhausted and dread the next morning when they will get up and start their hectic pace again. They long for some time to themselves for a little peace and quiet.

Luke tells us in chapter 5 and verse 16, "But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer."

The Gospels tell us that Jesus felt worn down by the crush of the crowds and the unending demands of those who wanted something from Him. At those times, Jesus would get away by himself and reconnect with His Father for renewal and fellowship.

Like Jesus, we too need to slow down sometimes and spend time reading God's word and praying, (talking to Him and listening to Him).

I challenge you to spend some **unhurried** time in prayer and reading God's Word.

It is in those quiet times with Him the much needed refreshing comes.

Reminiscing from the past . . .



Oldtimer's Notebook

By
Robert L. Newton

The publishers of The Eagle Democrat have chosen to publish articulator the past Oldtimer's Notebook in memory of Robert L. Newton. This article was first published March 1, 2000.

Laboring along after a slow start, this year's basketball Lumberjacks have forged once more into the state tournament, facing Rivercrest of Mississippi County in an opening game at Clarksville last night.

Rivercrest is a consolidation of several schools in South Mississippi County including Wilson itself, Keiser, and Joiner.

The Lumberjacks of this year are interesting on several fronts.

First, the team started slowly, losing more games than it won earlier in the campaign.

Second, one of the starters is the son of Coach Ray Scogin.

And one of the fireplugs for the surge into the state tourney is a ninth grader named Britt Smith who sank game-winning free throws in a win at the district competition in Fordyce.

Coach Scogin, Warren's long-time cage director, is a member of a large Drew County family that had already sent a top coach to Warren in Ray's brother, Dr. David Scogin, now retired at Hot Springs Village.

Dr. Scogin and his wife, the former Joan Jarratt of Warren, enjoy life at The Village. She is a registered nurse and once supervised nursing service at the hospital here.

Dr. Scogin is retired from the faculty of Northwest Louisiana University of Natchitoches.

Warren is no stranger to state tournaments.

One of the first remembered is one at Jonesboro in 1931 when James Cuthbertson and his teammates won the whole thing.

Warren fans who couldn't make the trip to the Craighead County seat gathered around the lobby of the Southerland Hotel at Main and Myrtle where information about the championship game in progress came into town over the Western Union tele-

graph wires.

Game scores were posted on a blackboard as the Lumberjacks pulled away with a win.

Mr. Cuthbertson, retired, resides with his elder son, Jimmy, on North Bradley.

Basketball fills "the tube", that is, television, these days.

We get to watch a lot of the contests at our place in Hot Springs where the cable television people are busy rebuilding the whole system using fiber optics.

The picture you get is just perfect.

The same sort of thing is promised in Warren.

But long-suffering cable TV subscribers here have heard promises like that before.

Our old friend, Robert E. McKinney is here from his retirement home in Florida.

He says he is busy planting pine seedlings on the family acreage west of town "for my grandchildren".

Bob, retired from government service, is the brother of Martha Bolland, who long headed the payroll and timekeeping departments at Potlatch Corporation here in town.

Their parents were the Roy McKinneys: Mrs. Rev. Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, longtime minister of the First United Methodist Church in Fort Smith.

People didn't think much about planting pine seedlings until pioneers like the late W.R. Warner and surely Leslie K. Pomeroy of Monticello and Wilmar both came from Minnesota with the idea. Mr. Pomeroy's little sawmill at Wilmar was named the Ozark Badger Lumber Company...the Badgers being the name of the University of Minnesota's fine football team, then a scourge of the county.

It's fun to watch the pine seedlings explode upward on "the beanfield" northwest of Warren, purchased several years ago by Warren E. Carter's Carter-Jones Lumber Company

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



Warren High School thanks the 2021-2022 WHS Senior Ambassadors. Pictured standing: Benjamin Escamilla, Connor McDiarmid, Klayton Dunaway, Halley Childs, Jacey Ashcraft, Jayden Grider, Luci Woodard, and Leah Wolfe. Pictured Kneeling: Ashlyn Broughton and Zoey Carroll. Not pictured: Keller Bigham, Monica Jacinto, Mylesha Yao, Pierce Wargo, Ronald Martin, and Bailey Solis.

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of Ohio.

We wonder if Mr. Carter, now over 100, will get to see those seedlings grow.

They are testament to his long-held belief that the future for Bradley County timberlands is good.

Mr. Carter grew up in the area of "the beanfield".

E.F. Paulus, Jr., longtime "land agent" for Potlatch Corporation here, says Mr. Carter was/is always ready to buy timberland...but he'd pay more for it if it was near his "old home place" on the border of Bradley and Cleveland counties.

Mr. Carter's giant concern is now operated by his grandsons (Mr. Carter's own sons are deceased).

Warren Carter is the last surviving supervisor/foreman for the Arkansas Lumber Company, which went out of business here in 1928 (he's probably the last employee, too, come to think of it).

J.T. Ederington Company, in addition to its mercantile activities "on the square" in Warren from 1869 onward, was also a believer in Bradley County lands.

Back in the 'thirties, people who owned "groundhog sawmills" would buy a 40-acre tract, setup their sawmill, mow it all down, selling the cutover land to people like the Ederington concern for just about peanuts.

"Groundhog sawmills" were little portable operations that could be set up, then moved easily: green lumber was sold to the sawmills in Warren.

Fortunes of many families in the area, including the Jones family of Calhoun County, have come from acquiring land, then holding on to it as it skyrockets in value.

"Buy land", our old friend, O.S. Cash advised 40 years ago and more. "They aren't making any more of it", he advised.

We made a speech yesterday at a civic club on the invitation of Bob Cain, a valued longtime friend.

Subject was the interesting Monticello lawyer, Lamar Williamson.

Mr. Williamson and his brother, Adrian, were The Lawyers in Monticello in the first half of the century.

Lamar Williams was also longtime clerk of his church and great iconoclast.

Friends said he also was a hypnotist.

His wife, Lulu Williamson, was the founder of the Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home at Monticello.

Their son, Gaston, a Little Rock lawyer, was Arkansas' first Rhodes Scholar.

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Warren City Council discusses Warren Cultural Center repairs

The Warren City Council met last Monday to discuss various business items.

The city council members discussed what to do with the Warren Cultural Center. Repairs for the building would cost over \$1 million. The contractor told the city to add 20 percent to the 2019 bid and that would be the cost of repairs. The previous architect wasn't able to guarantee if the foundation could be fixed. The bathrooms, HVAC, and roof also needed major repairs. Alderwoman Memory Frazer made a motion to get an engineer to look at the foundation and see if it could get fixed before continuing with any repairs.

The city council approved to reappoint Hugh Quimby to the Warren Housing Authority Board for five years. Brook Harris was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for five years. She replaced Rob Reep due to him being appointed to the Aviation Commission.

Mayor Denisa Pennington announced the Pink Tomato Parade route would be the same as last year. The following streets will be closed for the parade: Myrtle Street from Alabama to Cedar, Cedar Street from Main to Myrtle Street, East Cypress from the corner of Molly's to Chestnut Street, Chestnut at the corner of the AT&T building, and West Cypress from Main to Howard Street.

A motion was made for the city council to review the redistrict-

ing of city wards. The motion was accepted.

A resolution was passed to allow the Warren Water and Sewer Department to purchase a plot of land from Kenneth Trucks for the amount of \$13,500.

Ronnie Sprouse, from Arkansas Municipal Equipment, brought up the possible lease agreement with the city of Warren for two sanitation trucks. One truck would be for commercial purposes and the other truck would be used for residential use. He said the trucks were new and would be under warranty. The city council approved to the lease program. After some discussion, the city council decided to check with the local banks to see if they could get better interest rates.

Warren Police Chief Shaun Hildreth presented his report to the city council. He said they had three vehicles in the shop. He reported the police department was fully staffed and all the officers were certified. He also told the city council he received an offer to purchase a Ford truck for the police department, but he had to get immediate approval. The offer was from the Malvern Police Department. Alderwoman Frazer made a motion to purchase the truck from the Malvern Police Department for \$30,000. The city council approved the motion.

Warren Fire Chief Chuck Moore reported the fire depart-

ment responded to 16 calls in March. The fire hydrants in the city were tested. He reported they had received the new fire truck on April 7. Alderwoman Angela Marshall thanked the fire department for their quick response to the Warren High School fire. Mayor Pennington also thanked the Warren Fire Department and the other fire departments that responded to the scene. Former acting fire chief Larry Hayes thanked the city for letting him serve as fire chief.

The sanitation committee voted in their meeting to approve the purchase of a new compactor. They would put it up for a bid.

Building Official Rob Johnson reported they were working on the properties to be condemned. He said it costs the city about \$5,000 to tear down each condemned property.

Street Foreman Monty Hearnberger said the street department was cleaning out ditches and working on fixing potholes. The council approved the purchase of a used Mini-X excavator for \$79,935. They also approved to purchase a trailer for \$7,199.63 from the Lumberjack Farm and Ranch.

Mayor Pennington announced National Arbor Day would be on Friday, April 29. Bradley County Spring Clean-up would be Saturday, May 7.

The next city council meeting will be on Monday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Warren Municipal Building courtroom.



A collision occurred on Tuesday, April 12 at around 10 p.m. outside of Banks on Highway 278. Arkansas State Police arrived at the scene. There were no injuries reported.



The Warren Elementary Quiz Bowl Team recently competed in the South East Arkansas Regional Coop Tournament, competing against other schools. The team placed third overall. Pictured: Kloe Ederington, Emanuel Pahuamba, McKenley Bryant, Luke Cathey, Adan Navarette, and scorekeeper Callie Sanders.



Tomato farmers look for normal season

Tomato season has begun and so far, it seems to be a normal season, according to local farmers. The Bradley County Extension Office reported that 450 acres of tomatoes were planted in Bradley County. Other produce was also planted. It was re-

ported that 80 percent of the produce was already planted in the field.

John Gavin, from the extension office, said they had a couple of farmers call them about the severe weather on Wednesday.

He said in Bradley County,

only five acres of tomatoes and other produce were damaged by the frost on Friday, April 8. The farmers were able to replant their produce. He said there didn't seem to be a great loss of produce so far. Gavin said farmers were relieved it wasn't worse.

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(StatePoint) Earth Day, celebrated April 22, is a good time to consider making more sustainable tweaks to the way you shop.

With major companies leading the charge, it's easier than you might think. For example, Amazon co-founded and became the first signatory to The Climate Pledge in 2019. Now, more than 300 companies have signed the Pledge and committed to reaching net-zero carbon by 2040, working together and taking bold

Guest Editorial steps to decarbonize their businesses and fight climate change.

As part of the Pledge, Amazon is working to reduce carbon emissions across its own operations, from adding 100,000 electric delivery vehicles to its global delivery fleet and investing in renewable energy, to inventing machine learning algorithms to arrive at the best possible packaging choices for deliveries.

Here are six tips to shop more sustainably for yourself:

1. Browse wisely: When browsing Amazon, you can now shop from a selection of more than 300,000 products from more than 20,000 fan-favorite brands such as Honest Company, Columbia and Burt's Bees designated as "Climate Pledge Friendly." This ensures these products have one or more of 39 certifications that help protect the natural world. A new private brand, Amazon Aware, now features thoughtfully-designed, affordable, everyday essentials across fashion, home and beauty made from materials such as recycled polyester, organic cotton, and bio-based ingredients with certifications from the Climate Pledge Friendly program specific to product type.

2. Learn more about small brands: Brands, entrepreneurs and startups are overcoming the challenges associated with launching new products. Amazon Launchpad, which provides businesses with support, is sharing unique stories from brands with more sustainable products, including South Korean vegan skincare line, Melixir, as well as GOODSAM, SHANTI BAR, and White Leaf Provisions at Amazon.com/Launchpad-Earth-Day.

3. Reuse: Discover and buy refurbished products that have been professionally inspected and tested to work and look like new. At Amazon Renewed, you can find great prices on pre-owned smartphones, laptops, tablets, desktops, and cameras, across top brands. Products are backed by a 90-day Amazon Renewed Guarantee. You can also look for items offered by Amazon Warehouse to find quality pre-owned, used, and open-box items, all of which have passed a 20-point quality inspection and are backed by a 30-day return policy.

4. Donate: Shop at smile.amazon.com and AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchases to the charity of your choice at no extra cost to you. Participating organizations include a wide range of environmental charities. Additionally, in celebration of Earth Month, U.S. customers can now say "Alexa, grow a tree" to donate \$1 to plant one tree through One Tree Planted, an environmental charity that supports reforestation around the world.

5. Don't trash it, trade it in: Did you know you can trade in certain devices, cell phones and video games for an Amazon gift card? Through Amazon's Trade-In program, the devices are either restored and re-sold, or recycled, ensuring a more sustainable way to dispose of devices.

6. Recycle: Learn how to recycle packaging in your community by visiting the Amazon Second Chance page at amazon.com/amsc. Additionally, when your orders arrive, find details of how to recycle and dispose of packaging by clicking on the "Returns & Orders" section of your account. The website also features information on how to trade in and recycle products, and how to find open-box and refurbished devices.

For more sustainability stories and tips, visit amazon.com/earthday. Your purchasing decisions matter and small steps can collectively make a difference.



First State Bank fed the public on Friday for their customer appreciation event. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. people were able to come by the First State Bank parking lot and enjoy a free hamburger lunch.

A word from Governor Asa Hutchinson

LITTLE ROCK – This week, I declared Washington County a disaster area in the wake of an EF3 tornado that damaged more than 350 homes and businesses and demolished the gym at George Elementary in Springdale.

The process that led to the declaration officially began at 5:34 a.m. on March 30th when the director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management notified me a tornado had touched down about 4 a.m.

In the weeks since then, leaders of local and state emergency agencies have joined investigators from FEMA to inspect homes and structures in order to estimate the dollar amount of damage.

The tornado stayed on the ground for eight minutes and cut a strip through Washington County that was as wide as the length of nearly four football fields.

Fewer than ten people were injured, and we were blessed that no one died in this storm.

Within hours of the storm, volunteers from Springdale and nearby communities, members of church-based disaster-relief

teams, and representatives from nonprofit agencies appeared to help the county dig out.

In my seven years in office, I have declared too many areas a disaster after they have been flattened by a tornado or washed away by a flood. I have flown over houses without a roof or have been flattened altogether. I have seen automobiles lying upside down far from the place where the wind picked them up. I have seen fields of soybean, corn, and cotton overtaken by the rushing water of historic floods, which also sometimes tear out chunks of the levees that protect towns and farms along our rivers.

My role in these events usually starts the same way, with a telephone call from my Director of Emergency Management. Sometimes it's a call from the Corps of Engineers in another state, which notified me on a beautiful spring morning in 2019 that water from Oklahoma soon would engorge the Arkansas River and threaten our state all the way to Little Rock.

While management of the response to a natural disaster is one of the most difficult tasks that falls to a governor, it's also one of the most rewarding because I witness the best in people that emerges in the worst of times.

I see firsthand the kindness and personal sacrifice of Arkansans who ignore risks to their personal safety to help their neigh-

bors. First responders run to the danger to ensure everyone is out safely. Employees of power companies climb ice-encrusted poles in sub-freezing weather to restore electricity. Doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals report for duty to back up staff already on the job.

We hold our breath when we hear that severe weather is likely, and when the black, low-hanging clouds blow in as they did again this week, we wonder where the storm will go and how it will end.

We can only guess at what's about to happen, but we always can be certain of one thing after every calamity. We know that after every single storm, Arkansans will emerge by the hundreds to rescue and comfort the victims and to start rebuilding without regard for their personal inconvenience.

So today, I am expressing thanks to the hundreds of volunteers and the disaster-relief organizations that respond in a crisis. These include the Red Cross and multiple faith-based organizations and churches.

I am also announcing today the allocation of \$100,000 in individual assistance that will be available to cover part of the loss to homeowners.

The Small Business Administration will make available low-interest loans to impacted businesses.

One of the many things on my

list of bragging rights is the compassion and courage of Arkansans.



• A good non-slip bathmat is essential in the tub to prevent accidents. Grab an extra one to drape over the edge of the tub for help when entering and exiting.

• "To remove residue left over from price tags, use hairspray. Remove as much paper as possible, and then give it a good squirt. Use a plastic scraper to lightly scrape off the adhesive." — L.P. in Ohio

• "Guacamole is a precious commodity at my house, but sometimes I want a snack, not a whole bowl. I have struggled with how to save the leftovers, because once it browns, it's done. I learned a new trick, though. Simply put the leftovers in the smallest container possible and tamp down to press out all the air. Then carefully add a thin layer of water. Seal and refrigerate for up to three days. When you're ready to dip, pour off the water and stir!" — C.D. in California

• "I have an old cedar chest from my grandmother that had lost its smell. My husband removed all the contents and sanded it with superfine grit sandpaper. It smells wonderful now." — J.K. in Iowa

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The Junior Lady Jacks have won four track meets in a row including meets at El Dorado, Magnolia, McGehee, and Warren.



The Junior Lumberjacks won first place in the Warren Track Meet last Thursday. The home track meet was rescheduled.

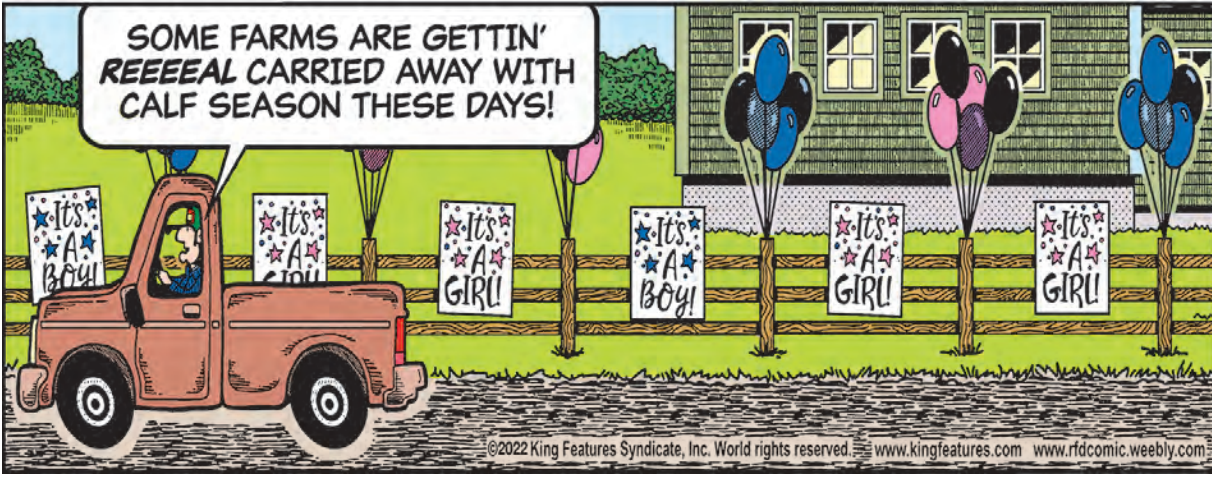
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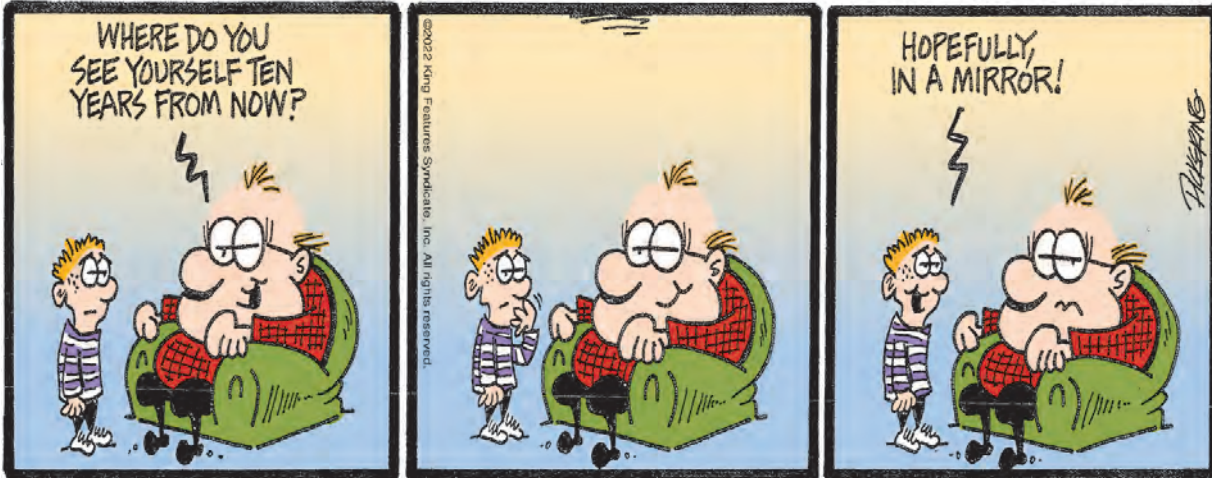
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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- 17 Darkens
- 18 Skip
- 19 "Delicious" crop
- 21 Three, in Rome
- 22 Hold sway
- 23 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 26 Stitch
- 28 Justice Ruth - Ginsburg
- 31 Missing
- 33 Pouch
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?
- MOVIES: Which Disney character's catchphrase is "To infinity and beyond!"?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many permanently inhabited territories does the United States have?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the Greek goddess of chance?
- U.S. STATES: How many states call themselves commonwealths?
- HISTORY: How many people worldwide were killed by the Black Death pandemic in the 1400s?
- SCIENCE: What layer of air is closest to Earth in the atmosphere?
- TELEVISION: Which animated TV comedy includes the fictional school Springfield Elementary?
- ADVERTISING: A sales clerk named Lily promotes which company in advertisements?
- LITERATURE: George Smiley is a character in which 1974 novel?

Answers

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

1. Four. Barack Obama, Jimmy Carter, Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt; 2. Buzz Lightyear, "Toy Story"; 3. Five (American Samoa, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and Northern Mariana Islands); 4. Tyche; 5. Four (Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia); 6. Estimates range from 25 million to 200 million; 7. Troposphere; 8. "The Simpsons"; 9. AT&T; 10. "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy"

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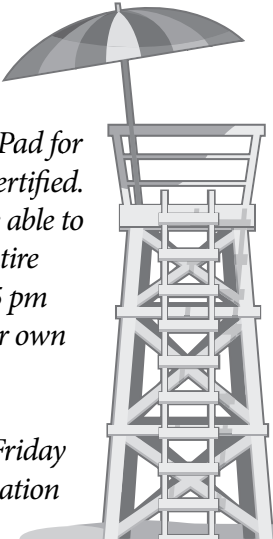
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JOB OPPORTUNITY

City of Monticello Seeking Seasonal Pool Lifeguards



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the 2022 Summer Season. Must be Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid Certified.
Applicants must be 16 years of age or older. Applicants must be able to
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2022 Summer Season between the hours of 12:45 pm - 8:45 pm
seven days a week. Lifeguards will be expected to provide their own
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Deadline to apply for this job is April 30, 2022.
Applications can be picked up at City Hall Monday through Friday
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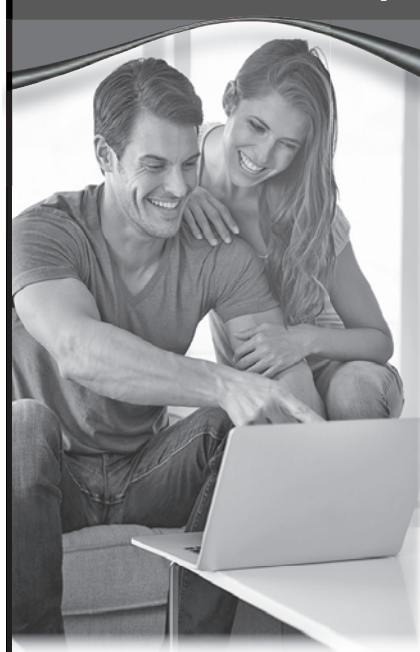
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Police Report

Kaitlyn Raines, 767 Bradley 22, Warren, was arrested April 12 and charged with rape and computer exploitation of a child.

Brianna Barker, 909 York St., Warren, was arrested April 12th and charged with battery in the 1st degree.

Carlitos Roque, 909 York St., Warren, was arrested April 12 and charged with battery in the 1st degree.

Chad Williams, 600 HWY 160 E. Apt C33 Hermitage, was arrested April 16 on a warrant.

Colton Wade, 350 Bradley 8 S., Warren, was arrested on April 16th on a warrant.

Carlos Galindo, 1102 St James St., Warren was arrested April 17th and charged with reckless driving.

**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 DEMOCRAT'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.*

We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel drop by drop, there is at last a drop which makes it run over; so in a series of kindnesses there is at least one which makes the heart run over.

-James Boswell

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The Eagle Democrat
WARREN, ARKANSAS
Wednesday, April 20, 2022

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.

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WARNING ORDER
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

NO. -6-DR-19-96
GAIL WELLS
PLAINTIFF

vs.
RYAN WELLS
DEFENDANT

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF BRADLEY

The Defendant is hereby warned to appear in this Court within 30 days from the date of first publication of this Order and appear in Court for the Final Divorce Hearing.

Failure to appear may result in an entry of Judgement by default against you or otherwise bar you from answering or asserting any defense you have.

WITNESS my hand and seal as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bradley County, Arkansas this 1st day of April, 2022.

Cindy Wagon
CIRCUIT CLERK
4-20-2tp

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD HENRY KRAMPOTA, deceased
No. 06PR-22-13-2

NOTICE

DATE OF DEATH: June 18, 2020
On the 11th day of February, 2022, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributees was filed with respect to the Estate of Richard Henry Krampota, deceased, with the clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Bradley County, Arkansas, under Arkansas Code Ann. §28-41-101.

The legal description of the real property listed in the affidavit is as follows:

The following described real property in Bradley County, Arkansas: A parcel of land more particularly described as follows: Starting at the Northeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 31, Township 13 South, Range 10 West, a 11d run thence South 240 yards; thence West 88 yards to the point of beginning of the parcel conveyed; thence run Northwest 70 yards perpendicularly from the Farmville Public Road; thence Southwesterly 70 yards at an angle of 90 degrees from the first call; thence Southeast 70 yards at an angle of 90 degrees from the second call; thence Northeast along the Northern Boundary of the Farmville Public Road at an angle of 90 degrees from the third call to the point of beginning, containing 1 acre more or less.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate.

The name, mailing address and telephone number of the distributee's attorney is R. Victor Harper, 717 S. Lincoln, Star City, Arkansas 71667, 870-628-4118.

This notice first published this 20 day of April, 2022.

R. VICTOR HARPER
ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE 717 S. LINCOLN
STAR CITY, AR 71667
2/20/2tc

Great Outdoors Youth Day to be held Sat. May 7

The Cooperative Extension Service of Bradley, Cleveland, and Dallas Counties is once again sponsoring The Great Outdoors Youth Day on Saturday, May 7th, at the Bradley County Park. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and events will include Fishing Derby, Learning Stations, and other special activities. Lunch is sponsored by L'Aigle Creek Conservation District. All youth ages 5-14 years old are invited. Youth under age 9 will be required to have a parent present, however, all parents are encouraged to attend.

Bring your own fishing poles and bait for catching catfish. For more information, contact John Gavin at the Bradley County Extension Office at 870-226-8410.

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Senate News

from
Ben
Gilmore
Senator

At their first meeting scheduled after Easter, lawmakers will hear an update on new rules and new funding that will eliminate a waiting list for services for people with developmental disabilities.

Officials of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services are scheduled to present an update on Medicaid waiver services. They will report to legislators on new waiver slots that over the next three years will be sufficient to add 3,204 clients who have been on the state waiting list.

The waivers allow clients to remain in their homes, rather than live in an institution. Eligible clients have been diagnosed with autism, cerebral palsy, seizure disorder or epilepsy, Down syndrome and Spina bifida. Also on the eligibility list are people diagnosed before the age of 22 with a significant intellectual limitation accompanied by deficits in their adaptive behavior.

Currently, 5,400 children and adults receive Supportive Living services, which brings support staff to their homes and communities.

The program is called the Community and Employment Supports (CES) waiver. It costs about \$300 million a year, with the federal government paying 71.62 percent and state government paying 28.38 percent.

Division officials estimate that after three years, when all the new slots are filled, the annual cost of the program will be \$442

million.

During the 2022 fiscal session earlier this year, legislators voted to dedicate an additional \$37.6 million for the CES waiver program, with the intention of eliminating the current waiting list for services.

Other changes that Division officials will discuss with legislators include using more monitoring systems, such as alarms and sensors, which are appropriate and safe when the person with disabilities is sleeping.

Another change affects the relatives of people with developmental disabilities. Currently, family members who are not legal guardians can be paid as direct care staff, as long as they meet certain requirements. The

Division will discuss with legislators the possibility of adding legal guardians and any "legally responsible person" as care providers.

Another change is in response to workforce shortages caused in part by the Covid-19 pandemic. It would increase from four to eight the capacity of group homes.

The changes in rules and waiver programs is on the agenda of the House Children and Youth Permanent Subcommittee of the Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs Committee, which is scheduled to meet on April 18. Forestry Caucus

A majority of legislators have joined the newly created Forestry Caucus, which will

work to pass legislation to expand forestry and promote economic development. The impetus came from legislators representing south Arkansas, the dominant timber-growing area of the state.

In the 2021 session the legislature created the Center for Forest Business at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, within its College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources. Also, the legislature put \$841,000 for the center in the state budget for Fiscal Year 2023, which begins on July 1.

In related news, the state Agriculture Department and the university at Monticello are offering scholarships of \$4,000 per semester to attract students to the campus's forestry programs.

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Obituaries

Mary Ellen Pinkston

Mary Ellen (Reaves) Pinkston, of Crossett, passed away on April 9, 2022 at Stonegate Nursing and Rehabilitation in Crossett.

She was born on March 19, 1933 in Warren to Preston and Elsie Reaves.

Mary Ellen graduated from Warren High School and Arkansas A&M College and was a member of the First Methodist Church of Warren.

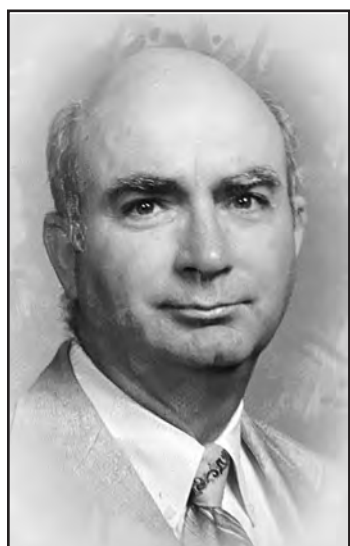
In 1954, she married W.T. Pinkston and moved to Crossett where she taught for 33 years in the Crossett School System.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, W.T. Pinkston and sister, Julia Garrison.

Mary Ellen is survived by her son, William "Marty" Pinkston and wife, Celeste of Crossett and one granddaughter, Haley Pinkston of Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Graveside services were held in Oakland Cemetery in Warren at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2022 under the direction of Jones Funeral Home, Inc. with James Buddy Dean officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you contribute to the charity of your choice.



James Otis Cosby

James Otis Cosby, age 84, passed from this life on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at home in Crossett, surrounded by family.

Born February 21, 1938, in Camden, to John Otis and Ailene (Cooper) Cosby, he graduated Warren High School, Arkansas A&M (now UAM), and the University of Mississippi with a succession of science degrees, and studied as well at universities in Fairbanks, Alaska, Weatherford, Oklahoma, and South Alabama. A lifelong, born and inspiring educator, he taught high school science for twenty-eight years with the Crossett Public Schools and another fifteen in Springhill, Louisiana. His gift for teaching young people and infecting them with his love of science, shaped generations and serves as a lasting legacy.

A member of Crossett First United Methodist Church, in 1976, he founded Cosby's Greenhouse and Garden center, a Crossett institution currently operated by his son, Kevin.

He was predeceased by his brother, Herbert Eugene Cosby of Camden and sister, Marilyn Kay York of Warren.

He is survived by his beloved wife and partner of fifty-six years, Rebecca Marie (McConnell) Cosby; son, John David and wife Alicia of Frederick, MD; daughter, Catherine Marie of Little Rock; and son, James Kevin and wife Tammy of Crossett; along with eight grandchildren, Erica Danielle Jones, Jonathan Blake Carraway, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Cosby, Laura Ailene Cosby, James Dillon Cosby, Evan Lee Cosby, Reese Etoy Cosby, and Kinsley Marie Cosby; three step grandchildren, Ethan, Micah, and Jonah; and five great-grandchildren, Nova, Ally, Jaden, Tate, and Blake. His family was his joy.

A Celebration of James's Life

will be held at 4:30 p.m., Monday, April 18, at the First United Methodist Church, 500 Main Street, Crossett, AR, with Reverends Matt Daniels and Toby Austin, and Pastor Keith Boseman, officiating. Interment will be made at Pinewood Memorial Park in Crossett as soon as cemetery conditions improve. The service will be recorded (not live-streamed) and uploaded onto the Medders Funeral Home website and facebook page following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family is establishing the James Cosby Memorial Scholarship fund for Crossett High School students seeking to study science in college. They request contributions be made to the fund, care of Timberline Federal Credit Union.

James Armstrong

James H. Armstrong, age 81 passed away Sunday, April 10, 2022 peacefully at home.

He was born June 16, 1940 in Warren, the son of the late Woodrow and Beulah Armstrong. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Raina Armstrong, two brothers Joe Armstrong and Bill Armstrong, one sister Frances Neal.

He worked 20 years for Boeing Aircraft in different states and retired as acting Director for Federal Express after 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Cathryn Pearce Armstrong, whom he bought flowers for her for every occasion they were united in marriage on October 17, 1964. Also, a son Blake Armstrong of Olive Branch, Miss., and sister Debbie Carpenter and spouse Randy, Warren. Special friends Odell and Patti Wolfe. He was loved and will be missed by many. Private family burial at a later date.

Arrangements are by Frazer's Funeral Home. Online guest www.frazerfuneralhome.com

Robert C. Laster

Robert C. Laster, 78 of Warren died April 9. Born September 11, 1943 in Shreveport, LA to the late Carl and Odell Laster.

Survivors include his wife, Laverne Laster; two daughters, Laurie Laster and Glenda Schwebel. Four grandchildren, Lauren Williams, Kelsi King, Jeff Cathey and Joey Cathey and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. April 14 at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Joyce G. Williams

Joyce Green Williams, 84, of Warren died March 19, 2022. Born April 3, 1937, a daughter of John and Arrie Green.

She is survived by her children, Bobbie, Ollie, Janet, Paul, David, Chiant'e, Christopher, Steven, Rayvon, Shoshone; siblings, Sherman, Roggie, Willie, Garland, Leon, Marilyn; fifteen grandchildren, 48 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral service were April 16, Bethel AME Church, Warren. Burial, Hall Cemetery, Banks. Arrangements: Hammons Funeral Home.

Bessie Lee Cooper

Bessie Lee Cooper, 72, of Warren, died April 15, 2022. Born



March 15, 1950, daughter of Luther Thomas Warner and Geneva Lowe.

He is survived by his children, Angelia Cooper-Alexander, Anthony Cooper, Larry Cooper, Barbara Cooper-Perry grandchildren, Johnathan Cooper, Deszari Mitchell, Skidasha Mitchell, Dynaelia Dasher.

Funeral service will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23 at Greenville Baptist Church, Fordyce. Burial in Greenville Cemetery, Fordyce. Arrangements: Hammons Funeral Home.

Rosevean Sue Burton

Rosevean Sue Childs Burton, 89, Little Rock, died March 31, 2022. Born February 13, 1933, daughter of Floyd and Irene Childs.

She migrated to Los Angeles, California; a legendary black female in providing a radio gospel show to the community and gospel artists James Cleveland, Andrae Crouch.

She is survived by her children, Deborah, Denise, Larry and Cynthia, and niece Jimmie Sue. Graveside services will be held at 1:00p.m. Friday, April 22 at Union Cemetery, Warren. Arrangements by Hammons Funeral Home.

William Leggett, Jr.

William Byron Leggett, Jr. 87 of Monticello died April 16 in Rison. Born June 28, 1934 in Warren a son of the late William Byron Leggett, Sr. and Marie Miller Leggett.

Survivors: wife Mildred, daughters Lola West (Sammy) and Jana Adcock (Lee). Brothers Tom, Joe, David, Pat, Randy, sister Mary. Five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18 at Andrews Chapel Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Darlene Wagnon

Darlene Wagnon, age 69 of Benton, passed away on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. She was born to the late Mary Bradley King and James P. Ledbetter on January 25, 1953.

A loving mother and homemaker, Darlene was a remarkable cook and enjoyed preparing meals for her family and friends, most especially over the holidays. Darlene was preceded in death by her sister Patricia A. Combs and is survived by her brother Lonnie Ledbetter, Sr.; her daughter, Melissa Hopson and husband Chris; and her sons Jason Wagnon and his wife Julie, Brad Wagnon, and Greg Wagnon. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Cassidy Hopson, Carrigan Hopson, Logan Wagnon, Christian Taylor, Evy Wagnon, Nathan Wagnon, and Avery Wagnon.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Prosperity Baptist Church in Ramsey, Arkansas. Arrangements are by Benton Funeral Home of Fordyce.

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Financial Talk with Michael Gardner, CPA

The Autograph

I am told that in the first century A.D., there were professional letter writers that would take dictation. They were really good at putting thought to paper in a clear crisp style. Letters were not finished with "sincerely" and then you wrote down your name. The name of the person sending the letter was usually referred to in the first paragraph of the letter along with a greeting. After the letter was substantially complete, the letter writer would give the writing instrument to the author so that they could include a final paragraph in their own hand to prove the authenticity of the letter. This last paragraph was referred to as the autograph.

Over the centuries the end of the letter transitioned in the signing of the sender's name as confirmation that the preceding letter was authentic. Even today, a letter written on paper is not properly signed unless it is done in ink and by hand. As taxation evolved in the U.S. the signature on the return was closely watched by the IRS and others. The bottom of the tax return had a paragraph that basically said that when you signed the tax return you were creating a legal document that included penalties for perjury if you sign a return that included irregularities.

When I started in accounting it was before copy and fax machines. The first returns I prepared were done on Cricket

Forms. These were three-part carbonless pressure sensitive papers that made instant copies of the tax return forms. This was a vast improvement from putting carbon paper in-between printed forms to make the copies while being careful to keep the forms in alignment. When copy machines did come along, we could copy the forms, but the signatures had to be original and in blue ink. The color of the ink proved the signature was legal as all copiers were black and white. As technology improved the original signature became a problem. I could e-mail the form, but it had to be snail mailed back with the original signature. At some point this did not make sense. We were moving to a paperless office and yet we had to keep files of original documents while other documents were scanned and kept in a computer somewhere. Electronic documents could be easily organized, retrieved, copied, and transmitted. That is, for everyone except the IRS.

I don't remember the date, but I can remember the feeling of relief when the rules with the IRS changed. It was probably sometime between 2000 and 2010 and the rule was that you could keep all records used by the IRS in electronic storage as long as you could generate a clear signature from the recorded media. In other words, you had to be able to reprint the document in a state

substantially the same as the original. Then, another rule change allowed the tax preparers to stop signing the tax return along with the taxpayer. We could just type our name on the signature line and that was good enough.

What's next? Is the CPA going to be able to e-mail tax documents to the IRS? I didn't think I would ever see that, and if it had not been for a pandemic, I probably wouldn't have seen it in my lifetime. Can you imagine IRS agents working from home clicking on e-mail attachments? What could go wrong there? A March 27, 2020, memorandum allowed scanned or photographed signatures, digital signatures with encryption, e-mail to IRS employees with strict protocols, and e-mails from the IRS with the use of SecureZip or other secure messaging systems. It is still not used much but it is allowed. Where do we go from here?

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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