

## State candidates make campaign stop in Warren



U.S. Senator John Boozman (left) met with city and county officials and those from the community at Warehouse B on Thursday. He talked about a variety of issues from agriculture to workforce training. Senator Boozman took comments and questions from audience. The senator's office contacted the Chamber of Commerce to set the event up. Republican governor candidate Sarah Huckabee Sanders and her campaign also held an event at Warehouse B on Monday. She spoke to the crowd and met with those in attendance.



The Bradley County Road Department completed the repairs to Bradley County 45 Mt. Olive Road. The crew installed new pipes and laid new gravel on the road.

## Quorum Court discusses county roads and solid waste

By Zach Killian

The Bradley County Quorum Court met last Monday for their regular monthly session. They discussed various business for the county.

Bradley County Judge Klay McKinney reported that through a joint partnership between PotlatchDeltic, Bradley County, and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, a concrete boat ramp will be constructed on Bradley Road 339. Bradley County took ownership of the county road. PotlatchDeltic donated one acre of land at the boat landing. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission would construct a new concrete boat ramp to the river. Judge McKinney

thanked PotlatchDeltic for donating their time and effort.

Bradley County will continue to maintain the county road. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will use some of the money from the motor fuel tax to fund the construction of the ramp. The boat ramp will be open to the public.

Judge McKinney commented the project was in development for two years. He hoped the ramp would be finished by June.

Judge McKinney reported that Bradley County Road 45 near the Mt. Olive community was washed out due to heavy rainfall with four to five inches of rain reported the previous weekend. The road was able to be repaired

on Wednesday, April 20. The Bradley County Road Department set up new pipe and gravel for the road.

An update on the progress of the Bradley County Courthouse bell tower was presented by Judge McKinney. He reported there was a setback on the bell tower. There was a brick hole that was found in the county assessor's office. The engineers would have to regroup and figure out how to fill it back up. Judge McKinney said due to the setback, he didn't know if it would be completed in time for the Pink Tomato Festival.

Judge McKinney said the county recently received some complaints about bigger families only using one solid waste can. There's a county ordinance that requires only one solid waste can per household. The judge said the county was receiving new solid waste cans. He requested permission to appropriate some funds to purchase more cans for residents that need another one. No action was taken. The judge said it would be addressed again at the next quorum court meeting.

The next quorum court meeting will be on Monday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m.

## Fresh face to head local banks

By Ashley Hogg  
Managing Editor

For more than 100 years, Southeast Arkansas has been home to the thriving financial institutions of Commercial Bank and Trust Company in Monticello and First State Bank in Warren.

Todd Smith, a native Arkansan with more than 30 years of banking experience, has been named the new president of both institutions.

"Banking is about relationships, not just transactions," Smith said. "I look forward to building relationships with all of our customers."

A graduate of Magnolia High School and Southern Arkansas University, Smith got his start in banking with a part time job in college at First National Bank of Magnolia.

After receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Finance at SAU, Smith moved to central Arkansas for a job opportunity with the State Bank Department as an Examiner. While in Little Rock, he met his wife of 20 years, Joanna. The couple has two children, Olivia and Leighton Smith.

"I worked for the State for about nine years and when Joanna and I got married, I knew I didn't want to have a family and only raise my kids on the weekends," Smith noted. "A great opportunity came open for us in Magnolia and we had been there since 2001. At the age of 31, I took my first bank president job and I was fortunate to have a lot of educational opportunities during that time including learning the "Trust" side of banking." For the past 14 years, Smith has served as Executive Vice President of Farmers Bank and Trust in Magnolia.

"My job then and my job now is to maintain a loyalty to customers and I really enjoy that," Smith added. "We have to consider employees, customers and share holders. One cannot win without the other."

A family man with a community minded attitude, Smith intends to hit the ground running and immerse himself in the SEARK area.

"As soon as I get settled, I want to join civic groups and assist with economic development," Smith noted. "I am really looking forward to being a part of the Pink Tomato Festival in Bradley County."

As President of Commercial Bank, Smith will serve on the Board of Directors for the Monticello Economic Development Commission.

"I am happy to welcome Todd Smith as the new President of Commercial Bank and Trust Company and First State Bank," Bennie Ryburn III, Chairman of the Board stated. "Todd comes to us from Magnolia and understands small town, south Arkansas banking. Todd and George Harris are in a transition period with George handing over the leadership role to Todd after serving Commercial Bank for 40 years. George will still be around and will continue to serve on the Board of Directors."

In 1890, Merchants and Planters Bank, later known as



First National Bank and then as First State Bank, opened their doors to the Bradley County Community. In 1974, Bennie Ryburn Sr. purchased controlling interest in First National Bank. During the year, Ryburn picked businessmen in the area and instituted a Community Development Board for the Bank designed to look at ways and means to improve Community Development in Bradley County and surrounding areas.

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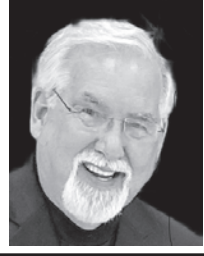


The Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival Committee is pleased to reveal the official 2022 66th logo, which is based on the design that Cathy Richardson and Carol Lee Little submitted for the annual t-shirt design contest as a mother/daughter collaboration. Official Festival Tshirts using this design will available for sale in May. Be sure to visit [www.pinktomatofestival.com](http://www.pinktomatofestival.com) and follow the Pink Tomato Festival Facebook page for the latest announcements.

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## Passin' the Faith Along

By REV. JIM BALES  
Pastor - First Assembly of God  
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### How Do God's People Live in a Godless Society?

When God called Abraham out of Ur, he made a covenant (a promise) that Abraham would be the father of a holy nation. "I will bless those who bless you and I will place a curse on those who harm you. And all the people of the earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:3).

**How would God bless the world through His people?** They would model a way of living that reflected the glory and goodness of God. For this reason they were to live holy, set apart, faithfully honoring the Lord.

Peter gives instructions in 1 Peter 2:9, "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light."

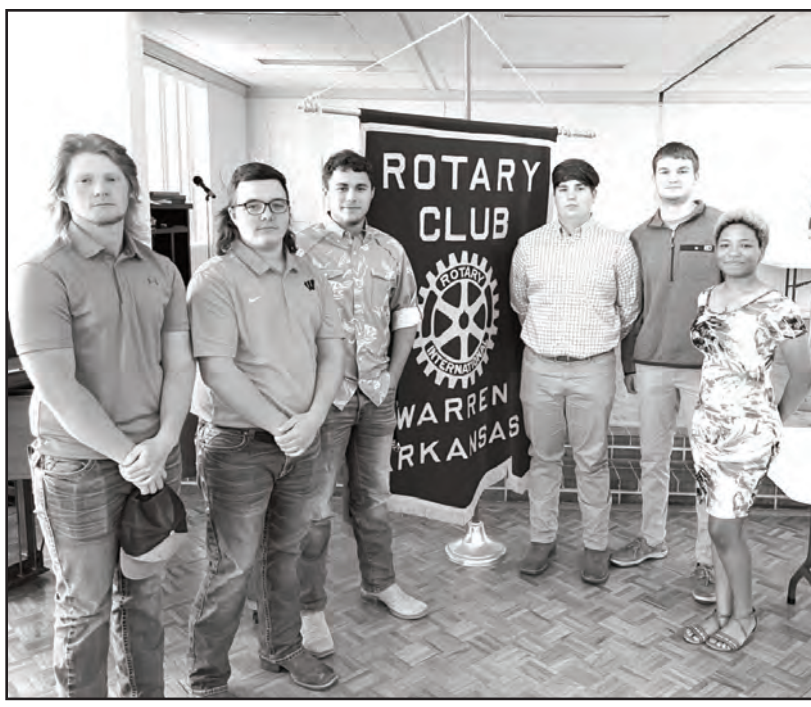
For the child of God now is the time to stand out, not blend in. Miller beer says "enjoy the high life." Corona beckons, "find your beach." "Happiest hour," boasts Jameson Whiskey. "A shot of adventure," claims Jose Cuervo Tequila.

Yet underneath the slick commercials, lie an ugly underbelly of alcohol abuse. Excessive drinking takes its toll on bodies, mental health, marriages, friendships, and families.

Don't fall for it! Don't buy the line! Don't take the bait! "The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but I come that you might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10).

So, how do God's people live in a Godless society? Blend in and assimilate? **NO**, this is the time to **stand out** and **stand up!** We were made for this moment.


**Jesus is the answer for the world today!** Stand up for God, and He will stand with you.



The Warren Rotary Club met for their weekly meeting on Tuesday, April 19 at Noon inside the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church. The Rotarians heard from three of the Warren Junior Rotarians before Rotarian Carlton Davis introduced his program of Chris Dickie, who is the director of New Beginnings. Dickie spoke about his own personal battles with addiction in his younger days before he continued with his work experience. He founded Natural State Recovery Centers in 2018, which offers therapy, recovery housing, and life skills training in the old Oak Grove High School in Little Rock. He's excited to get to work with New Beginnings and already has some plans for the facility, which serves 10 counties in the region. Dickie indicated they are in the process of trying to secure grant funding to help with these projects. He closed with answering a few questions from the crowd. Warren Junior Rotarians (left) pictured from L to R: Colton Satterlee, Klayton Dunaway, Aidan Weaver, Connor McDiarmid, Riley Cornish, and Zoey Carroll. Rotary Program (right) pictured from L to R: Chris Dickie and Rotarian Carlton Davis.



### 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 8, 2000.*

Pleasing to hear Dr. David Lee Cash, one of our longtime favorites, is off to Tennessee to practice his ENT specialty.

Dr. Cash was a classmate of one of our daughters; he was at our house often.

The son of Mary Alice and Bruce Cash, he was named for two of his grandfathers: Lee Childers of Kingsland and Warren and the late County Judge Dave Cash, also of Kingsland.

One of our daughters should have snapped up old David Lee as a husband: he was/is a keeper.

We are back from Dallas, where we visited our daughter Hope, her attorney husband and their three kids, ages 8, 4, and 2.

Dallas is one of those places to which you look forward visiting and then, while visiting, you look forward to goin' home: not because of the kids, but because of the overwhelming, ghostly, brutal traffic.

We stayed in a modest little motel hard by LBJ Freeway, where cars and trucks roll 24 hours a day.

Like many of the elderly gentlemen, the onetime country editor has to arise, periodically, of an evening for a comfort call: we'd look out the motel window at 3 a.m. and they'd be rolling along apace, along LBJ. Cars and trucks unlimited.

Generously, Hope, and family gave us tickets to a performance by the Dallas Symphony, having us seated in the choral circle, behind the orchestra.

Symphony performs in a handsome building given them by a rich member of Dallas' Jewish community, Morton H. Meyer-sohn.

Group played three numbers: first by Strauss (Richard) and third by Brahms. Both were wonderful; the middle number was one of these modern numbers current symphony conductors find incumbent upon them to tackle: it sounded like somebody falling out of a tree.

We alluded to Dallas traffic above: our son-in-law put us all in his Plymouth van and started north the 11 or 12 miles where the family resides (almost in Plano).

He set the van speedometer at 70 or 75, movin' in and out of traffic.

Scary, but those folks are USED to it.

Once more: Dallas would grind to a halt (but would we, too?) if all the immigrants from Mexico were no longer there (here).

In Dallas, they Do It All. (Passing a logging site near Warren recently, we noticed all the guys with power saws were of Spanish descent).

Also, to reside in Dallas, you need a cell phone which you clamp to your ear while you are negotiating that city traffic at 60 or 70 miles an hour.

Scary, in other words, for the phoneless.

Our daughter, the lawyer in Little Rock, is engaged to a journalist named Jim Harris, who is with THE ARKANSAS TIMES.

We've noted before that his dad, the late Sam Harris, DDS,

of Pine Bluff, was a classmate of the one-time country editor at Hendrix College.

Turns out there's another connection: our WHS classmate, Dr. Charles H. Creed, FB, of Jacksonville, Texas, says he took the Arkansas State dental exam with the late Dr. Harris back there in the 'fifties. Both passed, obviously.

Our valued neighbor, Almond H. (Frisky) Mitchell advises that the late John R. Gannaway's first business location was behind Martin's Department Store, in between Martin's and Eagle Publishing Company.

He says Mr. Gannaway's office was in the back of the Martin store inside an area where a door was located on Cypress Street.

Mr. Mitchell is retired from the Pine Bluff Arsenal (as is Jim Cross, a chemical engineer who married the lovely Glenda Powell Rotten).

We hear we will soon have another new neighbor down on our no-through street (sounds better than "dead end").

We understand the Rev. Jim Bales, Assembly of God minister, has purchased Mrs. Doyle May's home: a new one for Mrs. May is being constructed on Catherine Street, on the onetime site of the home of Forrest (Teeny) Herring.

That'll give us preachers across the street from each other (the Rev. Bill Leslie elegantly-occupies the Methodist parsonage with his lovely wife, Brenda).

Frisky Mitchell's recollection of the Martin building reminds oldtimers that, ere the Martins were there, Moseley Brothers occupied the space (Ed and James, called "Jim"). The latter Mr. Moseley, our longtime associate at Eagle Publishing.

When the M&P bank was robbed over 100 years ago, the late J.R.S. Meek, Martha's father, was working at a nearby store and saw the brigands escape.

He said Mr. Charles Woodbin Hankins came out of the back of his store on Cypress brandishing weaponry but didn't fire at the robbers, who eventually made their escape into the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma).

Earnest LaVelle Wise and his wife, Minnie Lee Stephens Wise, came to Warren just after World War I, Mr. Wise to manage Warren Cotton Oil and Manufacturing Company.

Their eldest of three daughters, Jeannette, married Dr. Hugh Moseley and spent a lifetime "going around doing good."

Jeanette Moseley had her father's great resolution and her mother's thoughtful gentleness.

She was constantly thinking about what she could do for others: once a pitiful newspaper person lost his wife. He was age 50 and had girls, 10 and 12. He felt lost big time; less than a week after The Funeral, Mrs. Moseley asked him to a dinner with a visiting Methodist divine, the Rev. Dr. Barry Bailey of Fort Worth.

The newspaper person went,

met Dr. Bailey and had an evening of renewal...one he needed.

That was Jeanette for you. She never gave up: she had been in failing health, but two weeks before she succumbed (less than two weeks). She entertained her Methodist circle one day, giving the program, and had her regular bridge luncheon the next, winning "high score."

She entered the hospital the next day, and slipped away less than 10 days later.

A lady of real elegance, Jeanette Wise Moseley.

## News Briefs

The Bradley County Retired Teachers and Employees Association at 11:30 a.m. on May 2 in the First United Methodist Church. A silent auction will be held in the fellowship hall following the meal. The public is invited to view and to bid on items from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Homemade foods, wood-working items, and arts & crafts will be included. Proceeds from the auction will be used for scholarships for Bradley County students.

Bradley County Spring Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 7. For more information, contact the courthouse at 870-226-3491.

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# City of Hermitage announces upcoming community events

By Zach Killian

The city of Hermitage announced two upcoming community events. The city will host a farmer's market on May 19, June 2, June 16, and June 30 at the Hermitage Community Center. The event will be from 2-6 p.m.

There will also be a salsa festival on June 2. It will be at the same time as the farmers market. Hermitage Mayor Tonya Kendrix said this was new to Hermitage, but she received positive feedback about it. Vendors and food trucks will also be there.

The city received a \$15,000 grant for the farmers market. The city of Hermitage will purchase \$15,000 worth of produce from local farmers. At each farmer's market, about \$3,000 worth of produce will be given to anyone who shows up with no restrictions. The Cooking Matters class, from the Arkansas Children's Hospital will be set up at the farmer's market. They will use the local produce to cook for the class.

Mayor Kendrix reported the city was working the county hazard mitigation plan. The Disaster Response Team continued their storm training.

The city council received three bids for a Ford F-150 truck that

was no longer used by the city. Lee Ford submitted a bid for \$500. Michael Herring submitted a bid of \$600. Bubba Gardner submitted a bid of \$700. The city council approved to accept the bid from Gardner for the purchase of the truck.

Mayor Kendrix told the city council the city's Easter egg hunt event was an "absolute success." She said Survival Flight was not able to attend the event. She said they were in discussions to come back in June.

Mayor Kendrix also updated the city council the sewer expansion project. The sewer lines would be extended down Farmville Road and Myers Drive. The draft plans was submitted to the Arkansas Department of Health. The mayor said the engineer felt they were in a good spot to submit the project for approval.

The city of Hermitage was awarded \$2,000 from the Blue and You Foundation. With the grant money, the city will purchase an automatic external defibrillator, first aid kits, and NARCAN kits. The kits will be given to the officers.

The Arkansas Department of Health will deliver 400 kits of COVID prevention supplies to the city to give out.

Hermitage Police Chief Ben Poole presented his report to the city council. The Hermitage Police Department reported 16 total arrests for the month of March. Several traffic citations were given including one speeding, four for running a stop sign, one with no driver's license, and one for drinking on the highway. Other violations in the month were: one violation of the vicious dog ordinance, one no seat belt violation, one failure to use the turn signal, three minors in possession of a vape pen, one for criminal mischief, one for fleeing on foot, and one for shoplifting.

The Hermitage Fire Department reported they had one meeting and one training day. Four firefighters and one junior firefighter provided mutual aid to the Warren Fire Department at the Warren High School fire.

The Public Works Department stated the water and sewer department passed all Arkansas Department of Health requirements. They also reported that some street signs had been repaired or replaced.

The next city council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hermitage Community Center.

# Bradley County Arbor Day celebration set for April 29

GFWC Warren Woman's Club members are hosting Bradley County's 2022 Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 29th. The event is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the Warren City Park. The public is invited to join them for this special observance. National Arbor Day is celebrated

on the last Friday of April each year and this year marks the 150th anniversary of the holiday that celebrates planting trees!

Warren Mayor Denisa Pennington will be a special guest along with students from the First Baptist Church Christian School in Warren.

GFWC Warren Woman's Club invites you to join them on Friday as they celebrate Arbor Day in Bradley County and recognize the importance of trees. Planting a tree is a fun activity we can enjoy today, knowing that the tree will continue to improve our lives over time.

# Rev. Harrison to leave Warren First United Methodist Church

Rev. Gary Harrison, pastor of the First United Methodist Church (FUMC), will preach his last sermon in Warren June 5, the first Sunday in June. He has been assigned to the FUMC in Bingen and Nashville, and will begin as pastor there July 1 of this year.

Before coming to Warren in 2014, Rev. Harrison was pastor in Mena, from 2006 to 2014. He also served in Hamburg from 2003-2006 and was at the UAM Wesley Foundation.

He was at the Wilmar charge

from June 1994 to 2003. Other churches in which he was pastor were Spring Hill/St. John/Hope, El Dorado, Mineral Springs/Wakefield, and Camden.

Rev. Harrison earned a MDiv degree from Iliff School Theology in Denver, CO, in

May 1985. Undergraduate work included a B. A. degree in Recreation and Park Management. He graduated from Camden High School in May, 1975.

He has received several awards as District Pastor of the Year and

Conference Church of the Year during his years as pastor. He has also participated in several continuing education projects, including Connected in Christ.

He is the youngest of three children born to Frank and Geneva Harrison of Camden.

He is married to Lori Smith Harrison; and the Harrisons have three sons: Beau F., Jesse S., and Jack R.

Rev. K. Dixon Platt, of Forest City, will begin as pastor of the FUMC in Warren on July 1.

# County COVID-19 cases remain low

By Zach Killian

Bradley County reported three active COVID cases on Wednesday, according to the Arkansas Department of Health. The total number of positive cases in the county was 2,991 with 2,939 cases recovered. There were 49 deaths reported. The Department of Health reported 1,096 active cases in the state.

Bradley County reported 60.8 percent of the county population was fully immunized and 13.1 percent of the county population was partially immunized. The Department of Health reported 55.7 percent of the state population was fully immunized and 13.1 percent was partially immunized.

In the southeast region of the state, there zero positive admissions reported in the hospitals, ICU, or on ventilators. The Department of Health reported 51 positive admissions in the hospital in the state. There were 25 positive admissions in the ICU and 15 positive admissions on ventilators in the state.

Bradley County gained one active COVID cases on Thursday, raising the number of active cases to four. The total number of positive cases were 2,992 with 2,939 cases recovered. The Department of Health reported 1,147 active cases in the state.

Bradley County reported 61.1 percent of the county population was fully immunized and 12.4

percent of the population was partially immunized. The Department of Health reported 55.7 percent of the state population was fully immunized and 13.1 percent of the population was partially immunized.

There were still zero positive admissions in the hospital, ICU, or on ventilators in the southeast region of the state. The Department of Health reported 51 positive admissions were in the hospital, 26 positive admissions were in the ICU, and 16 positive admissions were on ventilators.

Bradley County reported four active COVID cases in the county on Friday. The Department of Health reported 1,273 active cases in Arkansas.

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## BANK

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Also, in 1974 The Bank received approval from the Comptroller of the Currency to establish a branch bank on the corner of Martin and Pine Streets in Warren and the Hermitage Branch Bank was granted full-service banking powers. In 1978, the stockholders decided that it would be in the bank's best interest to convert back to a state charter since it would free up reserve money that could be in-

vested in the community in the form of loans for its customers. On Thursday, December 14, 1978, First National Bank of Warren and Hermitage became known as First State Bank of Warren and Hermitage. "My role is to make sure everything is in place and equip our employees with the tools to provide every service the customer needs," Smith said. "I have no intentions to fix what is not broken. I only want to supplement and enhance what these banks have built."



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JOB OPPORTUNITY

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# Take these six steps to get your health back on track

(StatePoint) Since the start of the pandemic, Americans have been postponing routine care. With more Americans vaccinated against COVID-19, medical experts are urging patients to return to routine health care and get caught up on delayed or foregone preventive health screenings.

“While we know that prevention is the best medicine, the pandemic has caused many Americans to delay important routine health services vital to keeping themselves and their families healthy, particularly critical immunizations and preventive cancer screenings. We urge everyone to get up to date on their routine health care needs,” says Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., president of the American Medical Association (AMA).

According to the AMA, you and your family should take these six steps to get your health back on track:

**1. Get screened:** Estimates based on statistical models show that since April 2020, 3.9 million breast cancer, 3.8 million colorectal cancer and 1.6 million prostate cancer diagnoses may have been missed due to pandemic-related care disruptions. Check in with your health care provider. If you’re due for preventive care, tests or screenings, make an appointment. These measures are designed to keep you healthy and help your doctor spot certain conditions before they become more serious.

**2. Don’t wait:** An estimated 41% of adults with one or more chronic health conditions reported delaying or forgoing health care since the pandemic started. Additionally, one in three of those adults reported that doing so worsened one or more of their health conditions or limited their abilities to work or perform other daily activities. Whether you have a chronic health condition or not, don’t wait until something is wrong before seeing a doctor. If something does feel off, schedule an appointment with your doctor as soon as possible.

**3. Consider telehealth:** If you’re uncomfortable or unable to go in person to your physician’s practice, check on telehealth options, which have greatly increased over the past two years.

**4. Visit your pediatrician:** During the pandemic, pediatric immunizations decreased. As public health measures are rolled back, people gather in groups, and traveling resumes, non-COVID-19 infections that decreased during the pandemic are likely to increase again. Well-child visits and recommended vaccinations are essential to helping ensure children stay healthy and protected from serious diseases. If your child is due for a check-up, schedule one immediately.

**5. Get vaccinated:** Adolescents and adult immunizations also sharply declined during the pandemic and an estimated 26 million recommended vaccinations were missed in 2020 as compared to 2019. Get up to date on vaccinations, including the COVID-19 vaccine. Everyone who’s eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, including booster doses, should get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect themselves and their loved ones. If you have questions, speak with your physician and review trusted resources, including [getvaccineanswers.org](http://getvaccineanswers.org).

**6. Don’t neglect mental health:** While mental health screenings via digital health tools are up, routine care for mental health is down. Approximately 52% of adults with mental health conditions delayed or forewent care since the pandemic began. Given the adverse effects the events of the past two years have had on mental health, such as increasing anxiety, depression and loneliness, it’s especially important to prioritize this aspect of your health now.

For more resources, visit [ama-assn.org](http://ama-assn.org).

“We encourage everyone to contact their trusted medical professional to schedule their annual physical and other vital care to help prevent serious health repercussions that could potentially last long past the pandemic,” says Dr. Harmon.



## 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.



Volunteers from Lighthouse Church in Warren helped give food away to the community on Thursday. They gave food away to 56 families. The Arkansas Food Bank donated eight pallets and 2,000 pounds of food.



A six-month survey of Internet access in Arkansas has been completed, and state officials now have a more accurate roadmap of which regions need more investment in broadband technologies.

They also have a clearer idea of how much that investment will cost. With up to \$350 million, broadband can be provided to about 100,000 households. Then it gets even more expensive. To provide Internet capability to the last 10,000 isolated homes in Arkansas will cost about \$200 million.

There are 1.7 million households in Arkansas, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. A total of about 210,000 households lack adequate broadband access, according to the statewide broad-

band study that was released recently. Of those 210,000 households lacking broadband, about 100,000 are eligible for existing state and federal programs and the remaining 110,000 households are in areas where no government program exists. Those are the households for which it will cost about \$550 million to connect them to high-speed Internet.

The standard of high speed broadband capacity steadily goes up. The statewide study set it at 100/20 megabits per second. The first number refers to download speed and the second number to upload speed.

In the early days of the Internet, still images and text made up the majority of content on web sites, and the data that consumers uploaded and downloaded.

Now, consumers expect to listen to audio, such as podcasts that can last more than 10 minutes. They expect to watch videos, and send them to friends, family and business associates.

Consumer expectations have helped drive a remarkable growth in broadband capacity. For the past 30 years it has averaged growth of more than 50 percent a year.

The exponential growth in capacity is expected to continue, so the state study recommends that providers be required to “future proof” all new networks they install. That means they should be required to install technology that is proven to be able to handle demands of tomorrow. Fiber optic cable is an example.

The study recognizes that the monthly price paid by consumers is a factor that can cause an area to be lacking in service. In other words, if the government pays a provider to install a system that nobody can afford, that provider has not served the area with high speed Internet.

The study recommends \$50 a month per household, or less, as the standard for describing broadband as affordable. The consulting firm that did the study, Broadband Development

Group, held more than 300 community meetings and surveyed more than 18,000 Arkansas residents.

The firm worked with 29 broadband providers and electric co-ops, and with the Farm Bureau, the Municipal League, the state Chamber of Commerce, the Association of Arkansas Counties, the Arkansas State Library Association and the Arkansas Sheriffs Association.

The state Education Department, Transportation Department, State Police, UAMS, the Economic Development Commission, Arkansas PBS and the Division of Agriculture helped.

The Covid-19 pandemic provided a huge impetus for the project, because so many students and employees had to work from home. Federal covid relief funds have been essential for much of investment in broadband that the state has made over the past three years. Since July of 2019 the state Broadband Office has distributed \$386 million in grants to local communities.



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# Junior Lady Jacks end season with multiple wins

By Zach Killian

The Junior Lady Jacks competed in Crossett on Tuesday, April 19. They scored a total of 283 points.

- Shot:**  
 2nd: Zoe Tullos, 31-00  
 3rd: Bayleigh Miller, 30-06  
 5th: Aaliyah York, 27-05  
 8th: Taliyah Walton, 29-11
- Discus:**  
 2nd: Zoe Tullos, 61-01  
 3rd: Anna Arroyo, 55-04  
 6th: Livi McKinney, 57-07

- 8th: Bayleigh Miller, 63-02
- Long jump:**  
 1st: Aaliyah York, 14-04  
 4th: Haven Johnson, 14-02  
 5th: Blythe Callaway, 13-05
- High jump:**  
 2nd: Ana Hunt, 4-07  
 3rd: Amari Russell, 4-02  
 5th: Jaelynn Curry, 4-02
- Triple jump:**  
 2nd: Aaliyah Walton, 25-04  
 3rd: Delany Herring, 26-10  
 5th: Avery Wharton, 28-02  
 7th: Raeligh Milton, 25-06

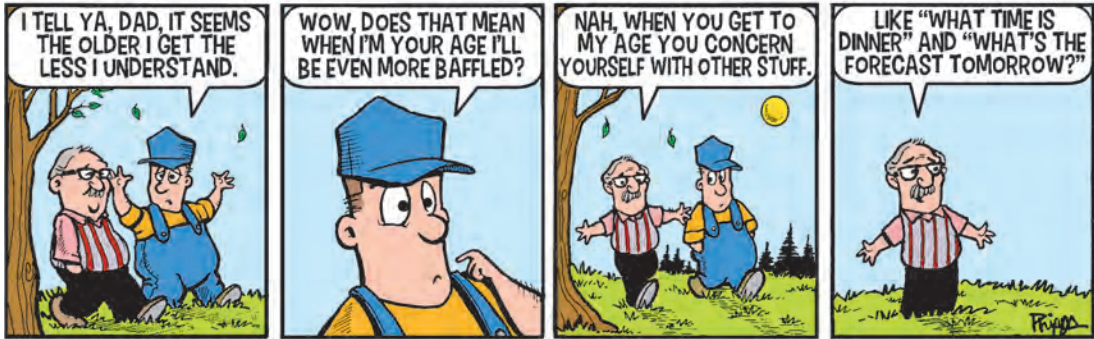
- 3,200m relay:**  
 1st: Azul Garcia, Mattie West, McKinleigh Meeks, and Haven Johnson, 11:33.21
- 100/110 hurdles:**  
 1st: Amari Russell, 19.82  
 3rd: Aniyah Chavis, 20.15  
 7th: Alyssa Calbert, 22.18
- 100m dash:**  
 1st: Aria Hunt, 13.07  
 3rd: Aaliyah Walton, 13.91  
 5th: Alyssa Calbert, 14.39  
 8th: Haven Johnson, 14.93
- 1,600m run**

- 1st: Azul Garcia, 6:11.59  
 2nd: McKinleigh Meeks, 6:34.22  
 3rd: Haven Johnson, 6:38
- 4x200m relay**  
 1st: Ember Johnson, Ky'lexy Hampton, Blythe Callaway, Alyssa Calbert, 1:57.42
- 400m run**  
 1st: Ember Johnson, Aria Hunt, Aaliyah Walton, Taliyah Walton, 53.21  
 400m dash  
 1st: Aria Hunt, 1:00.81  
 3rd: Ember Johnson, 1:07.89

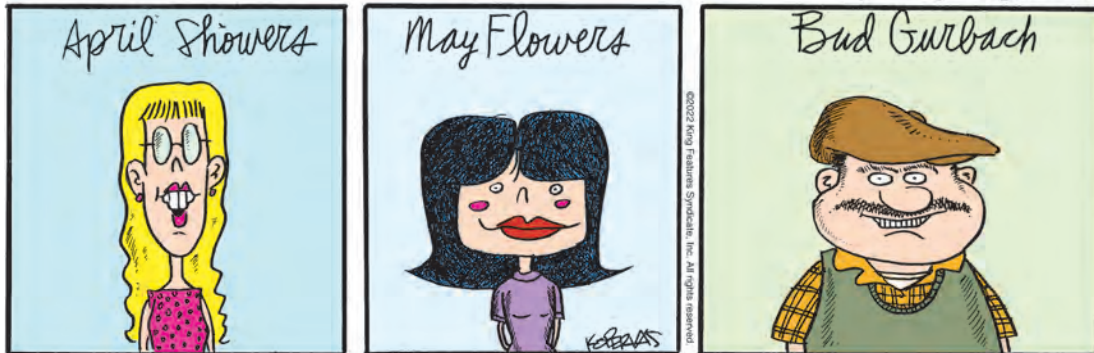
- 8th: Shylia Tripplett, 1:12.50
- 300m Hurdles**  
 1st: Kamari Tripplett  
 3rd: Jaylia Penister  
 4th: Aniyah York  
 5th: Aniyah Chavis
- 800m run**  
 Azul Garcia, 2:42.29  
 Mattie West, 2:44.84  
 Haven Johnson, 3:06.83
- 200m dash**  
 1st: Aria Hunt  
 3rd: Ember Johnson  
 5th: Ky'Lexy Hampton

- 6th: Blythe Callaway
- 1,600m relay**  
 1st: Aaliyah Walton, Taliyah Walton, McKinleigh Meeks, Azul Garcia, 4:40
- The Lady Junior Jacks remained undefeated all season in the 4x800m relay, 4x100m relay, and the 4x400m relay. Aria Hunt was undefeated in the 100m dash, 200m dash, and 400m dash. Azul Garcia was undefeated in the 1600m run and 800m run.

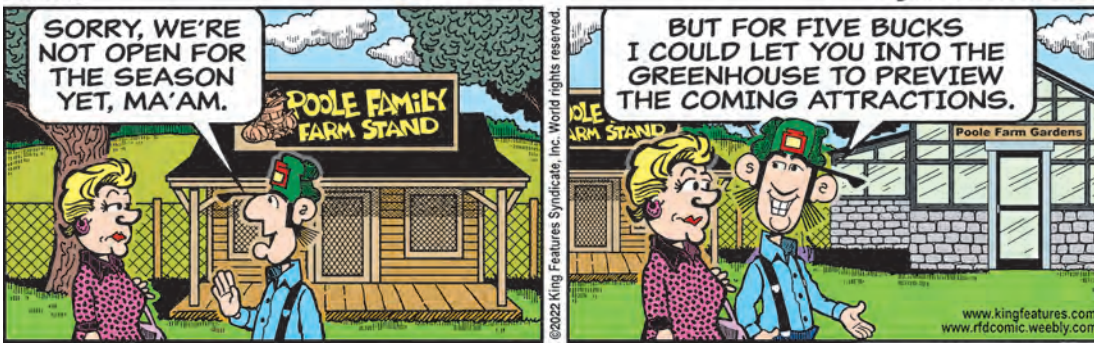
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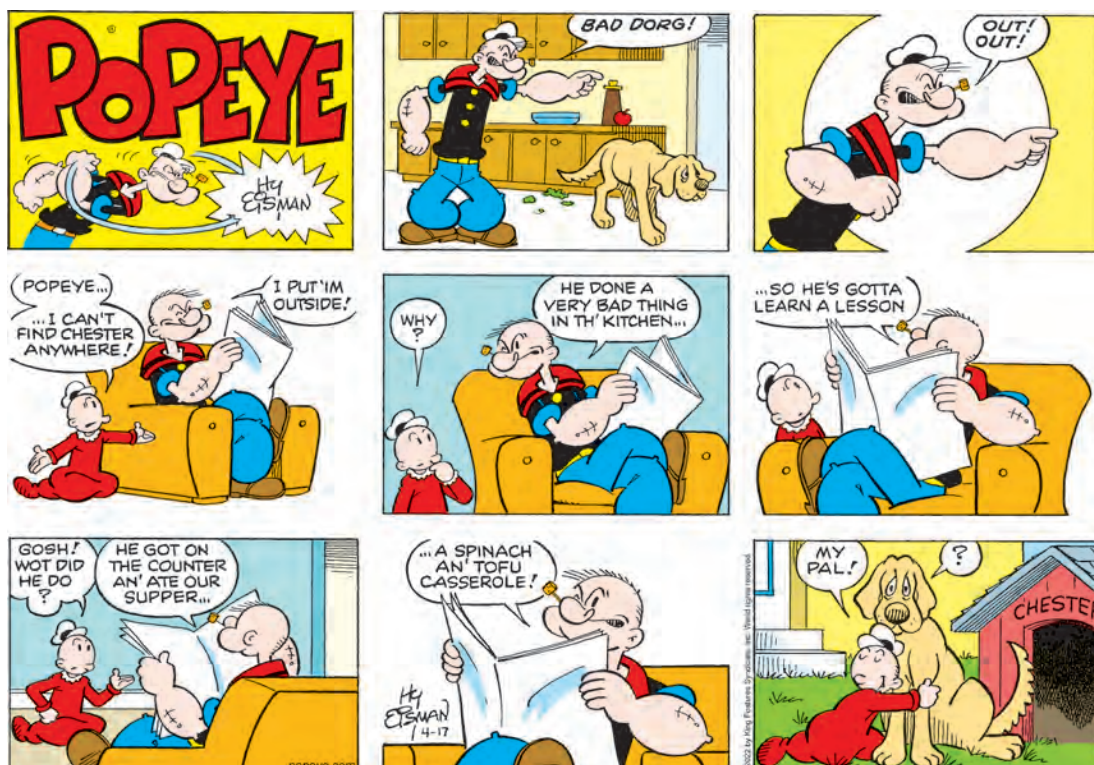
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# Obituaries

## Fancyne Bowie

Homegoing service for Mother Fancyne Bowie will be held at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church North Warren with Pastor Robert Cooks at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 30.

## Claudia Phillips

Claudia Phillips, 85, of Little Rock died April 15, 2022. She was born March 30, daughter of James and Eula Williams.

Survivors include her children, Mary Barnett, Lee Phillips, Rev. Danny Phillips, Dr. Pretrencia Grubbs (Ramondo); brother Moses Williams; sister-in-law Mary Williams; seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service were on April 22, Hermitage Community Center with burial following at Mt. Olive Cemetery. Arrangements: Hammons Funeral Home.

## Bobby "Joe" Johnson

Bobby 'Joe' Johnson, 67, of Little Rock, died April 17, 2022. Born April 19, 1954, son of Al and Earnestine Johnson.

Survivors include his children, Miels Munyan and Jennifer Johnsons; grandchildren, Imani and Carmelo Richalde Jr.; siblings, Barbara (his twin), Roy Lee, Pattie, Kent, Ab, Jocelyn, Mia, and Keith.

Funeral service were April 22, at St. James AME Church, Warren. Presiding Elder Kent Broughton officiating/eulogist. Burial St. John Cemetery, New Edinburg. Arrangements: Hammons Funeral Home.

## James McCoy

James McCoy, 60, of Warren, died April 15, 2022. Born August 25, 1961, a son of the late LT McCoy and the late Emma Mae Martin

Survivors include his children, Charmane Miller and JaMia McKnight; brothers, Earl Charles, Tommy Ray McCoy, Ricky McCoy, Brandon Martin and Quinton Thurman; special aunt, Sarah Marshall and a host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation was April 23 at Hammons Funeral Home, Warren.

# Re-New-ing Edinburg discusses spring program

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Martha Tolano and minutes of the meeting on February, 2022 were distributed out. Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Under old business, it was deemed the first event of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful spring program held on March 26 was a success. Motion was made by Roger McClellan, seconded by Larry Waldrop to hold another clean-up event on April 23 at 9 a.m. If the garden next to First Baptist Church is dry, sunflowers will be planted and if not, the group will continue cleaning off the fence row at the community center. Motion was made by

Roger to purchase an electric fence charger, fertilizer, wire, clips and post for the sunflower patch. The motion was seconded by Shelia Towery. The cost of these items to be approximately \$150.00. Motion passed.

The Easter Egg Hunt was rescheduled to Friday, April 15 due to possible bad weather on Saturday with approximately 75 kids attending. The event was deemed a success.

Possible changes for next year would be to have larger eggs without small toys inside, more candy inside eggs, more eggs (1500 hid 2022), to hide more eggs in five and under section since that was the majority of kids attending, to extend the

"hiding" area to the Veterans Park. Ideas discussed to expand event next year included purchasing a snow cone machine, holding a cake walk, providing popcorn and juice packs and also holding the event on Saturday a week before Easter with a backup date of the day before Easter. The group expressed its thanks to the Fordyce radio station who publicized the event and to Emmaus Church for providing additional eggs.

Melody Spears informed the group that approximately 200 fish plates were sold at the fish fry held at the center in March. Everyone agreed the food was wonderful and the community enjoyed visiting with friends.

Patricia McClellan informed the group that Stacey Waltz has contacted her to see if this group would like to have a Fourth of July Jamboree on July 1 at the NE Community Center in conjunction with the Cleveland County Theater group. Motion was made by Roger McClellan, seconded by Melody Spears to host the Jamboree. After a brief discussion, the motion passed. Once additional details are received the group will be informed.

The All-School Reunion will be held at the community center on July 9.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at the New Edinburg Community Center.

# First Lady Hutchinson announces National Shine Hope Campaign

At the Arkansas State Capitol last week, First Lady Susan Hutchinson announced a national initiative, the "Shine Hope Campaign", among First Spouses raising awareness for child abuse victims and survivors across our Nation. Many in the crowd wore blue in observation and reflection of child abuse awareness. Arkansas, along with 14 other states, participated by either lighting their Governor's residence in blue, wearing blue, lighting a prominent state structure blue, visiting a local Child Advocacy Center, issuing proclamations in support of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, or promoting on social media with the tagline #ShineHope.

The participating states in the national Shine Hope campaign include Montana, Kentucky, New Jersey, Louisiana, Virginia, Delaware, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Texas, Oklahoma, Utah, Tennessee, North Dakota, and Mississippi. These states have pledged to recognize child abuse and neglect as a serious problem affecting every segment of our communities during Child Abuse Awareness Month in April.

Nearly 700,000 children are abused in the USA each Year. There are an estimated 42 million survivors of child sexual abuse living in the U.S. today. 90% of child abuse victims know their abuser.

About 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused before they turn

18. Children's Advocacy Centers nationwide serve more than 370,000 kids each year, helping them to recover from trauma caused by child abuse.

On the evening of April 11th, as part of the Shine Hope Campaign, Arkansas will light the Governor's Residence and State Capitol in blue shining hope for the child abuse victims and survivors.

Governor Asa Hutchinson also announced last week the official proclamation of Children's Advocacy Center Day on April 11, 2022. In 2021, over 11,200 children were seen at a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) in Arkansas for services to promote hope and healing in the aftermath of childhood trauma.

Nationally, Children's Advocacy Centers serve more than 370,000 children each year, helping them to recover from the trauma caused by child abuse. Statistically, 90% of abusive offenders are close to the child and/or family personally. There are 17 child advocacy centers and 10 satellite locations serving all 75 counties in Arkansas. You can find out more about your local CAC and how you can become involved at the website, www.cacarkansas.org.

If you suspect child abuse, save a child not a secret and call the

Arkansas child abuse hotline at 844-SAVE-A-CHILD or call the phone number at 800-482-5964 to report child abuse.

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The list of Early Voting and Election Day poll workers is posted in the County Clerk's office. Any voter wanting to have a poll worker disqualified from participating in the election because they are related within the second degree of consanguinity to a candidate on the ballot, must submit their objection in writing to the county clerk within 10 days of this notice.

The following Vote Centers will be open Election Day, May 24, 2022 from 7:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.  
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Hermitage Community Center Eagle Lake Baptist Church Saline Baptist Church  
Absentee - Bradley County Courthouse

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

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

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

**Unopposed Democratic Candidates**  
U.S. Congress District 04-John White  
Auditor of State-Diamond Arnold-Johnson  
Lieutenant Governor-Kelly Ross Krout  
Justice of the Peace Dist. 1-Gwendolyn S. Bullard  
Justice of the Peace Dist. 4-Jimmy L. Sledge  
Attorney General-Jesse Gibson  
Commissioner of State Lands-Darlene Goldi Gaines  
State Treasurer-Pam Whitaker

**REPUBLICAN BALLOT:**  
U.S. Senate: Heath Loftis, Jake Bequette, Jan Morgan, Senator John Boozman  
Attorney General: Leon Jones, Jr., Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin  
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Secretary of State: Eddie Joe Williams  
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Justice of the Peace-District 9: Eddie "Wayne" Parnell Jr., Dana Harvey, Sharon White Balentine  
Auditor of State-Treasurer of State Dennis Milligan  
State Senate District 01-Senator Ben Gilmore  
State Representative District 96-Sonia Barker  
Sheriff & Collector-Herschel Tillman  
Coroner-Thomas Frazer  
Justice of the Peace Dist. 3-BK Pat Morman  
Justice of the Peace Dist. 7-Jim Anders  
Constable Pennington Township-Sim McCoy  
Constable Washington Township-Benjamin J. Wood

**NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT**  
State Supreme Court Assoc. Justice, Pos. 2: David Sterling, Judge Chris Camahan  
State Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 6: Judge Gunner Delay, Supreme Court Justice Karen Bake  
Circuit Judge, Dist. 10, Div. 01, SubDist. 10.1: Circuit Judge Quincey Ross, Demetria L. Edwards

41.5 MILL School Tax:  
The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of the tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operations of school in the District. This total proposed school tax levy of 41.5 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 16.5 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes. The total proposed school tax levy of 41.5 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.