

## Warren High School announces the 2022 graduates



**Annie Figueroa,**  
Valedictorian



**Jayden Grider,**  
Valedictorian



**Bailey Solis,**  
Valedictorian



**Leah Wolfe,**  
Valedictorian



**Luci Woodard,**  
Valedictorian



**Keller Bigham,**  
Salutatorian



**Ashlyn Broughton,**  
Salutatorian



**Stephanie Canuto,**  
Salutatorian

The WHS class of 2022 will walk down the field a final time at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 12 at Jim Hurley, Jr. Field.

Warren High School announced the valedictorians and salutatorians for the class of 2022. The valedictorians are Annie Figueroa, Jayden Grider, Bailey Solis, Leah Wolfe, and Luci Woodard.

Figueroa is the daughter of Luis and Diana Figueroa, and will be attending the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Grider is the daughter of David and Adriana Grider and she will be attending the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Solis is the daughter of Rick and Jessica Reep and Eric Solis and she will be attending the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Wolfe is the daughter of John and Shelly Wolfe and she will be attending the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Woodard is the daughter of Burt and Justin Beth Woodard and she will be attending the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

The salutatorians are Keller Bigham, Ashlyn Broughton, and Stephanie Canuto.

Bigham is the daughter of Doug and Gail Bigham and she will be attending Mississippi College. Broughton is the daughter of Larry and Tommie Broughton and she will be attending

Southern Arkansas University Magnolia. Canuto is the daughter of Jose and Evelia Canuto and she will be attending the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

The Warren High School Honor Graduates for 2022 are: Jacey Ashcraft, Arlington Browning, Brianna Campbell, Halley Childs, Ruthann Corker, Riley Cornish, Klayton Dunaway, Ella Garner, Westin Hargraves, Connor McDiarmid, Aidan Reynolds, Colton Satterlee, Hector Torres, Aidan Weaver, and Mylesha Yao.

The Warren High School Graduates for 2022 are: Jacey Lenn Ashcraft, Caleb Reid Barnes, Tyairean Ra'Shawn Bass, See WHS GRADS on page 3

## Hermitage High School graduates announced



**David "Alan" McGhee II,**  
Highest Honors



**Erica Lynn Corker,**  
Highest Honors

Leading the Hermitage class of 2022 with Highest Honors are David "Alan" McGhee II and Erica Lynn Corker. Alan is the son of David and Mistie McGhee and Erica is the daughter of Eric and Jamie Corker. Alan will attend Louisiana Tech in Ruston, Louisiana, and Erica will attend the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Graduating with Honors are Aaron "Braden" Harrod, son of Brad and Melissa Mann; Julianne Baker, daughter of Holly Tullos and Riley Baker; Emily Esquivel, daughter of Sylvia Perez and Fortunato Esquivel; Andrew Lewis, son of Leigh and Keith Brandon and John and Jamie Lewis; Kennadie Byrd, daughter of Richard and Branda Byrd; Rodrigo Matamoros-Lopez, son of Cerafin and Eleazar

Matamoros; and Elizabeth Martinez, daughter of Juan and Martha Martinez.

Hermitage High School graduates are Brookelyn Adams, Derrick Avery, Zachary Beard, Jose Castro, Christian Danley, Tre'Veon Ellis, Brian Estevez, Axton Etue, Eden Garay, Joseph Garay, Maria Gonzalez, Michaela Hale, Abigail Ibarra, Aceon Johnson, Allison Johnson, James "Dylan" Johnson, Kelsey Johnson, Andrew Lewis, Jason "Jay" Mann, Ean Maxwell, Haley McDougald, Sawyer Pennington, Olivia Pierce, Malachy Ramirez, Jorge Ramos, John Sosa, and Victor Vargas.

The Hermitage High School Class of 2022 graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2022 at 7:30 pm on Hermit Field.

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Graduation  
Section  
Inside**



## Bradley County Medical Center honors National Hospital Week

By Zach Killian  
Editor

The Bradley County Medical Center (BCMC) has served Bradley County for over 70 years and it will honor National Hospital Week from May 8 to May 14.

Dennen Cuthbertson, public relations specialist for the medical center, told The Eagle Democrat they were doing something for the staff every day during Hospital Week. Warren Mayor Denisa Pennington made a proclamation on Monday, along with a pancake breakfast provided by the administration office for staff members.

On Tuesday, snack services were provided to employees by a special guest. The BCMC departments will dress wacky for Wacky Wednesday. The department that is dressed the "wackiest" will win a pizza party. Legacy Rehab will sponsor a BBQ lunch for employees on Thursday. Union Bank will also sponsor an ice cream truck Thursday afternoon. The hospital cafeteria will provide a complimentary fish plate for employees on Friday. The Annual Service Awards will be presented at the hospital entrance at 3 p.m. on Friday.

National Hospital Week al-



ways falls on the week of Florence Nightingale's birthday on May 12. Nightingale lived from 1820 until her death in 1910. She was known as "The Lady with the Lamp." She was a British nurse and best known as the founder of modern nursing. Bradley County Medical Center was founded in 1951 and has evolved into one of the top medical facilities in southeast Arkansas. The medical center employs more than 230 people making it one of Bradley County's largest employers.

Bradley County Medical Center was originally named Bradley County Memorial

Hospital when it was founded in 1951 until the name changed to Bradley County Medical Center in 1997. The name was changed because their status changed to a private, not-for-profit.

The hospital cost about \$450,000 to construct and the first superintendent was Senator Lee Reaves of Hermitage. A \$300,000 bond issue was approved by Bradley County voters in November 1948. The Warren Lions Club sponsored a campaign to build the hospital under the club's first president, W.D. Roddey, Jr.

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**Dr. Bob Smalling (right) accepting the Lifetime of Excellence Award from Dr. Joe Sugg on behalf of the Arkansas Optometric Association.**

## Dr. Bob Smalling awarded Lifetime of Excellence Award

Dr. Robert Smalling of Warren received the 2022 Lifetime of Excellence Award from the Arkansas Optometric Association (ArOA) during its annual spring convention April 21-23, 2022, at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock, Arkansas.

"My seven grandchildren wanted to know why I won an award," joked Dr. Smalling. "It was humbling to be recognized by your peers."

This award is given to an optometrist who has exemplified the highest ethical, professional, and caring character during his or her practice life and has shown a willingness to serve in numerous capacities. His career has been an example for all Arkansas Optometrists to follow and their life has been one that has had a positive influence upon their family, community, and peers.

Dr. Robert Smalling is honored for his many years in practice and many years of service to the Arkansas Optometric Association. He has been a member of the Arkansas Optometric Association since 1970. Dr. Smalling has served in many roles, including president in 1986-87.

He served on the Arkansas State Board of Optometry from 1989-2020.

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We have come from a 9 to 5 work day, five days per week to 24/7/365. We have come from going to jail for playing lotteries and numbers games to the fact that today the biggest bookies on the block are state governments.

A "crack salesman" meant someone who was really good at selling. "Log on" meant something you put in the stove. "Download" meant taking the wood off the wagon. Micro-chip meant the small potato chips at the bottom of the bag.

I ask you, "Do you think you will ever come to a time in your life where there will be less change than there is today?"

These are times that try men's souls in terms of the constant change, crunch, and conflict.

So, how can I live triumphant in such trying times? In 1 Peter 1:13, it gives us the answer:

"Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Our future is not a function of chance, but of choice. In the Christian faith, roads are made by walking. "Walk by faith, not by sight."



Andrea Murdock (left) and Holly Johnson (center) were the guest speakers brought by rotarian Dana Harvey (right).

**Rotary Club learns about Medicaid fraud**

The Rotary Club of Warren met Tuesday, May 3 for its weekly meeting inside the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church. The club heard from Warren Junior Rotarian Hector Torres before Rotarian Dana Harvey presented her program. Harvey's program was Holly Johnson, who is the Senior Assistant Attorney General for the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), which is part of Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge's office. Johnson also had Investigator Andrea Murdock with her. Johnson gave an overview of what their office does and how they investigate Medicaid fraud.

Medicaid fraud can include abuse, neglect, or exploitation. The MFCU monitors and takes action regarding the abuse or neglect that a Medicaid recipient may suffer in long-term health care facilities. There are times that Medicaid residents, especially the elderly, are physically and sexually abused or neglected by health care workers.

Physical abuse or neglect includes anything from striking to sexually assaulting a resident, to withholding necessary and adequate food, physical care or medical attention. Financial abuse includes the misuse of a



Hector Torres was the Warren Junior Rotarian at the weekly meeting on Tuesday, May 3. He gave a presentation to the club members.

resident's trust funds to pay for nursing home services already being paid for by the Medicaid program or for uses of a resident's funds not authorized by the resident or the resident's guardian, trustee or administrator. Medicaid fraud can also occur when providers use the Medicaid program to obtain money they are not entitled to.

Johnson went on to explain that they also have the ability to prosecute some cases criminally along with civil penalties. However, their office has

to have permission from local district attorneys to prosecute or they can just be used as an asset to help investigate claims of Medicaid fraud. Medicaid fraud can be reported online confidentially.

Johnson stated that they get complaints from all kinds of sources including workers who may have witnessed fraud in their workplace, law enforcement, other governmental staff, and family members. She ended by answering a handful of questions from the crowd.

**Reminiscing from the past . . .**



**Oldtimer's Notebook**  
 By Robert L. Newton

The publishers of The Eagle Democrat have chosen to publish articles from the past Oldtimer's Notebook in memory of Robert L. Newton. This article was first published March 22, 2000.

Gene Grider of Harlem, Ga., a onetime resident who is related to our valued longtime friend, Gorman Grider, called the other day to see if we could give him the address of Dudley Bryan, the radio man who sent the Hurley Hardware picture published several weeks ago.

We found the address and related it to him.

People who have televisions and radios nowadays probably don't appreciate the "solid state" way the devices are now made.

Back in the 'fifties and the years before, radios and other electronic devices used vacuum tubes which generated a whole lot of heat.

Consequently, the things

were wont to "burn out."

When that happened, you had to get somebody like Bobby Bradford or Dudley Bryant or Hastings Colvin or James Green or somebody to come and replace the tube (surely our friend, James O. Young, fit in that category as did our friend Loyd Norton who, like Bradford, is Happily Retired nowadays, like us).

Do TV sets "wear out" anymore?

We don't think so.

We have one of the General Electric make that is 26 years old and still truckin'.

James O. Young fixed many a radio and television.

In the final years of his career, his hands were so crippled with arthritis he'd sit and tell an employee what to do to make repairs.

We have been promising ourselves ere our departure from this mortal coil, we'd visit the site of Camp Mans-

field.

Friend of ours who wanders around in those climes periodically says he's been there lately and that you can't really tell where the YMCA camp was situated in second quarter of the 20th century.

Camp Mansfield was at Bank Springs on the Saline, south of present Monticello highway bridge.

You could get there by turning north in front of Mr. Rex Fraser's establishment, Airport Inn, but we understand this little road now is closed with a locked gate by the owner of the land.

Now Airport Inn's gone, so is Camp Mansfield.

Fragments of the passing years...

Back about the time Camp Mansfield was operative at Bank Springs, a wandering musician named Ralph Phillip Dial came to town and set up shop on North Main, south of the Warren YMCA.

Mr. Dial had been in the army and had learned some music there.

He resided with his wife, "Beh" in the back of the building and busied himself giving guitar lessons and setting up an organization called the Warren Lumberjack Band (since he had no formal collegiate education, since the Warren Schools, depression-impooverished, had no band program, he could do this not as an arm of the schools but as an arm of what he called "Dial's Music House."

Mr. Dial was pretty good in music but he was just excellent in his discipline in his bandmen, as survivors like me (there are not many) Buddy McCaskill, Oscar Koehler, Martin Hankins, G.C. Morgan, etc. can testify.

Mr. Dial was not loath to set up a belt line to punish those who made mistakes marching.

You'd be amazed to see what good marchers we became, apace.

Mr. Dial operated here over half a decade, then repaired to McGehee for his Music Man act there.

WWII veteran Oscar Koehler ran into him during the war once in Hawaii.

Since then, Ralph Phillip Dial, and "Beh", have disappeared.

Once in fading antiquity (probably 60 years ago) Mr. Dial took the band to a marching contest in Jackson, Miss.

The capital of the Magnolia state is now three and a half hours away by vehicle but, back then, it was considered a long way off.

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— Brenda Weaver  
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# HOSPITAL

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He served as the master of ceremonies at the dedication ceremony on June 10, 1951. About 1,500 people toured the newly built hospital after the dedication ceremony.

The hospital was originally a 24,000 square foot building with a 60-bed capacity. In 1999, an addition to the facility was added with four acute care patient rooms, along with six LDRP (labor, delivery, recovery, post-partum) rooms. It provides new moth-

ers with the best in accommodations while they are hospitalized.

In 2005, the Bradley County Medical Center became a Critical Access Hospital that allowed for different benefits from Medicare than other facilities.

The Bradley County Medical Center provides a variety of services to its patients. Their services include labor and delivery, emergency room, home health, senior care, senior care intensive outpatient program, respiratory therapy, laboratory, outpatient clinic,

radiology, rehab services, surgery, medical surgical unit, skilled nursing, the rural health clinic, and the women’s clinic.

The Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary was formed in 1953. They run the gift shop and operate desks at the waiting rooms. They also opened up a thrift shop inside the Brunson Medical Complex.

The Brunson Medical Complex is in the old Brunson Elementary School building. It was purchased in 2004 by the Bradley County Medical Cen-

ter. It houses the rehab services and home health departments through Legacy Rehabilitation.

Even with all the changes and additions through the years, the Bradley County Medical Center continues to provide a variety of medical services to patients throughout Bradley County.

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# SMALLING

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While on the board, he served as secretary and as president. He was highly active in the Association of Regulatory Board of Optometry, serving on the executive committee, including president of ARBO 2005-2006. He served as SECO president, active in SWCO, ASCO, ACOE and many other national optometry organizations. He has received many awards, including the Arkansas Optometric Association Myron

Shofner Award of Excellence in 2007, Arkansas Optometric Association Optometrist of the Year in 2001, Distinguished Service Award and Special Service Award, as well as Southern College of Optometry Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004.

The Arkansas Optometric Association thanks Dr. Smalling for his dedication to the profession of Optometry, the State Board of Optometry, our Optometrists, and the people of the state of Arkansas.

The Arkansas Optometric Association represents

Arkansas optometrists, who provide primary eye care services. Improving the quality of eye care and vision health and increasing its availability to all Arkansans are primary objectives of the association. In addition, the association makes a concerted effort to educate consumers on how to take care of their eyes and maintain good eye health and vision. The Arkansas Optometric Association is an affiliate of the American Optometric Association. The mission is to preserve, promote and advance Optometry in Arkansas.

# Festival T-shirts available for sale

The 66th annual Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival™ t-shirts have arrived and went on sale Monday, May 9 at the Chamber of Commerce office located in the Warren Municipal Building at 104 North Myrtle. Sizes 2T, 3T, 4T, YouthXS, YouthS, YouthM, YouthL, and Adult S, M, L and XL will be available for \$20 each. Sizes 2XL, 3XL, and 4XL will be \$25.

For out-of-towners, shirts will be available for purchase on our website www.PinkTomatoFestival.com. Be sure to follow our Facebook page for the latest news and announcements!



The Pink Tomato Festival shirts are for sale at the Bradley County Chamber of Commerce office.

# News Briefs

The Crossroad Cemetery Association annual meeting will be Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m. and will be held at Crossroad Baptist Church.

The American Legion Martin-Tate Post 82, Bradley County Veterans, Inc., and Veterans of Foreign Wars Baker-York Post 4564 will meet Monday, May 16 at 3 p.m. at the Bradley County Veterans Museum.

*Mayor Denisa Pennington*  
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## We would like to Congratulate Dr. Bob Smalling

*For being awarded the Lifetime of Excellence Award!*



Dr. Joe Snugg from the Arkansas Opometric Association presenting Dr. Bob Smalling with the Lifetime Excellence Award.



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## Congratulations and Thank You to the Bradley County Medical Center!



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We also would like to say thank you to the doctors, nurses, and all healthcare workers for their dedication during this past year.

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# Research shows how people are taking civic action

(StatePoint) New research is offering insights into how the world can recover and rebuild from the pandemic, along with how individuals and organizations can address issues they care about in their communities.

“Civic Life Today: The State of Global Civic Engagement,” which was commissioned by Points of Light and designed and executed by INFLUENCE|SG, studied attitudes around civic

**Guest Editorial** engagement in the United States, the United Kingdom, India, and Brazil.

“We believe that the most powerful force is the individual who has realized their power to make change happen. However, everyone can be more impactful when working together,” says Natalye Paquin, president and CEO of Points of Light, the world’s largest nonprofit dedicated to accelerating people-powered change. “This report is intended to reveal ways to act effectively -- making it easier for individuals to find these opportunities and organizations to create them.”

The report also supports Points of Light’s Civic Circle, a framework that helps people understand that there are many ways to do good. The nine activities outlined by the Civic Circle are: listening and learning, using one’s voice, social entrepreneurship, volunteering, public, national or military service, using one’s purchasing power to express values, working, voting, and donating. Whether you’re a business leader hoping to mobilize your employees, a nonprofit or NGO leader looking to connect individuals to your cause, or an individual wanting to support your community, the Civic Circle and these key report takeaways can help you get started:

- **Pandemic effects are universal:** The same social issues and personal costs have been shared by people everywhere. At the country level, healthcare, education, and the environment/climate demand attention. On a personal level, the health of others in the community is where the most impact has been felt, followed by individuals’ financial and mental health.

- **Issues leading civic engagement:** Education, the environment, and healthcare were the top issues respondents wanted their countries to support, with healthcare ranked the leading issue in the United States.

- **How people prefer to take action:** The most common Civic Circle actions taken by respondents were using one’s voice (influencing one’s network through social media, advocacy, or other form of expression), listening and learning (learning about a cause or social issue), and volunteering (intentionally helping someone else). However, perceived barriers to civic engagement linger -- two of the top three reasons people cited for a lack of social issue involvement were financial in nature, reflecting the perception that being civically involved means donating money.

- **Virtual volunteering is here to stay:** Volunteerism has not only remained important, it’s on the rise, with 54 percent of global respondents saying, “I plan to volunteer more than I did before the pandemic.” Of those, the vast majority intend to do so primarily via virtual opportunities.

- **Calls for corporate involvement:** Individuals see companies as having an obligation to get involved. Indeed, a majority of respondents said they expect companies to address social challenges. At the same time, respondents are measuring a given company’s sincerity by the way it treats its employees.

“At a time when the whole world is facing a common challenge, we’re excited to see people take action. According to this report, 80 percent of Americans took at least one civic action in a 30-day period, up from 52 percent in May 2020. That statistic itself is amazing,” says Paquin. “If we hope to move forward together, it’s this positive energy that we must capture.”

Get vaccinated, save lives!



## Letter Policy

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Warren Mayor Denisa Pennington (left) declared a proclamation, with BCMC Interim CEO Leslie Huitt (right) on Monday honoring BCMC for National Hospital Week.

### Senate News

from Senator

### John Boozman

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is run by my good friend David Beasley. Under his leadership, WFP was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to combat hunger, promote peace in conflict-affected areas and prevent the weaponization of food as part of war and hostilities.

David will remain at WFP’s helm for another year, which is very good news. The world is about to find out just how vital his steady leadership is during a time of crisis.

Global food prices are a whopping 34 percent higher than they were this time last year. The high cost of food has complicated humanitarian efforts to help those suffering from food insecurity at a time the world is seeing those in need increase dramatically.

The massive market disruptions brought on by Russia’s ruthless invasion of Ukraine

will make it more difficult for WFP and other organizations to feed the hungry. Ukrainian ports are closed, and likely to remain so until the invasion ends. Additionally, Russia is threatening to only export agricultural and food products to countries it considers “friendly.” This spells trouble for many nations that rely on exports out of the Black Sea.

Russia and Ukraine are major grain exporters to regions of the world most at-risk for food insecurity-driven conflict. On average 18 percent of corn, 30 percent of wheat, 71 percent of barley, and close to 80 percent of sunflower-based cooking oils are exported from these two countries annually. Disruptions in the supply of these commodities will affect food security and further increase ballooning global inflation.

President Biden has acknowledged the looming threat of international food shortages is “going to be real.” Despite this pronouncement, his administration has been slow to act.

The U.S. Department of

Agriculture (USDA) has not provided Congress its plans to address the forthcoming global food crisis and support domestic producers’ efforts to meet increasing demand.

It’s past time for the administration to do that as well as empower American farmers to help ward off this emergency.

If USDA were to grant flexibilities for current or prospective participants in its programs, such as the Conservation Reserve Program, millions of acres of cropland and pasture that would have otherwise remained idle can be farmed for food production. It’s a win-win solution.

Time is of the essence. An estimated 323 million people are at risk of food insecurity this year. Furthermore, WFP estimates more than 44 million people around the world are on the brink of famine.

Arkansas family farmers stand ready to help to bridge the gap globally and help bring down food costs here at home. President Biden should allow them to scale-up capacity to aid those desperately in

need. As major importers of Ukrainian and Russian agriculture products, countries across North Africa and the Middle East have experienced a significant increase in wheat prices as domestic production has been crippled by droughts. These same nations will be dealt another blow when the supply of wheat exported via the Black Sea dwindles. The economic conditions in these parts of the world are already grim. Inaction could very well lead to Arab Spring 2.0.

Violence breaking out in any of these countries could also result in migrant crises with tragic consequences as people take drastic measures to flee their war-torn homelands.

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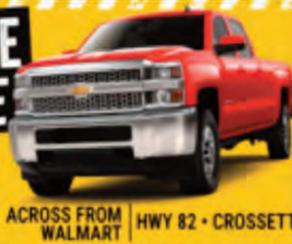
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# Winners of art contest announced



GFWC Warren Woman's Club released winners of the Annual Bradley County Ten Penny Art Contest for 2022. Art was judged by local artist and 2021 juried art winner Rob Reep. Art supplies were awarded as prizes for winners with the exception of Overall Winners who received cash awards. Pictured above from the Warren art department from left to right are: Laura McKinney, art teacher with winners: Emily Daniels, Creativity Award for "The Wishing Well", Level II watercolor; Chloe Phillips, Overall runner-up for Level II drawing, "Blown Perfection"; Marlee Mann, Overall runner-up for Level I acrylic, "Flowers"; and Gabby Richardson, Overall Winner Level I, for drawing, "Faces". Sandra Gatling, GFWC Ten Penny Art Coordinator, presented the award to the students. GFWC Warren Woman's Club would like to express its thanks to the students, schools, and teachers for their hard work and support of its project and to Mr. Reep for judging the art which he considered impressive.



David Richey, YMCA director, accepted the annual donation from First State Bank on behalf of the YMCA on Thursday for the YMCA's annual fund drive. Pictured left to right: Hugh Quimby, James Wells, David Richey, bank president Todd Smith, Derek Grice, Jessica Bradley, and Pat Newton.



Sandra Gatling(right) presented the award to Christobal Guerrero (left) for Creativity Award, Level I drawing and Carter Poole (center) for Overall Winner Art Level II from Hermitage High School.

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The GFWCA Warren Women's Club participated in the Bradley County Cleanup on Saturday. The club has a designated protected wildflower area on the bypass. Pictured left to right: Sandra Gatlin, Jonalyn Reep, Terrie White, Jennifer Taylor, JeNelle Lipton, Judy Gibson, Diane Parnell, and Fran Nutt.



Workers at the Bradley County Landfill unloaded trailers on Saturday for the Bradley County Cleanup. Residents were able to bring their solid waste to the landfill at no charge.



Employees at the Bradley County Landfill office kept count of each load that was brought into the landfill during the Bradley County Cleanup. By the end of the day, the landfill received 100 loads and 60 tons of solid waste.



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Bradley County Health Unit conducted a free COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the Warren Branch Library on Thursday, May 5. The clinic offered first and second doses as well as COVID boosters. Pictured are Amanda Reep and Stephanie McGaha from the Bradley County Health Unit and Tim Kessler.

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## Financial Talk with Michael Gardner, CPA

### Interest Rates vs. Inflation

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The talking heads on mainstream media are touting a half of one percent increase in federal funds rate as a good thing. It is hard to believe that an increase of this magnitude is going to deter anyone from using their credit. Another talking head said we should look through our streaming services and choose one to discontinue, touting that the five to seven dollars should go into savings instead. The disconnect between the big city and the common folks is never more

evident than to realize that, with inflation, that money is not going to go into savings but is going to buy a loaf of bread.

The only thing we can all agree on is that we are facing a time of inflation. Also, since the Federal Reserve has indicated that this will not be the only interest rate increase to expect, we need to be reducing our debt. If your mortgage has an adjustment clause in the loan that allows for increases in interest rate based on Fed Funds or similar indicators, then consider refinancing immediately to a fixed rate loan. Locking in interest rates will be protection against the rate hikes that are geared to social engineering.

We don't always have the ability to wait to make major purchases. If your house needs repair, you have to pay the price of materials at the going rate. However, if you have time, then waiting may be an option. Inflation has similarities to the stock market in that it is next to impossible to time. In the stock market you can't know whether the market is about to go up or down, plus you can't know how long it will stay in that direction. That is why most of the experts advise investing less and more often. If you buy into the

market in a regular systematic way, you have less of a chance of being adversely affected in the long-term.

Inflation is not much different; you have no idea how much inflation is out there until after it is measured. You don't know if it is getting worse or how long it will be before there is significant relief. Life can't be put on hold and still live. What you can do is buy often (when you can find a deal) and buy only what you need. Hoarding never works. Either the life of the food expires, or prices go down before you consume the food. Be reasonable. Your CPA can be a good resource for ideas and problem solutions so don't forget that resource.

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## Young named Dean of School of Social and Behavioral Sciences

MONTICELLO—Dr. Clinton D. Young, professor of history at the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM), has been named dean of the UAM School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, effective May 1, 2022. He has been serving as the dean in an interim capacity since August 2021.

A faculty member at UAM since 2009, Young has taught courses in world and European history. He was the 2021 recipient of the Hornaday Outstanding Faculty Award at UAM and was recently recognized as the Monticello-Drew County Chamber of Commerce UAM Educator of the Year. Before becoming dean, he was part of the team that acquired grant funding from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council to restore the Taylor House at the Hollywood Plantation, a historical property owned by UAM.

"I've enjoyed my experience as a faculty member at UAM," Young said, "and I'm proud that I'll have the opportunity to help faculty and students in the ways that others have helped me."

Young is a past president of the Arkansas Association of College History Teachers and currently serves as the editor

of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Newsletter. He is also active in local civic organizations. He has served as both vice president and president of the SEARK Concert Association and is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Monticello Public Library.

An expert in the history and culture of modern Spain, Young's scholarship focuses on the connections between music and national identity in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

His 2016 book, *Music Theater and Popular Nationalism in Spain, 1874-1930*, was the recipient of the Robert M. Stevenson Award for outstanding scholarship in Iberian and Latin American music from the American Musicological Association.

He was also a recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship to Spain and has received research funding from the Spanish Ministry of Culture and Education.

Young earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in history and Spanish from the University of Rochester in 1998. He earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of California at San Diego in 2006.

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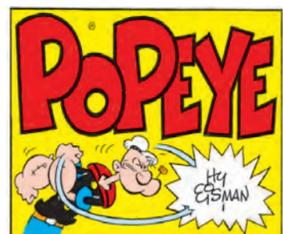
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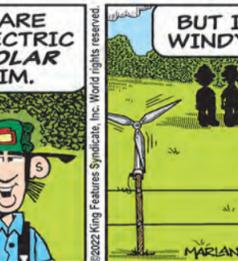
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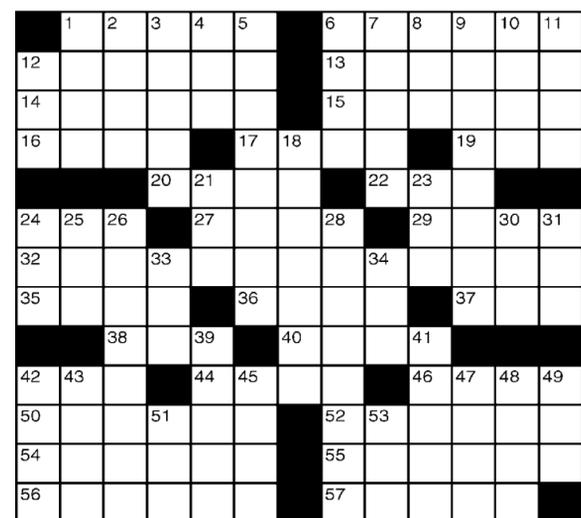
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  - 35 Riga resident
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  - 37 Despondent
  - 38 Hem's partner
  - 40 Jealousy
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  - 52 Strange thing
  - 54 "Can you give me directions?"
  - 55 Family girls



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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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Answer

**Weekly SUDOKU**

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Dubai is the largest city of which country?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was President Richard Nixon's Secret Service code name?
- TELEVISION: In which year did the first episode of the animated comedy "South Park" air?
- HISTORY: What was the former name of the Hoover Dam on the Colorado River?
- MUSIC: Which instrument is Pablo Casals famous for playing?
- LITERATURE: What are the names of Harry Potter's deceased parents in the book series?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "bona fide" mean?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby fish called?
- ACRONYMS: What does BMW stand for?
- MOVIES: What is the song playing in the famous twist scene of "Pulp Fiction"?

# CLASSIFIEDS

**WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB OPENINGS 2021-2022:** Certified Job Openings: Elementary Reading Specialist; Eastside Elementary Instructor; Brunson Elementary Instructor; Middle School Instructor; High School Dean of Students/Driver's Education; High School Spanish Instructor. Classified Job Openings: SEACBEC Secretary; Technology Technician; High School Media Specialist Aide/Paraprofessional; Food Service; Paraprofessionals; Bus Drivers. Applications may also be picked up from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Warren School District Administration Office located at 408 Cherry Street in Warren, Arkansas. Website: warrensd.org. Application and supporting documents may be emailed, faxed, mailed, or delivered to: Warren School District, Office of the Superintendent, P.O. Box 1210, Warren, AR 71671. Ph. 870-226-6738; Fax: 870-226-8531. Email address - catrina.tatum-roberson@warrensd.org, Attention: Catrina. 9-22-tfncWSD

**DOZER, TRACKHOE & BACKHOE WORK** - Hauling Gravel, Top Soil and Sand, Clearing, Grubbing, Ponds, Pads, Driveways, Yard Leveling, Drainage, Chicken House Pads. Contact Tracy Rawls, 870-226-7034 or 870-820-1013. tfnTR

**FOR SALE:** 2013 Polaris Ranger Crew 800 S \$6,000. Contact 870-820-1861

**FOR SALE:** Double curio cabinet, cherry wood, glass shelves. Very nice, \$200. Also Lowery organ with all bells and whistles with bench. Asking \$200. Call 870-325-6551. If no answer leave a message and number.

**WANTS TO BUY:** 9.9 or 15 Evinrude or Johnson boat motor that is running. Reasonably priced. Call 870-325-6551. If no

answer please leave a message and number.

**FOR SALE:** Michael Kohrs purse, brown/tan, brand new. 870-820-4601.

**FOR SALE:** Metal traps 3/4 " tubing, 4' wide 4' tall 8' long. \$600, Call Mark (870)-820-4095.

**FOR SALE:** Lifetime BBQ grill, made out of 1/4" metal, 24" round & 28" long. Front & side shelves on wheels. \$550 Also smoker for \$675 Call (870)-820-4095.

**BREWER'S LAWN CARE: Mowing, Mulching, limb removal, Bush Hogging, and pressure washing. Contact Maurice Brewer (870)-718-5280, 5-11-6TP**

**Free:** Small yard cactus plants. Aloe Vera burn plant. Plants can be seen at 2 Southern Ct., Warren. 870-226-5349.

**HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES: Can provide references. (870)- 820-4601, 5-11-2tp**

## Arrests

Octavio Padillu, 109 Bradley, Warren, was arrested May 3<sup>rd</sup> for harassment.

Armondo Sanchez, 707 S. Myrtle #28, Warren, was arrested May 4<sup>th</sup> and charged with domestic battery.

Lorelei Ramsey, 225 Hazel St., Hot Springs, was arrested May 4<sup>th</sup> on a warrant and violation of parole.

Robert Anderson, 504 York, Warren, was arrested May 4<sup>th</sup> on a warrant and violation of parole.

James Harrison, #15 Alto Court, Warren, was arrested

# LEGALS

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANNY RAY THOMAS, DECEASED NO. 06PR-22-33-2

**NOTICE**  
Last known address of decedent: 403 East Church Warren, AR 71671  
Date of Death: October 20, 2021  
On April 27, 2022, an Affidavit For Collection Of Small Estate By Distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Danny Ray Thomas, Deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Bradley County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

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

Beginning at a point designated by an iron pin 9.485 chains South and 125 feet East of the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 9 West, and running thence North 104 feet, thence East 10 feet to center of Branch, thence South 28 degrees East along center of Branch a distance of 146.5 feet to the center of bridge abutment, thence North 77 degrees West a distance of 90 feet to a point of beginning, and being a part of Lot 2, Block 3 6, according to Turner's Map of the City of Warren, Arkansas.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee 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 or distributee's attorney

Richard L. Roper  
Bar Identification No. 79246  
Attorney At Law  
Barton & Roper, PLLC  
Post Office Box 1236  
Warren, Arkansas 71671  
(870) 466-4214  
Attorney for the Estate  
This notice first published May 4, 2022.  
/signed/Rena Marie Burch  
Rena Marie Burch  
5-4-2tp

May 7<sup>th</sup> a DWI refusal, false use of 911, falsifying police report, and leaving scene of an accident.

Christopher Herron, 8548 State Hwy 248, Warren, was arrested May 8<sup>th</sup> on a warrant.

Robert Payne, Crossett, was arrested May 8<sup>th</sup> on a warrant/parole warrant.



**NOTICE FOR AMENDMENTS REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Issue No. 2**  
**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**  
Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 93rd General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 8, 2022, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 2. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2021 Session by Representative Ray and filed as HJR 1005.

### ISSUE NO. 2

#### Popular Name

A Constitutional Amendment to Reform Certain Measures Presented to Voters, to be Known as the "Constitutional Amendment and Ballot Initiative Reform Amendment"

**Ballot Title**  
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND BALLOT INITIATIVE REFORM AMENDMENT"; CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES PRESENTED TO VOTERS; REQUIRING THAT INITIATIVES PROPOSED UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, § 1, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 19, § 22, AND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 70, § 2, SHALL BE APPROVED WHEN RECEIVING AT LEAST SIXTY PERCENT (60%) OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE OR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; AND REQUIRING THAT A MEASURE SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM SHALL BE REPEALED IF THE MEASURE IS REJECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING UPON THE MATTER.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as

an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit: SECTION 1. TITLE. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the "Constitutional Amendment and Ballot Initiative Reform Amendment".

SECTION 2. The subsection of Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1, titled "Majority", is amended to read as follows: Majority Approval. Any measure submitted to the people as herein provided shall take effect and become a law when approved by a majority at least sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast upon such measure; and not otherwise; and shall not be required to receive a majority of the electors voting at such election. Such measures shall be operative on and after the thirtieth day after the election at which it is approved, unless otherwise specified in the Act measure. However, a measure subject to a referendum shall be repealed if it is rejected by a majority of the electors voting upon the matter. This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the General Assembly of the right to introduce any measure, but no measure shall be submitted to the people by the General Assembly, except a proposed constitutional amendment or amendments as provided for in this Constitution.

SECTION 3. The subsection of Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1, titled "Conflicting Measures", is amended to read as follows: Conflicting Measures. If conflicting measures initiated or referred to the people shall be approved by a majority at least sixty percent (60%) of the votes severally cast for and against the same at the same election, the one receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall become law.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 22, is amended to read as follows:

§ 22. Constitutional amendments.

Either branch of the General Assembly, at a regular session thereof, may propose amendments to this Constitution; and if the same be agreed to by a majority of all members elected to each house, such proposed amendments shall be entered on the journals with the yeas and nays, and published in at least one newspaper in each county, where a newspaper is

published, for six months immediately preceding the next general election for Senators and Representatives, at which time the same shall be submitted to the electors of the State, for approval or rejection; and if a majority at least sixty percent (60%) of the electors voting at such election adopt such amendments, the same shall become a part of this Constitution. But no more than three amendments shall be proposed or submitted at the same time. They shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 70, § 2, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. Additional Constitutional amendments authorized.

In addition to the three amendments to the Constitution allowed pursuant to Article 19, § 22, either branch of the General Assembly at a regular session thereof may propose an amendment to the Constitution to change the salaries for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Commissioner of State Lands, and Auditor of State and for members of the General Assembly. If the same be agreed to by a majority of all members elected to each house, such proposed amendment shall be entered on the journals with the yeas and nays, and published in at least one newspaper in each county, where a newspaper is published, for six months immediately preceding the next general election for Senators and Representatives, at which time the same shall be submitted to the electors of the State for approval or rejection. If a majority at least sixty percent (60%) of the electors voting at such election adopt the amendment the same shall become a part of this Constitution. Only one amendment to the Constitution may be referred pursuant to this section.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and after January 1, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2022.

JOHN THURSTON  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF ARKANSAS

**NOTICE FOR AMENDMENTS REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Issue No. 3**  
**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**  
Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 93rd General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 8, 2022, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 3. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2021 Session by Senator Rapert and filed as SJR 14.

### ISSUE NO. 3

#### Popular Name

A Constitutional Amendment to Create the "Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment"

**Ballot Title**  
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CREATE THE "ARKANSAS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AMENDMENT"; AND TO PROVIDE THAT GOVERNMENT MAY NEVER BURDEN A PERSON'S FREEDOM OF RELIGION EXCEPT IN THE RARE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATES THAT APPLICATION OF THE BURDEN TO THE PERSON IS IN FURTHERANCE OF A COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST AND IS THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE MEANS OF FURTHERING THAT COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit: SECTION 1. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment". SECTION 2. (a) The General Assembly finds:

(1) The framers of the United States Constitution, recognizing free exercise of religion as an unalienable right, secured its protection in the First Amendment to the United States

Constitution; (2) The framers of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, also recognizing the free exercise of religion as an unalienable right, secured the protection of religious freedom in Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 24; (3) Federal and state laws "neutral" toward religion may burden religious exercise as surely as laws intended to interfere with religious exercise; (4) Governments should not burden religious exercise without compelling justification; (5) In Employment Division v. Smith, 494 U.S. 872 (1990), the United States Supreme Court virtually eliminated the requirement that the government justify burdens on religious exercise imposed by laws neutral toward religion; (6) The compelling interest as set forth in prior court rulings is a workable test for striking sensible balances between religious liberty and competing government interests in areas ranging from public education (pedagogical interests and religious rights, including recognizing regulations necessary to alleviate interference with the educational process versus rights of religious freedom), national defense (conscription and conscientious objection, including the need to raise an army versus rights to object to individual participation), and other areas of important mutual concern; and (7) The United States Congress passed the Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb, to establish the compelling interest test set forth in prior federal court rulings, but in City of Boerne v. Flores, 117 S.Ct. 2157 (1997), the United States Supreme Court held the act unconstitutional, stating that the right to regulate was retained by the states.

(b) The purpose of this amendment is to: (1) Guarantee that the freedom of religion is not burdened by state and local law; and (2) Provide a claim or defense to persons whose religious freedom is burdened by government.

SECTION 3. As used in this amendment:

(1) "Demonstrates" means meeting the burden of going forward with the evidence and of persuasion; (2) "Freedom of religion" means the free exercise of religion under Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 24; (3) "Government" means: (A) A branch, department, agency, or instrumentality of the State of Arkansas; (B) A political subdivision of the state, including without limitation a county, municipality, township, or other unit of local government; (C) An official acting on behalf of government; and (D) A person acting under the color of law of the State of Arkansas; and

SECTION 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, government shall not burden a person's freedom of religion even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability. (b) Government may burden a person's freedom of religion only if the government demonstrates that application of the burden to the person: (1) Is in furtherance of a compelling government interest; and (2) Is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling government interest. (c) A person whose religious freedom has been burdened in violation of this section may assert that violation as a claim or defense in a judicial, administrative, or other appropriate proceeding and obtain appropriate relief against a government.

SECTION 5. (a) This amendment applies to each rule of government and its implementation, regardless of whether the rule: (1) Is statutory; or (2) Was adopted prior to or after the effective date of this amendment. (b) This amendment shall not be construed to: (1) Authorize a government to burden a religious belief; or (2) Affect, interpret, or in any way address:

(A) The portions of the United States Constitution, First Amendment, permitting the free exercise of religion or prohibiting laws respecting the establishment of religion; or (B) Article 2, § 24 of this constitution regarding religious liberty. SECTION 6. (a) This amendment shall be liberally construed to effectuate its remedial and deterrent purposes. (b) If any provision of this amendment or its application to any particular person or circumstance is held invalid, that provision or its application is severable and does not affect the validity of other provisions or applications of this amendment.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and after November 9, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2022.

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(4) "Rule" means a statement of Arkansas law, including without limitation a: (A) Statute; (B) Rule; (C) Regulation; (D) Ordinance; (E) Administrative provision; (F) Administrative ruling; (G) Guideline; or (H) Requirement.

SECTION 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, government shall not burden a person's freedom of religion even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability. (b) Government may burden a person's freedom of religion only if the government demonstrates that application of the burden to the person:

(1) Is in furtherance of a compelling government interest; and (2) Is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling government interest. (c) A person whose religious freedom has been burdened in violation of this section may assert that violation as a claim or defense in a judicial, administrative, or other appropriate proceeding and obtain appropriate relief against a government.

SECTION 5. (a) This amendment applies to each rule of government and its implementation, regardless of whether the rule: (1) Is statutory; or (2) Was adopted prior to or after the effective date of this amendment. (b) This amendment shall not be construed to: (1) Authorize a government to burden a religious belief; or (2) Affect, interpret, or in any way address: (A) The portions of the United States Constitution, First Amendment, permitting the free exercise of religion or prohibiting laws respecting the establishment of religion; or (B) Article 2, § 24 of this constitution regarding religious liberty.

SECTION 6. (a) This amendment shall be liberally construed to effectuate its remedial and deterrent purposes. (b) If any provision of this amendment or its application to any particular person or circumstance is held invalid, that provision or its application is severable and does not affect the validity of other provisions or applications of this amendment.

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**NOTICE FOR AMENDMENTS REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Issue No. 1**  
**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**  
Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 93rd General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 8, 2022, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 1. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2021 Session by Senator B. Davis and filed as SJR 10.

### ISSUE NO. 1

#### Popular Name

A Constitutional Amendment to allow the General Assembly to Convene in Extraordinary Session Upon the Issuance of a Joint Written Proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or Upon the Submission of a Written Proclamation Containing the Signatures of At Least Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the House of Representatives and At Least Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Senate to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate Requesting that the General Assembly Convene in Extraordinary Session

#### Ballot Title

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT WRITTEN PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OR UPON THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION; PROVIDING THAT NO BUSINESS OTHER THAN THE PURPOSE SET FORTH IN THE JOINT WRITTEN PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OR THE WRITTEN PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION CONVENED UNDER THIS AMEND-

MENT; REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH BY JOINT RULE DURING EACH REGULAR SESSION PROCEDURES FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 6, § 19.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 5, is amended to read as follows: Extraordinary sessions.

(a) The General Assembly shall meet at the seat of government every year.

(b) The General Assembly shall meet in regular session on the second Monday in January of each odd-numbered year to consider any bill or resolution. The General Assembly may alter the time at which the regular session begins.

(1) Beginning in 2010, the General Assembly shall meet in fiscal session on the second Monday in February of each even-numbered year to consider only appropriation bills. The General Assembly may alter the time at which the fiscal session begins.

(2) A bill other than an appropriation bill may be considered in a fiscal session if two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each house of the General Assembly approve consideration of the bill.

(d) The General Assembly, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly, may alter the dates of the regular session and fiscal session so that regular sessions occur in even numbered years and the fiscal sessions occur in odd-numbered years.

(e)(1) The General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session upon the:

(A)(i) Issuance of a joint written proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(ii) The joint written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the purpose for which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session and the date on which the General Assembly shall convene; or (B)(i) Submission of a written proclamation containing the signatures of at

least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary session. (ii) The written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the purpose for which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session. (iii) Upon the submission of a written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall specify a date on which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session.

(2) No business other than the purpose set forth in the joint written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section or the written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall be considered at an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section. (3)(A) During each regular session, the General Assembly shall establish by joint rule procedures for an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section. (B) Joint rules established under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section may include without limitation:

(i) A limitation on the duration of an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section; (ii) The format and required content for a written proclamation requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section; and (iii) A provision permitting the General Assembly, after having disposed of the purpose for which the extraordinary session was convened under subdivision (e)(1) of this section, to remain in session for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days if remaining in session is approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate and entered upon their journals. (C) Rules established under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section may be amended by the General Assembly. (4) This section does not restrict the authority of the Governor to convene an extraordinary session of the General Assembly under Arkansas Constitution, Article 6, § 19.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and after November 9, 2022.

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# Obituaries



## Virginia L. Jerry

Virginia L. "Ginger" Jerry age 65 of El Dorado died May 6 in Little Rock. Born November 17, 1956 in El Dorado to the late James T. "Tom" Glasgow and Dorris Vickers Glasgow.

Survivors include: husband, Mike Jerry; daughter, Amanda; grandchildren, Scout, Maverick and Axl and sister, Rebecca "Becky" McKee.

Funeral was 2:00 p.m. May 10th at Union Hill Baptist Church. Burial was in Union Hill Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

## Donald L. Johnson

Colonel Donald Lee Johnson, 84, of Hot Springs, died Saturday, April 23, at the CHI St. Vincent's Hospital in Hot Springs. He was born Wednesday, July 14, 1937 in Hermitage, a son of the late David Allen Johnson and Martha Geneva Hines Johnson. Colonel Johnson spent his career with the United States Army serving in Korea and the United States Army Reserve with 43 years of service to his country. In his earlier days, growing up in Bradley County, he attended and graduated from the Hermitage Public School System, attended and graduated from the University of Arkansas at Monticello, where he was a member of the Sig Tau Gamma Fraternity before he started his career and service to his country in the United State Army. He and his wife were members of Piney Grove United Methodist Church in Hot Springs. Donald was a Christian man who shared kindness and friendship with many people. He loved attending his children's activities. He was also preceded in death by brothers, David Allen Johnson Jr., Dean Johnson, and sisters Molly Johnson, Eva Lou Caplinger and Marie Land.

Donald is survived by his wife, Earline Gavin Johnson of Hot Springs, who he was a faithful husband to for 60 years, his three children to whom he was a loving daddy for 55 years, Brigette Lea Dunn (Tripp) of Hot Springs, Anthony Scott "Tony" Johnson (Kristy), of Hot Springs, Jason Gavin Johnson (Kristy), of Hot Springs. He was a sweet Poppa for 22 years to his grandchildren, Darby Grace Dunn, Gavin William Johnson, Jackson Vincent Johnson, Sophia Jane Johnson, Piper Kate Johnson and Major Briggs Johnson and some nieces and nephews that he loved dearly.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 26th at Oakland Cemetery with Bro. Wayman Mann officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Tony Johnson, Jason Johnson, Tripp Dunn, Gavin Johnson, Jackson and David Caplinger. Donald, a respected man, enjoyed volunteering at various organizations.

Several times he served in leadership roles in NARFE (Nat'l Assoc of Retired Federal Employees) and the McClellan High School Booster Club. Donald was instrumental in the founding in the Bradley County Veteran's Museum.

Memorial may be made to the Veteran's Museum; 210 N Main St., Warren, AR 71671, Live Like Bryce - The Bryce Briggs Memorial Foundation; 116 LuJuan, Hot Springs, AR 71913.



## Charlotte Turner

Charlotte Ann Scott Barnes/Turner 91, ascended to her Lord Friday morning April 29th. Charlotte was born December 11, 1930. She enjoyed a full and joyful life with her parents, Rev. Manuel E. and Estelle Scott (deceased); sister Martha and brother Bob (both deceased); sisters Mary Sue and Beth.

After marrying the love of her life, Maury Allen Barnes, on December 26, 1948, she birthed and raised two sons, Robert Allen Barnes of North Little Rock and James Manuel Barnes of Bentonville. Each son married and raised her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Robert married Marcia McNutt and together they raised two sons, Alex and Zach, in North Little Rock. Zach married Kim Field and they have two children, Harper and Sloane, and live in Southlake, TX. Alex and partner Theresa Niemczyk live in Jacksonville. Manuel married Priscilla Horton and they raised four daughters Stephani, Kourtney, Amy and Jessi and they all live in Bentonville. Stephani married Bob Cesario and they are raising two boys Caleb and Joshua and both live separately in Bentonville. Kourtney married Beau Barrett and together they are raising three children Elijah, Pearson, and Noomi, and live in Bentonville. Amy married Dr. Ben Hall and together they are raising three children in Bentonville, Aowyn, Simon and Henry. Jessi lives in Bentonville.

Maury and Charlotte celebrated their Golden Anniversary on December 26, 1998, then she endured Maury departing to be with the Lord June 3, 1999. On December 11, 1999, she wed Sgt. Ed Turner, a WWII veteran, a Purple Heart recipient, and survivor of D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge. She enjoyed many good years with Ed until his death in December 14, 2014. Charlotte's stepchildren are Carla Franks, Cece Grimes, Sherrie Turner, of Camden, and John Turner of California. Cece provided loving care for Charlotte for 6 years prior to the on-set of breast cancer. Charlotte loved her many nieces and nephews

Charlotte has given her earthly body for medical research and once that is complete the family will have a celebration of her life with her ashes being laid to rest adjacent to her husband, Maury, in Camden. We will contact family and friends at that time regarding this memorial service.

Memorials may be given in Charlotte's name to the First United Methodist Churches of Warren and Camden, Arkansas; Hospice of Ouachita Medical Center, and the Public Library of Camden/Ouachita County.



## Sonya Knowles

Sonya Nell Hargis Knowles entered her Heavenly home on May 7th at home surrounded by family and those who loved her. Her family takes comfort in knowing she is healed and has been reunited with many loved ones and friends she has missed for so long.

Sonya was born September 2, 1936, to John and Lillie Colvin Hargis of Eagle Lake. She is preceded in death by her husband and soulmate of 44 years Claude Knowles; brother Bailey Mack Hargis; sister Arlie June Hargis; one granddaughter Suzette Huit; two infant brothers, and her parents.

Sonya attended school at Eagle Lake and later transferred to Hermitage School District where she graduated. She was a member of the Hermitage United Methodist Church where she served on the church finance and parsonage committee.

Sonya was a bookkeeper at the Hermitage Tomato Market and City of Hermitage secretary for the mayor until retirement. She and Claude was poultry and cattle farmers who was awarded Bradley County Farm Family of The Year in 1985. They received the Outstanding Broiler Producer of the Year award from Tyson Foods multiple times over their years of being poultry producers.

Sonya was an avid gardener who loved spending time outside in her beautifully manicured yard that only she was allowed to mow, while she was able, and tending to her beautiful flowers as well as a garden where she and Claude grew a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. They were always sharing the produce with friends and church family.

Sonya loved her family, her life, and she lived it fully. She enjoyed cooking and baking where she was happiest when she had occasions to cook and have her children and family over. There were always more desserts than was needed because they were her favorite.

She never forgot a birthday and always made our birthdays special by making our favorite cake or pie. Another love and passion were her Arkansas Razorbacks. It didn't matter the sport, if the Razorbacks were playing, she was going to be watching.

Survivors include her son John Ferguson and spouse Melody of Hermitage and Greg Knowles of Hot Springs; daughters Gaylon Marcantel and spouse Ray, Hermitage; Cherrie Huit, Arkadelphia; Susan Wooten, Italy, TX; Jane Arnold, Conway; Mary Knowles; Hot Springs; sisters Joann White and spouse Royce, Springdale, Twila Whiteley, Berryville; a sister in love Anita Stuard and spouse Don, of Deer; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Heath Reep, Tera McDougald, and Melanie McNeely of Mainline Health Systems. The Bradley County Home Health agency, April Brown and Elizabeth Jones with Life Touch Hospice Agency, and special care givers Daphne Hargis, Lynn Hearnberger, and Johnna McMurry.

Donations preferred to Hermitage United Methodist Church or the American Diabetes Association in her memory.

Funeral Service will be Wednesday, May 11th at 10 am at Frazer's Chapel. Visitation will be the hour before the service. Burial in Adams Singer Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. Pallbearers are Travis Ferguson, Dylan Ferguson, Scott Roberts, David Gorman, Brandon Gorman, John Kidwell, and an honorary pallbearer Chris Roberts.

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