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West family named Farm Family of the Year



By Zach Killian

Jason West, along with his wife Laura and two daughters Landen, 19, and Paisley, 13, were named the Bradley County Farm Family of the Year. The family runs West Oak Farms.

Laura comes from a line of farm families. Her grandparents Mary and Eugene Hamilton and her father Terry Don Pritchard were past farm families.

The West family has been farming and ranching for five years when they broke ground on their first chicken houses.

Jason was not raised on a farm, but he worked for tomato and cattle farmers as a teenager. His wife Laura, however, was raised on a cattle and tomato farm. Jason and Laura married in 2002.

After getting married, Jason grew a love for farming. During that time, he worked for AT&T for over 13 years. On the weekends, he would spend time working on cows with Laura's family on their farm. Eventually, Jason purchased Laura's family farm as a gift to her for Christmas. They were able to turn the family farm into a poultry and cattle farm.

Laura resigned from her job before the breeder houses were built so she could run the farm. Jason said it was always a dream of his to one day be able to come home and become a full-time farmer. He said he wanted to give his full attention to the farm and his family. After many prayers, Jason said he had the opportunity to leave his AT&T job to focus on farming, so he left in 2020 to become a full-time poultry and cattle farmer.

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After four years, the pistol and rifle range was finally completed. The city held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the range. Members from the city council, quorum court, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and local officials were in attendance. Mayor Denisa Pennington fired the first shot down the range.

BCMC promotes Huitt from interim to CEO

Bradley County Medical Center announced Friday that it has removed the interim label from Leslie Huitt's title as she officially takes over the role of Chief Executive Officer for the hospital.

A native of Hermitage, Ark., Huitt has been operating as the Interim CEO along with fulfilling Chief Financial Officer duties since November of last year. In the last seven months Huitt has overseen the process of developing a master plan for BMC with eyes set to the future of the hospital. Additionally, the hospital was recently awarded a USDA grant and is currently in the process of installing a new CT scanner.

During Huitt's interim tenure, BMC was one of only 11 hospitals in Arkansas to be recognized by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health with a Performance Leadership Award in Quality. In March, Bradley County Medical Center was named a National Silver Certified Sleep Hospital for our commitment to best practices and education on infant safe sleep.

"We have an amazing staff here at BMC," Huitt said. "I wouldn't be where I am or able to do what I do without such and amazing support staff around me. I am excited for the future of BMC!"

Huitt is a Certified Public Accountant and has more



Leslie Huitt was named CEO of the Bradley County Medical Center after being Interim CEO.

than 20 years of accounting experience with more than eight years of time in management positions and has been with Bradley County Medical Center since May of 2020. Additionally, Huitt had a stint as an accountant at Murphy Oil Company before the positions in the Hermitage School District.

Huitt is a 1998 graduate of Hermitage High School and graduated from the University of Arkansas-Monticello in 2002 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. She then earned her Master of Business Administration degree from Harding University in 2006. She has been married to her husband Matt for 23 years and they have four children.

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Stay Away From Church?

Sooner or later we all face the same temptation. The same problems of human life reoccur in every generation.

Psalms 73 records the experiences of a good man, who in an evil hour was sorely tempted to call it quits. He felt heaven terribly mistreated the person who was trying to do the right thing. The "bad guy" seemed to be winning.

Church is a necessity. Without it, we will be misled. Without it, our lives can be tied to the wrong answer. Without worship, the unbeliever always seems to have the best of it. The "bad guy" is always the winner. But seen from God's point of view, the interpretation is entirely different. When you see it God's way, you are amazed that you could have ever felt as you did.

We cannot afford to have our thinking twisted. That is what will happen if you give up the church habit. Yes, it will! You will begin to believe that wrong is right and that losers are winners.

The church service gives you an opportunity to think. Yes! Sit in that pew and think. Better to sit there for an hour on Sunday morning and think, than to sit in hell for eternity and think.

Think how much older you are and how much closer to the end you are. Think what you have done with your life so far. Think about the record that will be revealed when you face judgment. Think about your influence as a parent. Think about the lies you have told. You are foolish to imagine that these things do not exist in your life just because you keep so busy you have no time to think about them.

The church service gives you an opportunity to hear the message on how to get to heaven. Come, now! Use your common sense. You need to know how to get to heaven and what is needed to get you there.

Of course, if you are not interested- if you do not really care what happens to you or where you will spend eternity- that is your business- Stay away from church! Sleep and lounge all day, Sunday. We will tell your neighbors who attend your funeral that you did not know where you were going, and what is more, you did not care.

Perhaps you do care. That is why you have church service scheduled in your community. Get to it!

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Jason, Laura, Landen, & Paisley West



WOLFE'S HEATING & AIR

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 May 10, 2000.

We're back from Kansas and the activity for which grandparents seem best-suited: kid-sittin'.

We'd say "baby-sittin'", but our Kansas grandkids are 14 and 10 and thus mightily grown-up.

One of the reasons they're grown up is that the schools there really tighten down the screws on homework, class-work, etc.

Guess they're trying to get all those kids in Harvard or Yale or something.

We drove to Wichita from Warren, 550 miles of mostly nothing. It's interstate all the way, of course, after you get to Pine Bluff, plus "Lipton Lane" is borderline interstate for people in the Warren-Monticello area.

Speed limit on the Oklahoma and Kansas turnpikes is 75, but you get overtaken and passed regularly by cars and pickups and even these ghastly trucks with three trailers that are legal in Kansas.

Good eatin' joints abound on this end: the Cracker Barrel

at Alma's a favorite, also a little chicki place at Warner, Oklahoma, halfway between Alma and Tulsa.

It's all flat, flat, flat, with nothing between you and the north pole but fenceposts. Life in the American society.

Easter has come and gone, along with it five noontime services under ministerial alliance sponsorship. These were held at noon at First Baptist (twice), Immanuel, First Free Will, and First Assembly...other churches including Macedonia on what used to be Highway 15 had a part of course.

Attendees, mostly elderly, enjoyed the services, the food and fellowship that followed. Good Friday's services were at First Assembly, where the Rev. Jim Bales, soon to be our neighbor, has returned to the pastorate.

(Mr. Bales and his attractive wife have bought Mrs. Doyle May's residence, built originally for the Fred Holts when Mr. Holt came back here from Texas to rejoin First State Bank).

Rachel Mitchell Nicholson played the piano at that Friday service.

Told us, when we asked, that she'd been playing the piano

at First Assembly 68 years. Mrs. Nicholson was the daughter of a minister, of course.

Almond Haygood Mitchell, our neighbor, is her brother. The Bible says "by their fruits, ye shall know them".

Her son, only child, is KATV President Dale Nicholson. Got to see lots of old friends at the service; surely among them Myrtle Anna Beasley, a fine lady I've known for a lifetime.

"One of the smartest girls I ever taught," observed the Author of Reflections, who would be 106 now if she were here in body.

In reality, she is always here, in mind at least.

Maybe that's a concomitant of successful motherhood.

Ran into Attorney David Hargis, middle son of Noma Watkins and the late James Von Hargis, at a social event in Little Rock the other day. Mrs. Watkins was left with three little boys under age six when she became a widow at the age of 23.

"She sure is ambitious for those boys", a fellow teacher, Vernell Doss, told us once, in apparent amazement. "She's planning on those boys being lawyers and stuff like that," said Vernell.

Her eldest is Warren's last graduate of West Point; her youngest, a teacher in Camden.

And her beautiful daughter, at 5-10, is the wife of a physician in Arkadelphia.

She must have, as you would deduce, been doing something right.

We decided a good while ago that our Schnauzer, Schnapps, was "too fat."

Consequently, we take her along on mile-long walks after breakfast.

She likes the walks better than we do and won't permit walkin' time to go by without all of us hittin' the pavement. Those mile-long walks should be longer than that.

Maybe we can screw down our energy and get that done soon.

Our old friend, Sam Bob Donovan, died the other day in Texas. He was a classmate in good ole WHS: ironically,

he died the week three classmates came to Warren to talk about a possible reunion for us this fall. Coming to town for a light lunch at our house were Janet Rhodes McCann and Jane Hurley Cashion, both of Little Rock, and Bobbie Traylor Traywick of Benton.

The three ladies above, plus, surely, Nina Faye Squires Hester, Warren, and even Retired Eastern Airlines Captain Wayne Van Valkenburgh of Jasper, Ga., are working on an event of this nature for the fall...53 years after we graduated from Warren High.

Dr. Charles H. Creed, FB, a dentist in Jacksonville, Texas, was president of our class.

With the assistance and counsel of Paul Bray and his associates at Cypress and Myrtle, we've got our 22-year old VW convertible going again. Seems like the main things it needed were a new battery and some expert jigglin' around.

We've had the little car at our house 18 years, a period of time in which we have put less than 21,000 miles on the speedometer.

It has some dents and other minor wounds, but runs just fine.

Our old friend, Bishop Fletcher Wade, did a ring job on the engine during the second term of Ronald Reagan as President of the United

States...long time ago, in other words.

Volkswagen no longer makes convertibles, but it still turns out the original Beetles in Mexico along with that adorable new Beetle the oldtimers (like me) are slathering over. Little car's wonderful for runs to the county park in the cool of the evening, or for forays out Bradley to the headquarters of Moro, Inc.

Another advantage of resident in a Happy Rural Seat. It's fun to take that little care to Warren High on the night of prom to see all the dressed-up kids.

Seems like young folks grow faster now, doesn't it? Everything is faster!

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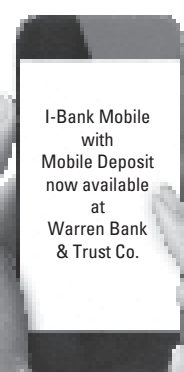
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The West family raises cattle and one of the bulls they have come from Laura's grandfather's cattle bloodline.

FARM FAMILY

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West Oak Farms has 80 acres of hay where they yield 10 per acre. The farm has 44,000 breeder hens per year, 5,000 breeder roosters per year and over 550,000 dozen hatching eggs per year. They have four production units. The family farm has one commercial Brahman Bull and three Commercial Brahman Heifers.

West Oak Farms is contracted through the International Poultry Breeders located in Rison. Their contract consists of breeder houses that supply and hatch eggs. They also supply hay, which is sold to other farmers in the area. The hay is given to the livestock to ensure they are fed through the winter months. Litter is also produced because of the poultry houses. The litter is used to fertilize our farm land, so that it will grow strong and healthy. It is also sold to local and delta farmers to fertilize their fields and land for crops and livestock.

Jason said on their farm, they truly believe protecting the environment and believe it is very important. They strive to respect the environment as much as they can. On the farm, they recycle their poultry litter and use it to fertilize their own fields for hay to ensure that the livestock will receive the best nutrients. They purchase, replace, and maintain new cool cells each year to help with electric bills. It also helps with conserving energy while cooling down poultry houses. All curtains are kept tight to prevent

air leaks. Water pressure is checked daily to prevent any leaks and conserve water.

Jason said although life on a farm can be very consuming and consist of long days, the tasks are rewarding at the same time. Jason and Laura try to involve their two daughters in the farm duties. Landen and Paisley help run belts, pack eggs, weigh up feed, and getting diesel, while their parents bail and cut hay.

Both daughters are involved in the community. They are involved in the youth group at Calvary Baptist Church. They have both made high academic achievements in school. Landen has recently finished up her first year at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, where she is majoring in nursing. Paisley just finished seventh grade at Warren Middle School. Landen is employed by the local YMCA, where she works with the after-school program. Paisley plays softball and made the A and B Honor Roll both years at Warren Middle School. Both are also members of the Bradley County Cattlemen's Association.

Jason and Laura are also members of Calvary Baptist Church and Bradley County Cattlemen's Association. Jason said they keep God first.

West Oak Farms has accomplished several goals already. They made their farm more efficient by adding LED light bulbs to all breeder houses. They keep poultry houses updated with energy efficient technology by adding high efficient air conditioner units to egg coolers. They continue to strive to be the best

growers in the company with monthly preventative maintenance to extend the life of the farm equipment.

Their goals are to use AI training for registered Brahman bulls and to purchase more land to raise livestock.

Their future plans are to expand their livestock and hay business. They hope to keep the farm prosperous and instill the love of farming in their children.

Like with any industry, there are always problems that can arise. Some of the major issues the farm face include: diesel prices increasing, the expensive cost of breeder house parts, increasing cost of livestock feed, egg pay cuts due to COVID-19, the cost of hay and farm equipment upkeep, and expenses towards herbicides and pesticides. Despite the rising cost of keeping up poultry houses is to make budgeting a major priority.

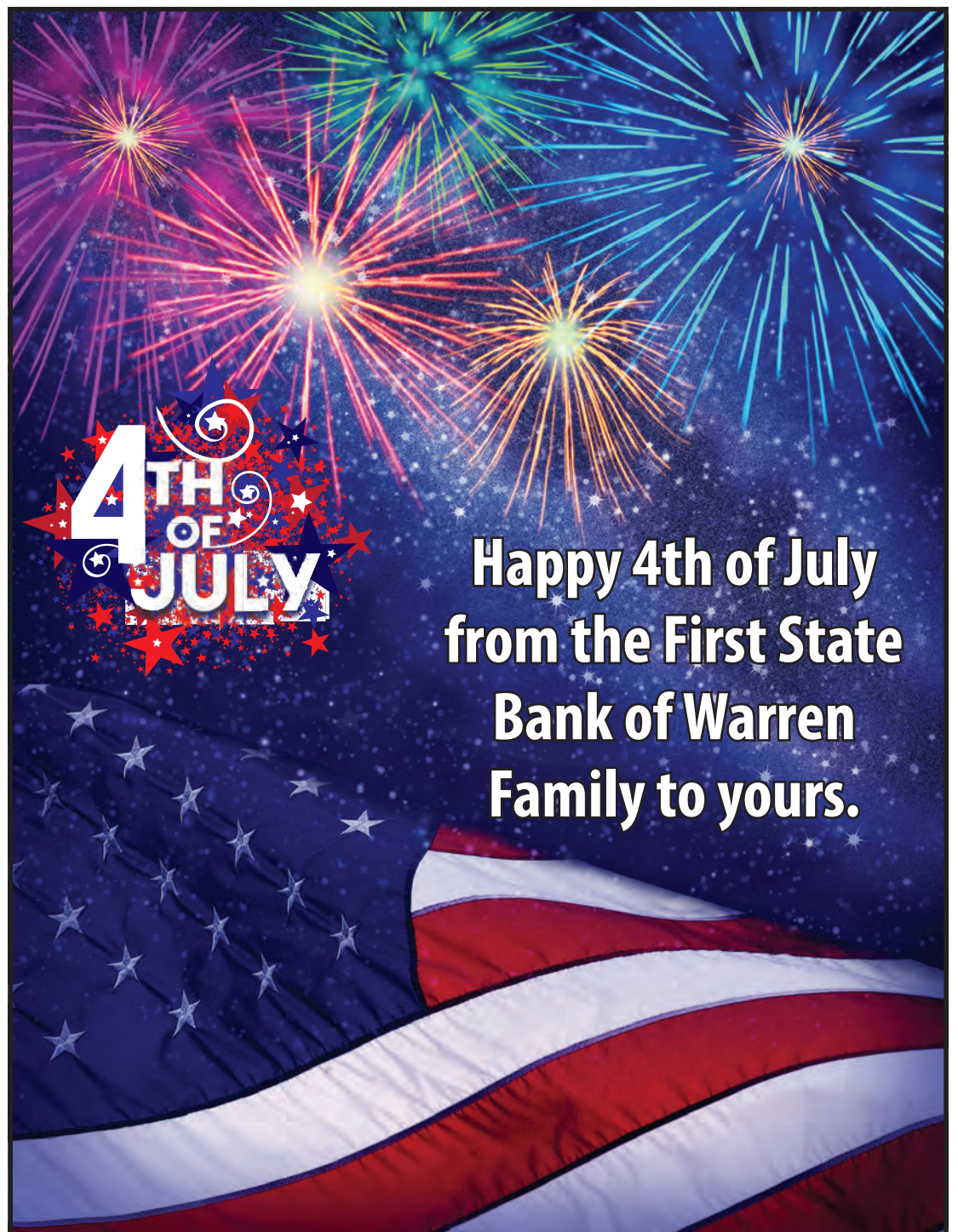
"I am very blessed to have the life that I do, despite any challenges I may face," said Jason.

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Photo by Zach Killian

Paisley enjoys riding the four-wheeler around the farm.



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The West family has goats and cattle on the farm.



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Editorial

Arkansas History Minute

by
Dr. Kenneth Bridges



"A public office is a public trust," President Grover Cleveland once declared. Though it is often the opposite that usually gains attention, many men and women have served in various offices with dignity, integrity, and competence. Arkansas has had several such figures. One such figure was Kaneaster Hodges, Jr., a U. S. Senator for Arkansas for just 13 months in the late 1970s.

Hodges was born in Newport in August 1938, the second of six children. His father was a respected local attorney. His father encouraged public service and faith. The younger Hodges would eventually become an Eagle Scout; but instead of a law career, he was drawn to a career in ministry instead.

He graduated from Princeton University in 1960. After marrying his high school sweetheart Ruth Williams, he enrolled at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. After his ordination, he and his wife were sent to a series of Methodist churches in Massachusetts in 1963. In 1964, he took a position as a chaplain at the notorious Riker's Island prison in New York City. After a short time, Hodges decided to go to law school. He returned to Arkansas and enrolled at the University of Arkansas Law School and graduated in 1967. He returned to Newport and joined his father and brother at their law firm.

Hodges bought his own farm while working as an attorney and also served as a deputy prosecutor for Jackson County. In 1974, he was appointed to the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. In 1975, he was named legislative secretary for Gov. David Pryor, helping steer his ambitious agenda. In 1976, he was named to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. In November 1977, longtime U. S. Senator John L. McClellan died. Pryor, under his powers as governor, appointed Hodges to fill the remainder of McClellan's term.

This thrust Hodges unexpectedly to national prominence. Under Arkansas law, no one appointed to fill the remainder of a term of an elected office can run for a full term in the next election. Hodges knew this would only be for a short time, but he made the most of it.

His term, which started on December 10, would last only a little more than a year. However, in that time, several important laws were advanced with Hodges's support. The Inspector General Act created the office of inspector general for several large agencies to investigate corruption and malfeasance and became an important effort at reigning in corruption at lower levels of government in the wake of the Watergate scandal earlier in the decade. The Ethics in Government Act required disclosure of finances and employment history for federal employees, and the Civil Service Reform Act created the Office of Personnel Management to help oversee hiring and personnel issues.

He also supported the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, the first federal legislation to protect the employment rights of pregnant women. Legislation supporting research into solar power was passed as well as legislation supporting energy conservation and even bankruptcy reform. Legislation was also passed with Hodges's support putting Susan B. Anthony on the silver dollar starting in 1979, the first woman to be depicted on an American coin.

Some controversial legislation was also passed during 1978. Airlines were deregulated, lifting federal controls on pricing and airline routes. The Panama Canal Treaty was ratified after years of negotiation between the U. S. and Panama, which returned control of the canal territory to Panama by 1999. Though the treaty had been negotiated through both Republican and Democratic administrations and ratified with bipartisan support, the return of the canal territory prompted sharp criticisms.

Pryor was elected to the seat in November 1978 and would serve until 1997. After Hodges's short time in the Senate ended on January 3, 1979, he quietly returned to Newport. Only 40 years old when he left the Senate, Hodges still had a lot of work to do. He continued to work as a lawyer and farmer and also worked to raise money for charitable causes across the state. A reading room was named at the University of Arkansas in honor of his fundraising work for the university. He continued to be a familiar face in church pulpits across the region in the ensuing decades, happy to step in when a guest preacher was needed to fill in. Hodges died in Little Rock in March at the age of 83, widely mourned across Northeast Arkansas.



Senate News
from
Ben Gilmore
Senator

When people call the state hotline to report suspected child abuse or neglect, about 80 percent are assigned to the Division of Children and Family Services.

The other 20 percent are considered more serious, and are assigned to the State Police, which has a Division of Crimes Against Children.

The Division presented a report to the Senate Committee on Children and Youth about the most recent quarter. A total of 7,808 reports were received during the three-month period. Of those 1,531 were assigned to the State Police and 6,277 to the Division of Children and Family Services.

Of the reports assigned to DCFS, 24 percent were found

to be true. Of those assigned to the State Police, 33 percent were found to be true.

The investigations concluded that 2,215 children were victims of substantiated allegations of maltreatment. Of those, 55 percent were girls.

The most common type of maltreatment was neglect. Investigators found that 70 percent of the substantiated cases reported to the hotline involved children who had been neglected. That is 1,549 children.

The second most common form of maltreatment was physical abuse; 20 percent of the substantiated cases, involving 445 children, were for physical abuse.

Investigators found 408 children who had been victims of sexual abuse. That was 18 percent of the substantiated cases. Of the remaining cases, 23 children were abandoned and 21 children were victims of sexual exploitation.

An individual child may have been the victim of more than one type of abuse or ne-

glect. During the three-month period, investigators substantiated that four children were killed and another four children were nearly killed. One allegation of a child fatality that was reported to the hotline was determined to be unsubstantiated.

Of the cases that came through the hotline, the Division of Children and Family Services determined that 1,163 merited a differential response, which is an alternative to a criminal investigation. The most common findings in those cases were of environmental neglect. In 36 percent of the cases the child's home lacked basic cleanliness and hygiene.

The second most common finding, in 30 percent of the cases, the child was inadequately supervised. The third most frequent finding, in 20 percent of cases, the child's education was neglected. Fourth in frequency was that the child was not given enough to eat. Inadequate food was a reason for a differ-

ential response in 13 percent of the cases.

In six percent of the cases, the child lacked shelter. In five percent the child had been locked out of his or her home. In four percent the child was not provided medical attention. Also in four percent of cases, the child lacked sufficient clothing.

The Division opens a protective services case, or a supportive services case, when it substantiates an allegation of abuse or neglect. During the most recent quarter, case workers found that eight percent of the children in a protective services case were abused within a year after the case had been opened.

In supported services cases, three percent of the children were neglected or maltreated within the year after the case had opened.

The Division has 428 family services workers. Their average caseload in March was 23.3, which is down from 25.5 last October. The state's goal is to bring it below 20.

Gov. Hutchinson's Weekly Address



Arkansas's education system greatly depends on our ability to attract and retain teachers. We need to make sure the pay reflects the importance of their job and our respect for their role in shaping the lives of the next generation of leaders.

When the pandemic impacted the world, our schools were heavily burdened. Education could not waiver even during a time when things felt so uncertain.

Arkansas was one of the few states that kept schools open thanks to the amazing teachers in our state. In fact, Arkansas ranked #2 in the nation for days of in-classroom instruction during the pandemic. That puts us in front

of Texas and Florida. And so, we must be able to provide for those who are willing to go on the frontlines for our children's future.

Teacher pay has been one of my top priorities since running for Governor in 2014. Since then, we have increased the minimum teacher pay to align with many of our surrounding states.

In 2019, I signed the Teacher Enhancement Act that took our minimum pay of \$31,400 and raised it to \$36,000 annually by 2022.

This increase was needed for our teachers, but it is not enough. Arkansas is still ranked 48th in the country for teacher starting pay even after that increase. 88% of our school districts start teachers below a salary of \$40,000. We are 14th out of 16 states in our region for minimum starting salary, and we rank 13th out of 16 for average salary. Nearly 70% of all our teachers are making below \$40,000 a year.

Our goal should be to have 100% of our teachers making above \$40,000. We know teachers are important, but we must show them why Arkansas is a place they'll want

to teach and live.

For that reason, we must give our school districts more resources to recruit teachers. We have seen firsthand how providing the right resources can bring growth like we've seen with the Computer Science initiative.

In 2015, we started the initiative with fewer than 50 computer science teachers in Arkansas. By providing more resources and incentives, we now have more than 650 certified computer science teachers with more coming by the fall. We have gone from fewer than 1,000 students learning

about computer science to more than 12,000 with that number increasing every year.

There is a reluctance by some in the General Assembly to raise teacher salary because of the concern over a future economic downturn. We currently have over \$2 billion in state reserves and our surplus.

I am confident in our future ability to fund these initiatives, but the General Assembly controls the purse strings of state government, and I respect their constitutional role. While we might not get it done this year I hope it remains a priority in the future.

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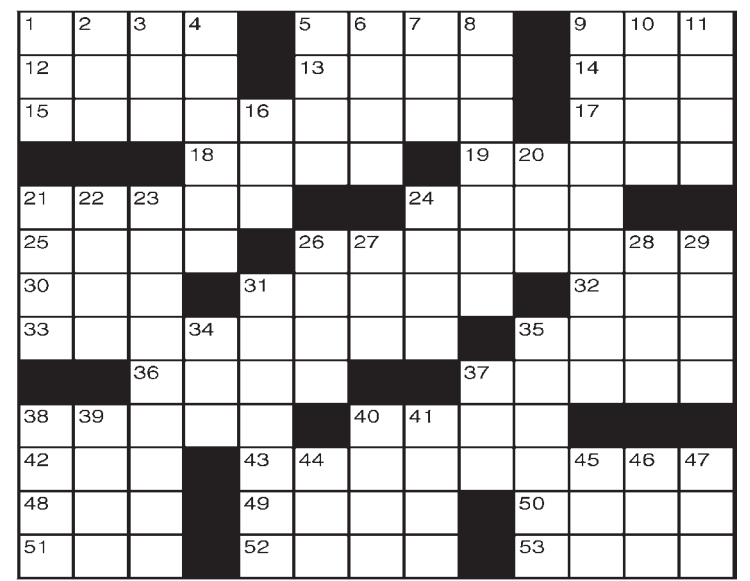
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Sweden?
2. HISTORY: What was the whole name of the nation once called U.S.S.R.?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did July 4 become a federal holiday?
4. FOOD & DRINK: Which fruit is used to make the cocktail mixer grenadine?
5. U.S. STATES: In which state is Niagara Falls located?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only mammal that can fly?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which two presidents died within hours of each other on July 4 — the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence?
8. TELEVISION: What was Beaver's real first name on the "Leave It to Beaver" sitcom?
9. LITERATURE: Which 1977 horror novel features a hotel called The Overlook?
10. MOVIES: Which 1967 movie tagline is, "They're young ... they're in love ... and they kill people"?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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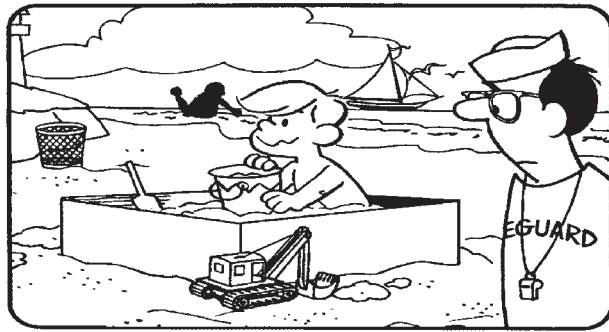
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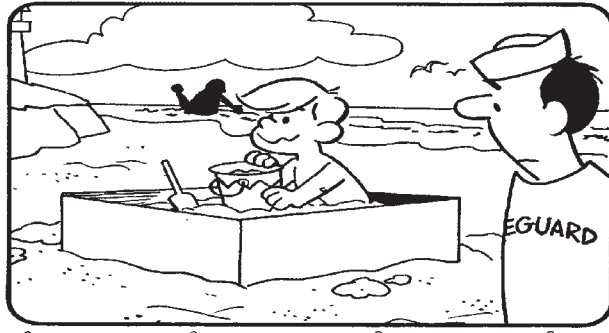
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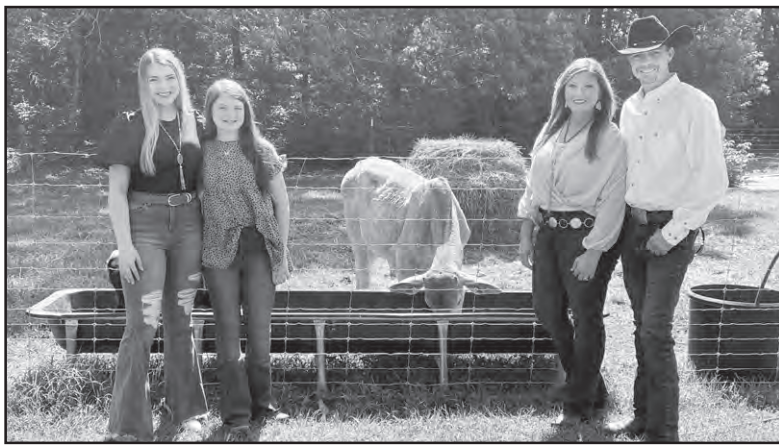
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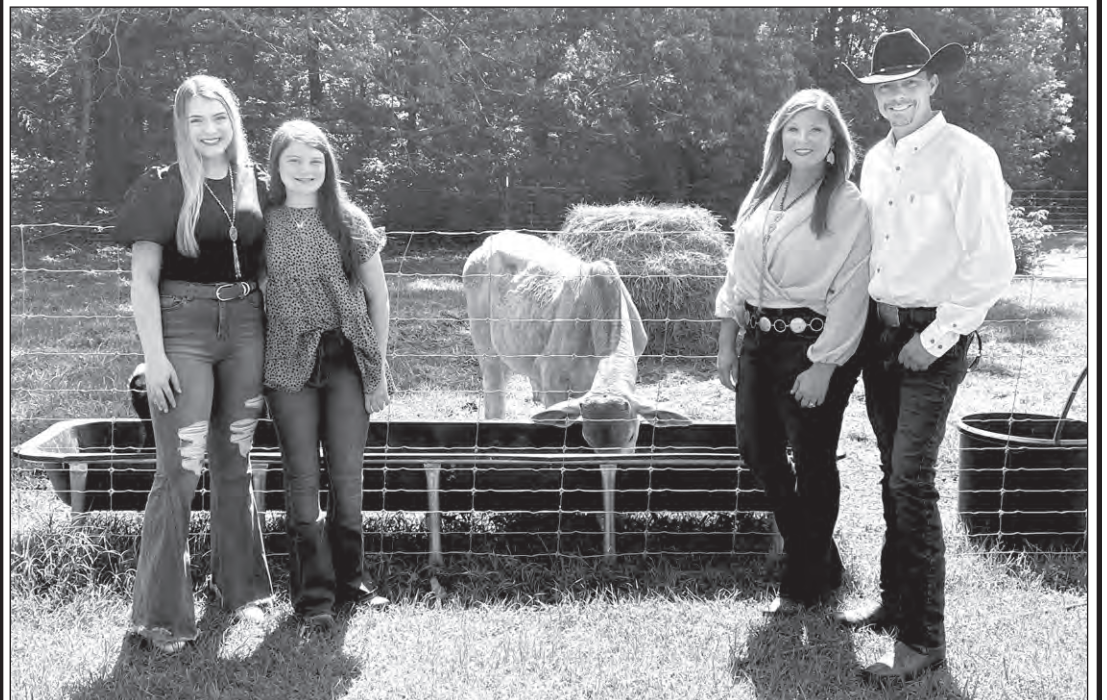
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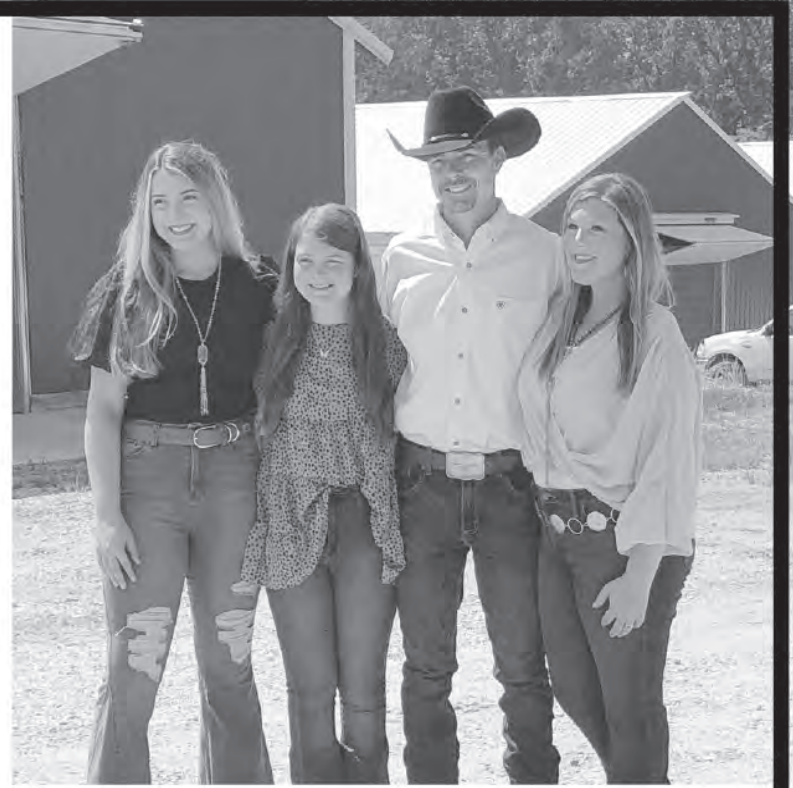
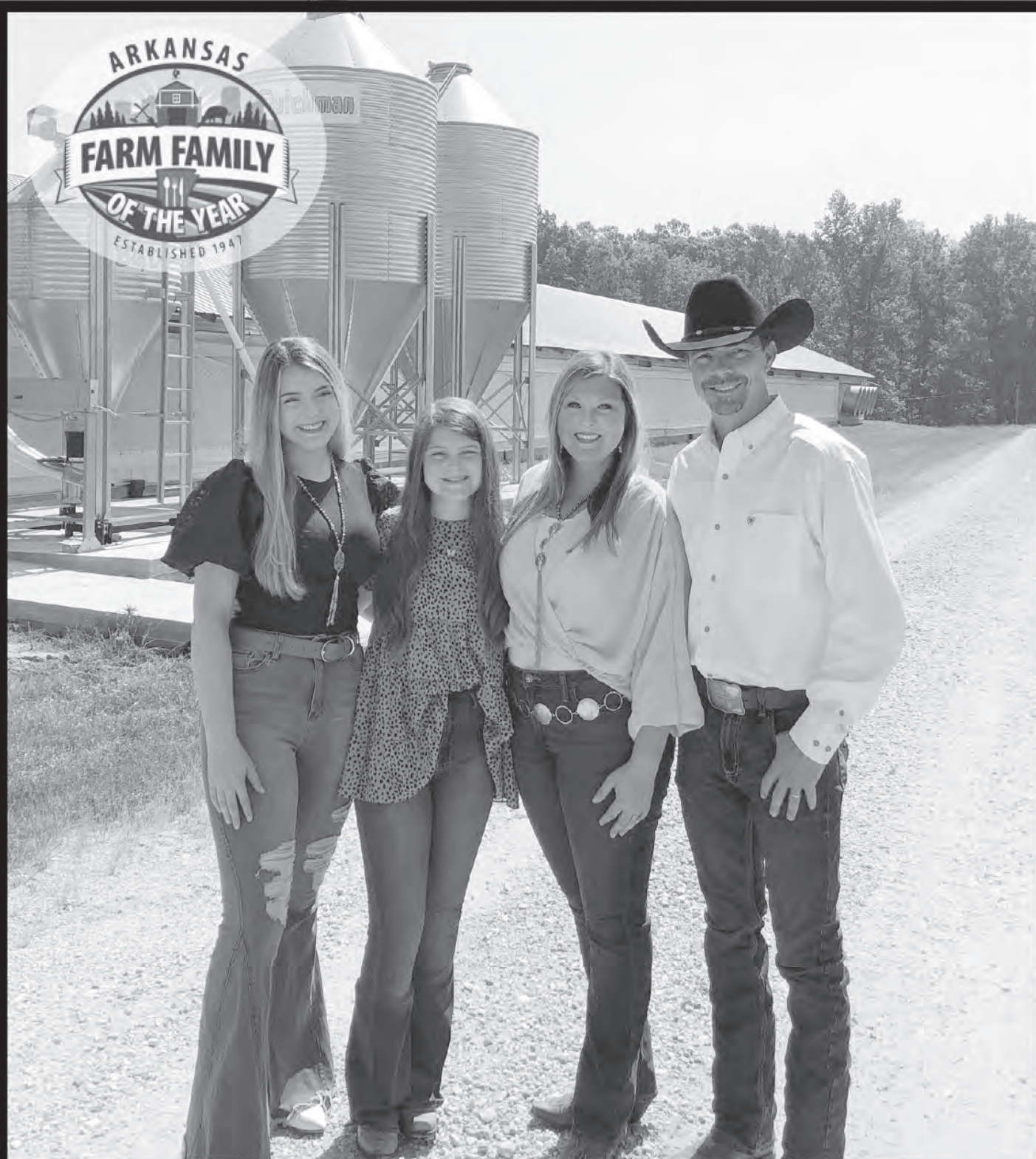


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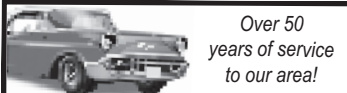


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Legals

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NUMBER #775

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BRADLEY, STATE OF ARKANSAS: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE LINE ITEM #1000-0111-4001.

ARTICLE 1: The 2022 annual Operating Budget, which budget was adopted by Bradley County Appropriation Ordinance Number #769 (enacted on December 15, 2021) and amended Ordinance Number #773 (enacted on April 18, 2022) is hereby amended to appropriate an additional amount as follows: GRANTS-IN-AID GENERAL 1000-0111-4001 Land \$13,000.00

ARTICLE 2: Bradley County Appropriation Ordinance Numbered #773 (Enacted on April 18, 2022) is hereby amended as heretofore set forth. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

ARTICLE 3: If any provisions of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. PASSES this day of June 2022.

APPROVED: s/Klay McKinney County Judge

ATTEST: s/Karen Belin County Clerk 6-29-1tcBCJ

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION NO. 06PR-22-34 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID LEE HAMPTON, deceased LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF DECEDENT: 154 Bradley 144 Road, Jersey, Arkansas 71651 DATE OF DEATH: October 24, 2017

On April 28, 2022, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of David Lee Hampton, Deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Bradley County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. 28-41-101. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributees or their attorney. Within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of the notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee or distributee's attorney John A. Singleton, Jr. Hashem Law Firm, PLC Monticello, Arkansas 71657, 870-367-4223. This notice was first published the 29th day of June, 2022. John A. Singleton Jr. Hashem Law Firm, PLC P.O. Box 739 Monticello, AR 71657 (870) 367-4223 6-29-2tcHLF

Arrest Report

Stefan Jones, 1283 Bradley 1 N. Warren, was arrested June, 22 for kidnapping and aggravated assault.

Yvenses Corza, 718 Sturgis St. was arrested June, 25 on warrants and public intoxication.

News Briefs

• There will be a fish fry at Moro Bay Baptist Church on Saturday, July 9 at 5 p.m. Followed with singing featuring "The Halley Creek Boys." Everyone is welcome.

• Christmas in July, an arts and crafts bazaar, will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church Saturday, July 30, from 9a.m. to 5p.m. The event is sponsored by the United Women of Faith of the church, with Sandra Gatling as chairperson. Over twenty vendors will off home-sewn items, jewelry, decorative pillows, wreaths, signs, food, etc. UWF used the proceeds from the event for local and outreach missions. The public is invited to attend, and there is no cost for admission. For more information, please contact Sandra Gatling at 870-820-3332 or spgating48@gmail.com or the FUMC, 870-226-2641.

• Rev. Dixon K. Platt will preach his first sermon in First United Methodist Church (FUMC) here in Warren Sunday, July 3. Rev. Platt comes to Warren from Forrest City FUMC. He received his theology degree from Memphis Theological Seminary while he was the pastor in McCrory and Cotton Plant before beginning his pastorate in Forrest City. Rev. Platt succeeds Rev. Gary Harrison, who has been assigned to the Nashville, Arkansas, church.



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Obituaries



Daniel Vickers

Daniel Grady Vickers, 87 of Hermitage passed away Monday, June 20, 2022 at his home surrounded by his family and was welcomed to his heavenly home by the arms of Jesus. He was born February 22, 1935 in Bradley County to the late Henry Grady Vickers and Virginia Sharp Vickers. He served his country by enlisting in the Army and was a member of Eagle Lake Crossroads Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Terry Vickers; brothers, Herman Vickers and George Vickers; sisters, Florence Gorman, Christine Morgan, Margie DuBose and Doris Glasgow.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Outlaw Vickers of Hermitage whom he celebrated 64 years of marriage on May 31, 2022. Children, Tana Vickers of El Dorado; Michael Vickers (Mary) of Benton; Donna Talley of Hermitage; Clay Vickers of Hermitage; and Pam Hays (Mike) of El Dorado; brothers Frank Vickers (Mary) of Dumas and Bobby Vickers (Sue) of Crossett. He was Papaw to eighteen grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren who each considered him their hero and cherished many memories of "going across the river", hunting, fishing, bear hugs, whisker kisses, and storytelling.

A celebration of life service was held at 2p.m. Friday, June 24, 2022 at Frazer's Funeral Home in Warren with Bro. Mike Griffith and Bro. Steve Pelz officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Jon Vickers, Nicholas Miller, Justin Talley, Drew Talley, Hunter Vickers and Matthew Hays. All arrangements were by Frazer's Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to LifeTouch Hospice in El Dorado, AR or Union Hill Cemetery in Hermitage AR.



Linda B. Nichols

Linda Bradley Nichols, 81, of Rye died Sunday, June 19, 2022. She was born Monday, February 10, 1941 in Bradley County, the daughter of the late Marvin Bradley and Georgia McKinney Bradley. She was retired from the Southeast Arkansas Human Development Center for 27 years of service, she also served at the Bradley County Medical Center and worked at Jack Winters. She was a long-time member of Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, joining the church August 1, 1955, Linda has served the Lord through Harmony Church in several different directions. She served on the Sunday School Board, Children Song Director and as Teacher. She taught in Vacation Bible School and represented Harmony in the Saline Association Meeting numerous times. Linda began teaching at the age of 17, she was constantly looking for ways to do the Lord's will, where ever it led her. Linda witnessed for Jesus with her labor given in God's name. She was a 1960 graduate of the Warren Public Schools and was also preceded in death by her late husband, Herbert Bradley, Mabel Johns, Joyce Ann Bradley, Merle Forrest, Beatrice Fontenot, Flossie Taylor, and Fannie Burks. Surviving is her husband of 61

years, Charles Nichols, whom she married June 9th 1961; a son David Nichols (Jeanelle) of Rye; Dewayne Adair (Sherion) of Rye; brothers Thomas Bradley (Helen) of Rye and James Bradley (Eva) of Rye; grandchildren Leslie Young (Blake) of Rye and Derrick Nichols (Katlin) of Rye; and great-grandchildren Isaac Young and Corban Young.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 23rd at Harmony Free Will Baptist Church with Bro. Richard Barley and Bro. Tim Foreman officiating. Soloists were Tim Taylor and Danny Williams. Pallbearers were Greg Bradley, Danny Ray Williams, Tim Taylor, Bob Taylor, Danny Adair and Brandon Forrest. Burial was at Union Cemetery at Rye, by Frazer's Funeral Home. Online guestbook www.frazerfuneralhome.com



Kathryn O'Quin

Kathryn Louise O'Quin, 87 of Banks passed away Friday, June 17, 2022 at The Blossoms in White Hall. She was born September 15, 1934 in Banks to the late Oda Jackson Davis and Nora Elizabeth Fowler Davis. She was a member of Wagon United Methodist Church and school teacher for many years.

Other than her parents she is preceded in death by her husband, James O'Quin; brother, Fowler Davis; and sisters, Marie Walton and Mary Sue Thompson.

Survivors include her daughter, Mariette Spidel (David) of Huntsville; grandchildren, Thomas Castillo (Carla Solano), James Richard Castillo JR. (Amanda), Ashley Adair (John); four great-grandchildren, Emily, Taylor, James and Ella; brother, Glynn Davis (Ana Rosa) along with a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at Frazer's Funeral Home with Bro. Wayman Mann officiating. Burial was in Williams Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Thomas Castillo, Mark Cathey, Mickey Cathey, Dennis Caswell, Carson Caswell and Michael Wyman.



Dorothy B. Davis

Dorothy Brewster Davis, 104 died June 20, 2022, at her home in Monticello. Born July 6, 1917, in Warren to the late Robert and Lonnie Pearl Bradley Brewster.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Doyle "Red" Davis; daughters, Ann Willingham and Vicky Smith; sons-in-law, James Britton, Hugh Charles Smith and Robert Willingham; sisters, Opal Hobbs and Rene Holbrooks; and a brother, L.A. "Buddy" Brewster.

Survivors include her daughter, Sue Davis Britton; grandchildren, Anna Smith Jones (Rick), Davis Hugh Smith, Jason S. Britton (Elizabeth), Amy Britton Smith (Brent); great-grandchildren, Alan Jones (Nadia), Aaron Jones (Sarah), Davis Smith, Jr. "Sonny", Laken Britton and Levi James Smith; a great-great-grandchild, Sterling Jones; sister, Reba DeNoble; along with her special friends, Pat Staples, Bonnie Cruce, Sheila Gardner.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. June 24, 2022, at Stephenson-Deerman Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Union Cemetery at Rye.

Financial Talk with Michael Gardner, CPA

Coming of Age

When is the right age to begin introducing finances to your children? The answer is that it depends on the ability of your child to understand the concepts. I know of very young children that are able to understand the concept of owning a small amount of McDonald's in what is called a stock. If you are interested in your children getting a head start on finance and investing, just ask them. If they show any interest, then you can expand on their understanding as they grow. My first stock was 10 shares of Wendy's that cost around \$25.

Jumping ahead a few years, what about bank accounts? When should you get a bank account for your children? A savings account is almost a thing of legacy. They pay so little interest as to make the earnings potential negligible, so the only real benefit is the safe keeping aspect. They are just better than keeping the money in your mattress. By the way, don't do that. It can go so wrong. I knew someone that kept their money in the

vacuum cleaner bag. Their kids came in to help and gave the vacuum cleaner to a thrift store and replaced it with a canister vacuum. Just think, no more bags for their parents to worry about.

Think of a checking account as a distribution management system. Hopefully, a regular flow of money goes into the account and the checkbook is a means of managing that distribution that provides for food, lodging, and utilities. Occasionally you distribute a little for entertainment or just a little fun. As a distribution manager it does pretty well, but it is not a great wealth accumulator.

With children there are a few other considerations. Those are the flow of money into the account and the distribution needs for that money. Since the child is usually not the primary bread winner, the accounts have other purposes. Most of the checking accounts today come with debit cards. By transferring a specific amount of money into the child's account the child can be empowered to go out into the world, while at the

same time, the debit card will not honor spending in excess of funds deposited. They can provide limited freedom with security. Now ask yourself if your child is capable of this discipline? Usually, this process begins as the child starts reaching the age of separation and helps prepare them for a life of their own.

People used to use savings bonds a lot more than they do now. You buy a small denomination at a significant discount that grows to face value over time. The modern savings bond is not a piece of paper but is purchased in an online account. The bond is registered how you purchase it, and the safety of the bond is protected by the federal government. Children grow

up so quickly that it seems as if you blink you have missed an opportunity for them. Talk to your CPA about these and other ideas. The CPA is not an investment advisor, but they are usually knowledgeable about what is available and how to acquire it.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Dragonflies can control all four of their wings independently.

• The first person in the U.S. to use the "temporary insanity" defense was Daniel Sickles — a Union general, senator and congressman — after murdering the son of Francis Scott Key, composer of "The Star-Spangled Banner," who was having an affair with Sickles' wife. Sickles was acquitted.

• According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Super Bowl Sunday is the second-highest day of food consumption in America, second only to Thanksgiving.

• Art was an official Olympic event from 1912 to 1948. Submissions had to be in the categories of architecture, literature, music, painting or sculpture, and inspired by sports. The event was removed after a report showed that almost all of the submitting contestants were professionals.

• The forward slashes in Web addresses serve no real purpose, according to Tim Berners-Lee, creator of the World Wide Web.

• A 45-year-old Bosnian man named Amir Vehabovic faked his death in 2007 because he wanted to see who would attend his funeral and what they would say about him. After his mother was the only mourner to show up, he wrote dozens of angry letters to his (so-called) friends and what he thought about their relationship going forward.

• During World War II, it was illegal in Britain to give cats a saucer of milk, dogs a biscuit or bread to pigeons.

• The percontation point, a reversed question mark, was used at the end of a question that does not require an answer. Sadly, its use died out in the 17th century.

Thought for the Day: "Yet I had rather be remembered as those brave beginners are, though many of them missed the triumph, than as the late comers will be, who only beat the drums and wave the banners when the victory is won." — *Louisa May Alcott*

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