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The Bradley County Courthouse and downtown Warren were full of patriotic pride with American flags waving for the Fourth of July.

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Carlos Yepes announces mayoral run

Carlos Yepes, a citizen of Warren, announces his candidacy for Warren Mayor. He was named Bradley County Young Citizen of the year in 2015. He will be running as a Republican candidate.

Carlos has been involved in many community projects, that have long worked for positive change in Warren. His family and friends now feel that the time has come for him to seek elected office. Carlos wants to bring fresh, modern ideas and positive solutions to the city of Warren by running for mayor.

As the city knows, Carlos has always been very concerned about the growth of the city. In his last campaign, that was his main focus. Carlos believes there are solutions available that will enhance education, health, and financial stability for people of this city.

Implementing these Solutions will result in growth of our city



Carlos Yepes

Carlos Yepes intends for this campaign to be successful, and it will require a strong and organized organization to run this city. He will work with everyone in the community who wants a better future for Warren.

Soon you will see flyers, yard signs, and events in your area.

Carlos is turning to the people of Warren and inviting them to get involved in his campaign and help make difference.

LifeShare Blood Drive in dire need of donations

There will be a LifeShare Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 12 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. as blood is critically needed at this time. The blood drive will take place in the LifeShare bus that will be set up in the BCMC Rural Health Clinic parking lot. The BCMC Rural Health Clinic is located at 304 East Central Street across the street from the Emergency Room entrance at Bradley County Medical Center.

Blood donations are essential at this time as blood donations are down across the country, especially in our region. Local blood drives are the main source of blood for Bradley County Medical Center and the other hospitals in our surrounding area. If you are able to donate blood,

please consider stopping by the LifeShare bus on July 12. Donors will get a free "Summer Donor" T-shirt while supplies last.

Every two seconds, someone somewhere needs blood. One of every seven people who enter the hospital will need blood. That person may be you, your loved one, friend, or co-worker. With all the wonderful advances in modern medicine, there still is NO substitute for human blood. The blood that helps patients comes only from caring people who volunteer to help others by donating their life-saving blood.

It is safe to donate blood. COVID-19 does not pose any known risk to blood donors during the donation pro-

cess or from attending blood drives. It is also safe to donate blood if you have received a COVID-19 vaccination.

LifeShare Blood Center, established in Shreveport, La., in 1942, regularly supplies blood components and related services to more than 100 medical facilities and hospitals throughout Louisiana, East Texas and South Arkansas. LifeShare is a member of America's Blood Centers and the American Rare Donor Program, is licensed by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration, and accredited by AABB. LifeShare Blood Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community blood bank governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees.

For more information, visit the BCMC Facebook page.



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Matthew Pelkki (right), Sagar Chhetri (left) and Ana Gutiérrez (middle) were the guest speakers at the Bradley County Economic Development Corporation board meeting.

Arkansas Center for Forest Business has a story to tell

Special to the Eagle

The Arkansas Center for Forest Business has built a database full of Arkansas forest facts. The newly created center wants to share their statistics with economic decision makers and civic groups. Dr. Matthew Pelkki, Director of the ACFB, Dr. Sagar Chhetri, postdoctoral economist and Ana Gutierrez, research associate with the Center appeared before the Bradley County Economic Development Office at the invitation of BCEDC chairperson Bob Moore.

The trio presented with collective information and hard numbers regarding forest and forest industry economic con-

tributions in Bradley County and then answered question from the group. The presentation provided data that support what many already know - the value of the wood industry to Bradley County is inescapable.

Pelkki told the Board, "Bradley county's economy is roughly 20 times more dependent on forestry than the national average and 5 times more than the state average." Pelkki added, "The average employee compensation for forest industry workers is \$58,438, which is 129 percent of the county average. One of every five jobs in Bradley County is dependent on the forest products industry.

Many of the forest facts listed county by county is available on the ACFB website. Ana Gutierrez, a research associate in the Center, described carbon markets available to forest landowners in Bradley County. Gutierrez told members of the Bradley EDC that growers aren't taking full advantage of their resources. Gutierrez said, "94 percent of the 367,901 acres of forest land in Bradley County are privately owned and could be selling carbon credits. Some carbon markets, however, require extremely long contracts of 40 to 100 years, and may not be appropriate for southern tree farmers."

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Bradley County received a \$64,175 grant to repair the courthouse clock tower. County Judge Klay McKinney said the bell tower and the clock are being worked on by two different companies that are coordinating together.

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Taking Risks

He is not well known. In fact, he is only mentioned once in the Bible. Luke, the writer of the book of Acts, didn't include the person's name. From the world's point of view, he probably was insignificant yet what he did had great significance.

"But Paul's nephew-his sister's son- heard of their plan and went to the fortress and told Paul." Acts 23:16.

The 40 men who had vowed to murder Paul would not have been pleased if they had known what Paul's nephew planned. It took real courage to go to the barracks where Paul was held. What if he was followed? What if it became known that he exposed the plot to kill Paul? It would have been easier and safer to keep quiet, but the young man shoved aside his fears and excuses.

God still needs people like that, people who are willing to do the right thing, when the cost may be high, people who are willing to say what he wants said even if it may not be well received.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

Proverbs 23: 4, 5

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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 17, 2000.

Periodically, we wander far out in Western Little Rock to a tonsorial establishment where the delightful younger daughter of T.V. Garner once engaged her artistic talents (she having removed now with her family to far-away Nebraska, where there is nothing between you and the north pole save fence posts).

We noted with pleasure that there is a fine-lookin' new Baptist Church in that area called "West Rock Baptist Church" and that the pastor is a former Warren resident, the Rev. Dr. Frank Worley.

Dr. Worley served one of our largest churches here in town with caring distinction before moving elsewhere.

We had run into Dr. Worley's former wife, Vera, at a football game in Fayetteville (she is the only person, we ever knew who grew up in Fouke, Miller County).

The Worleys had two fine sons who had the good sense to marry Warren girls.

Life goes on...

Sorry to hear about the death of our old friend, Lois Davis, the other day. Lois worked for Main Street pharmacy locations for years and was a special friend.

Jack Phillips, the muffler man and a longtime favorite, was her brother.

Lois and her husband, one-time Bradley County Sheriff Wess Davis, had a lovely, accomplished daughter, Pam Viguerie, whom we see at tomato festival time yearly.

They did a good job on an only child.

That isn't particularly easy. Pam and her family reside in Little Rock.

Well, we knew one other person from Fouke, Johnny Furqueron, who starred in basketball at El Dorado Junior College in the 'thirties (yes there WAS such an institution) and who later played at Ouachita with Warren's steller star, Deno Nichols.

As noted earlier, we are back from a fortnight's season of kid sittin' in far-away Wichita, Kansas.

Wichita's daily newspaper has a distinctive and elegant name: "The Eagle."

They should call it the "Sedgewick County Money

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Warren Superintendent updates rotary club on school facilities



The Rotary Club of Warren met Tuesday, June 28 inside the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church for its weekly meeting. Rotarian Andrew Tolbert was respon-

sible for the program and introduced fellow Rotarian and Warren School District Superintendent Bryan Cornish. Superintendent Cornish gave an update about school dis-

trict's facilities. This included some drone footage of the construction being done at the new elementary school and gymnasium. He also gave a detailed update about the

high school, which suffered fire and smoke damage a few months ago. Cornish said construction was going well and they have not had any delays on receiving supplies, but the weather has hurt them some. They are in the process of putting the roof on the gym now so they can do the inside work and will hopefully be able to get the roof on the elementary school soon so they can do the inside work and won't have to worry about the weather as much. Once that is done, they will be able to come up with a firmer completion date. The high school suffered a bunch of smoke damage, but Cornish mentioned there was a firewall between the auxiliary gym and cafeteria, which did its job as the fire didn't spread into the school. The plan is to use portable buildings once school starts in the fall along with space at SEACBEC and other facilities. The plan is to eventually remodel the high school once they are sure the air quality is safe. He stated they would not be moving students back into that building until it was completely safe to do so. Cornish concluded the program by answering a few questions from the crowd.

Machine."

Item: the Sunday paper had a total of 24 circulars included.

Say their circulation is 100,000 (should be, in a community of a third of a million). Then "The Eagle" for that Sunday collected \$120,000 just for circular insertion!

Almost as good as being in the TeeVee business.

Wichita, like Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Memphis, Jackson, Atlanta, is seeing a perfervid flight to the suburbs.

In the central city, most of those left are the poor, the disadvantaged, the recent arrivals from Latin America.

No easy questions; no easy answers.

Our old Chevy van, with 208 thousand miles on the clock, puddled along faithfully at 70 or 75 on those Oklahoma and Kansas toll roads, only to succumb to the vicissitudes of age in the fuel pump the morning after our return.

It ran 'til it got us home, then died.

The fellers came and got it going, someway, and took it away for a day's restoration.

Take care of 'em, change the oil, don't go too fast and they'll last just about forever.

Cars, that is.

State of Arkansas is REALLY having to rebuild section of I-40 between Little Rock and Fort Smith: there's a section east of Clarksville where giant machines are tearing up miles of the westbound lane; there is work under way to rebuild it completely.

Giant trucks have all but destroyed the right hand lane of the roads from Little Rock to Fort Smith.

At least, this isn't Kansas, where the State allows a total of THREE trailers to be pulled by one truck.

One of 'em passed us at dark thirty the other morning and the driver cut it a little quickly: the whole thing got to wiggling like a conga line before it finally straightened out.

There is always a sense of the unfairness of life when you pass near the bustling city of Wellington, Kansas.

Wellington was the home-

town of the wife of a valued old friend of ours, Dr. Jay Jones, a retired dentist who now divides his time between Kansas and Florida.

Jay and Betty Slinker married when both were pushing middle age. They had only a short time together until she, surprisingly, died.

Dr. Jones has never been quite the same.

Dr. Jones was the brother to Lorraine Turner, Warren.

Beverly Nason-Jones of Mississippi, his niece, is also his adopted daughter.

Wellington is one of these good Kansas towns, on the railroad, with about 10,000 people.

When onetime Arkansas Football Coach Jack Mitchell got "pushed out" as head

coach at Kansas University, he bought the daily newspaper at Wellington.

It is operated now, we understand, by his son.

Jack Mitchell was a great football star at Oklahoma, and ere that at his hometown of Arkansas City, Kansas (and for those of you who haven't been there, it is pronounced Ar-Kansas City).

Good to hear we'll soon have a Subway store here in town: isn't it on the onetime site of the office of Dr. W.J. Hunt, on South Main?

We've been impressed with the TeeVee testimony of the man who lost about 100 pounds, eatin' Subway veggie sandwiches.

Sounds like a good way to

delard oneself.

Advantages of a cell phone: We were buzzin' along in north Oklahoma, an area bereft of both trees and people, when a couple of young guys sailed by us in a pickup.

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Just after they got by, the left front tire on the pick-up exploded.

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You wonder how the world got along without cell 'phones don't you?

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Harvey wins election



Dana Harvey won Bradley County Justice of the Peace District Nine seat in the Republican Primary Runoff. There were 92 total votes and Harvey received 71 of those votes. Her opponent Sharon Balentine received 21 votes. Harvey does not have an opponent in the general election in November, giving her the District Nine seat.

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The Bradley County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting ceremony at ReVIVE. The new business is owned by Kennedy Clark, The business is located at 1336 West Central in Warren.

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The Center is monitoring and learning about these developing markets in order to help landowners capture this value.

When the forestry industry is mentioned, most people think of timber, logging and lumber. There is another element of forestry that often is overlooked. Dr. Sagar Chhetri, a postdoctoral economist with the Center presented on the value of Warren's urban

forests. Chhetri told the Bradley decision makers that trees can make a huge difference to the land values in a community. Chhetri said, "Urban trees and forests are known to improve property values, but we don't harvest them for timber. But they still contribute value to the community in other ways. For example, annually the forests in the city of Warren remove the amount of carbon dioxide (a major climate change gas) that is emitted by 1620 automobiles." He said "Urban trees provide clean water for 166 people each year, and they remove air pollutants that would cost nearly \$400,000 a year to remove by other methods. The forests of Warren sequester 2,233 tons of carbon annually, which on the current carbon market could be worth as much as \$381,874 per year." The Arkansas Center for Forest Business was funded by the Arkansas Legislature in 2021. Pelkki has been making presentations about forestry for more than 20 years to economic agencies and civic services organizations. The Arkansas Center for Forest Business can customize their presentation based on their the most up-to-date information on Arkansas's forests. Economic agencies and civic service groups interested in booking the ACFB to make a presentation can do so by e-mailing Pelkki at forestbusiness@uamont.edu or by calling 870-460-1949. The center is located at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources, 110 University, Monticello, Arkansas 71656.

BCEDC reports on La Salle contract

The Bradley County Economic Development Corporation (BCEDC) board met on Monday, June 27 after not having a meeting in May.

BCEDC Chariman Dr. Bob Smalling reported a contract with LaSalle Corrections was signed, but LaSalle had not made payments yet. The BCEDC received an estimate on the cost to restore the property where the correctional facility would be. The board approved to accept bids on the project and let the executive committee decide.

Dr. Matthew Pelkki, Director of the Arkansas Center for Forest Business, Dr. Sagar Chhetri, postdoctoral economist, and Ana Gutierrez, research associate with the Center were the guest speakers at the meeting. Warren Mayor Denisa Pennington said the Arkansas Forestry Commission had every tree downtown inspected and each one was diseased. She said the wrong type of tree was planted. Different trees would be planted downtown.

Mayor Pennington reported after four years, the pistol and rifle range project was finally completed. She stated the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will put in a pond at the range. They will also put install an archery range. She commented Warren had the only public shooting range in south Arkansas.

There was some discussion

about the census population. In Warren, the census showed 700 less people were in Warren. Mayor Pennington said this affects the city and the county because it means they receive less money from the state.

In the intermodal report, John Lipton said they had a large industrial prospect. He said it would be one of the largest investments in the area.

Bradley County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Terrie White reported the Pink Tomato Festival was a huge success, despite the storm. It was commented that the parade was one of the biggest the festival had seen. The Chamber of Commerce still has festival t-shirts and cookbooks available for sale at the Warren Municipal Building.

Dr. Smalling said the BCEDC finalized a lease renewal with Sorrells Lumber. The contract to lease part of the BCEDC property is still pending with Scott Richardson.

The BCEDC approved to donate \$100 to the Bradley County Fair.

The next BCEDC meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 25 at the BCEDC building.

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Editorial

Arkansas History Minute

by
Dr. Kenneth Bridges



Ham Moses grew up in a time when Arkansas was still mostly farms untouched by the modern world. Because of his ambition both behind the scenes and in public, he helped usher in the modern age of industrialization for the state.

Colter Hamilton "Ham" Moses was born in 1888 to a hard-working family in Hampton. His father worked long days as a lumberjack and as a farmer while his mother was a teacher. As such, hard work and education were important values from an early age. He worked hard on the farm and followed his father to work in the logging camps, all the while attending school.

Ham Moses moved quickly. He graduated from what is now Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia in 1908. He then went to Tulane University in New Orleans where he earned a masters degree in history in 1910. After returning to Arkansas, he earned a law degree in 1911. The next year, he married Lena Goodwin of El Dorado, and eventually the couple had four children together.

He briefly worked with the Arkansas Department of Education when his work caught the eye of Gov. George Donaghey. Impressed by his intelligence and work ethic, he hired Moses as his secretary in 1911. After Donaghey left office in 1913, Moses moved to Monticello where he began a law firm with Tenth Circuit Prosecuting Attorney J. R. Wilson. His reputation continued to spread as Gov. George Hays tapped Moses to be his secretary in 1915. After Hays left office two years later, Gov. Charles Brough similarly asked Moses to stay on as his secretary for two more years.

Throughout his career, each of his bosses and partners marveled at his hard work and loyalty. With each assignment, he rose steadily higher. He opened his own Little Rock law firm in 1919 and soon became general counsel to Harvey Couch and his electric company, Arkansas Power and Light. Moses helped steer Couch through all the legal obstacles to the growing utility giant. In gratitude for his work, Lake Hamilton, which was formed by the completion of Carpenter Dam in 1931, was named for Ham Moses by Couch.

After the death of Couch in 1941, Moses became president of AP&L. Moses used his new position not only to advance the company but to become a spokesman for an ambitious plan to bring industry and manufacturing to Arkansas. He went across the country extolling the resources the state had to offer, and businesses increasingly took notice.

While Moses was a champion of industrialization for the state, his relationship with the average consumer was more complicated. Consumers were frustrated by AP&L rate increases while Moses jealously protected the position of AP&L, loyal to the company he helped build. He bitterly fought with Gov. Sid McMath in the late 1940s and early 1950s over McMath's efforts to bring in electric cooperatives to the more rural areas of the state through federal Rural Electrification Act initiatives. Though AP&L did not serve the areas targeted by McMath, Moses did not want the competition for AP&L or federal aid for any of the rural co-ops. The fight led to court cases and the eventual ouster of McMath.

In 1952, Moses retired as president of the power company but remained an active member of the board of directors for three more years. In 1955, at the age of 67, he embarked on yet another adventure as he formed a law firm in Little Rock with three partners which he stayed with for the remainder of his years.

Moses was credited by business and political leaders alike by the mid-1950s for bringing important new industries to Arkansas. One report estimated that 36,000 new jobs came to Arkansas through his efforts, bringing in \$200 million in salaries for those workers and increasing the state's manufacturing output fivefold.

At the age of 78, he died suddenly in Little Rock. Arkansas would be forever altered because of his work.

Senate News

from
Ben
Gilmore
Senator

The Arkansas School Safety Commission is meeting frequently in order to have an initial report ready for the governor and legislators by August 1.

The commission has been charged with updating its original report, which was issued in November of 2018.

At its most recent meeting the commission chair encouraged more school districts to form behavioral assessment teams. In its 2018 report the commission urged schools to create teams. They would include an administrator, a faculty member, a school resource officer, a mental health professional, a school counselor, teachers and coaches.

Schools already have the resources to form behavior

assessment teams. The challenge is to get the various school officials and resource officers to communicate as a team.

If a school does not have a behavioral assessment team, information about a troubled student may not be acted on because it doesn't reach the right person. For example, a teacher may not share it with a mental health professional out of concern for the student's privacy.

The commission heard from a former Secret Service agent and member of the National Security Council, who has expertise in recognizing behavior that could become violent.

If faculty notice a change in behavior, such as a sharp decline in grades or personal hygiene, they can help the student get counseling before the student gets to a point of desperation, or suicide.

Laws that protect a student's privacy prevent teachers and staff from divulging grades and school records, but it should not prevent

them from sharing what they observe with other school officials.

The former Secret Service agent told the commission that for assessments to be accurate, it's important that information about a student come from more than one person. If a teacher notices a change in behavior, a technical expert can review the student's social media accounts for threatening messages. A counselor or mental health professional can ask the student to visit. Former teachers can be asked if they witnessed any behaviors that concerned them.

The agent said that in her experience, if only one person contributes to the assessment, it can go wrong.

In addition to creating behavior assessment teams, schools should set up a system for receiving anonymous tips. The administration should send a clear message to the student body that the system is not meant to get someone in trouble, but to provide help.

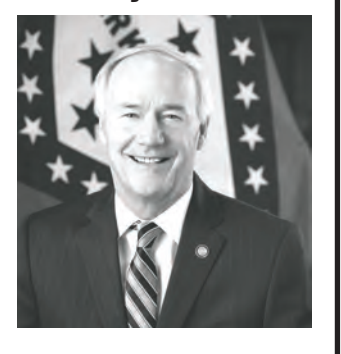
The former Secret Service agent said that "a lot of these are suicides with collateral damage."

In many school shooting cases, the gunman had been a victim of bullying, she said. She told the commission about a school violence case in which a student had been bullied and his mother reported it to school officials, but they dismissed her concerns. They also didn't take seriously enough reports that the student said things that frightened other students. They recommended suspension from school rather than a referral to a mental health professional.

The Arkansas School Safety Commission was first formed after a mass killing of students in Parkland, Florida, in 2018. The governor reformed the group after the mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

In future meetings the commission will work on changes to buildings and facilities, and on law enforcement.

Gov. Hutchinson's Weekly Address



Today I'd like to talk about the Fourth of July, or Independence Day, in Arkansas, the state with enough lakes, rivers, hiking trails, and outdoor festivals to accommodate 3 million Arkansans and visitors as we celebrate the 246 years of our Nation's independence. And of particular importance, is our beautiful state parks.

The Arkansas State Park System, which will turn 100 next year, is one of the best benefits of living in the Natural State. The system attracts families and companies that are considering a move to Arkansas.

Petit Jean, Arkansas's first state park, opened in 1923 when the Fort Smith Lumber Company decided that the area was too difficult for logging. Dr. T.W. Hardison, the Arkansas-born doctor who was the company's physician, suggested preserving the area as a park. The National Park System declined because the area wasn't large enough. But Arkansas's General Assembly liked the idea, and legislators established Petit Jean State Park in 1923.

In the 99 years since, Dr. Hardison's effort to preserve one forest has expanded to 52 state parks. Employees of President Franklin Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps built many of the trails and cabins, and much of the infrastructure during the Great Depression.

Arkansas state parks offer experiences for adventurers at all levels. You can explore the culture and spirit of Arkansas at the Ozark Folk Center, and listen to the musicians who play late into the night on Mountain View's square. You can watch the sunset at

Sunset Point on Mount Nebo, learn Arkansas history at the Arkansas Post Museum, float the river at Cossatot River State Park, or learn to smith a knife at Historic Washington State Park, where James Bowie, Sam Houston, and Davy Crockett passed on their travels.

The state park system was designed to ensure that Arkansans could always explore the beauty of the outdoors and history, not far from their backyard. That's why there is a state park within 60 miles of every Arkansan home. So you're never too far from experiencing what makes Arkansas great!

The State Parks are offering a variety of ways to spend the Fourth of July: At Historic Washington State Park, a reading of Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence

with Mr. Jefferson in full Revolutionary garb; at Lake DeGray, a Freedom Fun Run; and at our first state park, Petit Jean, the annual 4th of July Fun and Games Day includes a Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest and wheelbarrow races.

For those who like to set goals or keep track of their travels, we offer a State Park Passport that you can have stamped at the visitor's center at every park.

Through the hard work of thousands of people, our state parks have achieved Dr. Hardison's vision and aspirations. Our parks preserve the history, culture, and beauty of our natural state, and offer us a place to experience the beauty of our state every day of the year, and on special days such as the Fourth of July.



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Arrest Report

Octaviouis Rhodes, 1411 Melrose, Warren, was arrested June, 30 on warrants.

Odario Moseley, 806 N. Martin, Warren, was arrested July, 1 on warrants.

Tiffany Chadwick, 206 E. Womble St., Warren, was arrested July, 1 on warrants.

Travaris Clary, 131 Cherry St., Warren, was arrested July, 1 for theft of services.

Taisha Pettit, 131 Cherry St., Warren, was arrested July, 1 for theft of services.

Aryn Jenkins, 112 Leggett Dr., Warren, was arrested July, 3 on warrants and suspended drivers license.



News Briefs

• Donations are needed to help take care of the "Old Warren Cemetery" Send donations to Shirley Hampton at 2 Southern Court., Warren, AR 71671. Can be reached at 870-226-5349.

• 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 spgatl48@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.

Legals

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.
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NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND INTENTION TO SELL YOU MAY LOSE YOUR PROPERTY IF YOU DO NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD YOU WILL REMAIN LIABLE FOR ANY DEFICIENCY WHICH THEN EXISTS AND AN ACTION TO COLLECT IT MAY BE BROUGHT AGAINST YOU THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR SUCH PURPOSE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON AUGUST 4, 2022, AT OR ABOUT 1:00PM, THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN BELOW WILL BE SOLD AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE BRADLEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 101 EAST CEDARS WARREN, AR 71671 TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH. THE SALE WILL EXTINGUISH ALL INTERESTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF EXISTING LIEN HOLDERS OR PREVIOUS OWNERS IN THE PROPERTY. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH THE TIME OF SALE AND ALL TRANSFER TAXES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. WHEREAS THE PROPERTY SECURED UNDER THE MORTGAGE IS LOCATED IN BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A LOT IN THE CITY OF WARREN, ARKANSAS, BEGINNING AT A POINT 516.37 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4 OF SE1/4) OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, RUNNING THENCE NORTH A DISTANCE OF 216 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST A DISTANCE OF 140 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 216 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST A DISTANCE OF 140 FEET, BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 404 W Pine St., Warren AR 71671 WHEREAS on May 1, 2018, Julian L Covington, single man, executed a Mortgage in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee of Everitt Financial, Inc. d/b/a Supreme Lending. Said Mortgage was recorded on May 1, 2018, in Book DT 316 at Page 457-468 in the real property records of Bradley County, Arkansas. The Mortgage was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association by virtue of an assignment dated December 7, 2021, and recorded on December 7, 2021, as document number L202102169 in the real property records of Bradley County, Arkansas. The party initiating foreclosure can be contacted at or in care of its servicer initiating foreclosure at: U.S. Bank National Association, 4801 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301, at Telephone No. 800-365-7772; and WHEREAS there may be tenants that claim an interest in the real property herein based upon said tenancy; and WHEREAS, the undersigned is the attorney for the mortgagee and is acting on and with the consent and authority of the mortgagee who is exercising its power of sale under Ark. Code Ann. Section 18-50-115 which implies a power of sale in every mortgage of real property situated in this state that is duly acknowledged and recorded; and default has occurred in the payment of said indebtedness, specifically the installment due December 1, 2021, and each subsequent payment to date are now due; and the holder of the debt has requested the undersigned to sell the property to satisfy said indebtedness. This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat or bill(s) of assurance; any restrictive covenants, easements, set back liens or encroachments; any unpaid and/or delinquent taxes or special assessments; any statutory redemption rights of any governmental entity; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a UCC or fixture filing; and, to any matter that an accurate survey of the property might disclose. This property is being sold "as is" with no representation as the condition of any structure(s) thereon or the accuracy of the above legal description. Transfer taxes and recording fees are the responsibility of the purchaser. WITNESS my hand this 27 day of April, 22 Bank of America, N.A., by its attorney-in-fact, Albertelli Law Kevin D. Rogers, AR Bar No. 20120311 Information Way, Suite 201 Little Rock, AR 72202 501-406-0855 A LAW No. 22-004134 A-4750782 07/06/2022, 07/13/2022, 07/20/2022, 07/27/2



The Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary recently presented a check to the hospital for the purchase of a new stretcher for the Emergency Department. The stretcher will cost \$5,806.29. The BCMA Auxiliary is always willing to help on projects around the hospital which includes the purchase of new equipment such as this stretcher. Chief Nursing Officer Jamie Wolfe is pictured accepting the check from Liz McKinstry of the BCMA Auxiliary along with Materials Management Director Terry Young.



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

No. 06PR-22-57-2
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET BLACK, deceased LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 213 East Shield, Warren, Bradley County, Arkansas 71671
DATE OF DEATH: January 11, 2022
The undersigned was appointed Administratrix of the estate of Margaret Black, deceased on January 11, 2022.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned 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 in the estate. However, claims for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published the 6th day of July, 2022.

LINDA WARRICK,
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c/o H. Murry Claycomb
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 970
Warren, Arkansas 71671
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Obituaries



Jearline Thompson

Jearline Thompson, age 88, of Warren passed away June 29 at Belle View Estates in Monticello. She was born March 4, 1934 in Cleveland County to the late George and Nora Pruitt Howard.

She was also preceded in death by her husband; John F. Thompson whom she married on April 5, 1952 and he passed away September 8, 1997, brothers; Jesse Howard, Lee Howard, Elmer Howard, Oscar Howard and Barney Howard and sister; Katherine Lephew.

Survivors include son, Ken Thompson (Leslie) of Lake Village; daughter, Gloria Llanes (Pete) of Warren; sister, Birdie Burnett (Randall) of Monticello; grandchildren, Chris Thompson, Jamie Thompson (Carlotta), Jordan Lipsmeyer (Whitney), Wesley Berry and Seth Cornish and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside was 2 p.m. July 2 at Reaves Cemetery with Bro. Wayman Mann officiating. Burial was in Reaves Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. Active pallbearers were Wesley Berry, Seth Cornish, Whitney Lipsmeyer, Troy Howard, Randy Rice and David Howard. Honorary pallbearers were Roy Howard and Marty Howard.



Phillip H. Berry

Phillip Howard Berry, 75 of Warren, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 26, 2022. Phil was born November 7, 1946 in Warren, to the late Lawrence Berry and Christine Knowles Berry. He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Berry; mother, Christine Knowles Berry; brother, John Berry; two sisters-in-law, Jane Coulter Berry and Patsy Smith Berry all of Warren. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Marsha Riley Berry; son, Mark Berry; brother, Mike Berry and several nieces and nephews.

He attended Warren High School, graduating in 1965. After high school, he joined the US Air Force serving his country in the Vietnam War. Following his discharge in 1971, he returned to Warren and worked at Cotton Belt Railroad in Pine Bluff, until he retired in 1994.

In his earlier years, Phil enjoyed hunting, fishing, play-

ing baseball and car racing. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at 11a.m. Saturday, July 2, 2022 at Frazer's Funeral Home with Bro. Greg Stanley officiating. Burial was at Ebenezer Cemetery in Warren, by Frazer's Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Jamie Berry, Wade Berry, Tracy Saunders, Clay Saunders, Jason Riley and Rickey Garrett.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church, The Veterans Museum and Hospice Home Care of Monticello.

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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 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; 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 THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE 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 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 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:

§ 5. Regular and fiscal sessions — 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.

(c)(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.

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. 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 years 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 years 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 test 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

(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.

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.



JOHN THURSTON
SECRETARY OF STATE
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