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The Eagle Democrat will be closed Monday, Sept. 5th in observance of Labor Day. Our deadline for the Sept. 7th paper will be Fri. Sept. 2 at 10 a.m.

Clients at SEAHDC launch book

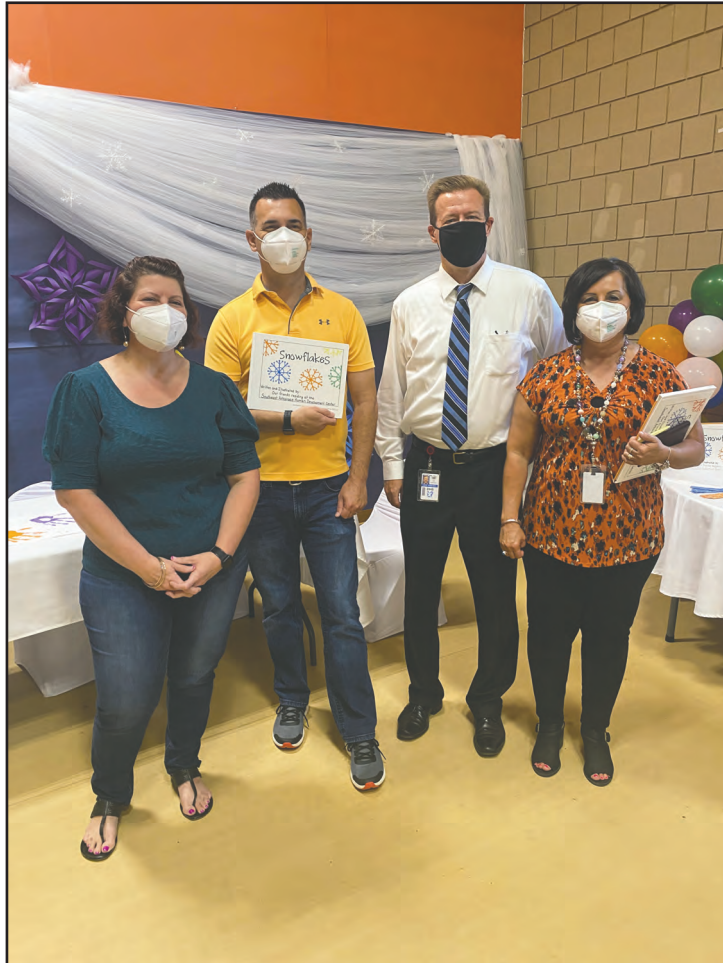
A book launch was held at Southeast Arkansas Human Development Center (SEAHDC) on Friday, August 26, 2022. The book is entitled "Snowflakes" and was authored by the clients residing at SEAHDC.

Each client has his/her own page in the book. The concept of the book is that just as each individual snowflake is uniquely different from all others, so are the clients who reside at SEAHDC.

Each client's page includes what makes that person unique such as favorite activities and talents, including artistic ability or athletic accomplishment in Special Olympics.

A panel of client authors signed copies of books that were purchased at the event, which included refreshments and door prizes. Among the attendees at the book launch was Jason Pederson, formerly with KATV Channel 7, who is now with Deputy Chief of Communications at Arkansas Department of Human Services.

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The SEAHDC held a book launch on Friday. Pictured left to right: Tiffany Wargo, SEAHDC Superintendent Mark Wargo, Jason Pederson, and Dana Harvey, SEAHDC Assistant Superintendent

Hermitage Schools hire new staff

By Zach Killian

The Hermitage School Board approved new hires at their monthly meeting on Monday, August 8. The school board approved the following hiring recommendations: Kelly Rowell as librarian; Katelyn Hankins as a paraprofessional; Pamela Kellum as a paraprofessional; Lisa Higgins as assistant softball coach; and Wynoka Smith as human resources manager for three days a week.

Hermitage Superintendent Dr. Tracy Tucker made a request for the school board to hire all the works for the summer, including 21st CCLC and elementary summer school. The request was approved

by the school board. Those hired were: Kasey Johnston, Leah Smith, Rhonda Ferrell, Randi McDougald, Ron Hoskins, Tracie Richard, Rosalynda Ellis, Kristi Best, Selena Jurado, Mary Carroll, Charish Curry, Erandi Acuchialendar, bus drivers, Melinda Haire, and Tiffany Curtis.

The school board accepted the resignation of Carla McDougald.

The school board approved bids for propane from Gresham Petroleum and vehicle insurance from Farm Bureau.

A motion was made to approve the request from Dr. Tucker to travel out of state for a migrant leadership

conference and to attend an executive leadership institute. The school board approved the motion.

The meal prices for the 2022-2023 were approved by the school board. The prices remain the same as last year.

The school board approved the teacher and administrator recruitment plan.

The school board approved a motion to pay the credit card and Amazon purchase order monthly bills by electronic check.

The next Hermitage School Board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 12. It will be located at the Hermitage High School cafeteria.

Hermitage city recorder resigns

By Zach Killian

The Hermitage City Council received a letter of resignation from city recorder Karla Ramos at the monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 16. The city council accepted the resignation and was implemented immediately. City treasurer Angela Dawson was approved to serve as both city treasurer and city recorder until the recorder position is filled.

Hermitage Mayor Tonya Kendrix told the city council the city received 13 applicants for the vacant city clerk position. After conducting the interviews, she recommended the hiring of Lauren Spurlock for city clerk. The city council approved. There would be a 90-day probationary period for Spurlock.

The Hermitage Police Department reported they completed the training requirements for active shooter response training.

In the Hermitage Police Department monthly report, the following citations went to court: five for speeding, one for running a stop sign, one for no proof of insurance, one for not wearing a seat belt and one for an expired driver's license. There were nine total arrests for the month of July.

The Hermitage Fire Department announced two firefighters were promoted to captains: Jeremy Stringfellow and Shaun May. The fire

department also had one training in July.

Bill Dawson, the supervisor for the public works department, reported they trimmed limbs on streets. The water test passed inspection from the Arkansas Department of Health. The department fixed sewer pumps and ordered a new pump.

There were delays to the sewer expansion project causing it to start later than planned. It was reported the workers got sick. The work would continue once the workers got better.

For the sewer levee project, the city would have to resubmit the budget to the engineers and to the state.

The city council approved the financial statements.

The city council approved to purchase software to allow direct deposits for city employees. The software cost a one-time payment of \$245.

The city council removed Ramos' name from the account signatures for the First State Bank and Warren Bank and Trust accounts due to her resignation. Due to just being hired as the new city clerk, the city did not want her name added to the accounts yet. The city council approved to add Mary Vines to the signatures for the city bank accounts and both financial institutions.

In her report, Mayor Kendrix said the food and

school supply distribution was a success. The city received donations from Representative Jeff Wardlaw and State Senator Ben Gilmore for the distributions. Walmart from Monticello also helped out in the distribution. Mayor Kendrix said about 300 people showed up. She was pleased with the turnout. She told the city council she was working with partners for future projects.

The city received three quotes for repairs on the Hermitage Community Center. The city council voted to solicit more bids before making a final decision.

Mayor Kendrix announced the Great Arkansas Clean-Up will be Saturday, September 10. This will be citywide cleanup. The mayor asks for volunteers in and outside the Hermitage community to help clean up. The city will have recycling available and will send out requests for supplies.

The city is working with the street aid committee on the overlay project cost.

The city is also working with an organization for a water assistance program. The program will provide up to \$2,000 in water bill assistance. This will be a one-time payment.

The next Hermitage City Council meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, 20 at the Hermitage Community Center.

BRADLEY COUNTY FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Livestock Show (SWINE ONLY) 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Allotment of Booths 1:00-7:00 P.M.
Enter Home Economics Exhibits 1:00-7:00 P.M.
Enter Livestock Exhibits 3:00-9:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Enter Baked Goods & Fresh Flower Exhibits 8:00-9:30 A.M.
Judging of Fair Exhibits 10:00 A.M.
Opening of Fair Exhibits 2:00-9:00 P.M.
Livestock Show (Beef, Swine, Goats, Sheep) 5:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Opening of Fair Exhibits 9:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M.
School Kids Tour/Petting Zoo/Kid Zone 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
Senior Day-Bingo 2:00 P.M.
Livestock Premium Sale 12:30 P.M.
Entertainment: Grace Cowboy Church Band 7:30 P.M.
Bradley County Riding Club Horse Show 8:00 P.M.
Food Trucks

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Opening of Fair Exhibits 9:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M.
Farmer's Market (Local Craft Vendors) 8:00 A.M.
Truck Show 5:00 P.M.
Rib Racks Ready for Purchase 5:00 P.M.
Hispanic Gala 6:00 P.M.
Release Livestock 6:00 P.M.
Entertainment: Fortunate Sons+One 7:00-9:00 P.M.
Food Trucks

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Pick Up Exhibits 2:00-4:30 P.M.



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Maddox Lassiter, #14, breaks through the line against the Stuttgart Ricebirds Friday night. Read the recap on page 3.

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By REV. JIM BALES
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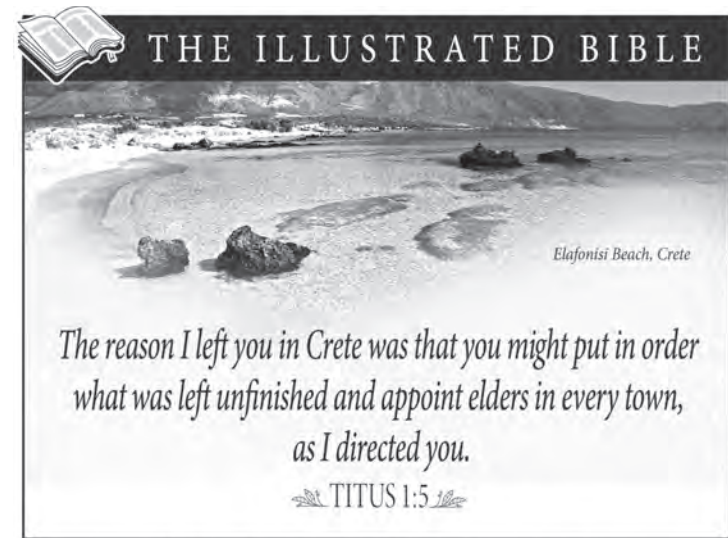
TRUST GOD

Humankind tends to expect solutions to their problems to come from political leaders, religious leaders, or someone with star status.

God's Word tells us in Psalm 146, verses 3 and 4. "Don't put your confidence in powerful people; there is no help for you there. When they breath their last, they return to the earth, and all their plans die with them."

It is a common mistake to think that mortals, who are visible to human eyes, are more trustworthy than God, who is invisible. But that thinking doesn't rely on faith. It relies of limited senses, perceptions, and priorities

God doesn't reach people through limited senses, He goes deep into the human soul. He grants faith to everyone (Romans 12:3) so we all possess the capacity for a relationship with God- the only one worthy of trust. It is God who can save, not **humankind**.



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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 July 12, 2000.

We've set a personal record for being absent from this Happy Rural Seat during the month of June: a mark that goes all the way back to February, 1953, when we went to work at THE EAGLE DEMOCRAT for a salary of \$50 weekly which included work 8-5 weekdays and 8-12 on Saturdays and 12-5 on Saturdays once a month.

We were not here at all in January of 1953, still laboring as a chattel of THE OSCEOLA TIMES in Eastern Arkansas. But in June, we were in Bradley County a total of less than a week, on this wise:

1. We missed most of the month's first week on that cruise in Southern Europe.

2. Then we went to Hot Springs where Dr. James W. Marsh's son in law, a specialist named Dr. Bruce Smith, removed a cyst from the foot of our better half, leaving her dependant on crutches, needful of remaining close to the surgeon for the month's final fortnight.

Donna, one of the attractive ladies at THE EAGLE DEMOCRAT, was good enough to mail us a paper weekly: we also devoured the Demo-Gaz daily, checking the obituary pages (note: old folks do that).

Dr. Smith's wife is the

youngest of three daughters of Dr. Marsh and the late Joanne Mitchell Marsh. A registered nurse, Cindy Smith is school nurse for the Lakeside Schools outside Hot Springs and mother to three young men who might have been models for O.E. Rolvaag in his book, "Giants in the Earth".

We got along fine: one of the assets of our place at Hot Springs is that it is of modest size and encourages thereby the maneuvering on crutches.

Our dear across-the-street neighbor, Phyllis Loomis, takes care of our daily papers: our yard mow team keeps the home place lookin' good and waters plants when they need it.

We expect to be home this week,
Deo Volente...

Our hospital work was done at St. Joseph's, one of two such institutions in Hot Springs.

St. Joseph's has Catholic sponsorship and is a highly-praised facility.

Once while we were there, we ran into Vivian Russell, widow of Joe Russell, long time lieutenant of the late S.M. Dixon in his highway construction activities.

(Others included Don Smith, R. A. Colby, Thomas (Buddy) Wolfe, just for a three some).

Mrs. Russell has resided in Hot Springs about 30 years.

Her home in Warren is the one now occupied by Carol Lee and Ben Little and their fam-



George Betts, Rotary District 6170 Disaster Response Chairman (left) was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting brought by Rotarian Carlton Davis (right).

Rotary hears from disaster response chairman

The Rotary Club of Warren met Tuesday, Aug. 23 for their weekly meeting at First United Methodist Church. Rotarian Carlton Davis had the program and presented George Betts, who is the Disaster Response Chairman for Rotary District 6170. A member of the Camden Rota-

ry Club, Betts spoke about the Disaster Response for District 6170, which the Rotary Club of Warren is a part of.

He spoke about how he became the chairman when District Governor Bill Fish approached him about doing it. Betts spent some time talking about Rotary's mission and

what Rotarians are called to do and the different ways Rotary helps people, but spent the bulk of his presentation talking about how our district had helped the victims of the recent floods in Eastern Kentucky.

He touched on some of the logistics of getting supplies to

people in disaster areas and how our district was planning to help other disasters in the future. Betts closed his program by answering a few questions from members and the Rotary Club of Warren voted to present a check of \$200 to Betts for the District 6170 Disaster Response.

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ily at Bradley and Catherine Streets (Mrs. Little is one of three beautiful daughters of Circuit Clerk Cathy Richardson and her husband, Tommy. Considering their parents, they had little choice but to be beautiful).

Mrs. Russell had a son and a daughter, Joe Richard and Suzanne.

Remember? Our neighbors at Hot Springs include the Pat Jacksons, who moved there recently from the Texas panhandle, where they were friends of Jan and Dr. Hal Rinker, parents of the lovely rural route mail carrier on Warren Route 1, Kim White.

Dr. Rinker, a vet, now works on a reservation for Native Americans (we used to call 'em Indians) in the Far West.

Our valued friend, Dub Wilbanks, now retired from the power company, told us once to turn the air conditioners off if we were going to be gone 24 hours. Saves money, but leaves the old manse sifling when you finally get home. Good advice, however, from the onetime resident of the best town in north central Arkansas, Batesville.

We are having trouble getting' to see all of the TV presentations of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" but we do the best we can.

Early questions to contestants are hard-down stupid, aren't they?

But when you get up to winnin' real money, the level goes up like a July thermometer. That is, the difficulty of the questions asked.

The onetime country editor, approaching age 71, has always had a transitory relationship with the kitchen.

Oh he could get in there and spread up a peanut butter or cheese sandwich: even microwave some soup.

But the past few days have proved once again that an old dog can really learn new tricks...if he has to.

We had heard a long time ago that "a watched pot never boils". That's right, it doesn't. But if you leave it, it'll boil over and make some kind of massive mess.

Our new son in law, the

journalist Jim Harris, is a gourmet cook. We do not share this blessing with him, but we can function in the kitchen: even load the washing machine, fold clothes, etc. Amazing.

Noted the death of Hubert Parnell: one of the Nice Guys in Warren, widower of one of its best lookin' women, Anne Harrod Parnell, who once operated a Merle Norman establishment down on Cypress Street as a neighbor of The Eagle.

Hubert worked at Hurley's, then at our old home in Osceola before returning to Warren.

A faithful churchman and a good guy, Hubert never quite

got over the loss of his beautiful Anne: older guys like the onetime country editor can see why...

John Jerome, in his new book, "On turning 65", makes some interesting observations.

Says he: "Every old person I have known, from childhood on, has been grumbling about faulty memory. I do the same. The word I want slips away: there are too many names in the world and the medical term for all this sounds awful: Benign Senescent forgetfulness".

In "the old man's walk," we move more slowly and we have a wider base. We shuffle. Moving those elderly joints

doesn't really hurt, but somehow, we THINK it's gonna hurt.

"Along with the ability to scratch between your shoulder blades and to turn your head sufficiently to back out of the angled parking place, one loses the wonderful ability to sleep through the night without getting up and going to the bathroom.

"Then, sometimes, you have to go twice. Terrible.

"Unlike the young, who squander energy with great abandon, older folks get interested in conserving energy, like hiring the lawn mowed. And getting' a riding lawn mower. And playing golf out of an electric cart."

Who's smarter?

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The Jacks' Defense surrounds the Ricebirds back #14 Maddox Lassiter, #15 Wade Wolfe, #7 Lee Johnson.

Lumberjacks fall to Ricebirds in opening game

The Warren Lumberjacks faced off against the Stuttgart Ricebirds where they had a good first half, but fumbled in the second half losing 31-28 in the opening game on Friday.

The Ricebirds won the opening coin toss and elected to receive. The Ricebirds fumbled the kickoff and the Jacks recovered the fumble.

Treyton Jackson started the game as for Warren at quar-terback. The Jacks kept the Ricebirds on defense for most of the first quarter, pre-venting Stuttgart from scor-ing.

At late in the first quarter, Warren called their first time-out.

Quarterback Jackson threw a pass to Tayshawn Johnson at the 17-yard line to convert and give Warren a first down.

The Lumberjacks moved to the eight-yard line with 2:26 left in the quarter.

Maddox Lassiter gave a handoff to Landon Wolfe from the five-yard line who made it to the end zone for the first touchdown of the night. After a successful kick by Jacks kicker Jose Jacinto, the Jacks led 7-0.

The kickoff by Jacinto to the Ricebirds went out of bounds and the Ricebirds began at the their own 38-yard line.

At 44 seconds, a flag was thrown against the Ricebirds for false start, giving them a five-yard penalty. The penalty called back a Stuttgart touchdown as the quarter ended.

The Jacks began the second quarter in the lead, 7-0.

With the Ricebirds on of-fense, the Ricebirds ran the ball from the 35-yard line to the 20-yard line, but a flag was thrown against them for holding. They received a 10-yard penalty, moving them to the 45-yard line.

The Jacks took over on of-fense and they were able to move the ball down to the seven-yard line. Jackson handed the ball to Johnson. Johnson pushed through the Ricebirds' defense to the end zone for a touchdown.

Another successful kick by Jacinto made the score 14-0 with 8:43 in the second quarter.

Jacinto kicked to the Ricebirds where it was caught at the 30-yard line.

The Ricebirds return man ran the ball down the field 75 yards to score their first touchdown. The Ricebirds added the extra point making the score 14-7 with 8:28 in the second quarter.

The Jacks' offense was able to move down the field to the one-yard line, when a flag was thrown against them for false start. They were moved to the six-yard line due to the five-yard penalty.

The Jacks made it back to the one-yard line. Lassiter pushed through the Ricebirds defensive line, scoring a touchdown for the Jacks.

Jacinto's kick was good mov-ing Warren up 21-7 with 4:45 left in the second quarter.

The Ricebirds scored again on a 40-yard field goal with 47 second left in the half pulling them to 21-10 at halftime.

The second half kickoff went out of the endzone putting Warren starting at the 30-yard line.

On their first possession of the half the Ricebirds were ran the ball from their 43-yard line to the end zone, to pull them within 4 points of the Jacks.

Warren's Jalin Lee caught the kick at the one-yard line and ran to the 25-yard line.

The Jacks fumbled at the 10-yard line. The ball bounced into the end zone and was recovered by the Ricebirds, giving them another touch-down and a 24-21 lead at 6:15 in the third quarter.

Warren received a 15 yard personal foul penalty against the Jacks.

At 5:45 in the quarter, Kam Davis caught the pass and ran 85 yards to the end zone for a touchdown, bringing the Jacks back in the lead. the PAT was good making the score 28-24.

The Jacks started the final quarter with the lead of 28-24.

At 7:43 in the quarter, the Ricebirds ran the ball through the Jacks' defense to the end zone, but a flag was thrown against the Ricebirds for holding.

The Ricebirds then ran to the 12-yard line, but they were unable to break through the Jack's defensive line.

At the next play, the Rice-

birds pushed through the Jacks' defense to the end zone, scoring a touchdown at 6:57 in the quarter.

The kick by the Ricebirds was good, putting them back in the lead against the Jacks, 31-28.

With about a minute left of the game, the Ricebirds and Jacks were at the 10-yard line, with the Ricebirds on offense. The clock continued to run. The Ricebirds quar-terback took a knee twice on the play, letting the clock run out, ending the game.

The Jacks will play against White Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday in Warren.

Former Lumberjack and Minnesota Vikings player Jarius Wright is one of the coaches for White Hall.

LAUNCH

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The book project was implemented by Education and Instruction Coordinator Lauren Franklin as a vocational project in the Rehabilitation training area for the clients.

Proceeds from the book sales are divided between the clients and added to their personal funds. Books may be purchased by contacting SEAHDC at 226-6774 or the Blue Umbrella at 501-551-4659.

Poultry health testing needed for fair entry

Special to The Eagle
All poultry to be entered into the Bradley County Fair must comply with the poultry health regulations by being tested for Pullorum-Typhoid.

The Bradley County Agent, John Gavin, will test chickens at the Bradley County Fair-

grounds on Tuesday, September 12th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. No Pullorum-Typhoid testing will be conducted during the Fair. Contact the Bradley County Cooperative Extension Service at 870-226-8410 to register your poultry to be tested.

Fair catalogs available at local extension office

It's fair time in Bradley County and the 2022 Bradley County Fair and Livestock Show catalogs and entry tags are ready. Catalogs are available at the Bradley County Cooperative Extension Office, located at 201 N. Bragg Street in Warren. Pre-registration for the Home Economics Division Exhibits is encouraged and may be done at the county extension office from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, you may contact the County Extension Office at 870-226-8410. The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in another format, please contact your Bradley County Extension Office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas relay.

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Tayshawn Edwards (#4) makes a reception deep in Stuttgart territory. The Jr. Jacks lost to Stuttgart at Thursday's game, 23-16.

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Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



School is starting once again across the nation. Millions of students are returning to classes. It is part of a time-honored ritual, sometimes loved and sometimes loathed, all in an effort to help make better, wiser citizens and to show students the heights they are capable of reaching. Public schools have been a part of American life for nearly four centuries.

Many ancient societies had systems of learning, and children have been learning from parents from times long since past. The earliest public schools date to Massachusetts in 1635, the first being the Boston Latin Grammar School. The Puritan settlers believed in education and made it a priority for children to be able to read and write well so they could read the Bible themselves and be able to represent their communities well in town meetings when a community's spending and priorities for the year would be set by the townspeople. The most important principle of these schools was that not only was every child welcome to attend, they had a responsibility to attend. In 1636, the first college was founded in the United States. Harvard College was originally set up as a seminary to train future preachers and eventually expanded to become one of the world's most respected institutions for learning in regard to science, medicine, law, business, and even still today, theology. By the time the American Revolution began in 1775, there were eight colleges operating in the colonies, including what would become Columbia, Yale, and Princeton universities.

After the revolution, many northeastern states were attempting to establish a system of free public schools. Under the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, Congress set aside some proceeds of land sales to give communities in what became the Great Lakes states the means to establish public schools in their own areas. For the Founding Fathers, establishing a lasting republic meant education was a must. Well-educated citizens meant not only better merchants and builders, it also meant good government. Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence made education a priority in his years as governor of Virginia. However, his efforts to bring education to the people were thwarted by the upper-class planters who would not think of having their children mingling with the poor. Nevertheless, schools spread across the North, and the children of farmers attending school beside the children of wealthy bankers was increasingly a common experience.

Education came slowly to Arkansas. The first public school opened only in 1851 and had trouble gaining support. Cane Hill College was the first college, opening in 1852 in Washington County, but the Civil War forced its closure. Schools would only begin to flourish in the state after the war.

In 1862, in the midst of the Civil War, Congress began looking ahead to a time after the war and wanted to give the states the means to set up their own colleges, particularly ones dedicated to agriculture, engineering, and the sciences. The Morrill Land Grant Act provided these funds through proceeds of federal land sales. This legislation ultimately led to the creation of 69 state college systems across the country.

One of the results of this was the founding of the University of Arkansas in 1871. For the first few years of this college, there was no tuition charged to students. The State of Arkansas believed that by developing a population of engineers, doctors, lawyers, and other professionals, they were laying the groundwork for the future success of the state.

In 1860, there were only 100 free public high schools in the United States. By 1900, there were more than 6,000. This number had doubled by 1914. Many southern states did not have a statewide system of public education before the Civil War and would only establish these schools by the 1870s. By the early 1900s, school standards varied widely. The quality of education in many areas was very poor, with some schools not having the resources to teach some fields as science. And many teachers were unqualified. Reformers worked to establish teaching colleges in many states and push for compulsory attendance laws across the nation, including Arkansas, to create educators who understood what to teach and how to teach it well. In 1890, only 27 states and territories had compulsory school attendance laws, a number that had increased to 43 by 1914. The efforts would pay off. By 1940, nearly 50% of Americans had a high school diploma, a five-fold increase in just 30 years. In just a few decades, the United States had built the best education system in the world.

In 1900, there were just under 1,000 colleges operating in the United States, with 160,000 students. These were a mix of public colleges, private colleges, and church schools. Today, there are more than 19 million students, from dual-credit high school students to citizens well into their 80s attending the more than 3,000 colleges across the nation. At the lower grade levels, more than 3.2 million teachers are at work teaching students reading, math, art, writing, music, science, and especially that there are no limits to their dreams for the future.



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

A shooting spree occurred in Little Rock over the weekend of August 13 and 14. Three people were killed and four people were wounded.

In the most recent tally, there were 18 shootings that also damaged buildings and motor vehicles.

The State Police activated a helicopter and brought in 32 troopers to help Little Rock police and the Pulaski County sheriff.

The joint operation was successful and a suspect was arrested and charged with multiple violent offenses, including capital murder. He was a convicted felon who had been out on parole for a year.

He is 31 years old, and first got in trouble with the law when he was 16.

It was one example of cooperation between state agencies and local law enforcement.

Another example was a recent "saturation effort" in Pulaski County, when officers made 295 home visits to parolees over four days. They made direct contact with 172 parolees and arrested seven of them. They confiscated five firearms.

In July seven parolees were arrested and 18 weapons were seized. Their sentences will reflect the stronger penalties imposed by Act 946 of 2021, which enhances penalties for repeat offenders who use a firearm to commit felonies.

The act prohibits them from being released on parole.

Also in response to public concerns about crime, the legislature has approved funding for the Department of Community Correction to initiate

intensive supervision of parolees in central Arkansas.

At a press conference, the governor provided an example of the effectiveness of intensive supervision in five counties in central Arkansas.

During the first four months of the year, six parole officers made 28 arrests and confiscated four guns. In April, 10 parole officers were added and the number of arrests went up sharply. Since April 109 parolees have been arrested for violations and 48 firearms seized.

Troop A of the State Police covers Pulaski, Lonoke, Faulkner and Saline Counties in central Arkansas. According to the director of the State Police, since the beginning of 2021 Troop A has confiscated 310 firearms, of which 30 were fully automatic.

At his press conference the governor noted that the state Board of Correction has approved a \$75 million expansion

of state prisons, and in early September will consider an additional expansion of \$50 million.

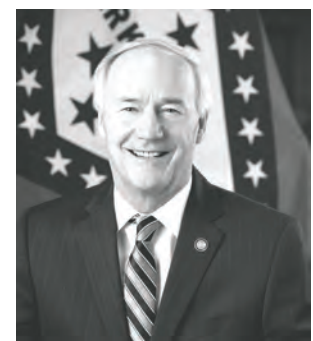
The backlog of state inmates in county jails was about 2,600 in January and it has gone down to about 2,000.

The governor has proposed to legislators the addition of a fifth Crisis Stabilization Unit, to be located in south Arkansas. It would cost \$3 million.

The four existing units are in Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Jonesboro and Little Rock. Police can take people there who are experiencing a mental health crisis, rather than locking them in jail.

To clear the backlog of court cases created by the pandemic, the governor already has allocated \$1 million for prosecutors and public defenders. He has requested that the legislature approve funding of an additional \$9 million, divided evenly between prosecutors and public defenders.

Gov. Hutchinson's Weekly Address



Today I'd like to talk about the steps we are taking to reduce violent crime in Arkansas.

In 2017, there was a shooting at the Power Ultra Lounge in Little Rock. It was a senseless, violent tragedy that occurred right here in our capital city, and it caught the attention of everyone.

After that shooting, it was clear more needed to be done. We had to get a better handle on the violence here in Central Arkansas. As a result, I directed the Division of Community Correction to reinstate the Intensive Supervision Program.

This program is composed of officers who monitor high-risk parolees and probationers in Central Arkansas. The officers are able to provide closer supervision on those that have spent time in prison and released on parole and who pose a greater risk than others. Many of these people are just trying to get a second start in life, and we want to be able to help them to do that.

But we knew this would not be enough to cover the case-loads of our most at-risk offenders.

In April of this year, I announced a new expansion of the Intensive Supervision Program, which has funded 10 more officers to manage the workload of supervising of more high-risk offenders in Central Arkansas. This also expanded coverage from Pulaski County to several counties nearby, including Lonoke, Jefferson, Faulkner, and Saline.

The increase in officers, in turn, created a substantial increase in the seizures of firearms and drugs, along with arrests and new charges for parolees.

From January to April of this year, only four officers were available to handle all intensive supervision cases. In that time, there were 28 arrests and four firearm seizures. Since the addition of 10 more officers in April, there have been 109 arrests and 48 firearm seizures.

We have seen encouraging results so far, and the numbers tell the story; the more resources we put into this program, the better they can manage supervising our most at-risk parolees.

I also created the Gang Enforcement Task Force in July 2017. The task force consists of 10 participating agencies and includes authorities from the local, state, and federal levels. For the past five years, the GET Rock Task Force has

worked against dangerous gangs and violent drug trafficking organizations every day.

Other steps we are taking to reduce violent crime include the prison expansion at Calico Rock. This expansion, once complete, will provide additional capacity for serious violent offenders within the Department of Corrections. At the first of the year, we had nearly 2,600 state inmates in county jails. After I directed the Department of Corrections to take steps to reduce the backup, we have dropped that number to 2,029 as of August of this year. The extra prison space at Calico Rock will further relieve the pressure on our local jails.

Due to the pandemic, there was a backlog in the state court system, with many cas-

es not being processed. With legislative support, I allocated \$1 million for supporting public defenders and prosecutors, which in turn helped move cases along.

This week, to provide more permanent relief to the court system, I have asked the General Assembly to approve \$4.5 million for additional state prosecutors, and another \$4.5 million for additional public defenders.

I believe the preeminent role of government is to ensure public safety, and violent crime is an issue that must be solved at the local level. But I am committed to providing every available resource to local law enforcement in Arkansas to make our state the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

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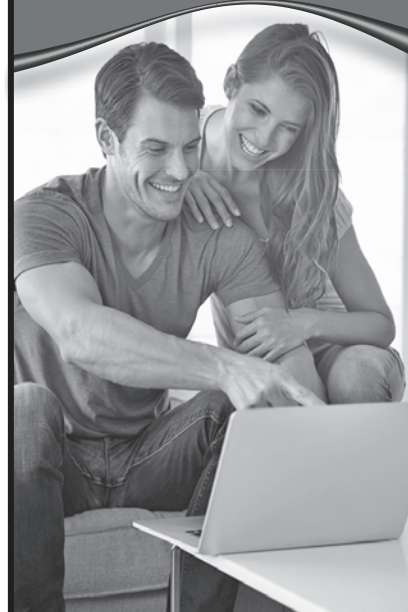
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Arrest Report

Jeremy Clary, 34, of Warren was arrested August 23, on a warrant.

Lisa Wheeler, 53, of Warren was arrested August 26, on a warrant.

James Avery Jr., 48, of Warren, was arrested August 27, on a warrant, suspended license, expired tags and no insurance.

Michael Daniels, 55, of Warren, was arrested August 27, for driving on suspended license.

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News Briefs

The Warren Branch Library will host "Floral Workshop with Kelly" at the Warren Branch Library at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 27. Space is limited so come in to the library at 115 West Cypress St. in Warren to sign up and pay your \$20 supply fee today! Last day to sign up will be September 15. For more information, call the library at 870-226-2536.

Moro Bay Baptist Church will have a potluck supper on Sat. Sept. 10th at 5 p.m. followed with singing by The Kinsmen quartet. Everyone is welcome. Bro. Williams Harton, Pastor.

Re-New-ing Edinburg discuss future projects

The meeting was called to order by President Kemp and with the minutes emailed to members plus distributed to those present. Motion was made by Linda Hornaday, seconded by Martha Tolano, to accept minutes as presented. Linda Hornaday passed out the financial statement and after a brief discussion, it will be filed for audit.

The "Back to School Splash" was deemed a success as there was great participation and a fun time enjoyed by all attendees. Thanks was expressed to FBT Bank and Mad Butcher of Fordyce for helping sponsor the event. Discussion was held concerning renting two water blowups next year with the additional one being an 8 foot for the smaller children and to continue with hot dogs, snow cones and distributing school supplies. The blowup was rented from Space Walk of Southwest AR which is located in Camden.

Upcoming events include the Cleveland County Fair which will be a three-day event this year from Sept. 15-17 with a rodeo held on Friday and Saturday nights.

Members are reminded that we are accepting donations for the Hwy 79-63 Loop Junk Hunt. No clothing is accepted and arrangements can be made to pick up items locally if necessary. Contacts for the event are Brenda Triplett and Roger McClellan.

The Fall Festival drive-through event is scheduled for Saturday, October 29 from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Halloween is actually on Monday; however, everyone agreed a Saturday night event would probably have better attendance and costumes aren't necessary since participants do not get out of their vehicles. A workday will be scheduled at the September meeting to pre-

pare for this event.

Santa will be at the community center December 16 and 17 and discussion was held concerning how the group can support the community center in that event. Trena reminded the group to get ideas for adding additional Christmas decorations to the community as those need to be ready to put up the first of November. School supplies left over from the Back-to-School Splash will be distributed at the Santa event also.

Trena, Roger and Patricia attended the Cleveland County Kickstart meeting August 11 in Rison. It was decided at that meeting to recognize the 2021-2020 Volunteer of the Year for each organization at the Rison in the Fall Saturday, October 15 and the 2022 Volunteer would be recognized at the Kickstart Banquet to be held in February or March, 2023.

The Cleveland County Veterans Appreciation luncheon will be held at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds on October 22 at noon. Veterans and one guest eat free and the event will be catered by Dorey's.

Patricia advised the group that the Great Arkansas Cleanup is scheduled for September 10-October 31. Motion was made and seconded for the group to participate. Motion passed. During the month of October, everyone will be encouraged to pickup trash on the roads plus fall flowers will be placed in the flower boxes in New Edinburg.

Motion was made by Linda Hornaday, seconded by Kathy Waldrop, to adjourn. Motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20 at 6 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to invite someone.

Sunflowers were revered among native Americans and used as medicine and food sources. They are still very popular today. Basic guidelines for growing them include using rich, well-drained, alkaline-to-neutral soil in a location that receives 5-8 hours of sunlight. Watering must be consistent, and give the soil around it nitrogen-rich fertilizer every 2 weeks. The tallest sunflower on record was grown in 2014 in Germany, reaching 30 feet!

- Brenda Weaver
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Obituaries



Marjorie Hendrix

Marjorie Moss Hendrix, daughter of John Moss, Jr. and Mary Ella Hightower Moss, was born October 14, 1941 in Warren, and died August 23, 2022.

She became a Christian at age 11, and a member of the First Baptist Church in Warren. She attended the Warren public schools, enjoying art and choral groups and especially learning itself, graduating in 1959.

Marjorie enrolled in Arkansas A & M College at Monticello, working and earning scholarships. There she became President of Alpha Chi Honorary Society, a member of the choir, twice selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and choreographer/captain of the Weevilette Drill Team. She graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1963.

Student teaching in Crossett, Marjorie's first roommate, Sylvia Hendrix, introduced her to her brother, Dewane. It was not love at first sight, but a great match even if the band director who knew them both predicted: "It will never work!" Married May 23, 1964. It worked marvelously well for over fifty-six years.

Marjorie taught in Crossett and Eudora, finally moving to Little Rock where Dewane became the administrator for the Department of Education's Self-Insurance Program. They both joined the First Baptist Church, and she enlarged the French program to three years, and began the Advanced Placement English at Robinson High School, serving as the Chair of the Language Arts Department for many years.

She is predeceased by her parents, her brother John Clayton Moss III, who died in the bombing of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City in 1995. She lost her witty, adored husband, Dewane, January 17, 2021 and her extraordinarily gifted son-in-law, Paul Westerman, November 19, 2021.

She is survived by her beloved daughter and son, Kelly Westerman of Hutto, TX, and Dr. Barry Hendrix (Heidi) of Benton, AR. She dearly loved her children and was proud of her 19 grandchildren: Jennifer (Shawn) Farrell, Sarah (David) Rock, Mary (Paul) Stege, Adam, Zachary, Katherine, Emily, Caleb, Hannah, Gabriel, Tabitha Westerman; four adopted grandchildren: Victoria, Natalie, Richard and Jonathan Westerman; Lexie, Sallie, Slade and Isaac Hendrix.

Marjorie is also survived by six great-grandchildren: Rebecca and Jonah Farrell, Aaron and Elizabeth Lee, and Claire and Paul Logan Stege. These are the people who gathered for talent shows, canoe races, a barn dance, a chili cook-off and many firework shows, and Marjorie loved it all. She also enjoyed traveling the states with Dewane and friends and trips to Canada. Other survivors include sisters-in-law Remona Hisaw and Carolyn (Jack) Thomas; cousins, nieces and nephews, and life-long friends.

We wish to thank all of the kind doctors and caregivers who showed much compassion in her final days. In lieu of flowers, please consid-

er a donation to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Graveside service was held 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 26, 2022 at Oakland Cemetery under the direction of Frazer's Funeral Home.



Lois Faulkner

Ms. Lois Lucille Faulkner, 91 of Warren died Sunday August 21, 2022, at John H. Williamson Hospice House. She was a native of New Edinburgh, a retired Certified Nursing Assistant, and a member of Mt Carmel Baptist Church.

Ms. Faulkner was preceded in death by her husband, John Lewis Faulkner; her parents, Julius Robinson, and Nancy Warner Robinson; two sisters, Willie Mae Clary and Hudie Mae Heathmon; three brothers, John, Robert, and T.J. Robinson and one grandchild.

She is survived by two daughters, Sherrie Faulkner-Carroll "James" Warren, Dorothy Sue Faulkner-Harris "Eddie," of Los Angeles, Calif.; two special daughters Brenda Youngblood and Stephanie Green-Spriggins "Robert" all of Houston, Texas; two grandchildren, Monique of Los Angeles, Calif. and James "Jay" Carroll Warren, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Viewing was held 4:30 p.m. August 28, 2022 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Warren. Rev. Eddie Hampton Sr. officiating. Active Pallbearers Justin Jordan, Garland Holt, Bro. Shelton Webb, and Deacon Clifford Webb. Honorary Pallbearers Deacons of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Burial followed at Piney Grove Cemetery in New Edinburgh, under the direction of Cromwell Funeral Home, Hamburg.



Glynn Atkins

Glynn Eugene Atkins, 91, of Dumas formerly of Warren passed away on August 11, 2022, in Dumas. Glynn had just turned 91 on August 1st and he celebrated his birthday with friends and family at The Oasis of Dumas Assisted Living where he'd been a resident since 2015. He was still quite a character and quick witted all the way to the end.

Glynn graduated from Warren High School in 1948. He was a fullback for the Lumberjacks and quite the looker according to all the ladies. After graduation from high school Glynn attended A&M College in Monticello. He played football for A&M College as well. He left college early to join the Navy, during the Korean Conflict, where he studied helicopter mechanics. After his stint in the Navy he went back to A&M College where he continued his education in Business Administration and graduated a few years later. Glynn worked for several companies over the years after graduating from college and then

went into business for himself for several years. He ended up joining Pipeliners Local Union 798 out of Tulsa, Okla. on July 22, 1976. His first job with 798 was September through November of that same year in Isabella, Alaska. He still talked about the very harsh conditions in Alaska as this was the most difficult one he had ever worked on. Glynn worked on many pipelines around the country starting out as a Journeyman Spacer. He held certifications in Level II N.D.E. Quality Control Inspection, A&E Aircraft (fixed wing & helicopter), and Alliance Pipeline Welding Inspection for mechanical welding during his working years. By the end of his career, he was a very well-respected Chief Inspector. His last 798 job was in 1992 in Rawlins, Wyoming. He officially retired in 1993 but he continued to work for many years after that. His very last job ended in February 2009 where he inspected his last weld. During these years working, and even more so after retiring, he enjoyed fishing and hunting and riding his motorcycle.

Glynn was born to Buford Eugene and Rettie Mae Atkins in 1931 in Columbus, Miss. They moved to Warren when Glynn was about 5 years old. He was preceded in death by both parents and one sister, Juanita Atkins Ford.

Glynn is survived by the 3 children he reared with his 1st wife, Jane Warner Atkins. They are Chris Atkins of El Dorado, Doug Atkins (Gina) of Warren, and Kay Atkins of Houston, Texas. These children gave him many grandchildren and great grandchildren who he loved very much.

He is also survived by his wife of 44 years, Dee Atkins, of Dumas and the two daughters he reared with her, Michelle Chambers (David) of Dumas, and Tammie Limoges (Paul) of Denver, Colo. These children also gave him many grandchildren and great grandchildren who he loved very much.

Glynn's son, Doug, and his oldest granddaughter, Allison Chambers (with wife, Dee), were the best at keeping Glynn in line when he would get a little crossway which still happened quite often!! We always knew who could straighten him out the fastest!! Doug and Kay kept him up to date on which channel the next Razorback game would air on and Dee, Chris, and Michelle would take him to appointments or for drives around southeast Arkansas or to the Chambers House for patio time and an occasional beer. Tammie and family sent him frequent family picture cards from their worldly travels through the years and also during the pandemic when no one was allowed to visit him. He always enjoyed short visits from all his kids and grandkids. At the end of the day, he just wanted to continue watching his ballgame or an old western movie and he loved it if you wanted to watch it with him. Needless to say, it will be much different without his presence, but he will live on in our hearts and minds and through great stories and tall tales that will be told to the younger generations for years to come.

Throughout the years at The Oasis of Dumas Assisted Living Glynn made many friends. He is truly missed by his friends and the staff there and by his best friend, Gifford Godfrey.

Glynn had a favorite quote hanging on the wall in his room, a little wooden plaque made and engraved at Bradley Brand Furniture and it said this: "Life is hard!! It's harder if you're stupid!!" ~John Wayne

This Winston Churchill

quote says it best: "I am prepared to meet my maker. Whether my maker is prepared to meet me is another matter." This sounds just like something Glynn would say!!

Glynn's family is planning a Celebration of Life Event for family and friends at a later date. Glynn wished to be cremated and his ashes spread in 3 special places that were near and dear to him.



Donald L. Huitt

Donald Larry Huitt 75, of Warren passed away Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at home. He was born October 1, 1946, in Warren to the late Marvin Edwin Huitt & Annie Mildred Chambers Huitt. He was a 1964 graduate of Hermitage High School. He enlisted in the Arkansas National Guard and served 9 years. He worked for Cottonbelt Railroad for a total of 10 years and retired from Sykes Hardwood Flooring after 35 years. He was a member of Crossroads Missionary Baptist Church. He loved spending time with his family and friends and was very proud of his children, grand-

children and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Gwenna Groves Huitt, and sisters Mary Ann Huitt Smith, Margaret Huitt. Brothers Wayne Huitt, Paul Huitt and son-in-law Tim Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Carolyn Joyce McDougald Dean Huitt; sons, Matt Huitt (Leslie), Blake Huitt (Jade), and Scott Dean (Wendy); daughters, Karen Simmons (David), Kathy Smith of Warren; grandchildren, Ally, Leah, Sarah, Davis, Stella, Abby, Alex (Tarra), Lani (Justin), Derek, Toxey, Meagan (Nick), Josh (who he thought of as a son) and 9 great-grandchildren. A sister Peggy Adams, brother Joe Huitt (Sharon), and Aunt & Uncle Thelma & Wilmot Green of Warren. Also, numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Frazer's Chapel with Bro. Sidney McGraw, Bro. Eddie Raines and Bro. Ty Huitt officiating. Burial was in Union Hill Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were Joey Huitt, Brian Huitt, Shannon Huitt, Ty Huitt, Josh Smith, Alex Dean, Toxey Simmon and Derek Simmons. Honorary pallbearers were Rayburn Taylor, Rev. Jim Bales, Rev. Charles Woolley, Ronald "Chick" Sipes, Larry Reaves, Bob Calloway, Marty Adams, Jason Huitt, Harry Adams, Wilmot Green and Jerry Reynolds.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Union Hill Cemetery or Life Touch Hospice of El Dorado.

Charles R. Goins

Charles R. Goins, was born on the Saline River and died

on the Saline River at 74, on August 24. He is preceded in death by parents Troy and Eurcell Goins; brothers James, Troy, and Billy.

Survivors include his companion Margaret Simpson; daughter, Debbie Key (Rick); grandson, Jace James Robbins; nieces, Lee Ann Goins and Debbie Goins.

Graveside was at 2:00 p.m. August 27 at Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

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