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## First baby born in 2023 at BCMC



The first baby of 2023 born at Bradley County Medical Center is Rosaleigh Marie McClellan. The baby girl was born on Jan. 4, 2023 at 1:33 a.m. to parents Allie McGraw and Jason McClellan. She had a weight of 7 pounds, 4.8 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Pictured from left to right: Labor and Delivery Nurse Manager Krissy Morrison, RN, Dr. Kristen Dent, Allie McGraw, Jason McClellan, and Rosaleigh Marie McClellan.



DAISY award winner Tina Battles and nominee Rebecca Powell were at the ceremony on Monday. Sabrina Peacock (not pictured) was another nominee.

## Local nurse receives latest DAISY Award

**Special to The Eagle**  
Tina Battles, RN, was chosen as the latest recipient of The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses @ Monday morning at Bradley County Medical Center. This award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize the extraordinary, compassionate nursing care they provide patients and families every day. The nomination for Battles stated that she had been excellent to the nominee's husband during their stay at BCMC. It went on to express that Battles was good at explaining the medication her husband was receiving and what it was for. A direct quote from the nomination stated, "My husband loved having her because she treated him with excellent care and was so good to the family while we were here visiting. Tina is an asset to BCMC and she helped make our stay pleasant."

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## Remembering the January 3, 1949 tornado

(The following article was published in The Eagle Democrat on January 13, 1949. The article was written by DuVal Purkins.)

On the Court square, at Wayne's Confectionery, in Warren, Bradley County, Arkansas, the electric clock stopped at 5:45 p.m. Monday January 3, 1949. Life is close to death and death is close to life. Language is inadequate to make this tragic record of that fact. About the time the clock stopped, Mrs. J. E. Stewart, wife of the Manager of the Bradley Store was en route from her home to pick up her husband at the end of another day's work. Her automobile had reached the curb across from the Louis Ederington home, 326 South Main St. Minutes later, a friend found her unconscious from the blow of a timber hurled from the air. About 1:00 a.m. January 4th, she died in a Monticello hospital.

At that same time, the lives of

more than fifty people were either ended or near the end. While the exact number will never be known, five hundred or more people were wounded. Through the night, one hundred and two were being placed in hospitals here and elsewhere. More than two hundred homes had been blown away, wrecked or substantially damaged. An incomplete check reveals 120 homes were destroyed, 72 had major damage and 150 minor damage. Around the power house at the center of the Bradley Lumber Company's plant, this county's largest industry, there was a vermicular scene of ruin. The mighty smokestack had crumpled and fallen across that which had been the source of power to supply labor for more than a thousand workmen. The city and its suburban area were in complete darkness. Water in the Bradley section was cut off. Telephone services for the South part of the city was ended. Rain was falling

in sheets. There were bewilderment, agony and despair.

On this glorious Saturday afternoon, January 8, 1949, the picture of Warren and its devastated area is a somewhat different spectacle from that which it was on the night of its holocaust. One can now see the path and material destruction of the storm. There is a strange intermixture of activity and daze.

Out the Prospect road, three quarters of a mile southwest of the Bradley office, near the home of B. S. Hargis, one can get a fair panorama of a desolate path. Beginning on the Farmville Road beyond the W. C. Hargis home, the storm travelled North for perhaps a mile, then, made a right turn to follow a northeasterly direction across the southeast section of the urban area to a point beyond the Louis Wilson Ederington home, two miles east of Warren. At some points, the storm made a path at least three quarters

of a mile wide, while at others it narrowed to not over a quarter of a mile. In its whirling fury, it zigzagged to deliver bizarre evidence of its destructive force. For example, well out of its wake to the South, near the center of Oakland Cemetery, it toppled a tomb and a large cedar tree on the Ederington family lot. On South Main street, it totally destroyed homes and several stores in a congested area, yet skipped the C. K. Adams home, breaking only one window glass. On all sides of this home there is now a piled and crumpled mass of wrecked buildings. Seventy-five state convicts are now removing this debris under guards who carry their rifles.

On South Myrtle, the Manning Taylor home is left without a top, porch or garage. To the South and across the street, within a hundred foot circle, there is little left to show here once stood three good homes. The Laurence Hurley home was

lashed severely by wind and rain. The garage was smashed. Near this point, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Eason, Mrs. Mary Bartram, Mrs. Blanche Enos, Sam Baker and Mrs. Baker, all lost their lives. Further to the northeast, Mrs. Josephine Harding, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Green, and Mrs. Jesse Hamilton were killed.

Easterly, down Powers Street, there is not a house left intact. Veering to East Central it continued its trail of death and destruction. Turning northeasterly, it crossed the Monticello highway, laying waste the Curtis Walker, Chapman, Mitchell Godwin, Jesse Hamilton, Glover, C. H. Ripley, and other homes. Further east, it wrecked the Frank Meek place and those in that area. Frequently, from the point of its origin to the termination of its destruction, there are left only a few foundation blocks to show where once substantial homes stood.

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### WHY GO TO CHURCH?

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this. If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope! A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for thirty years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letter to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor.

It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for thirty years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this...they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

See Hebrews 10:25.

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Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

HEBREWS 4: 13, 14

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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 November 29, 2000.

Our valued friend, J.E. Burks, came to our house last spring and installed gas logs in the two fireplaces the late Milburn Mobley installed for us in the winter of 1980.

We'd been burning wood all those years.

But wood is messy, so is the tracking of it in from the woodpile: bad on the carpet.

We didn't get to use the gas logs last spring: too warm, you know.

But we're firing 'em up in these early days of the winter of 2001 and find 'em pleasant, warm, comforting.

These gas logs are the kind that have a pilot light: when you want heat, you just turn 'em on.

And as a precaution, we got one of these things that detects carbon monoxide in the air of the residence: we didn't want to get gassed to death before the Hog basketball season, or come to think of it, the boss races which now begin in about nine weeks.

Warren's had natural gas services now for the better part of 70 years, ever since somebody bankrolled a high-pressure natural gas pipeline from the Monroe area northward to St. Louis.

The late Guy Luneau was manager of the gas company here (they had a Warren office south of the courthouse) when we were young.

Later Mr. Luneau was replaced by Mike H. Cater, a Clarksville native, both single and not adverse to a good time.

Mike told us once about working for the gas company in Pine Bluff five and a half days a week.

Tradition held that one, when leaving the office at noon on Saturday, would visit one of the watering holes there and quaff a few soddy waters.

In his single condition, Mike had a room as a boarder in a house near his office.

But the house had one next door of the exact, same design.

This was back in the Good Ole Days when people, even in Pine Bluff, didn't lock front doors, ever.

Mike said he went into the house which he thought was his and repaired to the bathroom to disrobe and sit awhile in a tub of warm water.

It was during this water reverie that he noticed the wallpaper was the wrong color.

He said he got up and dressed and out the front door in less than 80 seconds.

Nobody was ever wiser...

Mike finally left the life of a Benedict and married the lovely Nell S. Brogden, a court



## Sen. Boozman begins third term

U.S. Senator John Boozman (R-AR) began his third term representing Arkansas in the United States Senate after being sworn in during the chamber's first meeting of the 118th Congress on Tuesday.

"Serving the people of Arkansas has been the honor of my life, and I'm deeply grateful they've entrusted me to

represent them once again in the U.S. Senate. I will never take it for granted and will work tirelessly on their behalf to advance our Natural State values. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as their voice in Washington for another term and pray for wisdom to fulfill my duty to them and our country," Boozman said.

Boozman is the dean of the Arkansas Congressional delegation and the first Republican senator to represent the Natural State in the U.S. Senate for a third term. His wife, Cathy, three daughters and four grandchildren joined the senator for the historic occasion. Boozman took the oath of office on a New Testament Bible carried by his father

during WWII.

In the 118th Congress, Boozman is expected to continue serving as the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry in addition to serving on the Appropriations, Environment and Public Works, and Veterans' Affairs Committees.

reporter who may still reside in Pine Bluff.

She was some kind of good lookin' lady.

We hear the Rev. Dr. Troy Pritt, pastor of Presbyterian Churches at Hickory Springs and Calvary of Johnsville, is contemplating retirement.

Dr. Pritt is a second-career person, having been in the service a number of years before winning degrees as a pastor, the most recent being the doctorate from Erskine College and Seminary, Due West, South Carolina.

Mrs. Pritt is a nurse, working at a health facility here.

Dr. Pritt and the late Vernie Lee Bartlett have been the only pastors at Hickory Springs and Johnsville for about a third of a century.

The Johnsville facility, by the way, is the mother church of First Presbyterian of Warren, the Rev. A.L. Crawford, the Johnsville pastor, riding to Warren and meeting with a small coterie of Presbyterians to establish the church here in 1858...two years before the outbreak of the Civil War.

Mr. Bartlett, a native of far-away Compton in Newton County, died a number of months ago.

He had experienced an interesting career of preaching at the Bradley County churches mentioned and also at Banks, where he resided with his wife, Marjorie, and their five daughters.

Mr. Bartlett was an alumnus of the School of the Ozarks near Branson and of Arkansas Colleges (now Lyon) of Batesville, plus the seminary at Austin, Texas.

Mr. Bartlett served small churches in northwest Arkansas and was also school superintendent at Snowball before becoming pastor of the historic Sylvania Presbyterian Church near Ward in Lonoke County, coming to Bradley County from that pastoral assignment.

At Banks, Mr. Bartlett preached to three congregations, was rural route mail carrier substitute, substitute teacher, and kept busy bush hogging land for the elderly in his flock.

The little tree in our front yard FINALLY started getting the bright colors one expects from maples.

It was poky this year, prob-

ably because it's been so dry.

Just to show you how dumb term limits are for the Arkansas legislature, the body loses one of its best, Senator

Jim Scott, Warren, at the conclusion of this year.

The elegant Senator Scott has done a good job for his home folks.

We need to tell him about it.

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**AWARD**

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An employee of Bradley County Medical Center for more than 30 years, Battles received a certificate commending her for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." Additionally, she was given a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called "A Healer's Touch," hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa, a box of cinnamon rolls, and a banner for her office.

In addition to Battles being nominated and receiving the

award, the other candidates were Sabrina Peacock and Rebecca Powell. Each nominee received an honorary pin.

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. (DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.) The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and pa-

tient families.

Nurses were nominated by patients, families, and colleagues. The nominations were blinded and voted on by the DAISY Committee. ER Nurse Manager Cheryl Wells, RN serves as BCMC's DAISY coordinator. The nominations were graded based on set criteria, a numeric value was assigned based on this criteria, and awards were determined based on score. The committee members voted. The process was overseen by the DAISY coordinator.

The Award at Bradley County Medical Center is co-sponsored by generous donations. Initial funding was provided by the facility. The program is maintained through generous

support from donors, including anonymous donors, committee members, the BCMC Employee Appreciation Council, and other fundraisers.

This is one initiative of The DAISY Foundation to express gratitude to the nursing profession. Additionally, DAISY offers J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects, The DAISY Faculty Award to honor inspiring faculty members in schools and colleges of nursing, and The DAISY in Training Award for nursing students. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.

**Shop Warren**

**TORNADO**

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Returning to southwest Warren, where was once the Max Anderson Auto Body Works, one of Frank Pumphrey's busses is now wrapped around a tree as if it was in the act of climbing. On South Main St., in the front yard of Edwin Ives, Superintendent of the Bradley, is a rumped steel I-beam which will weigh a ton. No one was killed at that place. While his palatial home was not damaged, in the back yard at the R. W. Fullerton place, a steel H-beam, weighing over a ton, is lodged.

Before a flash back to the night of the storm, it is interesting this lovely Saturday afternoon to observe the fortitude and will to rebuild on the part of the many made homeless. For example, on the street just north of the cemetery, beyond where was once the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Green, both now dead, a little home is being rebuilt. Before night fall, the chances are it will have a cover to furnish shelter again for those to whom it was their home.

Seconds after the shock, in an atmosphere of death and suffering, without pandemonium, those that were alive went to work. In the area struck, there had lived at least 1500 citizens. By 3:00 a.m., in Frazer's Funeral Home there were 40 dead bodies. They were having the expert care of 18 licensed embalmers. The entire city and the storm area were adequately policed by units of the Arkansas National Guard, and a large number of State Police. From Warren was being radioed messages of horror, and words of relief to anxious people outside. From Little Rock there were ambulances from Griffin-Leggett, Healey & Roth, R. F. Drummond &

Co. and P. H. Reubel & Co. From every neighboring city, Monticello, Hamburg, Lake Village, Dermott, McGehee, Pine Bluff, Rison, Fordyce, Camden, El Dorado, Crossett, and perhaps others, there were ambulances from funeral home adequately staffed by experienced men. Throughout the night, there was the constant sound of sirens, bearing broken and bruised bodies to the emergency relief stations in the new YMCA building and the American Legion Hut, and from thence to hospitals in Little Rock, Pine Bluff and neighboring cities. Doctors and nurses were here from Little Rock and all the cities and towns in southeastern Arkansas. Before midnight, S.M. Dixon, the Arkansas Power & Light and the U.S. Engineers of Pine Bluff had set up an emergency electric power to supply light for the Hunt Hospital, the Crow Clinici, the Frazer funeral Home, the YMCA Building, and the American Legion Hut. National Guard men were policing and standing guard in the devastated areas. The State Police were stopping curious traffic and keeping open ways for ambulances. Doctors and nurses were attending the injured and the dying.

The death toll reached 54, when William F. West, 81, died, January 9th. The list of the dead are now accounted for.

In a word picture of this kind, it is impossible to do more than give a meager sketch of persons, places and things. However, the story could not be complete without returning to southwest Warren where Nature's eccentric outburst of fury left death and destruction in its single largest mass. The stores of J. B. Hartsell and Robbins Grocery were levelled. Among the homes destroyed were those of Mrs. Ruth Byrne, Fay Clemons, J. B. Hartsell,

Atkins home, Horace Moore, H. A. Hattaway, E. T. Johnson, Fred Williams, Melvin White, Cyril Derryberry, Lammon Turner, Rufus Sanders, Jim Sanders, Cecil Sinks, J. A. Frey, R. B. Robbins, Mrs. Henry Peirson, Mrs. Frank Boykin and J. J. Johnson. In some of these homes, the entire family was killed. It is a miracle so many survived with only bodily injuries.

Another peculiarity of the storm was its occasional turning aside from the general course it followed. While other homes around it were not greatly damaged, the O. W. Petway house was lifted from its blocks and settled gently on the ground. Nearby a piece of steel crashed the West window of the D. C. Harris home to destroy the contents of the dining room. Back on Main St. V. O. Buck was trying to close a door when he suffered a leg injury which will take months to overcome. These are but a few incidents of that which occurred.

This resume would not be complete though it tells of death, injuries and home destruction in the mass, without mentioning the loss of personal effects. As it had been said by the poet, it takes a lot of living in a house to make a home. There are priceless possessions which money cannot replace. In the wake of this terrible storm, of course, beds, springs, mattresses, chairs, furniture of every description, and other objects are gone. There is but little physical evidence these things once existed. In addition to these replaceable items, there are the children's toys from Christmas 1948, the family Bibles and pictures of loved ones, not to mention thousands of other items of intrinsic worth which go to make the stability of the American home. Like those who died, all of these are things gone and swallowed up in the victory of

the storm.

Contrasting the end of the day on January 2, 1949, when the evening's meal was about ready for the head of the home and his loved ones, to this Springlike day, January 10, 1949, there comes this thought:

"My desolation does begin to make a better life."

And also:

"The path of sorrow, and that path alone, looks to the land where sorrow is unknown."

For the thousands of victims of this blast of Nature's fury there is made this poor record. With it goes the wish for the comfort which can come to man only when he believes God cares. God does care. Those who are left by his grace will rebuild a better place within which to live. While they will rebuild, they can never forget the horror of it all.

Let that which was said by St. Paul, who, too, suffered the buffetings of fate, give encouragement:

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# Editorial

## Arkansas History Minute

by  
Dr. Kenneth Bridges



People will often drive past or walk by an old building in their city without giving it a second thought. For some, an old building is such a constant fixture that they forget about the events that took place inside it or stop noticing the beauty and originality of the design. And for still others, an old building is an impediment to progress. For Parker Westbrook, the past was worth treasuring and preserving. Because of the work of Westbrook, many communities across Arkansas have rescued many historic buildings from the ravages of time and neglect and restored them to their original glory.

Westbrook was born in Nashville in Howard County in 1926. As a young man in the late 1940s, he went to work in Washington, DC, as an aide to U. S. Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. Caught up in the rich history of the nation's capital and northern Virginia, he developed a deep love for the past. He developed an interest in preserving and restoring historical buildings.

In 1975, after Fulbright's defeat, he returned to the state as an aide to Gov. David Pryor. He was named to the new State Review Board for Historic Preservation that year, where he would serve for the next 40 years. He would go on to serve on such state boards as the Main Street Arkansas Advisory Board, the Arkansas Museum Commission, the Arkansas State Capitol Association, and the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

For Westbrook, an achievement in architecture was not an impediment to progress. Historic buildings across the state were in disrepair or unique designs torn down to make way for faceless and bland modern designs. In the process, many communities and neighborhoods steadily lost their identity and connections to history. He worked with state officials and preservationists in communities across Arkansas to educate others about how old buildings could be repurposed for entirely modern needs.

Westbrook also volunteered for the Pioneer Washington Foundation, helping to restore the buildings in the historic Hempstead County community that had once served as a way station for pioneers heading west and briefly as the capital of Confederate Arkansas.

In the 1990s, President Bill Clinton tapped his expertise and named him as chairman of the National Parks Service Committee on National Historic Landmarks and as an advisor for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Through these positions, Westbrook was able to spread his message of the importance of preservation across the country and help communities find new resources to preserve old landmarks and historic buildings.

One of his more curious legacies was in 2007 when he approached State Rep. Steve Harrelson of Texarkana about the proper, official spelling of the possessive form of Arkansas. Since the word "Arkansas" is singular, Westbrook reasoned, the proper possessive form must end with an apostrophe and the letter "s," thus appearing as "Arkansas's." Harrelson sponsored the resolution, which was eventually passed and signed into law by Gov. Mike Beebe.

Still not content with Arkansas's official position on spelling, Westbrook continued to encourage communities and organizations to preserve Arkansas's historic buildings. With his help, Arkansas also established a tax credit system to help pay the cost of rehabilitation and repair of historic buildings.

Today, preservation tourism is a multi-billion dollar industry nationwide. Thousands of Americans trek across the country to connect with America's past. Many communities in Arkansas emphasize their own historic sites and architecture to attract tourists, El Dorado, Camden, Washington, and Little Rock, to name but a few.

Westbrook died in 2015 at the age of 89, praised for his achievements in helping Arkansans remember their heritage.



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

School choice, prison expansion and tax cuts are expected to be the highlights of the 2023 regular legislative session that convenes on Monday, January 9.

Also on the agenda will be legislation to improve the reading skills of elementary school students. Legislators will consider plans to better prepare workers with the job skills most in demand by Arkansas manufacturers. Industry spokesmen have said that companies would like to locate in Arkansas if they can hire enough skilled workers.

Legislators say that Arkansas would be more competitive with neighboring states if individual and corporate income tax rates were lowered further. In the past eight years

the legislature has approved reductions in state income taxes that now save Arkansas taxpayers about \$750 million a year.

The top rate for individual income taxes has gone down from seven percent to 4.9 percent and the top rate for corporate income taxes has gone down from 6.5 percent to 5.3 percent.

The state's strong fiscal position has prompted debate about tax cuts, prison expansion and higher teacher salaries.

Even with the recent tax reductions, the state will end the current fiscal year with an estimated surplus of almost \$600 million, and the governor's proposed balanced budget for next fiscal year projects another surplus of \$255 million. Also, the state has about \$2.7 billion in various reserve funds.

The Senate and House Committees on Education have recommended raising teacher pay by \$4,000 a year.

The two bodies differ on how quickly to implement the higher salaries.

Proposals to expand prisons have not been finalized. Some call for building space for 1,000 inmates and other legislators prefer a more aggressive building plan.

More prison space for violent offenders would relieve pressure on county jails, which at times can house up to 2,000 state inmates because there are no available beds in state prison units. County sheriffs have told the legislature that violent offenders in county jails are a danger to staff and to people in jail on minor offenses.

Truth in sentencing is another public safety issue that will likely come before the Senate and House Judiciary Committees.

Now, when a jury sentences a convicted offender, that person can accumulate good time and be released on parole before the end of his sentence. Inmates out on parole have

committed serious offenses, including murder. That has generated public support for longer sentences and stricter parole policies.

School choice can take several forms, such as more charter schools or more flexible policies that provide parents more options to home school their children. Legislation is expected that would create tax saving accounts for parents to help pay to send their children to a private or parochial school.

The pandemic affected students across the nation, and in Arkansas the impact has shown up in standardized test scores. However, legislators were beefing up literacy programs in elementary schools even before the pandemic. Expect a renewed effort to improve young children's reading skills.

Lawmakers will be in session for at least 60 days, as mandated by the state Constitution, but more than likely it will last for about 90 days.

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A new year gives us an opportunity for a fresh start and to make positive changes to the way we live. No matter what our resolutions are, we can agree on hoping 2023 will be better than the past. It's also the beginning of a new Congress which is another reason to be optimistic because we will have expanded options to hold the Biden administration accountable and advance policies important to Arkansas.

One of the priorities I'm focusing on this year is writing the farm bill. Arkansas is a leader in agricultural production and as ranking member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I'm proud to be a voice for the industry and support the needs of our state's producers in this legislation. The farm bill is critical to providing our farmers, ranchers

and producers with certainty and predictability so they can continue as leaders in feeding and clothing the world.

The farm bill isn't just a safety net for agriculture, it's also a safety net for rural America. Nutrition programs, conservation initiatives and rural development measures are also shaped by the farm bill. The committee will be working to examine these programs and ensure the necessary resources are available to meet their unique needs.

As we craft policies to strengthen rural America, we're in a better position this Congress to provide oversight of the Biden administration's harmful actions toward families who call these communities home.

Just days ago, the Biden administration demonstrated how out-of-touch it is with

rural America with the release of a new Waters of the U.S. rule. This rolls back a commonsense approach by the Trump administration to balance protecting our nation's waters and the rights of landowners. We can all agree we need clean water, but this rule is more about expanding the authority of unelected federal bureaucrats than safeguarding our water. We've successfully fought the overreach of a similar policy by the Obama administration and I will be just as relentless in pursuing a reversal of this regulation.

Fortunately, with a Republican majority in the House of Representatives, we will have increased oversight and accountability of the Biden administration. We'll be working together to fight bad policies like this so Arkansas's agriculture producers can use their land and grow their crops without unwarranted interference from Washington.

More oversight will also be needed when it comes to the chaos at the southern border. President Biden announced he will make his first ever vis-

it there and he should expect to see the consequences of the ongoing national security and humanitarian crisis he created by dismantling our nation's immigration enforcement policies since day one of his presidency.

In the last two years there have been more than 4.3 million illegal border crossings and record-high seizures of fentanyl at the border. This is a problem the Biden administration has largely ignored while Senate Republicans have offered numerous legislative initiatives to secure the border.

We'll be working to encourage the administration to abandon its open border policies, uphold immigration laws, end incentives encouraging illegal immigration and finish building the wall.

As we begin a new Congress, I appreciate the support of Arkansans who have entrusted me to be their voice in the U.S. Senate for another term. I look forward to serving Natural State residents by advancing policies to better our communities, state and nation.

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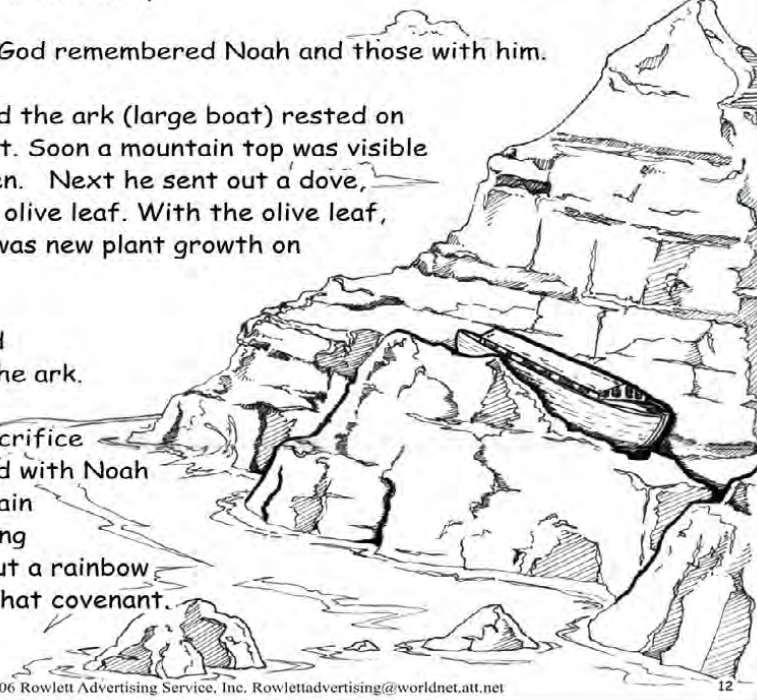
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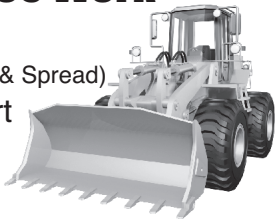


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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND INTENTION TO SELL. YOU MAY LOSE YOUR PROPERTY IF YOU DO NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

On February 2, 2018, Shannon Stevens and Max Stevens executed a Mortgage in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, which was recorded on February 15, 2018, in Book DT 315, Page 315-327as Instrument No. L201800277 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: PHH Mortgage Corporation, 1 Mortgage Way, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, at Telephone No. 1.800.330.0423; and at: PHH Mortgage Corporation, 1 Mortgage Way, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, at Telephone No. 1.800.330.0423; and

The default for which foreclosure is made is the mortgagor(s) failure to pay the full amount of each monthly payment on the date it is due as required by the terms of the Note and Security Instrument. Because of the failure to cure the default the indebtedness was accelerated, is now therefore wholly due and the Mortgagee has requested the property be sold to satisfy said indebtedness.

On Thursday, January 19, 2023 on or about 10:00 AM, the following described real property will be sold at the front door entrance of the Bradley County Courthouse, 101 East Cedar, Warren, AR 71671, to the highest bidder for cash:

A parcel of land described as: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 13 South, Range 10 West, and run North along the East line of said forty a distance of 0.53 chains to the center of Prospect Road. Thence North 53 degrees 10 minutes East along the center of said road a distance of 2.05 chains, thence South 7.86 chains, thence South 53 degrees 10 minutes West 6.36 chains. Thence North 7.86 chains to the center of the Prospect Road, thence North 53 degrees 10 minutes East along the center of Prospect Road, a distance of 3.40 chains to the South line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 13 South, Range 10 West, thence East along the South line of said forty a distance of 0.72 chains to Point of Beginning, containing 5.0 acres, more or less; and being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the North half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 13 South, Range 10 West, and;

Beginning at a point 2.00 chains West of the Southeast corner of the West half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 13 South, Range 10 West, and run North 5.00 chains, thence East 2.00 chains, thence North 18.59 chains, thence South 52 degrees West 1.64 chains, then North 4.06 chains to the center of the Farmville Road, thence South 52 degrees, West 1.64 chains along said road, then South 4.06 chains, then South 52 degrees, West 1.64 chains, then North 4.06 chains to center of said road, then South 52 degrees West 5.58 chains along said road, then South 7.86 chains then South 53 degrees 10 minutes West 6.36 chains, then North 7.86 chains, thence South 52 degrees 59 minutes West 10.37 chains, then South 54 degrees 17 minutes West 3.73 chains, then South 10.32 chains, then East 22.40 chains to beginning point, containing 39.6 acres more or less;

Less and except: beginning at a point 361.7 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 13 South, Range 10 West, and run North 681.1 feet to the center of Farmville Road, then North 54 degrees 17 minutes East along said road 356.6 feet, then South 882.9 feet, then South 88 degrees 45 minutes West 289.6 feet to beginning point, containing 5.2 acres, more or less;

Also, less and except beginning at a point 289.6 feet North 88 degrees 45 minutes East of a point 361.7 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 13 South, Range 10 West, thence North 882.9 feet, thence North 54 degrees 17 minutes East along center of road 277.7 feet, thence South 1,038.5 feet, thence South 88 degrees 45 minutes West to Point of Beginning, containing 5 acres, more or less;

Also, less and except: start at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 13 South, Range 10 West thence East 106.3 feet, thence North 120 feet to the center of the Farmville Road, thence North 52 degrees East 483.1 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 300 feet, thence North 52 degrees East 108.1 feet, thence North 300 feet, thence South 52 degrees West 108.1 feet to the Point of Beginning. Situated in the County of Bradley, State of Arkansas.

There may be occupants that claim an interest in the real property herein based upon said occupancy.

The undersigned is the attorney-in-fact for the mortgagee and is acting on behalf of and with the consent 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.

The sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

Unless discharged by bankruptcy, if your property is sold, then you will remain liable for any deficiency and an action for collection may be brought against you. The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Attorney-in-Fact's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. The property is being sold "as is" with no representation as to its condition THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH THE DAY OF SALE AND ALL TRANSFER TAXES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

**NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS SECOND DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES SHELBY BREWSTER, DECEASED  
NO. 06PR-22-99  
Last known address of decedent: 147 Bradley 23 Warren, Arkansas  
Date of Death: August 14, 2022

The undersigned was appointed Administrator of the Estate of the above named decedent on December 14, 2022.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned 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 4th day of January, 2023.

Shelly Ashley, Administrator  
Thomas E. Brown, #78022  
Attorney for Estate  
6900 Sheridan Road  
White Hall, AR 71602  
Telephone 870-247-5500

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
This notice is hereby given that Bradley County will receive bids on Coated and Uncoated Galvanized Culverts.

Please send bids to 101 East Cedar Warren, AR 71671 or drop them off in the County Judge's office at the Courthouse.

Bids will be opened on the 19th of January.

If you have any questions contact the Bradley County Judge's Office 870-226-3853 or 870-226-8470 Ext. 5

Bradley County reserves the right to refuse or reject any or all bids for reason.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY LYNN WOOD, DESEASED  
NO.06PR-22-104  
Last known address of decedent: 1977 Bradley Rd 33 Hermitage, AR 71647.  
Date of Death: October 30, 2022  
Paula Marie Wood has been appointed administrator of this estate.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published the 11 day of January, 2023.

Paula Marie Wood, Administrator  
Barton & Roper, PLLC  
P.O. Box 507  
Monticello, AR 71657  
1-11-2tc-br

# HELP WANTED

The City of Warren is looking for a Assistant Shooting Range Manager.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 1-5.

Applications can be picked up at the Mayor's office.

# ATTENTION

The Bradley County Courthouse and Landfill will be closed January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King day. The solid waste trucks will run their regular schedule.

# CDL Driver

The Warren Sanitation Department is accepting applications for Driver/Supervisor with current class A CDL. If interested please apply at: 104 N. Myrtle, Warren, AR 71671 Warren Sanitation Department. Office is located in the Municipal Building, bottom floor in back of building,

# JOB OPPORTUNITY IN SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS.

Delta Family Center, a psychiatric residential treatment center for adolescents, is looking for qualified individuals to work as a

• **COOK** •  
• **BEHAVIOR COACH** •

Qualifications: Must be 21 years of age, pass state police and child maltreatment background checks, and possess a high school diploma or equivalent.

Applications may be obtained at: 815 East St. Louis St. • 870-853-4224 • Hamburg, AR Equal opportunity employer.

# Shop Warren

Just about everything you need can be found in Bradley County. Shop locally and support local businesses in our area.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**The City of Monticello Police Department is currently taking applications for Full Patrolman.**

Salary Range: \$32,991.43 - \$39,393.50 benefit package included. Certified individual preferred but not required. Must be able to pass a pre-employment background check and drug screen. Must be able to pass a psychological test, firearms test and physical agility test. Must be able to work swing shift hours, weekends and holidays. On the job training as well as out of town training required. Must be 21 years of age or older and have a valid Arkansas driver's license.

To apply please come by the Police Department in person to pick-up an application. Monday through Friday from 8:00 - 4:30PM. For more information, please contact the Police Department at 870-367-3411. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.



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— Mary Lou Retton

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**NOTICE to Citizens of BRADLEY COUNTY**

Deadline to assess your Personal Property is May 31st.

Arkansas Law states that all Personal Property SHALL BE ASSESSED from January 1 through May 31 of the assessing year or you will be charged a 10% penalty.

Respectfully,  
Stephanie Bigham,  
Assessor Bradley County,  
Arkansas



# WHS Cafeteria back in service



Photos from Warren High School Warren High School students and staff returned to the Warren High School cafeteria on Wednesday, January 4. The Warren High School cafeteria will serve breakfast and lunch. The cafeteria was damaged in the fire in March of 2022. The rest of the Warren High School building is still in the process of being restored.

## Obituaries

### Mattie Orr

Mattie Orr, 93, of Wilmar, died December 28, 2022. Born January 13, 1929, a daughter of Joe and Hattie Wimbley.

Survivors include daughters, Peggy Orr and Angela Jones (Joe); daughter-in-law, Laurel Shipp Orr; grandchildren, Gwinnett, Rochelle, Felicia, Yolanda, Denise, Jennifer, Kenneth, Solomon and Alexis; great grandchildren, April, Nayome, Darius and Chase.

Funeral services were held January 7, at Greater Shady Grove AME Church in Wilmar. Burial in Wilmar Cemetery. Arrangements by Hammons Funeral Home.



### Dorothy Wagnon

Dorothy Sue Sims Wagnon went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Saturday, January 7, 2023. She was born December 27, 1940 in Marion, La to Jewell Della Brooks Sims and Robbie A. Sims. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Ronald Scott Wagnon; father of her children, George Wagnon; sister, Bobbie Sims Derby and brother-in-law, Sam Derby; sister, Billie Sims Clements and brother-in-law, Bobby Joe Clements.

She graduated from Farmerville High School in Farmerville, Louisiana in 1958. She then graduated from Warner Brown School of Nursing in El Dorado in 1961 and trained under Sisters of Mercy.

She worked as a registered nurse in several areas. While working as surgery supervisor at Bradley County Medical Center, she had a vision and dreamed of building a beautiful, modern nursing facility. She accomplished this by building Wagnon Place, Inc.; a one hundred and forty bed facility with a chapel seating one hundred and fifty people. Here, she spent time as director of nursing and many years

as administrator.

Sue loved antiques and entertaining friends and family. She enjoyed doing things in our town of Warren. She achieved many accomplishments and was involved in many things throughout her life. She was a member of the Bradley County Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary; a member of the Bradley County Economic Development Corporation Board; a member of First United Methodist Church; lay leader of First United Methodist Church; member of the First United Methodist Women Circle of Faith; and an honorary member of the Warren Rotary Club.

She was president of the Warren Business and Professional Organization, and the Warren Business and Professional Women's Organization; who honored her with the Woman of the Year in 1986. She also served as president of the Bradley County Chamber of Commerce in 1996 and was chosen as Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in 2006. She was president of District Six Arkansas Healthcare Association and served on the board for many years, representing District Six. They presented Sue with the George O. Jernigan Jr. Award of Excellence in November 2008, for her loyalty and dedication to the long-term care profession in Arkansas and for her many years of service.

Sue was presented in Recognition of Excellent Service, Commitment, and Dedication to Residents and Staff of Wagnon Place, Inc. on February 14, 2006 and November 26, 2008 by family and friends of the residents for her relentless care of their loved ones.

She is survived by her son, Wiley Clayton Wagnon "Clay" (Brenda) of Warren; brother, James Marvin Sims "Jim" (Debbie) of Farmerville, La.; nieces and nephews, Sam Derby (Kaytee) of Madison, Miss., Lisa Derby Tozer (Gregory) of Austin, Texas, Larry Derby (Melissa) of Columbus, Ga., Austin Clements (Susanne) of Calhoun, La., Lewis Clements (Connie) of New Edinburg, Mary Clements Clark (Joe) of Santa Fe, N. Mex., Angie

Clements of Little Rock, Andre Sims Lindsay (Tyson) of Kansas City, Kans, Angie Sims Davis (Kevin) of Farmerville, La., and Cindy Sims Roach (Michael) of Marion, La.

Funeral services were held at 2p.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial was in Shady Grove Cemetery in New Edinburg, Arkansas. Arrangements were by Frazer's Funeral Home in Warren.

### Varian Hedger

Varian "Butch" Hedger, 67 of Rison, died January 5 in El Dorado. He was born October 17, 1955 in Fort Worth, TX to the late Lewis Hedger and Bobbie Hedger.

Survivors include son, Kyle Hedger (Erin); mother, Bobbie Hedger; brother, Ricky Hedger; sisters, Lois Ann Hedger and Tammy Hedger; five grandchildren and a special friend, Janie Elton.

Graveside services were at 10a.m. January 12 at Williams Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.



### Sharon Ann Jones

Sharon Ann Jones Henderson, 74, of Wilmar, died December 31, 2022. Born June 23, 1948, a daughter of Otto and Velma Jones.

Survivors include siblings, Joe Jones (Angela), Ottis Jones (Brenda), Bobbie Webb, Georgia Hammock and Eunice Shorter; sister-in-law - Elmarie Jones; grandchildren, Ryan, Rhonda, Vanessa, Vanesha, Eric and Zaiden.

Funeral services were held January 8 at Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, Wilmar. Burial in Turner Hill Cemetery, Wilmar. Arrangements by Hammons Funeral Home.

## OBITUARY POLICY

The Eagle Democrat publishes obituaries edited to The Eagle's format, up to 70 words, free of charge. All words over the 70 word limit will be charged at a rate of 30 cents per word. Obituaries that are requested to be published "exactly as the furnished copy" will be charged 30 cents per word for the entire obituary. No form of "thank you" will be published within the obituary. No exceptions. The cost to publish a picture with the obituary is \$10.

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