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## Winter storm wreaks havoc in county



Photos by Zach Killian

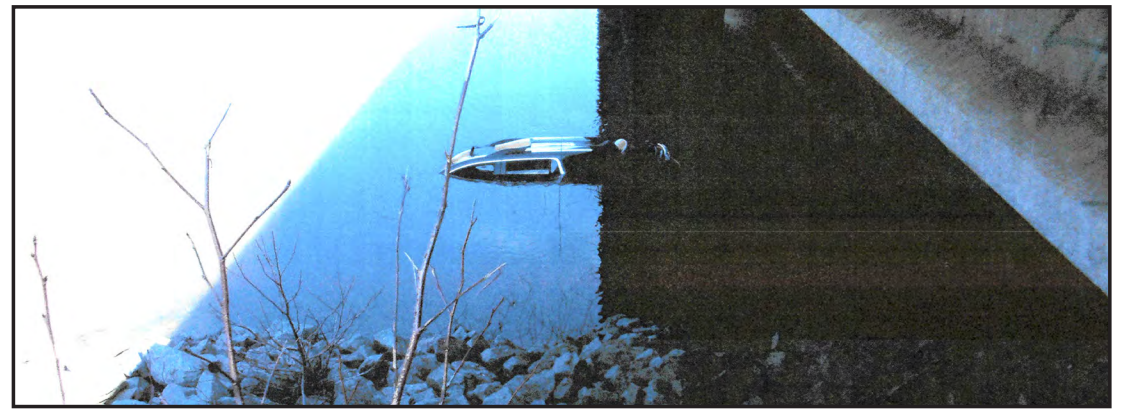
Bradley County, and much of south Arkansas, was hit by a winter ice storm last week. The ice caused power lines to go down which led to 87 percent of the county without power. Crews worked hard to restore power and clean debris throughout the day and the weekend.

## Fire station coming to Banks



Photo by Karen Barlow, Grant Administrator

The town of Banks will get a new fire station for the town. The contracts were signed by Mayor Keeton Hudson. The station will be a 40' x 60' four bay station located where the old Banks gymnasium stood. It is the first city infrastructure built in the town since 1977. Pictured: Cody Stringer (project manager), Brenda Rowell (AEDC Grants Manager), David Simmons (owner/contractor of Simmons and Sons Construction), Leah Via (Banks Treasurer/recorder), and Keeton Hudson (mayor of Banks).



## Stolen vehicle found in river

On Sunday, February 3, around 3:45 p.m., Deputy Jose Ramirez responded to report of a vehicle in the water on the Saline River, North of Warren.

Upon arrival, deputy Ramirez discovered a vehicle, partially submerged. The vehicle in question, a 2021 GMC Acadia, belonging to Juan Hernandez of Pine Bluff, was removed from the water by Cathey's Wrecker service

had been wedged between the driver seat and the gas pedal, indicating that the vehicle was intentionally driven into the river. Other evidence was retrieved from the vehicle that will be submitted to the crime lab for latent testing in an effort to assist Jefferson county in the identity of a possible suspect. No other action was taken.

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## BCEDC gathers for annual meeting

*Downtown structural issues discussed, new board members appointed*



The BCEDC met for their annual meeting on Monday, January 31. The BCEDC discussed their year and regular business.

By Zach Killian

The Bradley County Economic Development Corporation held their annual meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church Family Life Center on Monday, January 30.

Clint McNeal, director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission was scheduled to be the guest speaker at the annual meeting, but due to the bad weather he was not able to make it to the meeting.

The BCEDC board members began the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Sue Wagnon. A resolution would be presented to her family at a future meeting.

BCEDC Director Dr. Bob Smalling presented his annual report to the other members. He reviewed the year for the BCEDC. He shared all the guest speakers that attended the meetings each month. The BCEDC heard from local businesses, local officials, and local school superintendents. Dr. Smalling said they were

working on getting a website set up for the BCEDC.

Dr. Smalling said it is important to continue working with the industries that are here.

The BCEDC nominating committee nominated Stacy Gorman, Bridgette Harding, Dr. Bob Smalling, and John Stone were nominated and approved to be on the BCEDC board.

The nominating committee nominated the following for re-election: Dr. Bob Smalling a BCEDC president, Hugh Quimby as BCEDC vice president, and Carlton Davis as BCEDC secretary-treasurer.

Accountant Bob Milton went over the financial report for the year.

Judge Klay McKinney reported they were almost done with the Bradley County Courthouse bell tower project. He stated they were waiting on the light system.

Judge McKinney commented the new recycling facility being built in Chicot County

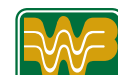
will help with recycling and solid waste in the surrounding counties.

Warren Mayor Gregg Reep presented his report to the BCEDC. He said there were serious structural issues in downtown Warren. The Bryant building is owned by the city of Warren and will have to be taken down. He said windows popped out and the structure keeps shifting. Mayor Reep said it looked like there was more structural movement happening. The state fire marshal told the mayor the buildings downtown was dangerous and would have to come down. He said there were major structural problems. Mayor Reep said a structural engineer will come down and give his final report on the buildings. They will give their findings to the owners of the buildings.

The next BCEDC board meeting will be on Monday, February 27 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is held at the BCEDC building.

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• Am I relying on the Lord to lead me to victory?  
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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 January 3, 2001.  
Years that end with a "one" (like 1931, 1941, 1951, etc.) have, for some reason, been milestone ones for the one-time country editor, who first saw light at the old St. Vincent Infirmary on High Street (now Martin Luther King, Jr. Street in Little Rock) in 1929.  
The year, 1931 in Warren was tough and it'd get tougher.  
The sawmills were runnin' part-time if at all.  
Poor Herbert Hoover was still president, still trying to figure out a way to get things going in the country again.  
Franklin Roosevelt was governor of New York; friends wondered if a man who couldn't really walk, save for braces and assistance, could be named President of the United States.  
My father ran the YMCA for a salary, then, of \$150 a month.  
He was there 9-12-1-6, 7-9 six days a week, save for Friday night when a young man named Elmer Lane kept the "Y" open and we could go to the picture show (operated by Dr. Wharton's grandparents and later his parents, Myrteel and H. Sidney Wharton).  
My mother had what then was called "fulltime help", a young woman named Aileen Madison who cooked and cleaned and made herself greatly beloved to all of us.  
We got along okay, in other words, tho' others didn't have it that easy.  
One man in town would go down to the railroad and help Ederington company unload a

carload of feed: his pay for the work was a sack of flour.  
Henry Young was runnin' a country store at Rye with his wife Miss Lois. Henry, uncle of Floyd Dale, Henry Eugene, James Owen, and the rest ran for public office in Cleveland County every two years for about three decades: half the time he'd get elected.  
Henry and Lois took care of their customers and friends.  
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James Owen told me once Mr. Henry would have a sack of flour put on somebody's wagon: he knew they couldn't pay for it but that was okay.  
James Owen wrote a wonderful story once about how Mr. Henry, in the times he was elected to public office, would commute from Rye to Rison up Highway 35 and how people would hitch rides... first in the inside of his four-door Chevrolet, then on the running boards, the front and back bumpers, then the trunk.  
For money in the 'thirties, my mother and her sister, Mertareese, served the Ys-Men's Club weekly. This was at the height of the service club movement... the group was of young men like Lane Forrest Girdner, and the rest.  
Mother'd always give me a dime to go to Glasgow's and get a hot dog and a Coke.  
Thought it was wonderful.  
Then along came 1941 which was a smooth-looking year until the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7.  
Just about all the young men in Bradley County went off to the service: later some of the older fellows had to go, too; people like Harold Creed, Lovett M. Reaves, Ray Roberts, William T. French, even Howard Moseley, a brother to the long time



Junior Rotarians Maddox Lassiter and Raven Harris



Michelle Carter, Ben Green, and Rotarian Dana Harvey

## Rotary Club hears from Extension Office

**Special to The Eagle**  
The Rotary Club of Warren met Tuesday, Jan. 31 for its weekly meeting inside the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church. The crowd heard from Warren Junior Rotarian Raven Harris to begin the meeting.  
Rotarian Dana Harvey then introduced her program of Michelle Carter from the University of Arkansas Extension Office in Bradley County. Carter yielded her time to Ben Green, one of the members of

the 4-H program.  
Green, the son of Jason and Jessica Green, spoke at length about what he's learned from 4-H and how it's helping him become a better farmer and public speaker, which will help him interact with potential customers in the future. The passion Green has for farming and helping his family out was apparent along with how 4-H has assisted him in a number of ways.  
He mentioned he enjoyed a lot of the activities includ-

ing archery. Carter then took over and talked about the different events and activities the Bradley County 4-H participates in. Those include archery, District Broiler BBQ, Great Outdoor Youth Day, Salsa Canning Workshop, Life Skills Workshop, Carpentry Workshop, Bereavement Blankets, UAM Planetarium, B-Day, Hunters Education Class, Gingerbread Workshop, Swimming Party, and Pumpkin Workshop. Carter touched on the importance

for young people to learn different life skills along with the fun activities as well. Additionally, she mentioned that several of these events have county, district, and state contests to participate in such the barbeque and B-Day activities and they are hoping to be able to enter more in the future.  
She concluded her program by talking about a little of her background, education, and how she managed to get her current position.

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Eagle Democrat pillar James Robertson Moseley.  
Howard was a bachelor and he was in World War I, then World War II.  
The country survived 1941 and the war years too: is there a fading legion out there that remembers air raid drills in Warren, blakouts, and Sheriff C.W. Hickman saying he would be on the lookout for fifth column members and saboteurs?  
People had ration cards for groceries (sugar was very short in supply) later ration cards for gasoline.

That included room, board, and tuition.  
My father had bought an educational policy from Oscar Haygood that paid \$50 monthly, nine months of the year, for four years.  
With that and what my mother could scrape together I got through Hendrix in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in history and political science.  
You could take that degree and a dime back then and buy a coffee (or a hot dog).  
Twenty-two years old, newly minted with a college degree, no idea what I'd do to make a living.  
But the Lord provided, as He always does.  
I staggered into journalism, worked 46 years and never, ever had to "grub for a living" as Publisher Fred McCollum of the Forrest City Daily Times Herald put it years ago. "Mr. Fred" was a great operator at Forrest City, but so was Sam M. Hodges, at Osceola who got me my first job.  
Life has cruised along, not without bumps.  
But there are those who are richly-blessed, without deserving same.  
I am among those...

on the globe, like a wonderful elderly couple we met once from Tel Aviv in Israel.  
Only problem, you make good friends and never really ever see them again.  
They give you lots of good groceries on a cruise ship.  
I am sure I tried, sans success, to hold down the caloric intake.  
Friend of ours told us once that Nolan Richardson, the Arkansas Razorback basketball team and Dale Nicholson's Channel 7 television of the games "got me

through the winter".  
These games are important at our house: one recalls how the late Pat Hurley Roddey loved those TV games.  
Roddey house on Munn has now been sold to one of the sons of Jack Gambill, the retired sheriff, and his lovely wife, a granddaughter of the Madison Burts, who is a registered nurse.  
Her parents are the Petie Woodards; his dad was Bill Woodard, his mother the late Velvia Corrine (Dot) Wilkinson Woodard.



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We come home this weekend from a week's trip into the Caribbean on the new Holland America ship, the Zaandam.  
The foray was a Christmas gift to each other; it marked our 25th embarkation on a cruise ship during the 20-plus years we have made such ven-

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# Vondran appointed as CEO of C & L Electric



The Board of Directors of C & L Electric Cooperative has named David Vondran as the new CEO/General Manager. Board President Robert Floyd said, "We are excited to announce David Vondran as the newly appointed CEO of C&L Electric." Vondran succeeded Greg Smith who retired in De-

ember. Vondran served as CEO/General Manager of Benton Utilities, the municipal electric, water and wastewater utility provider to the city of Benton and surrounding areas. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Arkansas and brings 26 years of combined engineering, managerial and financial experience.

He has served as a member/director of the Arkansas Municipal Power Association (AMPA) and has served on the legislative committee as an advocate to congress for shaping the impact of federal legislation at the local level. He is also currently a member of the American Public Power Association (APPA), the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities; and participates in the Midcontinent Independent System Opera-

tor (MISO) - Transmission Dependent Utilities (TDU) Sector.

Vondran's educational background includes a master's of Business Administration degree from Wichita State University, a bachelor's of science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Arkansas and completion of the APPA's Public Power Manager Certificate Program.

Vondan and his wife, Stacy, have one son, Andrew, and enjoy traveling, spending time outdoors and being with family and friends. "I am honored to be selected as the next CEO of C & L Electric," Vondran said. "I look forward to the opportunity to serve the member/owners and am very excited for the chance to lead an exceptional group of employees into the future."

## News Briefs

- The Holly Springs Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 12 in the community room of First State Bank in Hermitage.

- The Warren City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13 at the Warren Municipal Building.

- The Warren School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 13 at the Warren School District Administration Building.

- The Bradley County Chamber of Commerce will meet at 12 p.m. on Monday, February 13 at the BCEDC Building.

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## Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



With February, spring training begins for baseball teams across the country. Arkansas itself has hosted major league games in the past. One remarkable team that gathered a lot of attention in its short lifespan was the Little Rock Grays of the early 1930s, a team owned and manned by African-Americans.

Baseball had long since become America's pastime. Millions of Americans followed their favorite teams, from the major leagues down to simple sandlot games. In a time when America was still divided, even baseball was divided. In the 1880s, major league teams decided they would not allow African-Americans to play on the teams with white players, a decision that stood until 1947.

As a result, African-Americans formed a series of baseball teams that came to be called the "Negro Leagues." These teams included many of the best baseball players in the country, including future Hall of Fame inductees such as Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron, and Satchel Paige. The league included organizations across the South and Midwest, from Kansas City to San Antonio to New York. Seeing the popularity of baseball in Arkansas, in 1931, Little Rock businessman Jesse J. Floyd formed the Little Rock Grays formed as a new Negro Southern League team.

Floyd faced many challenges with the team. As an African-American, he had limited access to financing, and the team faced problems of segregated hotels for road games. He also had to compete with a cross-town rival, the new Little Rock Black Travelers, which had just formed in North Little Rock.

The Grays held their first game at Kavanaugh Field in Little Rock, just to the west of what is now Central High School. The park itself had a storied history in Arkansas baseball lore. It had been built in 1894 in what was at that time the west end of Little Rock as the home of the original Little Rock Travelers, a minor league team (and called by their modern name, the Arkansas Travelers, after 1963). The park also became the site of the first night game played in the state just after it opened. Two major league teams had used the park as sites for spring training at the turn of the century, the St. Louis Browns and the Boston Red Sox. Famed pitcher Cy Young even trained at the field before the Red Sox went on to win the World Series for the 1907 season. After the Travelers moved on to their new park a few blocks away in 1931, later called Ray Winder Field, the Little Rock Grays moved in.

The Grays hosted the Nashville Elite Giants in their first game on July 31. The Grays narrowly lost, 10-9. After three games in Little Rock, the Grays took their first road trip. They traveled to Tennessee to play the Memphis Red Sox and then to Alabama to play the Montgomery Grey Sox. It was in Montgomery where they won their first game. They returned to Little Rock by the end of the month. They played four games against the Little Rock Black Travelers at Booster Park in North Little Rock and lost all four. This effectively ended their season.

With the 1932 season, Floyd invited a local African-American mortician, Daniel Dubisson to invest in the team as part owner. The Grays also moved to Crump Field on 33rd Street in southern part of the city. Arthur Crump, a local African-American store owner, had built the field a few years before for local African-American youth. With new ownership, a new field, and a new season, the Grays were back with a renewed energy. In the season opener in April, they defeated the Black Travelers. However, they lost a four-game series against the Monroe Monarchs of Louisiana a few days later. The followed up by sweeping the Cleveland Cubs in four games the next week. They would go on to play against two other African-American teams based in Arkansas, the Little Rock Stars and the Camden Tigers.

The season was ultimately much more successful, but disputes within the Negro Southern League, money problems with the organization, and the pressures of the Great Depression forced the Grays to disband. The Black Travelers would similarly end play in 1932. The Stars would replace the Grays in the Southern League for the 1933 season.

While the Grays would only last a short time, Arkansas would continue its love of baseball, with minor league teams playing across the state and major league training camps in Hot Springs and the state producing many noted players.



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

The Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor endorsed legislation to repeal language in state law allowing medical facilities to be licensed in order to perform abortions.

Senate Bill 138 is what legislators call a clean-up bill. Usually, such bills merely correct typographical errors in state regulations or they update obsolete language.

But SB 38 is not like other clean-up bills because it is enormously symbolic.

Last year in a case out of Mississippi the U.S. Supreme court repealed Roe v. Wade, a precedent that allowed abortions. Arkansas had in place a "trigger" law, Act 180 of 2019. It immediately outlawed abortions except to save the life of

the mother and now Arkansas is considered one of the most pro-life states in the country.

Prior to the Supreme Court ruling, laws passed by the Arkansas legislature to restrict abortions were tied up or overturned in federal court. That allowed facilities in Arkansas to perform abortions because federal law superseded state laws. The state Health Department used to license those facilities.

However, now that Act 180 is in effect there is no need for language licensing abortion facilities. SB 138 recognizes that fact.

After committee approval, the next step is for SB 138 to be voted on by the entire Senate and sent to the House of Representatives.

In other action, the full Senate unanimously approved SB 66 to require Internet sites to verify the age of viewers if the sites are harmful to minors due to the availability of pornographic material. The required age verification could be a digital ID, such as a driv-

er's license.

Web sites that fail to verify the age of viewers would be liable for harm done to minors. Also, the adult sites would not be allowed to keep information, but would have to immediately dispose of personal information obtained from adults. If the sites keep identifying information of adults they would be liable for damages, court costs and attorneys' fees.

The Senate sent SB 66 to the House.

The Senate also approved legislation that allows a city to create an entertainment district without having an advertising and promotion tax. They are commonly known as "hamburger" taxes, and current law does not allow entertainment districts in cities without them.

The legislation is House Bill 1024. It has already been approved by the House, where it originated, and now will be sent to the governor for her signature.

Another bill that has been

approved by both chambers and awaits the governor's signature is HB 1123, to allow someone who has voluntarily sought mental health treatment to apply for a concealed carry permit. The person would have to wait two years after completing treatment and then could file a petition in circuit court.

A bill to categorize drag shows as adult entertainment is progressing, although with amendments. The Senate approved SB 43, but a House committee changed it to further define adult oriented businesses.

SB 43 would restrict where drag shows could be performed, because adult entertainment such as strip clubs are restricted. For example, they cannot be held on public property and minors may not attend.

The Senate must agree to the changes adopted in the House before SB 43 is sent to the governor.

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**JOHN BOOZMAN**  
U.S. SENATOR for ARKANSAS

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As I visit with VA personnel across Arkansas, they frequently describe the persistent challenges with filling critical roles to provide care

to veterans. Unfortunately, this is a problem nationwide. The VA's Office of Inspector General found "severe occupational staffing shortages" increased by 22 percent in Fiscal Year 2022 from the previous year.

It's critical for the VA to always have the staff and leadership necessary to meet the needs of veterans no matter where they live. We're working to enhance its ability to retain and recruit employees with new tools and resources to fulfill its mission.

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Jon Tester (D-MT) and I have partnered to introduce the VA Clinician Appreciation, Recruitment, Education, Expansion, and Retention Support (CAREERS) Act, legisla-

tion that would invest in VA personnel. Our plan would ensure the VA can retain and recruit physicians, nurses and other medical professionals in addition to employees who process benefits claims and others who support and care for our veterans.

We also included a provision in the VA CAREERS Act to address VA Medical Center leadership vacancies and ensure the position of director is filled in a timely manner. The Fayetteville VA Medical Center (VAMC) was without a permanent director for nearly two years and only last month was someone new assigned to this role. This measure would make sure a plan is in place to fill this position within 180 days of a director being given a new VA assignment, which is particularly important given how essential directors are in overseeing the care of veterans at these facilities.

We're gaining support for this initiative. In recent days Congressman Steve Womack also introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to limit the time VAMCs are without a permanent director.

The VA CAREERS Act accelerates the progress we made last year to grow the VA workforce. In August, Congress approved, and the president signed into law, the PACT Act to deliver toxic-exposed veterans their earned care and benefits. In the months following, the VA Secretary confirmed nearly 200,000 veterans have filed PACT Act-related claims making it even more imperative the Department has adequate staffing to manage the expanded eligibility.

In anticipation of an increase in claims, the PACT Act also included a number of measures to expand hiring and retention at the VA, especially in rural areas, as well as set higher pay caps for certain health professionals in order to remain competitive with the private sector.

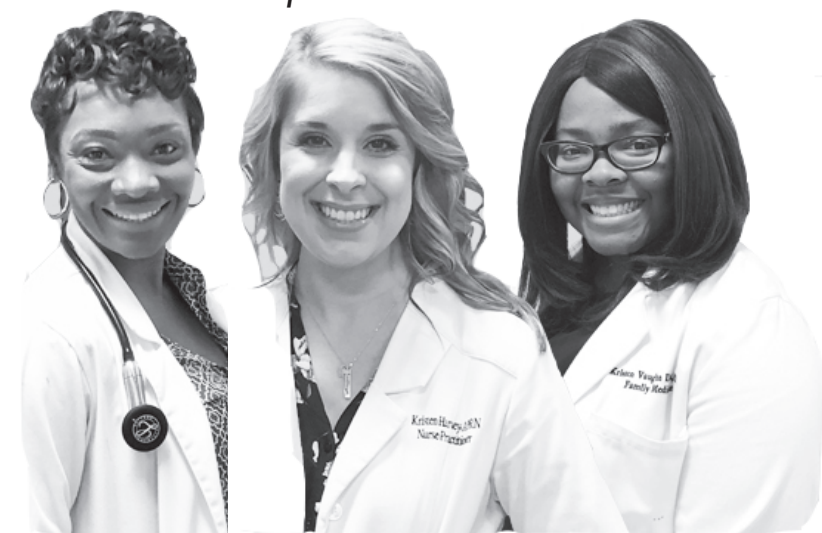
We're proud to build on this momentum with the VA CAREERS Act so medical professionals are enticed to begin and extend their careers serving veterans in rural communities and delivering the benefits and care these men and women have earned.



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# Farm stress in one generation can reach into the future generations

By Rebekah Hall  
U of A System Division  
of Agriculture

Steve Watkins knows that farm stress isn't just a current problem, but one that also "reaches into the future" of farm families.

"We think about how this affects us, but the reach and impact that this potentially has on future generations is significant as well," he said. "I grew up on a cotton farm in the 1980s, during the Farm Crisis, and during one of the most extreme droughts that ever existed in Arkansas. We had 23 days of 100-degree temperatures, and it didn't rain from June to September."

Watkins, an author who owns a retreat center and small farm in the Ozarks, was among those attending a workshop on farm stress led by Brittney Schrick, extension assistant professor and family life specialist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. The workshop was part of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Arkansas Grown Conference and Expo held in January.

"I was 14 years old, and I can still hear my father vomiting from the stress in the bathroom every morning at 5 o'clock," Watkins said. "At 14, you're pretty impressionable. It shaped many of the decisions that I made about how I would live my life, and what I would and wouldn't do. It still impacts me today."

Farming consistently ranks as one of the most dangerous occupations. Several important factors, including weather, market fluctuation and labor supply, lie outside of farmers' control. This contributes to suicide and self-harm among farmers.

## Signs of stress

To better care for themselves and help the next generation, it's important for farmers to identify the physical, behavioral and emotional signs of stress, as well as the ways stress manifests in relationships.

"If you have hopes of having a multi-generational farm operation, but your kids see you not being able to function in your family and your life, the odds are pretty good that they're not going to want to do that," Schrick said. "The better you can take care of yourself and the better you can take care of your family, the greater chance you're going to have of being able to continue that legacy. This is not wasted time or energy."

"Physical symptoms can include things like headaches, muscle tension or pain, upset stomach or other GI issues, lack of energy or fatigue, and shortness of breath or a tightness in the chest," Schrick said.

Behavioral symptoms—or changes in behavior—can include difficulty relaxing or sleeping, being quick to anger or lashing out at others, having difficulty making decisions, or increased or inappropriate alcohol or substance abuse, such as using prescribed medications off-label.

Similarly, emotional symptoms, or changes in the way one feels, include irritability or snapping at others, frustration or anger, impatience, feeling discouraged or hopeless, or feeling anxious or panicky.

"Relationships can be impacted significantly by stress," Schrick said. "Some specific ways are difficulty communicating, increased conflict with family members, verbal or physical outbursts, or avoiding others because you feel so overwhelmed."

When responding to stress, it's important to focus on what can be controlled: prioritizing and managing one's time, controlling one's attitude, and controlling physical responses.

"Simplify your schedule and set boundaries when possible," Schrick said. "To control your attitude, look at the big pictures instead of the current situation. Make a list of your current stressors and the resources you have to meet them."

When upset by a certain problem or situation, take a moment to breathe before responding. Schrick said it can also be helpful to avoid stimulants when possible. "Coffee, tobacco and other stimulants can cause physical stress symptoms to worsen," Schrick said.

## Finding help

According to a 2019 Office of Rural Health study, at least part of every county in Arkansas is a federally designated Medically Underserved Area. For 80 percent of the state's 75 counties, the entire county is designated as a Medically Underserved Area.

This lack of access to providers—for both physical and mental health—makes it difficult for farmers to get the care they need.

"If you don't have access to a mental health professional, who are you going to? You might go to your doctor, but are farmers great about doing that?" Schrick said. "Even taking care of physical health is not always a priority among farming groups, so taking the leap to mental health is often a bridge too far for folks who work in this industry."

In addition to unique stressors such as weather, supply chain interference, and machinery breakdown and maintenance, farmers also face isolation, which can exacerbate existing stress.

"The isolation of working alone for long periods of time, while always a risky part of farming, can be especially problematic during tough times," Schrick said.

Socially disadvantaged farmers, including farmers of color, may experience compounding stressors such as limited access to loans and other monetary support, higher rates of poverty, and a lack of culturally competent outreach, Schrick said.

## Offer and accept help from community

Stress levels can sometimes escalate beyond what people feel like they can handle, Schrick said. It's important to check in with the people in one's community and ask for help when needed, even if reaching out feels difficult.

"Rural communities rely on each other," Schrick said. "Offering and accepting help is the nature of rural living. Communities couldn't survive without this. Notice I have not mentioned asking for help—that tends to be where difficulties arise."

Because of the way people in rural communities are often raised and expected to be independent, Schrick said "assumptions of self-sufficiency and self-reliance can make it difficult to ask for help or lead to viewing the need for help as a sign of weakness."

The most important implementation of success to a farm is the farmer, Schrick said. In the same way that sustainable farming practices are implemented to ensure the future of a farm, efforts must be taken to sustain the farmer, too.

"Any investment that you make in yourself—for mental health, your physical health, your family and social net-

work—is an investment in your operation," Schrick said. "You would take care of a broken or rusty implement because you can't run a farm without them. The same goes for yourself."

For more information about managing farm stress, contact Schrick at bschrick@uada.edu or visit the Cooperative Extension Service's Farm Stress Management and Resilience Project website.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress. People can call or text 988 or chat online at 988lifeline.org.

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Dr. Daniel Knight is a professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.



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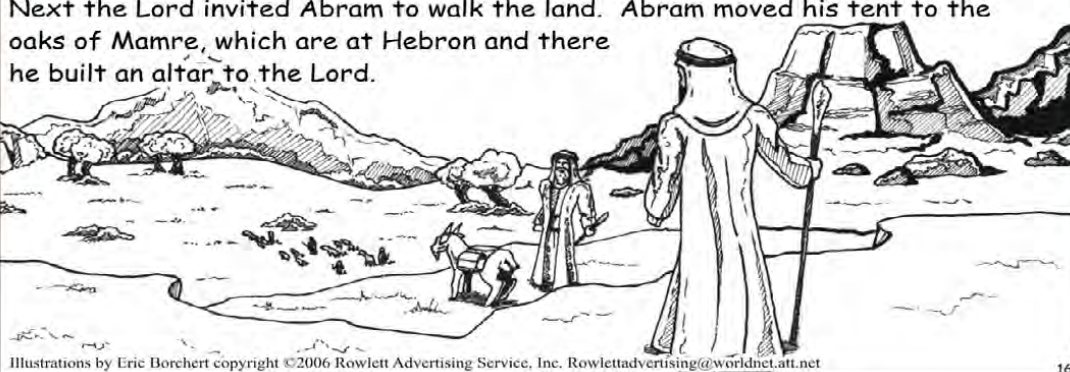
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 Genesis 13

Abram and Lot separated because the land would not support both families. Abram permitted Lot to inhabit the more fertile land which Lot chose.

Soon the Lord came to Abram and invited him to look to the north, to the south, to the east and to the west. All the land that Abram could see, the Lord gave to Abram and his descendants. The Lord also promised Abram that his descendants would be as the dust of the earth, too many to count.

Next the Lord invited Abram to walk the land. Abram moved his tent to the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron and there he built an altar to the Lord.



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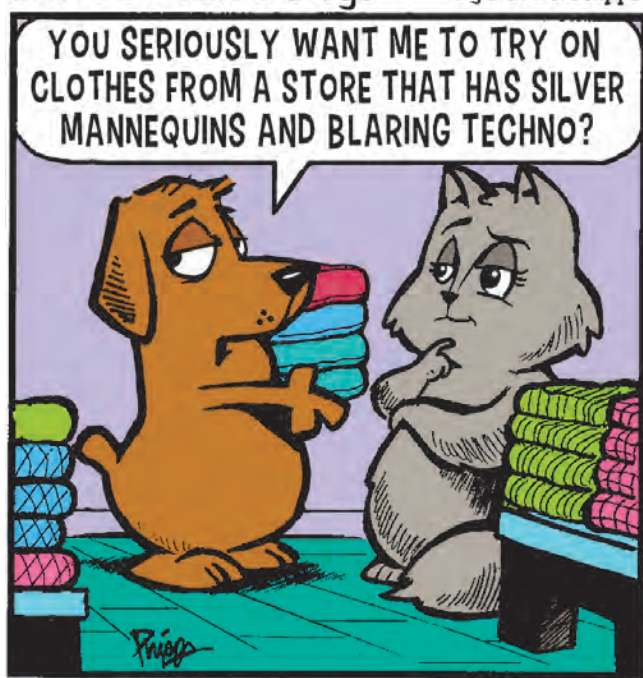
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ready

Blank lines for word ladders.

beaks

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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals K

ZV Z FLRX ENHR BDMRO VNOFE
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QDR BNHZLU!"

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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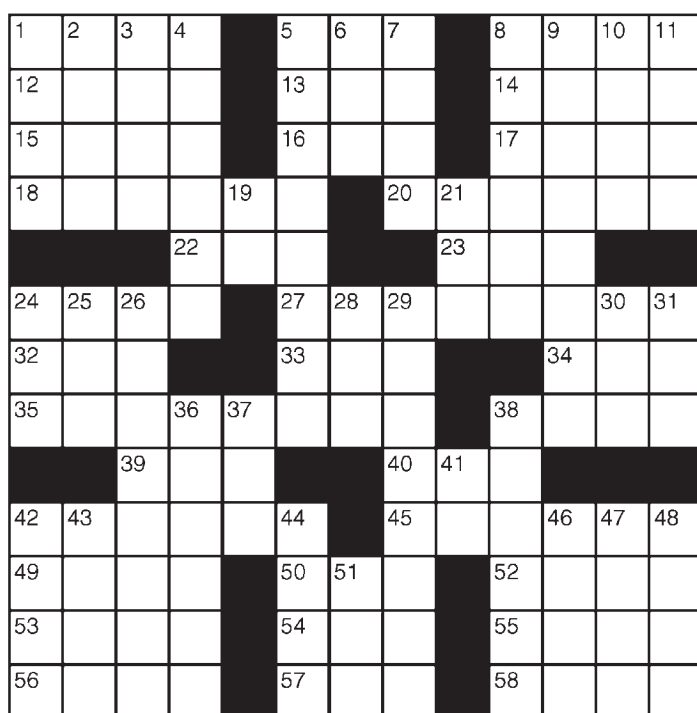


"I believe you may have sprained your \_\_\_\_\_!"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Niger neighbor
5 Existed
8 Close
12 Timber wolf
13 Rocker Rose
14 - Christian Andersen
15 Modern taxirival
16 Museum-funding org.
17 Verdi opera
18 Anne who married Henry VIII
20 Funhouse feature
22 Extinct bird
23 Documentarian Burns
24 Island near Java
27 Gymnast's move
32 Brit. record label
33 Continent north of Afr.
34 Bar cubes
35 Olympic skating gold medalist Tara
38 Grand tale
39 "Today" rival, briefly
40 "Fresh Air" airt

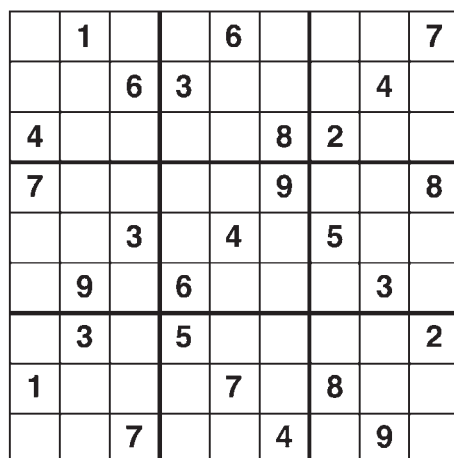


- 42 Honeydews shepherd
45 Jerry of the Grateful Dead
49 Golf bag item
50 Frazier foe
52 "Heavens!"
53 Spanish ayes
54 Charged bit
55 Mature
56 Try out
57 Schlep
58 Get lippy
4 Moolah
5 Hopefuls
6 Chopping tool
7 Bridge coup
8 "Doctor Zhivago" star
9 Tress holder
10 Nullify
11 Despot
19 "Hey!"
21 Annoy
24 - canto
25 Parisian pal
26 Makeup kit item
28 Arctic seabird
29 Shrinking in fear
30 Here, in Dijon
31 Chest muscle
36 "Leave that to me!"
37 Indian bread
38 Goofs
41 Ma's mate
42 Fine spray
43 Canal of song
44 Go yachting
46 - Pet
47 Rapsallions
48 Pro votes
51 Singer Rawls

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. ART: Where is the Prado Museum located?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn pass through?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "tempus fugit" mean?
4. MATH: What is another name for the division sign?
5. MUSIC: How long did it take singer Bob Dylan to write the big hit "Blowin' in the Wind"?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many times on average does a ruby-throated hummingbird flap its wings in one second?
7. MOVIES: Which movie features the line, "Keep the change, ya filthy animal"?
8. LITERATURE: Which novel features four children named Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy?
9. TELEVISION: What is Joey's famous line in the sitcom "Friends"?
10. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the pinna in human anatomy?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Car is different. 2. Leg is missing. 3. Hair is missing. 4. Pocketbook is missing. 5. Sign is different. 6. Basement window. 7. Hair is missing. 8. Hair is missing. 9. Pocketbook is missing. 10. Outer ear.

- 1. Madrid, Spain.
2. Brazil.
3. Time flies.
4. Obelus.
5. 10 minutes, according to Dylan.
6. About 50 times.
7. "Home Alone."
8. "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."
9. "How you doin'?"
10. Outer ear.

LEADS, LEAKS, BEAKS

READY, HEADY, HEADS.

Answer

WORD LADDER

Answer

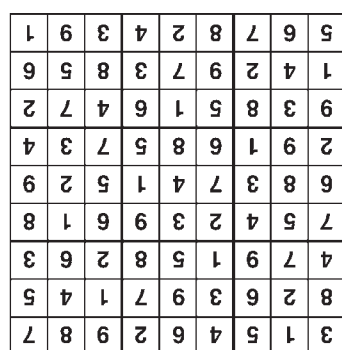
TONGUE

Today's Word

1. Rotten. 2. Benign; solution

SCRAMBLERS

Answer



Answer

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Answer



Solution time: 25 mins.

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Answers

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Answer
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**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Southeast Bradley County Water District Public Water Authority of the State of Arkansas will be having their Annual Public Meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023 @ 7:00 pm ; SEBCWD Water Office at 320 South Martin, Hermitage, AR. 12-28-3tc

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# LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICKY FERGUSON, DECEASED

06PR-23-7-2

### NOTICE

Name of Decedent: Ricky Ferguson  
Last known address:  
218 Reaves Circle, Warren, AR 71671  
Date of Death: December 9, 2022  
On January 26, 2023, an Affidavit For Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Ricky Ferguson, deceased, with the Clerk of Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Bradley County, Arkansas. Under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.  
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall forever be barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate.  
The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee or distributee's attorney is:  
  
Tim Ferguson  
1494 Hwy 85  
Hermitage, AR 71647  
This Notice first published the 1st day of February, 2023.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BESSIE L. COOPER, DECEASED  
ANGELIA COOPER ALEXANDER, RESPONDENT

06PR-22-36-2

### NOTICE

Name of Decedent: Bessie L. Cooper aka Betsy Cooper  
Last known address:  
713 George Street, Warren, AR 71671  
Date of Death: April 15, 2022  
Angelia Cooper-Alexander, was appointed personal representative of the estate of the above decedent on the 25th day of October, 2022. On the 25th day of January, 2023, Angelia Cooper-Alexander accepted the appointment.  
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to Angelia Cooper-Alexander, 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.  
Angelia Cooper-Alexander Personal Representative of the Estate 713 George St., Warren, Arkansas 71671.  
  
This notice first published on the 8th day of February, 2023.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JO ANN OUTLAW, DECEASED

NO.06PR-22-65

### NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:  
532 Bradley Rd 48  
Hermitage, AR 71647  
Date of Death: May 31, 2022  
An Amended Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed on the 1st day of February, 2023. The estate to be collected contains real property, legally described as follows:  
Beginning at a point 17.10-2/3 chains West and 4.90-3/4 chains North of the Southeast corner of Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 9 West, and running East 196.26 feet, thence North 1.41-1/4 chains, thence West to the public road, thence South 35 degrees West down the Public Road to the beginning point, being part of Lot 33 of the Subdivision of Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 9 West (House and Lot 1001 S. Main St, Warren, AR 71671).  
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.  
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Belinda Cauley, Distributee  
Barton & Roper, PLLC  
P.O. Box 507  
Monticello, AR 71657  
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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BID PROPOSALS FOR PLUMBING REPAIR PROJECT

Bradley County Medical Center is requesting bids for a plumbing repair project at the Brunson Medical Complex located at 204 N Bragg Street in Warren, Arkansas.

The required pre-bidding meeting will be held at the site on February 16 at 1:00 p.m. with Tim Saunders, Maintenance Director, who will explain the scope of the project.  
All prospective bidders must attend.

Bids will be received through Monday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m., at which time the bids will be opened.

BCMC reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities in any Bid and to make an award in any manner consistent with law and deemed in the best interest of Bradley County Medical Center.

Leslie Huiitt, CEO  
Bradley County Medical Center  
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There will be a presentation of the new Emergency Services building during the February 21, 2023 Quorum meeting. Meeting starts at 6:00 and will be held in the new courtroom at the courthouse.  
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# Weevils leave Mississippi College with a series sweep

The University of Arkansas at Monticello baseball team closed out the opening series of its 2023 campaign on Saturday afternoon when they took on Mississippi College in a double-header for games two and three of their weekend series. The Weevils came out of the first game with a 13-3, run-rule win over the Choctaws, followed by a 4-2 win to finish the weekend with a series sweep.

The Weevils leave the weekend with a 3-0 start to the season for the first time since 2015.

**Game 1, 8 Innings**  
**Arkansas-Monticello: 13, Mississippi College: 3**  
UAM was the first team to put runners in scoring position as Cade Thompson reached first on a single to

center, followed by a double to center from Kirk Woolf to put runners on first and third. Chase Cripps would hit a sacrifice fly to left field to score Thompson and Cade Cancilla would rip a ball into left to score Woolf. The half of the inning would come to an end for UAM with a 2-0 lead.

The Weevils struck again in the second, scoring Noah Estrem on a single to left from Parker Dorrance. Logan Jones and Dorrance would soon score thanks to a double to right from Chase Cripps. Cancilla singled up the middle to score both Cripps and Woolf. The final runs of the second came from Reece Reading and Cancilla touching home on a Joe Brouillette single to right. The inning would come to a close with

the Weevils on top, 10-0.

Mississippi College found three runs in the third inning, scoring one off of a sack fly ball to center field, followed by a two run home run to left field.

Arkansas-Monticello tacked on three more runs in the fourth, scoring both Reading and Cancilla on a Brouillette single to center. The third run was scored by Brouillette when advanced on an error during an Estrem single.

The final run of the game came in the seventh inning when Noah Estrem once again scored for UAM, taking home on a wild pitch to give UAM a 13-3 lead.

Mississippi College was unable to respond to the Weevils, as the game would end in

the eighth due to mercy rule.

**Game 2, 7 Innings**  
**Arkansas-Monticello: 4, Mississippi College: 2**  
Mississippi College was the first team to have a run cross the plate when their lead off hitter hit a solo home run over the left field wall in the bottom half of the first inning.

The Choctaws would increase their lead to 2-0 in the fourth inning when a run scored on a one-out triple down the right field line.

After five straight three up, three down innings, the Weevils found momentum in the sixth. Clay Lockett reached first on a fielder's choice, followed by a single from De-shaun Cordova that put two runners on base. Back-to-back home runs from veteran

Cade Thompson (3-Run) and newcomer Kirk Woolf (Solo) put Arkansas-Monticello up 4-2.

River Hunt would come in to pitch for the Weevils in the seventh, seeing only three batters in the inning to lock in the first save of the year.

The game would conclude with a 4-2 Weevil WIN and a 3-0 series sweep on the weekend.

**Pitching Performances**  
- Mason Philley collected the win in game 1, totaling 5.0 innings pitched with 3 runs allowed, 1 hit, 5 base by balls, and 11 strikeouts on the day.

- Mitchell Maxfield closed out the game, dishing out 2.0 innings pitched for the Weevils. He struck out one batter, with 2 hits allowed and 0

runs allowed.

- Connor Irvine started on the mound in game 2, tossing 6.0 innings with 2 runs allowed, 5 hits, 2 base by balls, and 9 strikeouts on the day.

- River Hunt made his first appearance of the year, throwing the final inning for UAM. He collected a save with 2 strike outs and only 3 batters faced.

The wins on the day pushes Arkansas-Monticello to a 3-0 start to the 2023 season as they prepare for their second week of non conference play.

Arkansas-Monticello has their home opener at Weevils Field on Friday, Feb. 10 as they host game 1 of a 3-game series with St. Cloud State University. First pitch of game 1 is set to begin at 2 p.m.

## Obituaries



### Robin R. Williams

Though her time here was cut short, Robin Richardson Williams lived a blessed life full of music and love.

Her story began January 16, 1949. The youngest daughter of Floyd and Abbie Richardson, she was born in Warren, where she lived until she finished a very active high school career. Then she married David Kent Williams, her high school sweetheart, and moved away with him to Ouachita Baptist University. From there they moved to Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colorado, where Robin earned her Bachelor of Music Education. Later career moves had them in Charlottesville, Va, Mobile, Ala, North Kingstown, R.I., Greensboro, N.C., and Point Pleasant, N.J. While in Rhode Island, Robin earned a Master of Music Degree in Vocal Performance.

Robin's path to heaven was cleared by both of their sons, David Kent Williams, Jr. (2021) and Daniel Kyle (2001). She was also preceded in death by her father, Floyd Richardson, and her mother, Abbie Gibbe Richardson.

Robin is survived by her husband of 57 years, David Kent Williams; grandson, Steven; and granddaughter, Kylie Ann. Other surviving family members include her brother Tommy Richardson (Cathy) of Warren; her sister Jennifer Reilly (Mickey) of the Woodlands, Texas; nieces Melissa Daniel (Cody), Carol Lee Little (Ben ) Cathy Lynn Worley (Mike); Anna Walker; and nephews Stephen Reilly (Monica) and Gib Richardson (Kim); and her loving in-laws Sharon Raley (James); Deborah Green (Dennis); and John Williams (Gwen) as well as a huge cast of beloved friends.

As a master soprano, Robin both taught and performed. She served as a teacher of Applied Voice at Ouachita Baptist University and at various times taught private lessons. Robin's real love was

performing in operatic productions. She had leading roles with the Mobile, Atlanta, Greensboro and Lower Alabama Operas, and she played many parts with the Touring Theater Ensemble in Greensboro, N.C. Her parts encompass everything from The Phantom of the Opera to Rigoletto, from Street Scene and Man of La Mancha to Gianni Schicchi and La Traviata. One of her favorite roles was in The Glass Menagerie, performed in New York and receiving high praise in the New York Times.

Robin also enjoyed entertaining, decorating, traveling, gardening, and playing the flute. But mostly she loved to sing.

Always active in her community, Robin became a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, (music fraternity), Women's Welcome of Hot Springs, Hot Springs Flute Ensemble, Republican Women of Hot Springs, and DAR after she and David retired to Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs. They are members of the Faith Builders Connect Group here at First Baptist.

A celebration of Robin's life was held in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, 2350 Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71901, at 3: pm, Monday, January 30, with Rev. Greg Stanley officiating. Visitation preceded the service beginning at 1 p.m.

Online condolences at [www.caruth-hale.com](http://www.caruth-hale.com)

*Paid Obituary*

### Marilyn Moseley

Marilyn Moseley, 77, of Star City died February 4. Born December 26, 1945 in Providence, Rhode Island to the late John and Janet Paiva.

Survivors include children, Kyle Moseley, D.L. Moseley, Johnny Moseley, and Holly Light (David).

Graveside was at 2 p.m. February 7, at Shady Grove Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

### Linda Sue Wilson

Linda Sue Wilson, 64, of Hermitage, died February 1. Born February 20, 1958 to the late Norwood and Willie Mae Temple.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Wilson; son, Jason Wilson and grandchildren, Drake and Mallory.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Friday, February 3, 2023 at Outlaw Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

## Summer At ASMSA presents free residential summer camps for youths

Rising sophomores throughout Arkansas are invited to apply for Summer At ASMSA, a weeklong free residential summer camp at the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts in downtown Hot Springs.

Summer At ASMSA participants will spend a week exploring a variety of exciting and fun topics. Campers will participate in hands-on session during the day, enjoy a variety of fun activities in the evenings and live in the Student Center during the week.

Summer At ASMSA will be held Sunday, June 11, through Saturday, June 17, 2023. Each of the camps is free with no costs for tuition, meals or housing. Campers are selected through a competitive application process. Priority application deadline is April 10, 2023.

Camps being offered this summer include:

**AEGIS Environmental Science and Biotechnology Camp** will allow participants to gain hands-on experience in molecular biology laboratory techniques while exploring the ecology and geology of the Ouachita Mountains region. Conduct field research and lab analysis while you sequence ant DNA, find a crystal, and learn how to evaluate the health of our ecosystems in Hot

Springs National Park.

**AEGIS Anime! Origami! Hiragana!** is a Japanese language and culture camp. Participants will learn how to introduce themselves, make some Japanese food, count yen, and more while exploring some of the cultural norms and unique aspects of Japanese society. Students will leave camp with the tools and knowledge to continue learning Japanese independently.

**Computer Science Camp** presents the many faces of computer science through hands-on experiences in a variety of programming contexts. Do you want to learn more about computer programming, game design, and more? Join us for our computer science camp where you will learn to make animations, program micro:bits, and more! Participants will culminate the week in a "Capture the Flag" competition.

**Studio Arts Camp** is an activities-based initiative to help grow students' excitement about the arts while building their portfolios. Students will engage in different processes including observational drawing, collage, painting, ceramics, and more.

**Engineering Camp** will help students learn how things work and create their own designs. Learn about all types

of engineering, from nuclear to electrical at this hands-on camp. Students will learn how to solder, use design thinking, and much more.

"Summer At ASMSA is my favorite week of the year because I get to see our campers make new friends and great memories," said Amy Brown-Westmoreland, outreach coordinator for ASMSA. "Campers also learn about a subject they love without the pressure of grades, and I learn from them! I also love hearing how campers have stayed in touch long after camp is over."

To start the application process, interested campers should complete the interest form at <https://asmsa.me/SummeratASMSA>. For more information, contact Brown-Westmoreland at [outreach@asmsa.org](mailto:outreach@asmsa.org) or (501) 622-5116.

About ASMSA: The Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts is one of 17 public residential high schools in the country specializing in the education of academically gifted students. Located in historic downtown Hot Springs, the school is a campus of the University of Arkansas System. For more information about Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts, visit [www.asmsa.org](http://www.asmsa.org) or call 501.622.5100.

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## TRACK SCHEDULE

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### Date

February 18

March 7

March 13

March 14

March 16

March 28

March 30

April 4

April 6

April 11

April 13

April 18

April 25

May 5

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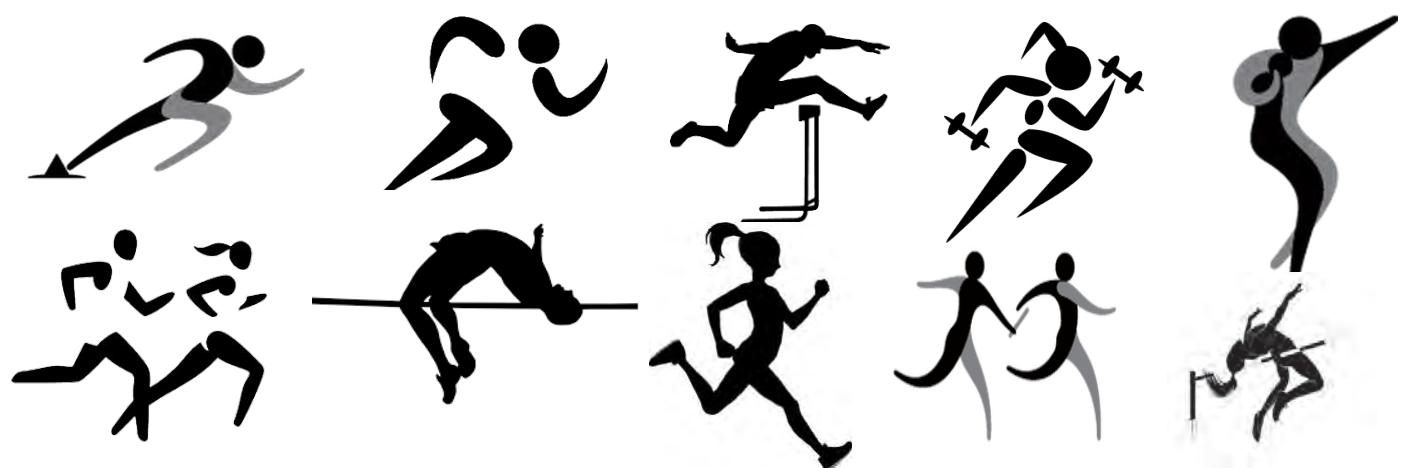
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# Wesson has spent his life in public service

By ZACH KILLIAN

Bradley County Chief Deputy Wayne Wesson began his 29-year law enforcement career with the Warren Police Department in October of 1994. Bob Outlaw, who was the Warren Police Chief at the time, hired Wesson. He worked at the department for three years.

Soon after that in 1997, Bradley County Sheriff John Kidwell brought Wesson on to the Bradley County Sheriff's Office.

Wesson worked at the sheriff's office until 2000, when he worked as a statewide investigator for the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

Wesson went back to the sheriff's office as chief deputy under Sheriff Butch Belin in late 2000. He stayed with the sheriff's office until 2005.

After that, he worked with the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, and the Department of the Army for eight years.

Wesson would spend another eight years working at the Monticello Police Department.

He returned to his job as Chief Deputy in December of 2021.

"I've been around," laughed Wesson.

Wesson said he's started from the bottom and worked his way up. He worked in every field from local to state to federal law enforcement.

Prior to pursuing a law enforcement career, Wesson was supervisor at a flooring mill. He said working there he could see the ups and downs of the business. Wesson decided instead of staying in a career that looked like it was about to end, he wanted a career.

Wesson said he took a large pay cut becoming a law enforcement officer. He said when he started, it was \$13,500 a year.

"I guess you can say it's the same as anybody, that desire to better help your community, to serve your community, to try and do some good in the world," said Wesson. "If you choose this career path, you

have to want to do it. It's not one of those things where anyone off the street can just walk in and do this job. You have to have some compassion for people and a little bit of an understanding side. A lot of people don't have that."

Wesson said he loves the people he works with. He added Sheriff Hershel Tillman is a great sheriff that lets him do his job.

Wesson is also a pastor. He said the both jobs give him an opportunity to connect with people with their spiritual side. He likes it gives him an opportunity to get out there and talk to people.

Law enforcement has its share of challenges. Wesson said legal procedures are constantly changing. Keeping up with the legal aspect is a full-time job, he said.

"Working for a sheriff's department, it's not just a job, it's a lifestyle. People know who we are and watching us all the time," said Wesson. "How we are out in public and in the community has a huge impact on our jobs. You really don't have much of a private life. Your life's an open book."

Wesson joked if he and his family want privacy they have to leave town.

Wesson said they help the community just by getting up and putting on the uniform. He added they try and get out in the community. One example he gave was helping with Hope Place.

Wesson said he hopes law enforcement is able to go back to the square roots of investigating a crime. He commented back in his day, an officer's word meant something.

"I wish we could go back to if I don't see it, I can still believe it," said Wesson. "We're at that point now that seeing is believing and you can't always believe what you see. I wish we could go back to that, because we painted ourselves in the corner with our technology. One of these days all of that is going to fail and we'll have to go back



to something. The problem is today's law enforcement don't know how to do that so guys like me are becoming a thing of the past. I think we're depending on technology too much."

Wesson encourages the community to be patient with law enforcement if you are a victim of a crime. He said a way the public can help law enforcement is to report and cooperate.

Besides being chief deputy, Wesson also pastors at Trinity Methodist Church.



## From patrolman to Chief



By ZACH KILLIAN

Hermitage Police Chief Ben Poole has served the City of Hermitage since 2005, when he was hired by the Hermitage mayor at the time, Joyce Copeland. He started as a patrolman for the Hermitage Police Department.

Poole moved to Hermitage from Hammond, La.

Poole said the department went through two police chiefs in two and a half years when he started as a patrolman. After the second police chief left, Poole said he asked Mayor Billy Gorman if he'd let him try out for the job. The mayor gave him a probationary period of six months and after that Poole was hired as police chief for the Hermitage Police Department in 2008. He worked as interim police chief during the six-month probationary period.

Poole likes several aspects of his job in law enforcement. He said he like to help people and talk with people. He enjoys being outdoors on the job. He added he enjoys the challenges and that there's always something differ-

ent.

"It's never the same thing," said Poole. "With my ADD that really helps."

Poole feels he helps the community by being present and letting people know he's there when they call. He said he treats everyone as equal and listens.

Poole said he's reached his career goal being the Hermitage Police Chief.

Being police chief comes with its share of challenges. As police chief, he has to be available at all hours of the day. He told The Eagle Democrat that one time he had just finished cooking dinner and he got a call that someone was having a seizure. Poole responded quickly to the scene. When he came back home, he said his dogs had eaten his food.

Poole wants the public to know call when there's problem starts, not later.

"The longer you wait the harder it is to do our job," said Poole. "It doesn't help to keep what you know to yourself."



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# Finding joy in helping his community



By ASHLEY HOGG

Brandon Baker is a 22 year old Bradley County native that began as a volunteer fire fighter. His father, also a volunteer fire fighter, encouraged him to apply for an open full time position with the department. Now, Baker serves as one of the brave individuals who is employed full time by the Warren Fire Department.

Baker graduated from Hermitage High School and went to work as an apprentice electrician.

"I considered going into the Military to be a pilot but that didn't work out," Baker stated. "I worked under a master electrician for a few years while being a volunteer fire fighter. A full-time spot came open and my dad encouraged me to apply for it. I graduated from the academy in October."

Baker says that it is his love for helping people in his community that motivated him to become a fire fighter.

"I just really like helping people," Baker added. "I love being involved with kids and local sports and now I get to help educate them about fire safety."

In his three years with the Warren Fire Department, he says

one of his favorite things about being at the Fire Station is when the public brings their children in and he can show them around the station and all the cool features of the fire truck.

"This is like a family to me," Baker added.

He says he loves how the team of fire fighters works together and how everyone is selfless in trying to help their fellow man.

"We work well together as a team, everyone has a job," Baker noted. "I think a lot of our success is based on how we work so well as a unit."

With there only being one fireman on duty and housed at the Warren Fire Station at a time, the department is reliant on its large group of volunteers.

"We are definitely a community driven department," Baker noted.

When he isn't actively fighting flames or helping educate the public on safety, Baker spends his time as an excited new father and cooking meals for friends.

"My specialty is potato soup," Baker added. "I enjoy cooking for people, and letting people know about the potential dangers of gas heaters and the importance of

having working carbon monoxide detectors."

Baker believes that it is his ex-

cellent people skills that contribute to his ability to engage with the community on so many different levels.

"We work a lot of wrecks and you have to mentally prepare for

that," Baker added. "We have to put emotions aside and be calm and help however we can."

A typical day at the fire station for Baker consists of cleaning trucks, inspecting tools, research

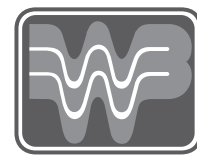
on fire safety, reading and cooking.

Baker says he loves his job as a fire fighter in Warren and one day hopes to be chief of the department.



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# 20 years of service

By ZACH KILLIAN

Kelly Goudelock has worked at EASI Ambulance Service since 2002. He is the EMT and the Warren supervisor for EASI, which is based out of Pine Bluff.

Before working at EASI, he worked at Lennox in Stuttgart where he built air conditioners.

He was also on the volunteer fire department in Stuttgart. Goudelock said he took first responder classes and after getting certified as an EMT he went to work with EASI. In 2002, he moved from DeWitt to Warren to work as an EMT.

After being a volunteer firefighter for many years, Goudelock said he felt becoming an EMT was the next step for him to serve his community.

"I felt like this was what we needed to do to help people and I enjoy helping people and the community," said Goudelock.

He said EASI is a family and community-oriented company.

"People see us on the worst days, so we try and help them,"

said Goudelock.

Goudelock said first responders, firefighters, and police all work together to try and make the community a better place.

"I've been here for 20 something years from DeWitt and I come here and this community accepted me as one of their own," said Goudelock.

He said being a first responder isn't a job for everybody, but the ones who get to do it are a special breed of people.

What Goudelock likes about his job is being able to help the community. EASI works with the police department, fire department, and the hospital.

"It's a feeling of pride that you get to serve your community and help people," said Goudelock. "You get to meet people in all walks of life. It's a very good job to have in my opinion. You get to help your community be a better place."

EASI participates in community events, festivals, and at the Lumberjack games. Goudelock said they try to participate in as

much community events as they can.

EASI has a membership where the elderly can call them and they can help them out of bed or check vital signs.

EASI also provides education on when and when not to call the ambulance and when you need a trip to the emergency room. He said anybody can come by their office if they need to talk or be counseled.

There are some challenges in the medical field. Goudelock said the medical field is constantly changing. They have to learn new procedures and take classes.

One way the public can help first responders is to make sure addresses are visible on your house.

Goudelock wants the public to know EASI is here to help the community.

"We are a family-oriented company," said Goudelock. "We will do all we can to explain and be one with the community and help the community."



# Corporal Britton happily serves Southeast Arkansas



By ASHLEY HOGG

Jason Britton is a native of Dermott and has been in law enforcement for the past seven years.

"I was always interested in law enforcement, but after I graduated from Drew Central High School in 1992, I was too young to begin a career in law enforcement," Britton said. "I was also interested in the funeral industry, so I started working at a local funeral home in McGehee, and decided to enroll in the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in Dallas. Before going to mortuary school, I enrolled in an Emergency Medical Technician class and became a EMT and worked briefly for Pafford Ambu-

lance Service. After being in the funeral industry for 23 years as a licensed funeral director and embalmer, being 42 years old I decided if I was going to be a police officer, now was the time before I got much older. I was fortunate enough to be hired by Chief Shaun Hildreth and the Civil Service Commission in 2016 and went to the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in Camden, for 13 weeks, graduating in December of 2016."

Britton and his wife, Elizabeth, have lived in Bradley County since 2014, when he moved from Crossett, where he worked in a local funeral home.

When asked what his favorite aspect of working in law enforcement is, he said he enjoys helping people.

"The job can be very rewarding at times," Britton added. "Knowing you are there to help those in need, I am humbled and honored to serve as a police officer. I hope that I can help in people's life in a positive way."

In a new era of law enforcement engagement with the public, Britton hopes to help educate and bridge gaps.

"I want people to know that this job isn't always easy and decisions have to be made in a split second sometimes," Britton stated. "I

have good communication skills, problem solving skills and interpersonal skills that I can use to help in any type of situation."

While working full time for citizens of Warren, Britton says he enjoys taking online classes and trainings that help to keep him up to date on new Federal and State laws.

"I am a Certified Field Training Officer and have completed the Arkansas Medicolegal Death training class," Britton added. "I was promoted to Corporal at Warren Police Department in July of 2021. I have also worked for Crossett Police Department and am an auxiliary officer there currently."

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