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The Bryant building in downtown Warren is on schedule to be demolished. The Warren City Council allocated \$75,000 to go towards funding the demolition of the downtown building.



## Chamber of Commerce partners with school

By Zach Killian

The Bradley County Chamber of Commerce met for their monthly meeting on Monday.

Rhonda Williams, from the Warren School District, asked the chamber of commerce to partner with the school district for their new reading program that would provide free books to students. The chamber board members approved to partner with the schools. There will be a tent at the upcoming Easter event where books will be handed out. The program is through a \$176,000 grant the school

received.

The special events committee, headed by Julie Hamilton, announced the Easter Egg Hunt would be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 1 at the Warren City Park. Hamilton also reported the committee was planning Market on Main to return in the spring.

The chamber committee is going through the chamber's bylaws and some would need to be changed.

Chamber director Terrie White requested participation for the Hospital Doctors Recognition Program.

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Pictured seated left to right: Heidi Lassiter, Maddox Lassiter, and Shannon Lassiter. Pictured standing left to right: Hayden Lassiter and Hannah Lassiter.

## From Lumberjack to Razorback: Lassiter signs to Arkansas

By Zach Killian  
Editor

Warren Lumberjack senior Maddox Lassiter signed to play for the Arkansas Razorbacks on Tuesday, February

7. Lassiter plans to major in Business at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

"[I am] blessed to receive the opportunity to do something that I've been working

towards my whole life," said Lassiter.

Lassiter played for the Lumberjacks as quarterback where he helped lead the Lumberjacks to the state finals.

## UAM Sorority raises money for local cause



**Special to The Eagle**  
"Sigma Serves Children" is one of Tri Sigma's philanthropic initiatives on the national level. The members of Tri Sigma at the University of Arkansas at Monticello put that initiative into real life practice when they heard about local children Andy Boykin and Sophie Mendez. Each member felt personally called to action, and

immediately began brainstorming and working to find a way to support their cause.

On Saturday, February 4, the members of Tri Sigma hosted a fundraiser in Warren, to help support the families in this time of need. This event raised over \$1,000 to benefit Andy and Sophie and their families. The community outpouring was awe inspiring.

The members of Tri Sigma hope to continue to support both Andy and Sophie through other service projects, endeavors, and events.


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### Passin' the Faith Along

By REV. JIM BALES  
Pastor - First Assembly of God  
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**WHEN LIFE SEEMS UNFAIR**

Are you wrestling with why God allowed something to occur? Life can seem so unfair.

A good person gets sick and dies young, while someone wicked gets ahead in life. Where is God while all this is going on? How can He stand by and let situations like this continue?


Jeremiah saw this and wondered why God had not done anything about it. He even asked why. "You are righteous, O Lord, when I bring a case before you. Yet I would speak with you about your justice: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all the faithless live at ease? (Jeremiah 12:1, NIV)

God answered Jeremiah by commanding him to pronounce doom on those who appeared to be getting away with murder. The Lord has seen their deeds all along, but His timing differed from Jeremiah's.

Remember, in the scheme of things, a lifetime is exceedingly short. God sees all, knows all, and cares about fairness. Although He may not correct a bad situation when you think He should, in the end evil will be judged and punished.

Instead of being upset about things you have no control of, consider this prayer: Lord, help me to leave in your hands the unfairness around me.

### 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 10, 2001.*

Praise where it's due department: to the folks at First United Methodist Church for their yearly "Thanksgiving Feast".

This was hosted once more on the night of the Warren Christmas parade, started at 4:30. Menu featured soup, cornbread, cake...served to all including black, white, even Presbyterians.

We got to sit with the Methodist minister, the Rev. Bill Leslie, and his lovely retired teacher wife, Brenda, plus his mother, Mrs. Willis Leslie, once of Monticello and Pine Bluff but now in one of the nursing facilities here.

Joining us at the table were two other retired educators (Mrs. Willis Leslie is one, too) the Maury Watkins'.

Had a nice visit with Dottie and Claude McKinney, who said an old friend, Beverly Nason-Jones of Jackson, Miss., had stopped by for a visit. Beverly, beautiful as ever, is now 70 (tho' she probably doesn't like to think about it). Her mother was Lorraine Jones Turner and her father Neal Nason was a printer with THE EAGLE DEMOCRAT.

Lorraine later married Will Turner, power company manager, one of the best men who ever drew a Bradley County breath.

Their daughter is Cheryl Pride, a principal at Pulaski Academy of Little Rock.

Mrs. Willis Leslie's husband was the great Fordyce and

UAM footballer, later coach. The stadium at what we used to call "College Heights" has been named for him.

Speaking of football, Pastor and Mrs. Leslie had out their Navy banner the other day after the Midshipmen won their first contest of the 2000 season by beating Army.

The Leslie son graduated from Annapolis last summer.

Among those witnessing the fray at Baltimore in early December were the Larry Derbys: Mr. Derby was on the Navy team in the years 1945-48.

Bet the Navy folk sure enjoyed that game!

Workmen have just about completed the work on the handsome redesigning of Warren's Main Street.

Merchants have done their part, too, with the installation of bright new awnings.

This work, plus the installation of bright new awnings.

This work, plus the installation of new sidewalks all over the place, have certainly been an enhancement of Warren town.

Visitors are going to be delighted/pleased...particularly those who haven't visited here for several years.

The new "white way" lights a real enhancement, too.

We are approaching January 16, which always reminds one of the staging of the play "The Night of January 16" in the courtroom of the Bradley County courthouse.

The lovely Lydia Ross, daughter of the longtime Warren teacher, Charlotte Young, played the tormented Karen Andre in one production; the Rev. Ken Banks. Of Warren was the prosecut-



Warren Mayor Gregg Reep (right) was the guest speaker of Rotarian Bob Milton (left).

## Warren Mayor discusses downtown

The Rotary Club of Warren met Tuesday, Feb. 7 for its weekly meeting at First United Methodist Church. The group inducted Leeanna Williams as a new member before hearing from Warren High School Junior Rotarian Maddox Lassiter. Rotarian Robert Milton then introduced his program of Warren Mayor Gregg Reep.

After hearing Lassiter's speech as a Junior Rotarian, Mayor Reep spoke about his experience as a Junior Rotarian when he was in high school and talked about how im-

pressed he was with Lassiter and Raven Harris, Warren's other Junior Rotarian for this two-week period.

Reep, who previously served as Mayor of Warren for 18 years from 1987 to 2005, talked about of few different subjects. He touched on the differences between his first tenure as mayor and what lies ahead for him now, ranging from the changes in businesses in town to how much the price has changed to acquire asphalt to pave roads.

Reep added some comments about different services

the city provides and how important it is to have strong police and fire departments.

One subject he spoke at length on was some downtown buildings and what the future holds for them. He said the city owns the old Bryant's building and will be tearing it down in the future.

The buildings which house Lighthouse Church, the Sandwich Shop, and the former Hankins Hardware store were the other downtown buildings. He said an architect and engineer were in town to view them and give their expertise

on the structures.

Mayor Reep reiterated that the city does not want to run the business owners away, but that it's become an issue of public safety. There is some hope that other locations in the city could house the businesses, even on a temporary basis.

The presentation closed with some comments from Mayor Reep about the status of the Cultural Center. It needs some major repairs, but it's his wish to see the Cultural Center remain a viable option for different types of events.

ing attorney (or the defense one) in another production, this one featuring a daughter of the Warren Bank and Trust Company officer, a man named Moore (whose name escapes me currently) as Karen Andre.

The play, by the rightist authoress Ayn Rand (she penned "Atlas Shrugged" and "The Fountainhead") let the audience decide the guilt or innocence of the appealing Miss Andre.

Long time ago, all of a sudden...

Mark Sherland, center for the Razorback football team during the early 'thirties, died the other day: he had spent a lifetime being a good citizen and good churchman over at McGehee, where he was a longtime banker.

Mark was one of the fellers who, in the 'thirties, looked forward to the coming of river vessels which'd tie up at Arkansas City and take on a load of young people for "boat dances".

This was the time in southeast Arkansas when automobile travel between towns had just become fairly-practical; the only pavement in the area was the "dollar way" between Pine Bluff and Little Rock and a smattering of narrow concrete that went along land lines in Chicot County.

One of the showboat-type ships that'd come to Arkansas City was the "President" which features a New Orleans band styled "Ziggy Phillips and his Pepper-Uppers".

Young people from all over southeast Arkansas would take the narrow dirt roads to Arkansas City on a summer's night.

The boat would leave at eight or nine and come back at one or two.

The movement of the boat guaranteed something of a breeze in those days before the merciful addition in the south of the beneficial effects of air conditioning.

Old Ziggy and his crowd would provide music and the country boys from the Arkansas hills would do their best to attract the attention of belles from flatland villages like Dumas, McGehee, Dermott, Lake Village, Eudora, and the like.

This was the time, too, when the American Legion at Dermott would sponsor "midnight dances" which began at the stroke of midnight and the beginning of Independence Day, July 4. They'd end after dawn.

This was back in the heyday of the American Legion, there and elsewhere.

The late Louie W. Ederington, merchant and banker, told about attending one of these type dances once.

Suspended over the floor was an unguarded electric fan, attached to a miniature airplane.

One reveler jumped up high and the fan caught them, mortally it proved, on top of the head.

That sort of broke up the

party.

January is said to be the cruelest month.

For one thing, it's awfully long.

Weather's barfy, too.

But we are, after all, "compassed about by so great a cloud of blessings."

Maybe we need to mediate on that wonderful fact on the slow days of January, 2001.

Hitch-hiking was our main method of travel half a century

ago when we were Conway collegians.

One January, 51 years ago, it snowed like crazy and we were home for semester break.

Someway we caught a ride to Fordyce and caught the "doodle bug", a motorized one-car train that went from El Dorado through Harrell, Fordyce, Carthage, Poyen, and the like to Little Rock.

There, we caught a second train to Conway.


Fun, fun, fun!



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# First State Bank shows support for local school reading program



First State Bank showed their support for the R.I.S.E. program at the Warren School District. Books were purchased at the Scholastic Book Fair and will be used for a reading corner for kids.



Photo courtesy of First State Bank

# Pahuamba wins first place at FBLA



Warren High School student, Ivan Pahuamba, won first place in Accounting I at the FBLA District III Conference. The FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) District Conference was held at the Stuttgart Grand Prairie Center on February 6. Ivan is eligible to compete at the FBLA State Conference in April.

# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Nintendo was founded in 1889 as a playing card company.
- Garbage collectors in Turkey have filled their own library entirely from books thrown away by residents. Originally destined for landfills, around 6,000 tomes are now safely housed on shelves, waiting to be reread — or discovered — by the public.
- Gray cats are frequently the result of a diluted black fur gene.
- The World's Largest Collection of the World's Smallest Versions of the World's Largest Things is a museum in Lucas, Kansas, created by Erika Nelson. It consists of miniatures created from photos of the world's largest objects.

# CHAMBER

Continued from page 1

The board approved to purchase a table for \$400 at the fundraiser. A few of the chamber members said they would donate to the chamber to help pay for it.

Former Warren Mayor Denisa Pennington said the town should take advantage of the having a new arena as much as they can. She said events like the regional basketball tournament brings in people from all around to Warren.

The next chamber meeting will be at 12 p.m. on Monday, March 13 at the BCEDC Building.

# News Briefs

- American Legion Martin-Tate Post 82, Bradley County Veterans, Inc., and Veterans of Foreign Wars Baker-York Post 4564 will meet at 3 p.m. Monday, February 20 in the Bradley County Veterans Museum.
- The Bradley County Quorum Court will have their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21 at the Bradley County Courthouse. Meeting is open to the public.
- The Hermitage City Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 23 at the Hermitage Community Center. Meeting is open to the public.

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# Lumberjack Battalion team finishes first place



Before the recent ice storm, three members of the WHS JROTC Lumberjack Battalion competed in the Jackrabbit 5K run event on Saturday January 28 in Lonoke. The categories were: all male, all female, coed, male individual, and female individual. WHS competed only in the coed division with the team consisting of Cadets Krystal Walton, Patrick Nettles and De'Sean Adams. A big Congrats goes out to this team for finishing 1st place in the coed division and representing Warren High School well.

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Editorial

Arkansas  
History  
Minute

by  
Dr. Kenneth Bridges



The world becomes a better place when people are willing to take a stand for others. In one of the most contentious ages in Arkansas History, Daisy Bates was a voice for peace and justice during the civil rights struggles. Her work helped show that the past does not have to define the future.

Some details of her early life are not entirely clear. She is believed to have been born Daisy Lee Gatson sometime around 1913 in eastern Union County. Many relatives still live in the area. Her mother was murdered while she was still a young child. The suspects, three white men, were never tried or convicted. Her family disintegrated as a result, and she was taken in by foster parents around the age of seven. Her foster father worked in a mill in Huttig in southeast Union County. Her education in the segregated schools of the day was sporadic.

She met L. C. Bates in the late 1920s and moved to Memphis. The two moved to Little Rock in 1941 and started the Arkansas State Press, a newspaper devoted to civil rights. The two married in 1942 and worked to make the paper a success. They became prominent in the Little Rock community and were heavily involved in civil rights organizations.

Daisy Bates had suffered much in her life because of hate. She did not call for retribution or hate in return. She called for justice and understanding for all. Perhaps her greatest test came in 1956 as Little Rock schools slowly prepared to desegregate. Bates worked as a mediator between the school board and the families of nine African-American children preparing to attend the then all-white Central High School. At the beginning of the 1957 school year, the “Little Rock Nine” faced death threats and attempts by Gov. Orval Faubus to defy the courts and prevent them from attending school. While civil rights attorneys fought Faubus in court and Bates and her husband faced their own threats for their roles, she continued to counsel the families of the students and work to find a peaceful solution to the crisis.

The nine children were eventually able to attend Central High with federal protection, and the way was paved for more minority children to begin attending Little Rock schools as well. The Associated Press named her Woman of the Year in Education in 1957. However, white supremacists had threatened so many advertisers with boycotts that the Arkansas State Press steadily lost money and closed in 1959.

She continued to speak out on civil rights causes, writing a memoir of her experiences with the desegregation crisis in 1960, *The Long Shadow of Little Rock*. In 1963, she spoke at the Lincoln Memorial as part of Dr. Martin Luther King’s March on Washington. In the 1970s, she worked for the City of Mitchellville in eastern Arkansas as director of the Economic Development Agency, helping secure community development and education grants for the community.

Though her husband died in 1980, Bates spent her last years continuing to work for civil rights causes in Little Rock and urging peace and understanding among the races. She died in 1999, revered by the community, both black and white.

The City of Little Rock later honored her by naming a street near Philander Smith College for her and her husband. An elementary school in southern Pulaski County just off Interstate 530 was also named for her. A statue of her will soon appear in the U. S. Capitol in Washington, DC. And in part because of the work of men and women like L. C. and Daisy Bates, Arkansas has started to move away from its violent racial past and embrace a future of possibilities and understanding for children of all races.

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Senate  
Week in  
Review  
from  
Ben  
Gilmore  
Senator

Backed by a host of legislators, the governor revealed details of her education package. The proposed changes in public school funding would be numerous and far reaching.

They include large increases in teacher pay and the expansion of literacy programs for young children.

A point of focus is the governor’s proposal to greatly expand school choice. Parents would be more able to afford private or parochial schools for their children, with subsidies from the state to help pay for tuition.

The governor’s proposal would allow parents to create Education Freedom Ac-

counts, which they could use to pay for tuition at private or parochial schools. The accounts would receive an amount equal to 90 percent of state per pupil expenditures. This year, foundation funding is \$7,413 per pupil.

The state Education Secretary said that details are being finalized, but key legislators said that the accounts would be phased in over three years.

In the first year, families would be eligible if their children attended schools rated “F” in school report cards. Also eligible the first year would be children of active duty military parents, children with special needs and children in low-income families would be eligible.

In the second year, children would become eligible if they attended a “D” rated school. In the third year, all children would be eligible.

The education package includes a repeal of the cap on

the number of open enrollment charter schools allowed in Arkansas. The cap is now at 34 charters. There are 22 open enrollment charters, although several of those operate multiple campuses. Under current law, when the number of charters increases to within two of the cap, the cap automatically increases by five.

The governor’s plan would repeal limits on transfers.

High schools would offer career education for students who want to enter the work force after graduation, rather than going to college.

Teacher salaries in Arkansas would jump from 48th to fourth in the country, under the governor’s plan. Now, the minimum teacher salary is \$36,000 a year and it would go to \$50,000. There are more than 15,000 teachers who now earn more than \$36,000 but less than \$50,000, and they would get raises to bring them up to the minimum.

The proposals include hir-

ing 120 literacy coaches to work throughout the state. Students in kindergarten through the third grade who struggle with learning to read would qualify for a \$500 stipend to pay for a tutor.

Students would have to read at a third grade level before advancing to the fourth grade, under the governor’s plan. According to standardized assessments, only 35 percent of third graders in Arkansas can read at grade level.

Good teachers could get a bonus of \$10,000 under the governor’s plan, and they could get 12 weeks of maternity leave. The plan would repeal the Teacher Fair Dismissal Act.

The package includes school safety measures. The governor mentioned crisis response training and mental health awareness training.

Under the governor’s plan, students would have to complete 75 hours of community service in order to graduate.

Guest Column

Editorial by The Saline Courier in Benton. Used with permission  
We love the state of Arkansas.

It’s full of dichotomous beauty. Like the Ozark Mountains and the Mississippi Delta, both are beautiful for different reasons. With talent ranging from Al Green to Johnny Cash to Justin Moore, Arkansas’s musicality is as wide ranging and diverse as its people.

We’re also a state of firsts, some good and some bad. Central High School was the first high school to integrate its students, first state to ban doctors from performing gender-affirming treatment for trans youth, first Walmart store, first state to mandate computer science classes for high schoolers, first state whose first lady ran for President of the United States.

Elected representatives in the Arkansas Legislature are currently introducing and reviewing a bill that would be another first for us. If this bill passes, we would be the first generation of Arkansans to be

less informed than our parents about government activities that impact each of us.

Legislators have re-written a bill that works for the public into a bill that works for them.

If House Bill 1399 passes, it would allow Arkansas cities and counties to conduct the people’s business without publishing details about it in local newspapers. Alternatively, these same legislators who are most definitely internet-driven individuals, are assuming that the rest of us have the time, patience and broadband connectivity in every corner of the state’s 75 counties to search online and find notices about how they are spending taxpayers’ money.

Or, perhaps they are hoping you won’t be able to see that their idea of “small government” is your city government policing itself and assuming the watchdog role assigned to the free press.

This bill isn’t complicated; it removes newspapers from the process allowing government to make moves without a checks and balance. A

Constitutional conservative would see the flaw there.

Newspapers are the town criers. We are the independent watchdogs, without prejudice, that are easily accessible at the corner convenience store or newspaper rack for readers who are not as ‘wired’ for online searching as our elected representatives.

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But under the proposed bill, the Legislature is putting the onus on you, the citizen, to

track city and county websites to keep tabs on what your elected leaders are doing.

Open meetings, the freedom to access information that should be public and notifying citizens about how governments spend the taxpayers’ money are the areas that belong outside the government.


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# U.S. beef cattle inventory at its lowest since 1962

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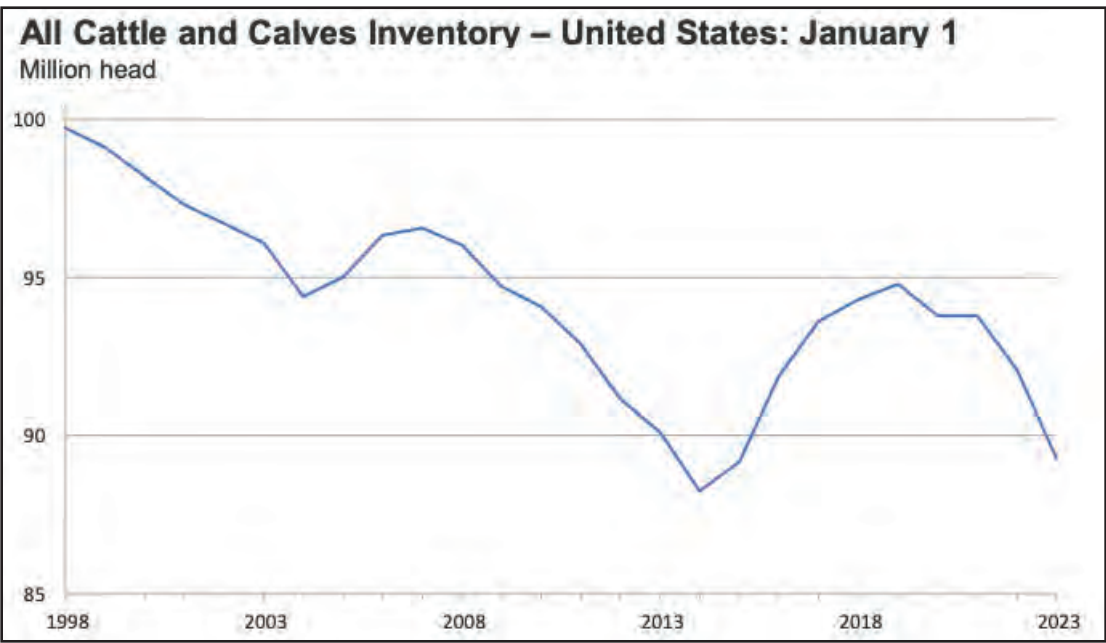
In its biannual cattle report, USDA reported a total of 89.3 million head as of Jan. 1, 2023 — 3 percent lower than the total reported a year ago, and the lowest since 2015. Beef cattle — those bred specifically for slaughter and meat sales — declined 3.6 percent, to 28.9 million head, the lowest total recorded by the agency since 1962.

In “Cattle Market Notes Weekly,” a newsletter focused on the cattle industry, University of Kentucky’s Kenny Burdine and James Mitchell, extension livestock economist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, wrote this week that the decline came as no surprise.

“There was no question that the beef cow herd had gotten smaller,” Burdine and Mitchell said. It was “just a question of how much smaller.”

For many producers throughout the country, 2022 had offered a perfect storm of economic and weather-related challenges: input costs such as diesel and fertilizer doubling or even tripling, and a hot, dry summer that only increased reliance on groundwater in the absence of rainfall. For cattle producers in particular, drought conditions offered no replenishment of dwindling forage supplies, leaving many producers to cull deeper into their herds than they might have otherwise preferred. Elevated beef cull prices contributed to an 11 percent increase in beef cow slaughter, according to USDA.

As Mitchell recently pointed out, however, the reduced



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supply combined with steady demand from the U.S. consumer at least meant greater profitability for those producers with stock to sell.

“There is a pretty substantial biological lag in the beef supply chain,” he said. “What consumers experience at the grocery store is a product of what cattle producers were going through a year or two ago. It takes about two years for a new calf to become the steak on your dinner plate.

“To the extent that we’ve got historically low cattle stocks today, that will lead to tighter cattle production, which means potentially higher beef prices,” Mitchell said. “From the perspective of cattle producers, this also means higher prices. The recent report from USDA just reinforces a bullish outlook on cattle prices for the next couple of years.”

The downward trend in cattle production does not appear likely to reverse itself in 2023. According to USDA’s

cattle-on-feed data, the number of cows on feed as of Jan. 1 fell 4 percent from 2022 numbers, to about 14.2 million, marking the first year-over-year decline in beef production in eight years, Burdine and Mitchell wrote.

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Returning to his home, Abram met Melchizedek, King of Salem (late called Jerusalem) priest of God Most High. Melchizedek provides bread and wine for the company of people with Abram.

Melchizedek blessed Abram in God's name and offered blessing, praise and glory to God, "who had given Abram's foes into his hands."

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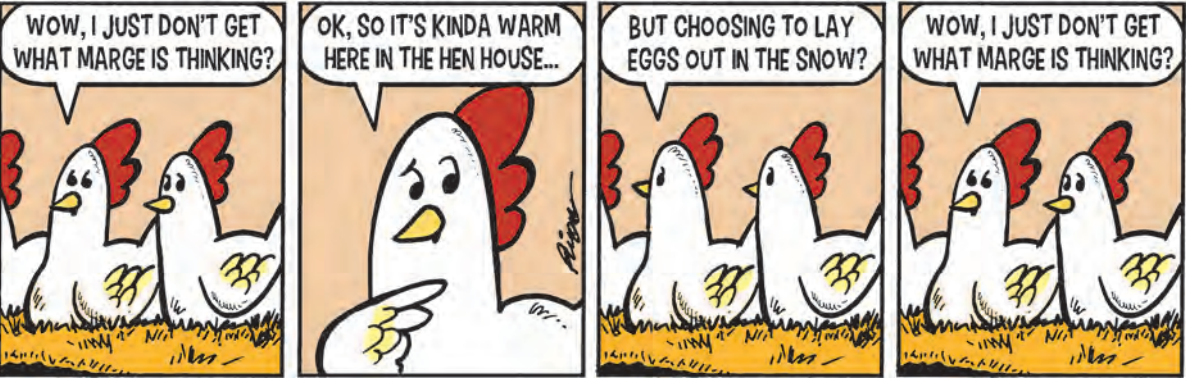
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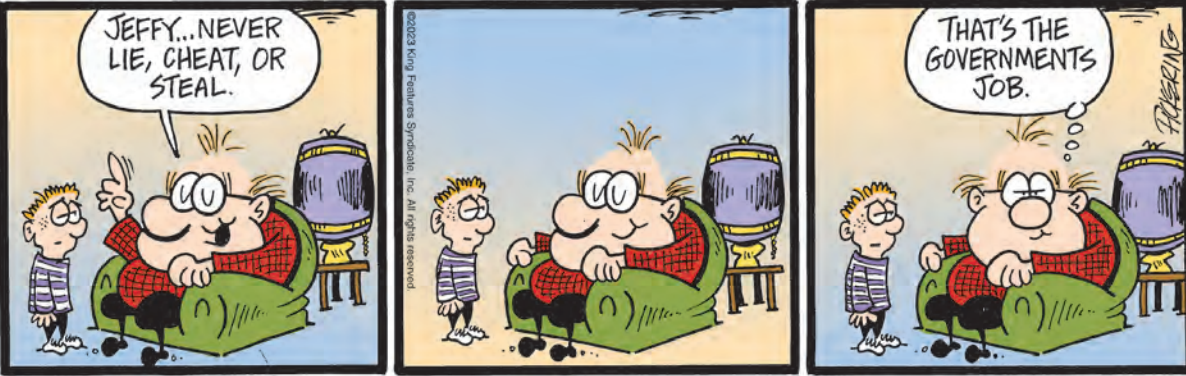
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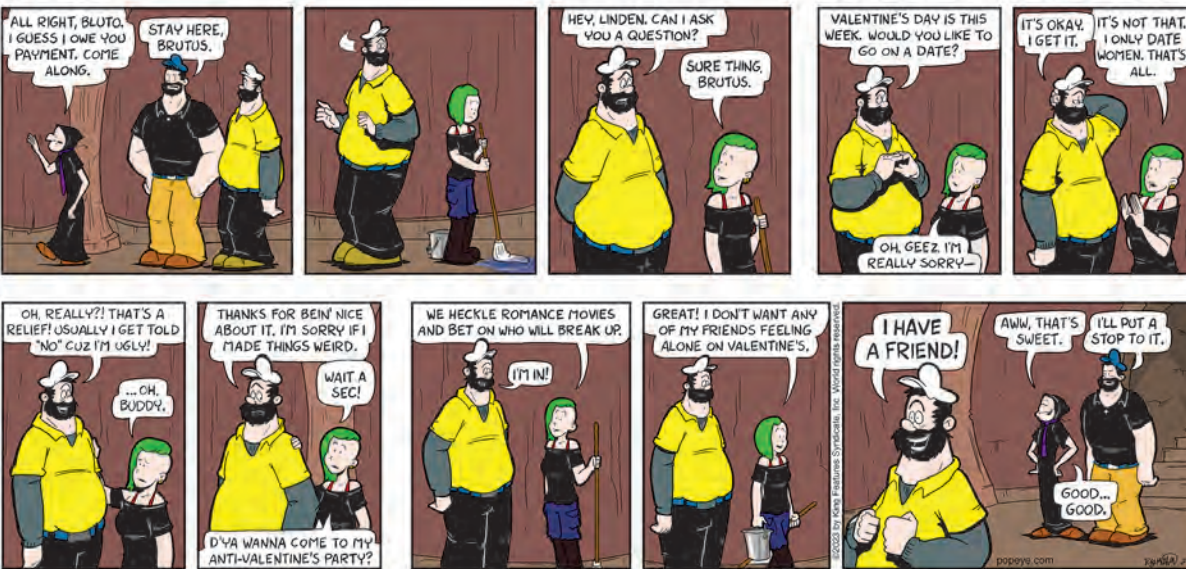
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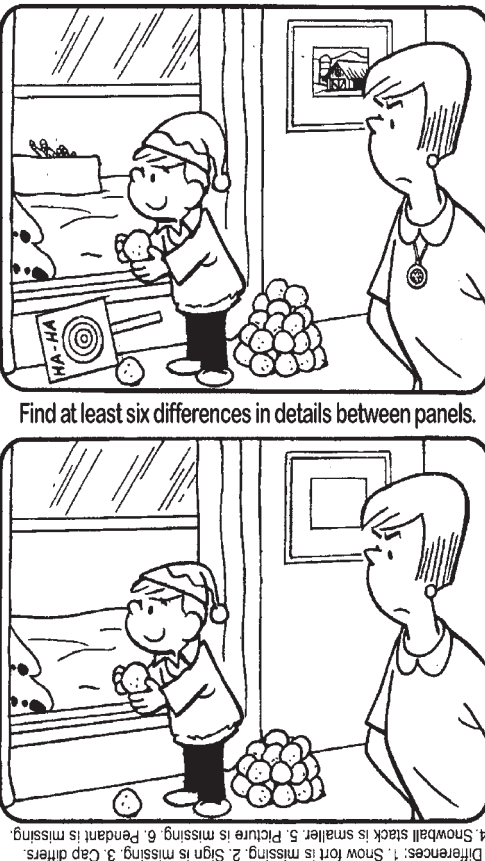


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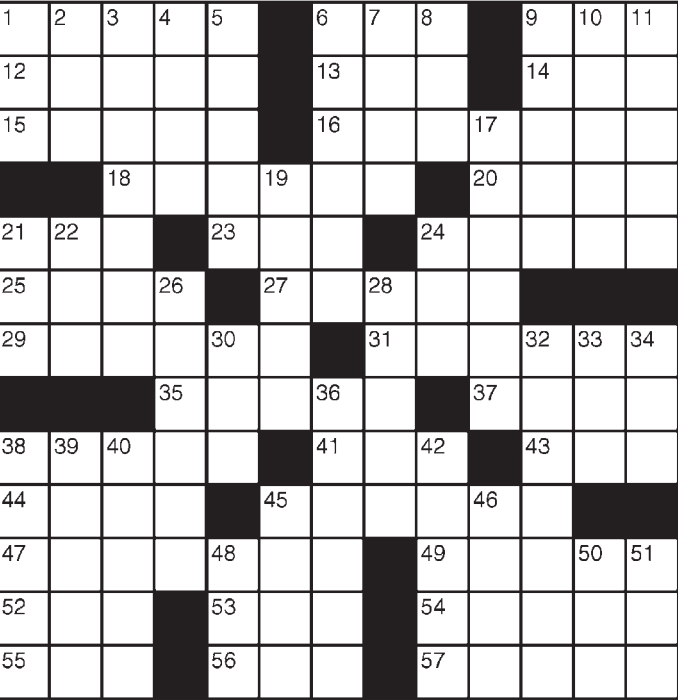
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Sailing vessel  
6 Clear the deck?  
9 Kitten's cry  
12 A Marx brother  
13 Low digit  
14 "Xanadu" band  
15 Baby hooter  
16 Florida city  
18 Handsome guy  
20 Convent dwellers  
21 Brooch  
23 Tool set  
24 March honor-ee, for short  
25 Fed. food inspector  
27 Grinding tooth  
29 "At once!"  
31 Attention-getting call  
35 Senior member  
37 Lingerie fabric  
38 Houston play-er  
41 Sports drink suffix  
43 TV spots  
44 Foolproof  
45 Go places  
47 Florida city  
49 Revise  
52 Tokyo, once



- 53 "Humbug!"  
54 Keaton of "Annie Hall"  
55 Lair  
56 Bikini top  
57 Old anesthetic  
DOWN  
1 HBO competitor  
2 Attorney's field  
3 Florida city  
4 Pundit's piece  
5 "The Chosen" author Chaim  
6 Cuban rum cocktail  
7 Burden  
8 Zing  
9 Convened  
10 Justice Kagan  
11 In the — way (very much)  
17 Preambles  
19 Spock por-trayer  
21 Young seal  
22 Leb. neighbor  
24 — Paulo  
26 President Jackson  
28 Carter of "Wonder Woman"  
30 Overly  
32 Florida city  
33 Vintage  
34 Approves  
36 Sultry singer Kitt  
38 Queried  
39 Soft leather  
40 Check the fit of  
42 Dodge  
45 Russian ruler  
46 Send forth  
48 Flow out  
50 Away from SSW  
51 Aachen article

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	1			3				4
9		4			7		8	
8			6			3		
2					5		9	
		6		1				8
	5		2			1		
	2				6			5
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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.

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from COINS to SPIES in 6 words?  
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

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

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10. Outer ear.

9. "How you doin'?"

8. "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."

7. "Home Alone."

6. About 50 times.

5. 10 minutes, according to Dylan.

4. Obelus.

3. Time flies.

2. Brazil.

1. Madrid, Spain.

Answers

RICHER

Today's Word

3. Cheater; 4. Filter

1. Rapier 2. Actor;

SCRAMBLERS

CLASP, CLAMP, CLUMP

SMASH, SLASH, CLASH,

Answer

WORD LADDER

6	1	2	5	3	8	9	7	4
8	7	5	6	9	4	3	2	1
9	6	8	7	5	4	3	2	1
5	4	3	2	1	9	8	7	6
3	2	1	9	8	7	6	5	4
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	9	8
2	1	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	9
6	5	4	3	2	1	9	8	7
4	3	2	1	9	8	7	6	5

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**WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB OPENINGS 2021-2022:** Certified Job Openings: Elementary Reading Specialist; Eastside Elementary Instructor; Brunson Elementary Instructor; Middle School Instructor; High School Dean of Students/Driver's Education; High School Spanish Instructor. Classified Job Openings: SEACBEC Secretary; Technology Technician; High School Media Specialist Aide/Paraprofessional; Food Service; Paraprofessionals; Bus Drivers. Applications may also be picked up from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Warren School District Administration Office located at 408 Cherry Street in Warren, Arkansas. Website: warrensd.org. Application and supporting documents may be emailed, faxed, mailed, or delivered to: Warren School District, Office of the Superintendent, P.O. Box 1210, Warren, AR 71671. Ph. 870-226-6738; Fax: 870-226-8531. Email address – catrina.tatum-roberson@warrensd.org, Attention: Catrina.

**DOZER, TRACKHOE & BACKHOE WORK - Hauling Gravel, Top Soil and Sand, Clearing, Grubbings, Ponds, Pads, Driveways, Yard Leveling, Drainage, Chicken House Pads. Contact Tracy Rawls, 870-226-7034 or 870-820-1013.**

**LOOKING TO BUY:** International 140 Tractors. Call 870-866-7639. Leave message if no answer and will call back.

**FOR SALE:** Solid oak bookshelf, with three shelves on top and two double doors on bottom with two shelves each. All shelves are adjustable. Measurements are 71" x 76" x 17 ¼ inches. Priced at \$500 and you move. Very solid and custom made. Call 226-2993.

**FOR SALE:** Hog traps. 4ft x 4ft x 8ft, made out of ¾ tubing and cattle panels. Heavy duty. Call Mark at 870-4095 \$600.00

**Hermitage Housing Authority** is taking applications for a part time Grounds Keeper. (Pays minimum wage) Pick up an application at 900 S. Walnut, Hermitage, AR. Equal Housing Opportunity.

**FOR SALE:** 1999 Ford Econo Club Van. Only 82k miles. Sold as is. Call 870-226-9036.

**MISSING:** Keys for a Hyundai is missing between Warren and Monticello. If found

contact 870-226-3151 or 870-820-8479.

**FOR SALE:** 150-gallon butane tank. Call 870-952-0547.

**House For Sale:** 4 bedrooms, 1 ½ bath. Large yard, garage apartment. Warren location- 410 S. Myrtle. Call 870-820-4084

**Casa de Venta:** 4 recamaras, 1 bana ymedio, yarda grande, garaje apartamento. Para mas Informacion, solo personas interesadas. 870-820-4084.

**FOR SALE:** Firewood. \$75 a rick. Call Don Hamilton at 870-918-5362. 10-12-12tp

**For Sale:** 1995 Mercedes S320, 160,000 miles, champagne color. Asking \$4,000. For information or to see car, call 870-820-5749.

**FOR RENT:** 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Water, trash, and Internet included. \$1,000. Security deposit \$600. Located in Warren. For more info, call 602-688-9103.

**For Sale:** Total gym for \$100. Contact 870-820-7082.

**FREE:** To give away to a good family. 6-month-old female puppy. All shots are up to date. ½ German Shepherd ½ unknown. Small, name is Sandy. Call Dave 870-820-3035.

**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

**FOR SALE:** 2009 Harley Davidson Night Rod special. 15,000 miles, \$8,500. Call 662-466-1001.

**FOR SALE:** 2013 GMC Acadia. One owner, clean. New tires. 870-820-2613

**FOR SALE:** Mattress and boxsprings. \$20. Call 870-226-5396.

**NEED A QUILT?:** Will quilt your quilt tops or make T-shirt quilts for graduation or other events. Call Susie at 870-723-4110.

**LOST:** HP Laptop. If found call Greg at 870-952-0047. Reward offered for hard drive. Drop off at First United Methodist Church in Warren. No questions asked.

LEGALS

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.  
This notice first published on the 8th day of February, 2023.

Belinda Cauley, Distributee  
Barton & Roper, PLLC  
P.O. Box 507  
Monticello, AR 71657  
(870) 367-6288

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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 Huitt, 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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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

This notice is hereby given that Bradley County Medical Center will receive written bids for the replacement of:

Hospital Roof (80,000 SF): Remove and dispose of existing PVC roof system. Provide and install Duro-Last or an approved equal roofing system with a 20-year warranty. Remove all existing drain/wall/penetration flashings and install new fully adhered TPO flashings per manufacturers specifications. Install new gutters & downspouts where existing occur. Remove all debris from job site upon completion of the job. Issue warranty on material and workmanship.

Bids will be accepted until Tuesday, February 28th at 2:00 P.M., at which time bids will be reviewed in the Bradley County Medical Center's Administrative Office.

If you have any questions contact Tim Saunders, Plant Operations Director at 870-226-4353 at 404 S. Bradley St., Warren, AR. 71671.

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Warren Country Club  
looking for a full-time manager.

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

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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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The Warren Lumberjack student section showed their support for the Lumberjack basketball team after their win against the Stuttgart Ricebirds in two overtimes.



McDonald's provided food to the Warren Lumberjack and Lady Jack basketball team before their game on Thursday. The food was also sponsored by Dr. Kerry Pennington, Joey Cathey, Greg Morman, Shannon Gorman, and Skylar Tolefree.

Let's go Lumberjacks!

Obituaries



**Shirley Simmons**  
Shirley Rice Simmons, 84, of Warren passed away Thursday, February 9, 2023. She was born January 14, 1939 in Bradley County to George and Beadie Cathey Rice. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Joe Simmons, and siblings, Donny Ray Rice, Erma Denton, and Cornelia Williams.  
She is survived by her son, Joe Gary Simmons (Rhonda) of Warren; daughters, Carolyn Byrd (Robert) of Warren, and Teresa Taylor (Tim) of Rye; grandchildren, Krystle Hays, Wendy Forrest, and Tasha Green; step-grandchildren, Toby Byrd and Dustin Byrd; and six great-grandchildren.  
Officiating the service, Bro.

Rocky Goodwin and Bro. Richard Barley. Vocalist: Tim Taylor. Pallbearers: Joe Gary Simmons, Brandon Hays, Tyler Hays, Josh Hays, Randy Rice, and Danny Joe Young. Honorary Pallbearers: Robert Byrd, Tim Taylor, Jerry Denton, Terry Williams, Timothy Forrest, and Bryson In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Williams Cemetery. Address: Williams Cemetery Fund, c/o Sarah Reppond, 1008 Bradley 10, Banks, Arkansas 71631.  
Funeral services were held at 3 pm, Sunday, February 12, 2023 at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial in Williams Cemetery.

Christ, Warren. Arrangements by Hammons Funeral Home.  
**Donald Whittemore**  
Donald Whittemore, 71, of Warren died February 8. Born February 2, 1952 in Davenport, Iowa to Joe David and Marguerite Whittemore.  
Survivors include wife, Cecilia; sons, John Douglas, Joe David, Robert, Daniel, and Nick; six precious grandkids.  
Funeral was held at 10 a.m. February 11 at First Baptist Church by Frazer's Funeral Home.

*Paid Obituary*  
**James Meadows**  
James Albert Meadows, 69, of Warren, died February 8, 2023. Born February 11, 1953, to Oliver Wendell Meadows and Sula Mae York.  
Survivors include siblings, Margaret Ross and Ronnie Franklin; stepdaughter, Tateana Walker  
Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 18, West Central Church of

**Cynthia Broughton**  
Cynthia Broughton, 50, of Banks, died January 31, 2023. Born February 19, 1972, a daughter of Charles and Brenda Gilbert.  
Survivors include mother, Brenda Gilbert; children, Marcus, Alicia, Karie, Daisy; grandchildren, Zayland, Kasyn, Nicholas, Zariaha  
Funeral services were February 11, Weary Rest Baptist Church, Marsden. Arrangements by Hammons Funeral Home.

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