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Bryant Furniture building demolished



Photos by Zach Killian

The demolition of the Bryant Furniture building began on Tuesday, May 23. The construction crews, along with the Warren Street and Warren Fire Departments monitored the progress. Main Street was closed off during some of the day on Tuesday. The cleanup process has begun and will be sent to the Bradley County landfill. The demolition area is blocked off downtown. The streets are open.



Demolition cleanup put to a halt

From the Office of Warren Mayor Gregg Reep:

T&T Construction has completed demolition of the city owned building on Main Street, commonly referred to as the "Old Bryant Furniture Building". The city, with assistance from Bradley County, will clean up the site and dispose of the debris.

Prior to beginning the demolition, city officials found a crack in the building adjacent to the "Bryant Building" which is currently being utilized as a church. Due to the crack on the southside of that building, the city and contractor decided to leave a portion of the "Bryant Building" north wall until the church building is further inspected.

Plans are to hold up on cleaning up of the debris until the church is inspected. Equipment vibrations could cause further damage.

The church owner has been made aware of the situation. The city is moving to have the church inspected by a structural engineer to determine if the building is safe or what repairs are required.

BCMC Foundation raises \$9,000

By Zach Killian

It was announced at the monthly Bradley County Medical Center Board meeting on Thursday the Bradley County Foundation Board raised \$9,000 at the Foundation Board Dinner that was held on May 5. The Foundation Board also donated an additional \$5,000.

The funds donated and raised will go towards purchasing a laptop charging station and laptops for the

remodeled conference room at the hospital.

Matt Pace presented the financial report. There were \$2.6 million in gross patient revenue. He also reported volume was down for the month.

"One thing we can't control is volume," said BCMC CEO Leslie Huitt.

The hospital maintenance department was looking to do an overall assessment for the plumbing at the hospital.

CEO Huitt said the roof project was getting started. They were waiting on the materials.

CNO Jamie Wolfe reported they were doing a quality initiative program for labor and delivery. It will help with education on natural birth and C-sections. The program will also qualify the BCMC as a birth-safety hospital.

HIPAA policies were approved.


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Passin' the Faith Along
By REV. JIM BALES
Pastor - First Assembly of God
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HOW DO I RECEIVE THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

There is only one person who can baptize in the Holy Spirit and He allows no other, "He (Christ) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Luke 3:16).

To be baptized in the Spirit, one must first have a conversion relationship with Christ "through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5), before an endowment of power for service can be experienced (Acts 1:8). While the baptism in the Spirit is subsequent to salvation, there is no reason why it cannot and should not occur immediately following. Believers should not delay, but receive the Baptism as soon as they have light on this wonderful truth. Seek the Baptizer, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will fill your heart today to overflowing.

It is our Lord Jesus Christ who has referred to the Baptism as the "promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4) indicating the involvement of the Triune godhead in making this experience available to every believer (John 14:26).

Our Lord reminded His Disciples that if they, being early fathers knew how to give good gifts to their children then "how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him" (Luke 11:13).

A believer can be completely at peace when his or her life is yielded to Christ. Our lord is in total control. The Holy Spirit does not conduct himself as evil spirits do (1 Corinthians 12:1-3), committing people against their wills. When Christ baptizes us in the Holy Spirit, it is because we have voluntarily surrendered our total beings to Him. Such yieldedness indicates the life has been fully surrendered to Christ.

"The promise is unto you" (Acts 2:39). God will never deny His children His promised gifts.

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 April 25, 2001.

That shrinking remnant of those who got diplomas from Hendrix College 50 years ago gathered once again last weekend in Conway to hash over old times and to privately consider those who had "aged well", indeed, those who haven't.

We found some of the "old girls" in the class really looked pretty good, all things considered.

Some had been assaulted by excess calories and other vicissitudes of advancing age, but others really had stood time's test right well.

Our diplomas were handed out 50 years ago next month in stifling Axley Gymnasium by President Matt Lock Ellis, a native of Lockesburg in Sevier County who had also served as president of his own alma mater, Henderson Brown College of Arkadelphia (now Henderson State University).

Axley Gymnasium had been constructed at Hendrix through the generosity at Owen O. Axley, father of Miss Frances Axley, Warren, and grandfather to Warren's Jack Scobey.

All us boyos gravely-considered how hot it was in the venerable wooden structure... also our involvement, right soon then, in the Korean War.

Well, fifty years can go by pretty fast...if you're having fun.

And we have been... Speaking of fun, we ran into

a classmate, a retired physician and he was accompanied by a handsome lady he introduced, explaining, sotto voce, later, that the lady is a daughter of one of our female classmates who didn't attend the reunion festivities.

Warren has never looked better than it has appeared in the early days of spring, 2001... particularly the downtown section, where the wonderful renovations of sidewalks, streetlights, etc., the planting of trees, new awnings, etc. have surely made a dramatic difference.

Tell you what looks great, too is Jimmy Russell Field, behind the YMCA Director David King.

Really, the whole downtown effect is outstanding... it's getting ready to get better with the remodeling of the venerable courthouse here.

Good to have friends department: we flipped on a light at our house upon returning from a temperance rally at Hot Springs: only thing, the light didn't come on.

We tested all the connections and it all seemed okay: we decided there was something wrong with the light switch, but we didn't choose to mess with that, electrocution being a possibility.

On sabbath night, we called our friend Funderburg: Randy had wired the little addition we'd done two or three years ago.

He was there with a helper shortly after dawn Monday and the light fixed: wouldn't even charge us.

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Warren Rotary Club President Dennen Cuthbertson (left) presented Assistant District Governor and Rotarian Carlton Davis (right) as the guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting.

Rotary Club recaps conference

Special to The Eagle
The Rotary Club of Warren met for its weekly meeting Tuesday, May 23 at First United Methodist Church. Rotarian and Assistant District Governor Carlton Davis presented the program, which was a recap of the District 6170 Assembly and Conference held May 19 and 20 in Hot Springs.

Township, Bradley County, Ark.

Rev. Wayman Mann, vice president of the First State Bank, has "gone home" as interim supply minister of the historic Calvary Presbyterian Church of Johnsonville.

Mr. Mann (rather Dr. Mann) also pastors the Christian Fellowship Church on West Pine.

Calvary was his boyhood church.

He said 52 worshippers were present at Calvary on Easter.

Calvary was long served by the elegant Rev. Dr. Troy Pritt, who retired recently.

Calvary, established in 1857, was the "mother church" to the First Presbyterian Church here.

As for First Presbyterian, the pulpit nominating committee is to have a guest here in view of a call the second sabbath in May.

He is receiving an earned doctorate from the respected Fuller Seminary in California soon.

He now serves as interim pastor of a 650-member church on the Eastern Seaboard.

Has to have two services there each Sabbath to pack them all in...

Saw Judy Neely Wilbourne at a civic occasion in Hot Springs recently.

Mrs. Wilbourne is the younger daughter of the late Pauline and Warner Neely.

She was in that 1963 class at WHS.

Mrs. Wilbourne's husband, active in YMCA work, is a son of one of the founders of Allie Telephone Company.

July looks good as usual. She is an alumna of Ouachita University.

Oldtimers will recall Warner worked for years at C.W. Hankins and Son: Mrs. Neely, who was a Haygood, worked at Ederington's

Friend of mine who resides north of town has lost 42 pounds in the past four months.

A recent widow she says she accomplished this both by grieving for her husband and by eating tuna fish packed in water with low-cal dressing and bread (sandwiches of course).

We'd planned to end our reduction program with the

Davis talked about how our district includes clubs over a large portion of the state ranging from Clarksville down to Pine Bluff to Hamburg across to Ashdown and De Queen. He said it was a great time catching up with Rotarians all over the state and mentioned seeing Leah Forrest Sexton, originally from Warren, who is a member of an Arkadel-

phia club.

The onetime country editor can now button clothes he brought during the second administration of Ronald Reagan as president of the United States.

They've been hanging there, accusingly, in the back of the closet for years.

The assembly featured a number of speakers and allowed for Rotarians from District 6170 to share ideas. Additionally, the Rotary Club of Warren was recognized for being a 100% Foundation Giving Club with an average giving of \$100 and 100% member participation in 2021-22.

The Rotary Club of War-

ren also received recognition from the Rotary Foundation with the Every Rotarian, Every Year Club with \$100 per capita and 100% member participation.

Both award banners were presented to the Club President Dennen Cuthbertson. Davis ended the presentation by answering questions from Rotarians in attendance.

Sign of spring: we got our order forms for UA football ducats, the other day and sent them back in return mail.

Tickets in Little rock and far-away Fayetteville now cost more than did our first car, but that's just the way it is these days.

Thanks to the late W.L. Love, longtime publisher of THE EAGLE DEMOCRAT,

and his friend, George Cole of the UA staff, we've had the same Little Rock tickets for 53 years.

One of our sons in law has given strict instructions: "Don't you dare give up those tickets".

First Hog game, in Little Rock is only three months hence.

Deo Volente, we'll be there...



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Audrey Swope Poetry and Writing contest winners announced

News Briefs



Daniel Castillo (left) and Anna Arroyo (right) were the winners of the 2023 Audrey Swope Writing Contest for Warren High School.



Corbin Rice (left) and Collin Peek (right) were the winners of the 2023 Audrey Swope Writing Contest for First Baptist Church Christian School.



Asher Reep was the winner of the 2023 Audrey Swope Writing Contest for Warren Middle School.



Kenzie Grice was the winner of the 2023 Audrey Swope Writing Contest for Hermitage Elementary.

The GFWC Warren Woman's Club recently sponsored a short story and poetry contest in all grades in all schools in Bradley County. A group of judges chose one from each of the categories (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12) to be sent to Little Rock to be judged in the 2023 Audrey Swope Writing Contest at the GFWC of Arkansas Spring Convention. The Warren Woman's Club is very proud of the creativity the students present. Bradley County students won first place in seven of the eight categories.

HERMITAGE: Kenzie Grice, a fifth grader from Hermitage Elementary, has won the 2023 Audrey Swope Writing Contest in the 3-5 Short Story category for her short story, "The Phone Verses the Television". Kenzie received a certificate and \$25 check from her sponsor, the GFWC Warren Woman's Club, plus another \$25 check from GFWC of Arkansas.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: Collin Peek, a second grader from First Baptist Christian School, has won the 2023 Audrey Swope Writing Contest in the K-2 Short Story category for his short story, "Leopard Gecko". Corbin Rice, a third grader also from First Baptist Christian School, has won the 2023 Audrey Swope Writing Contest in the 3-5 Poetry category for his poem "Slow". Both students received a certificate and \$25 check from their sponsor, the GFWC Warren Woman's Club, plus each received a \$25 check from GFWC of Arkansas.

WARREN MIDDLE SCHOOL: Asher Reep, an

eighth grader from Warren Middle School has won both the Audrey Swope Writing Contest in the 6-8 Short Story and Poetry Category. His short story is titled "199th" and his poem is titled "Ode to a Faithful Friend". Asher received a certificate and \$25 check for each entry from his sponsor, GFWC Warren Woman's Club plus two \$25 checks from GFWC of Arkansas.

WARREN HIGH SCHOOL: Daniel Castillo, a 10th grader from Warren High School, has won the 2023 Audrey Swope Writing Contest in the 9-12 Short Story category for his story, "The Sea".

Anna Arroyo, a 9th grader from Warren High School, has won the 2023 Audrey Swope Writing Contest in the 9-12 Poetry category for her poem, "New Beginnings." Both students received a certificate and a \$25 check from their sponsor, GFWC Warren Woman's Club plus each received a \$25 check from GFWC of Arkansas.

- May is Women's Month at Powerhouse Church of God in Christ. The theme is "Godly women moving forward in the Holy Ghost, 1 Chronicles 16:11. On Wednesday, May 24, the event will be "Receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost" and on Wednesday, May 31 will be "Using prayer to live saved in such a time as this". Both events will be at 6 p.m. at Powerhouse Church of God in Christ on 815 West Central Street in Warren.

- WHS class of 1968 will celebrate our 55th year class reunion Saturday, June 10 at 3 p.m. at the Warren Train Depot, 325 Cedar Street. It's a no fuss, no frills get together for old friends.



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The Family of Anna Grider would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, encouraging words, support, and love shown during our loss of our dear sweet mother and grandmother. We especially want to thank her loving caregivers, Home Health, Gentiva Hospice Care, Dr. Kerry Pennington and Staff, Dr. Michelle Weaver, Dr. Bradley Biggers and the Bradley County Memorial Hospital staff for the great care given to her during her illness. To the Farmville, Gravel Ridge, Pleasant Valley, Hermitage and Warren area churches and the individuals who provided us with constant delicious meals, we are so grateful. We want to thank each of our employers for being so understanding during this time that we felt we had to be with our mother. We have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of love expressed with flowers, cards, memorials, and money donated in her memory. Thank you to Frazers Funeral Home, Natalie Greenwood, Bro. Billy Biggs and Bro. Mike Wallace for assisting us in planning a beautiful memorial of our mother's life. We are truly thankful to all who attended her visitation and memorial service, especially those that traveled from afar. We know our mother welcomed many into our home during her life. Nothing made her happier than having a big family and friend gathering, so thank you for making her final home-going a great gathering, a loving experience, and an unforgettable celebration of her life. The love you have shown to our family will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,
The Gorman Grider Family

The EAGLE Democrat

Editorial

Arkansas History Minute

by
Dr. Kenneth Bridges



The federal government is facing a deadline with the ability to pay its bills. Unless a new limit is authorized, the government will hit the debt ceiling, cutting off the government's ability to borrow money to pay its existing bills. With the debt ceiling issue, the question is not one of whether the U. S. should add more debt or what it should spend, but instead it is a question of paying the nation's existing debts. Many governments have faced similar situations in the past, and any discussion of large-scale finances often becomes very complex. The question of debt has a very long history.

Currently, the U. S. government owes \$31.4 trillion. About one-fourth of this debt is what the government owes to itself, borrowing from various trust funds like Social Security. The rest, the "public debt," as it is called, is owed by various banks, state and local governments, corporations, and individuals mostly in the form of bonds, essentially interest-bearing IOUs from the government which mature over time.

Governments have been borrowing money for centuries. Sometimes governments have refused to pay back their loans. These defaults played out in different ways, but it would always cause some damage. Spain had borrowed heavily from banks in Germany but defaulted three times in the early 1600s. These defaults caused few problems for Spain in the short-term, but it caused a meltdown of the German banks, resulting in economic and political chaos. Spain's wealth steadily declined, and the country was bankrupt by the early 1700s. When France refused to repay its loans to Italian banks in 1648, the banks collapsed. None of these banks had any means of collecting their debts from these governments, leading to ruin. France faced little fallout in the short-term.

For smaller and weaker nations, defaulting on a debt has sometimes meant invasion. Larger nations would often invade to seize a country's treasury to ensure that loans would continue to be repaid. This was the case in Mexico in 1862 when the French government declared that Mexico had defaulted on a debt and invaded, occupying the country with a puppet government until 1867. Argentina in 1890 found itself unable to pay its massive debts. The shock wave spread worldwide. Argentina sank into a deep recession while the British banking system nearly disintegrated. In the meantime, Argentina's default caused American stocks to plummet and caused a recession in neighboring Brazil. In each of these cases, these nations faced financial chaos in the years after default.

Meanwhile, the United States struggled after the American Revolution. The U. S. had a national debt of \$75 million, which the nation could not pay. The debt certificates issued were worth only pennies on the dollar at maturity, effectively putting the government into a default situation. The country couldn't pay its bills. In 1790, Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton devised a new system of interest-bearing bonds (the savings bonds that would become so popular) to finance debt. In this way, the government had time to pay off its debts while providing a safe investment.

When President Andrew Jackson left office in 1837, the United States was entirely debt-free. Jackson was the last president to leave office without a national debt. Subsequent economic depressions and the Civil War a quarter century later began adding to the national debt again.

World War I would cost the U. S. more than \$31 billion (or more than \$950 billion in 2023 dollars). This is money the U. S. did not have. Up to this point, Congress authorized the treasury to issue specific amounts of bonds to pay for each new debt incurred. Because of the uncertainty of war funding, in 1917, Congress authorized the treasury to be able to issue debt bonds up to a specific amount instead. Thus, the debt ceiling was created, giving the federal government the ability to borrow money to finance debts quickly as Congress passed spending bills to pay for the war. Congress would periodically raise the debt ceiling in future years as debts increased.

By 1930, the national debt was at \$16 billion (\$283 billion in 2023 dollars). In 1933, to help curb the deflation that was crippling the economy, the nation untied the value of the dollar to gold, which some critics called a default. While this ended deflation and allowed the economic freefall to end, the national debt rose as more money was spent to rebuild the economy. In Arkansas, the pressures of the Great Depression led the state to default on its debts, which severely limited its abilities to finance any long-term projects (particularly road projects) for many years. World War II caused the national debt to spike, rising to \$270 billion by 1946 (or \$4.5 trillion in 2023 dollars). The national debt nearly doubled between 1970 and 1978, leveling off near \$900 billion by 1980 (\$3.5 trillion in 2023 dollars). The national debt spiked to \$5 trillion by 1995. By 1997, the budget deficit had been eliminated, and the national debt began to decline.

Recessions and war in the Middle East caused the national debt to spike again after 2001 to \$13.5 trillion by 2010. The national debt increased again by \$8 trillion between 2017 and 2020. From the 1970s until the 1990s, Congress authorized debt ceiling increases with each new budget. The debt ceiling has been raised dozens of times by Congress without incident along the way. Regardless of the debt size, the nation still paid its bills.

The federal government is expected to reach the debt ceiling by June 1. If borrowing authority is not raised, then the government will not be able to pay its existing bills, from Social Security checks to paychecks for soldiers, all spending already authorized by Congress – a default. Some have proposed bypassing the debt ceiling with a number of accounting tricks, minting a large coin to count as money in the treasury, or declaring that the debt ceiling is unconstitutional under the Fourteenth Amendment and paying the bills regardless. However, all these questions have many legal and financial uncertainties surrounding them. How the federal government will respond to the question of the debt ceiling is unresolved as of this writing.



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

As soon as the 2023 legislative session adjourned, the Senate and House Committees on Education began work on school funding in preparation for the 2025 session.

Every two years the committees issue an adequacy report that sets a level of state funding of public schools that will comply with the state Constitution and state Supreme Court orders in school funding cases.

The adequacy report issued by the Education Committees are the starting point for the entire legislature's financial decisions on school funding. The committees determine funding levels for numerous categories of education ex-

penditures, such as teacher and principal salaries, ratios of teachers to students, health insurance and other benefits, transportation and instructional materials.

Those categories are set out in a matrix. The bottom line of the matrix is the total foundation funding per student. This year it is \$7,413 per student.

In addition to foundation funding there are a few categories of extra funding, also calculated on a per student basis.

For example, school districts receive an additional \$366 for each student who does not speak English as their native language. Districts get bonus funding if they have high percentages of students from low-income families.

There is a category in the funding matrix for special education teachers. There is another funding category for schools that have an above-average number of spe-

cial education students.

The Senate and House Education Committees will begin in earnest preparing an adequacy report in January of 2024. It will take much of 2024 to finalize, and will be the basis for the funding matrix approved by legislators during the 2025 regular session.

In October the committees will examine different funding models, such as the one used in Tennessee and models developed by the Education Commission of the States.

The chair of the Senate Education Committee said that she expected no big decisions to be made, but it would be helpful for Arkansas legislators to know about the funding models in other states.

During the 2023 session, the House of Representatives passed HB 1689 to change the school funding act. However, it failed in the Senate by a vote of 12-to-14.

Supporters of the bill said

that the current funding model may be outdated, and that small schools are not receiving enough state aid. The major elements of the current model are about 20 years old and were approved by the legislature in response to state Supreme Court rulings in the Lake View school funding case.

Lake View was a small, rural district in eastern Arkansas that sued the state over school funding. It went through the courts for ten years, and Lake View won.

It was a landmark case that made clear it is a constitutional mandate for the state to provide an adequate and equitable education for every child in Arkansas.

The legislature has the constitutional duty to appropriate state funds, so ultimately it is the duty of legislators to ensure that the state complies with the Constitution and with state Supreme Court orders in the Lake View case.

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Hermitage Schools hire new superintendent

By Zach Killian

LaDonna Spain was hired as the new superintendent of the Hermitage School District. Spain was one of the recommendations from McPherson and Jacobson. The other two recommendations were Dr. Leann Pinkerton and Gina Richard.

Joe Don Greenwood was hired as the agriculture teacher for the remainder of the school year.

Deanna Smith was hired as the secretary at Hermitage High School.

Sheree Booth was hired for the math teacher position at Hermitage High School.

Tara Gates was hired as the new principal at Hermitage Elementary School.

At their monthly meeting earlier on May 8, Superintendent Dr. Tracy Tucker recommended the following staff to be hired and they were approved by the school board: Dawn O'Neal, vocational agriculture teacher; Carrie Brian, Pre-K paraprofessional; Matt Huitt, assistant softball coach; Rebecca Harlow, elementary teacher; Lisa Thomas, Cathy Webb, Branda Byrd, and Kristi Best, child nutrition for the summer; Selena Jurado, Lizzet Deleon, Charish Curry, Erandi Acuchi-Alendar, Martha Martinez, and Faron Johnson for migrant OSY; Ashley Martinez, Tiffany Curtis, Rhonda Ferrell, Yuri Herring and Devan Pruitt for migrant summer school; Tyler Caruthers, Mary Carroll, Rhonda Ferrell, Randi McDougald, Kasey Johnston, Madison Vincens, Haylee

Bililngs, Cynthia Woods, and Ron Hoskins for 21st CCLC Summer Camp.

Dr. Tucker gave an update on the American Rescue Plan Act. The air conditioning was installed in the high school gymnasium and was working. The district was still waiting for the units for the elementary school. Floor work will be done in the Hermitage Elementary School on the library side of the building and once classroom in the high school this summer.

The board approved the school board policies as prepared by the Arkansas School Board Association.

Dr. Tucker requested for the approval of the extension of the Food Service Management Company Contract. It was approved by the school board.

The school board approved the Migrant Education Designation.

The school district approved the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Approved Safety Plan, including some expenditures for compliance of the plan.

First Security Beardsley was approved to be the financial advisor for three years.

The classified salary schooled for 2023-2024 was approved.

Principals Rosalynda Ellis and Mistie McGhee presented their school improvement plans. The plans were reviewed and revisions will be made.

Dr. Tucker requested to solicit bids for miscellaneous surplus items, propane, bread, milk, and insurance.

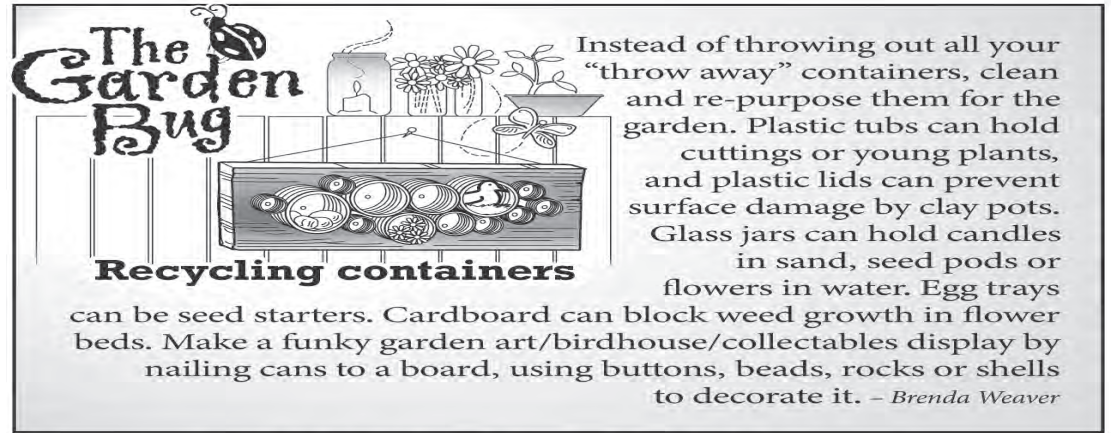
alties of not showing up for appointments.

The board approved Matt Pace to have his signature on checking accounts and CD accounts. He will replace Marilyn Johnson who previously retired.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, June 22.

The request was approved by the school board.

The next school board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 12 at the Hermitage School Board room.



Instead of throwing out all your "throw away" containers, clean and re-purpose them for the garden. Plastic tubs can hold cuttings or young plants, and plastic lids can prevent surface damage by clay pots. Glass jars can hold candles in sand, seed pods or flowers in water. Egg trays can be seed starters. Cardboard can block weed growth in flower beds. Make a funky garden art/birdhouse/collectables display by nailing cans to a board, using buttons, beads, rocks or shells to decorate it. - Brenda Weaver

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Proverbs 3: 5 & 6

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”

*Pops and Mi Mi (Steve and Diane), Grandma Hi Top (Eloise)
 Uncle Sammy, Aunt. Beth, Trevis and Gabriel*

BCMC

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There were updates to the BCMC Out-Patient Therapy Clinic No-Show Policy. It was reported there was a rise of "no-shows" at the therapy clinic. The policy will have patients sign off on the definition of "no-shows" and pen-

Local Drug bust led by local law

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On May 24, 2023, agents of the Tenth District Drug Task Force, Bradley County Sheriff's Office and ACC Probation and Parole conducted a search of a residence in Bradley County. Results of the search led to the arrest of

Derek Simmons and McKenzie Nichols for the charges of Simultaneous Possession of Drugs and Firearm, Possession of Fire arm by Certain Person, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Hermit Daze Festival success

Hermitage Mayor Matt Cathey told the Hermitage City Council on Thursday the first Hermit Daze festival was a success. After paying everything off for the festival, the city made about \$5,300. The city will use those funds for the back to school bash and to purchase school supplies to hand out.

Mayor Cathey said they received good feedback from the community on the festival. Every food truck sold out of food. There were requests from the community to possibly do a monthly event similar to Market on Main in Warren.

The city council approved to go with Bob Brown Roofing for the roofing on the Hermitage Community Center. They will put 25-year tab shingles on the roof.

Mayor Cathey reported they put an air conditioning compressor at the community center and will replace the lights.

There was some discussion on the 2022 financial budget. Alderman Chris Ledbetter said he couldn't make sense of it. He commented nothing seemed "out of whack", but it was hard to follow on paper. He offered to meet with the mayor to go over the 2022 budget.

Mayor Cathey said they would apply for a 50/50 grant to put in a concrete walkway and swings at the city park.

There was discussion of budgeting for a city pool instead of a splash pad. It would cost around \$35,000 for a city pool. A splash pad costs \$83,000.

The Hermitage Police Department is looking to hire a certified officer. The department has two officers currently.

The next city council meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 15 at the Hermitage Community Center.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 Graduates!



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The herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen over the water. Isaac and his people moved from there and dug another well and no one quarreled over it. He called the place Rehoboth, saying, "The Lord has given room and we will flourish in the land."
From there Isaac moved to Beersheba where the Lord appeared to him and again stated the covenant He had made with Abraham and affirmed to Isaac, "that He would bless him and make him a great nation."
Isaac built an altar there and worshipped the Lord and he settled there.
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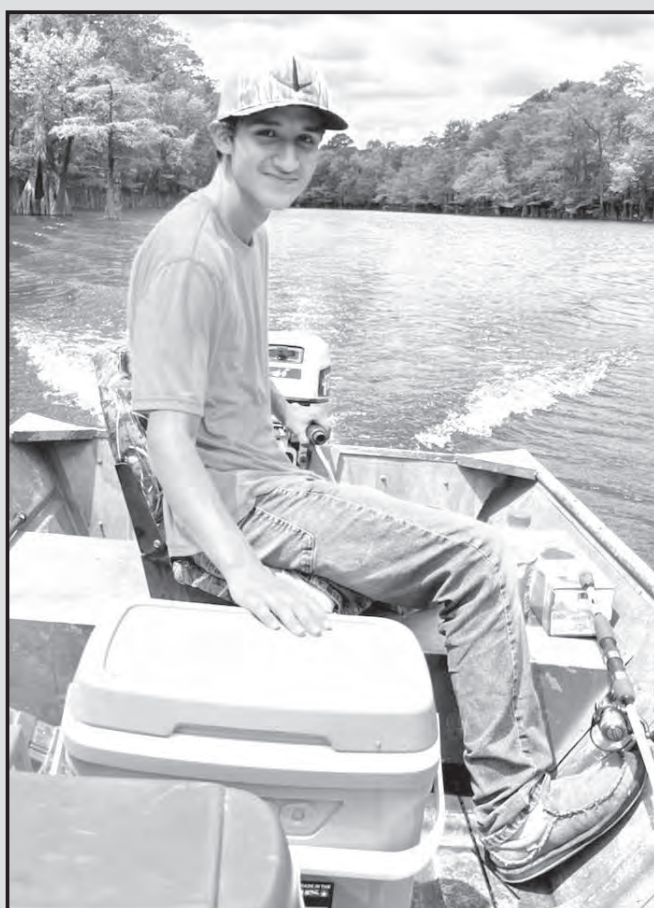
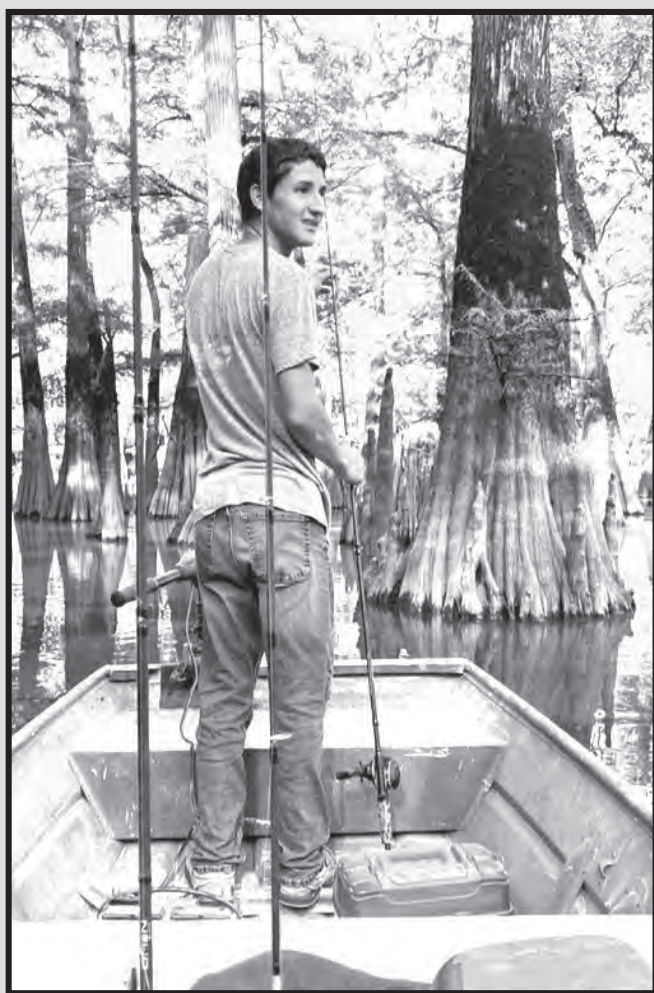
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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #783

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BRADLEY, STATE OF ARKANSAS:

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022"

ARTICLE 1: The 2022 revised Operating Budget, which budget was adopted by Bradley County Appropriation Ordinance Number #781 (enacted on April 17, 2023) is hereby amended to appropriate an amount as follows:

	COUNTY TREASURER		
1000-0103-1009	Retirement Matching	\$	6,476.86
	COUNTY COLLECTOR		
1000-0104-3050	Official & Deputy Bond	\$	484.23
	COURTHOUSE		
1000-0108-1007	Retirement Matching	\$	3,451.24
	CORONER		
1000-0419-1010	Workers Compensation	\$	15.60
	Amended Budget Total	\$	2,769,489.91
	COUNTY ROAD		
2000-0200-2020	Building Materials	\$	524.93
2000-0200-2021	Paints & Metals	\$	144.15
	Amended Budget Total	\$	2,087,699.90
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3020-0501-1001	Coordinator	\$	16,071.96
3020-0501-1006	Social Security	\$	985.25
	HOSPITAL FUND		
3404-0302-4001	Land	\$	3,000.00
3404-0302-4002	Buildings	\$	58,394.00
3404-0302-4004	Equipment	\$	526,723.53
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3410-0302-3100	Other Misc. (Hospital Milage)	\$	50,990.98
	CDBG GRANT		
3505-0116-3001	Accounting and Auditing	\$	2,650.00
3505-0116-4002	Buildings	\$	300,000.00

ARTICLE 2: Bradley County Appropriation Ordinance Numbered #781 (Enacted on April 17, 2023) is hereby amended as heretofore set forth. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

ARTICLE 3: If any provisions of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED this 15 Day of May 2023.

APPROVED: /s/ Klay McKinney
Klay McKinney
County Judge

ATTEST: /s/ Karen H. Belin
Karen Belin
County Clerk

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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #784

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BRADLEY, STATE OF ARKANSAS:

"AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS TO THE AMERICAN REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE LINE ITEMS #1006-0111-3100, 1006-0111-4004 AND 1006-0111-4006"

ARTICLE 1: The 2023 annual Operating Budget which budget was adopted by Bradley County Appropriation Ordinance Number #778 (enacted on November 21, 2022) and is hereby amended to transfer appropriate and additional amount as follows:

AMERICAN REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND (ARPA)		
1006-8866	Transfer From American Rescue Plan	\$ 1,817,673.04
1006-0111-3004	Engineering and Architectural	\$ 116,560.79
1006-0111-3100	Other Misc.	\$ 141,900.00
1006-0111-4004	Machinery and Equipment	\$ 279,212.25
1006-0111-4006	Construction in Progress	\$ 1,280,000.00

AMERICAN RESCUE FUND		
3046-8938	Transfer To the ARPA	\$ 1,817,673.04

ARTICLE 2: Bradley County appropriation Ordinance Numbered #778 (Enacted on November 21, 2022) is hereby amended as heretofore set forth. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

ARTICLE 3: If any provisions of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED this 15th day of MAY 2023.

ATTEST: /s/ Karen H. Belin
Karen Belin
County Clerk

APPROVED: /s/ Klay McKinney
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALEJANDRO VILLEDA, DECEASED NO. 06PR-23-15-2

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 10 Cloverdale Drive Warren, AR 71671

Date of Death: December 4, 2022.

The undersigned was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Alejandro Villeda, deceased, on March 10, 2023.

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

This notice first published the 31st day of May, 2023.

/s/ Andres Villeda
Andres Villeda, Administrator
c/o Richard L. Roper
Bar Identification No. 79246
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Attorney for the Estate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

NO. 06PR-23-36-2

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY JEAN SIMMONS, DECEASED

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 801 Sturgis Street Warren, AR 71671

Date of Death: February 9, 2023

On May 3rd, 2023 an Affidavit For Collection of Small Estate By Distributees was filed with respect to the Estate of Shirley Jean Simmons, Deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Bradley County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

The legal description of real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows:

Starting at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Six (6), Township Thirteen (13) South, Range Nine (9) West, and running North on Range line 482 feet, thence run East 1013 1/2 feet to the beginning point, thence run East 100 feet to the West line of Lincoln Street, thence run South 125 feet to the North line of Sturgis Street, thence run West 100 feet along the North line of Sturgis Street, thence run North 125 feet to the beginning point, said lot being located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 9 West, Bradley County, Arkansas; and

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Six (6), Township Thirteen (13) South, Range Nine (9) West, and running North on Range Line 482 feet, thence run East 913 1/2 feet to the beginning point, thence run East 100 feet to the corner of lot sold to O. S. Cash, thence run South 125 feet to the North line of Sturgis Street, thence run west on the North line of Sturgis Street 100 feet, thence run North 125 feet, more or less, to the beginning point, said lot being located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Six (6), Township Thirteen (13) South, Range Nine (9) West, Bradley County, Arkansas.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributees, or their attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate.

The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee's attorney is:

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Attorney for the Estate

This notice first published May 24th, 2023.

/s/ Joe Gary Simmons
Joe Gary Simmons

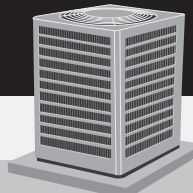
/s/ Carolyn Jean Byrd
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Obituaries



Adam St. John, of Bozeman, Montana; and three grandchildren, James St. John, Jaxson Hammons, and Leif Olson; sisters Cathy Davis, of Milwaukie, Oregon, Terry Edmondson, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and brother of Willie Stanton.

Carolann requested cremation, and we cast her ashes off the Oregon coast. Departing from Charleston Harbor, Oregon, on June 14, 2023, we will hold this service. We cordially request everyone attending the boat service to RSVP since the boat has limited space. After the boat service, we will meet at Portside Restaurant to celebrate the life of Carolann. There are no space limitations nor RSVPs to attend the celebration of life. We welcome everyone who would like to attend and share in the memories and loving stories of Carolann. To RSVP and for more details, please visit <https://everloved.com/life-of/carolann-shepard/>

Paid Obituary

Julio Vargas

Julio Chavez Vargas, 70, born May 29, 1952 in Las Canoas, Michoacán, Mexico to the late Jose Chavez and Catalina Vargas. He passed away on May 23, 2023 at his residence.

Mass was at 4 p.m., May 26, 2023 at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Arrangements by Frazer's Funeral Home.



From left to right: Bradley Medical and Health Foundation President Bridgette Harding, BCMC CEO/CFO Leslie Huitt, and foundation member Jeanette Hooper.

BCMC Foundation presents donation to medical center

The Bradley Medical and Health Foundation recently presented Bradley County Medical Center CEO/CFO Leslie Huitt with a check in the amount of \$14,637.53 for the hospital to use to purchase a laptop charging station and 10 laptops for training purposes.

These funds come from the Doctors' Recognition Banquet that the foundation successfully held on May 5. BCMC is extremely grateful for the Bradley Medical and Health Foundation's continued support.



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We are so proud of you & your hard work this year! You've got big dreams & we know you will reach them all!

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"Great Bowls of Fire" Salsa Contest

Entry Form/Rules & Regulations

Name _____ Address _____
 Phone Number _____

1. All entries must be submitted on Friday, June 9th until 6:00 p.m. to Nora Pacheco at Warren Bank (Main St. location) or a bank representative located near the square stage between 5:30-6:00 p.m.
2. Salsa must be homemade, tomato-based salsa. Entry must be submitted in the container supplied by Warren Bank. Come by any Warren Bank location prior to the event to pick up a contest entry form and container.
3. Entries will be blinded from judges.
4. Past entrants ARE eligible. Warren Bank employees and their immediate family members are NOT eligible.
5. For judging purposes, please let one of the Warren Bank representatives know if your salsa is "HOT" when you submit it.
6. Prizes are \$100 for each category winner. Categories are as follows: (1) Hottest (2) Best Looking (3) Best Tasting

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