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Hargis wins prestigious state music award



Josie Hargis won Inspirational Artist of the Year at the Arkansas Country Music Awards.

By Zach Killian

Local artist Josie Hargis was awarded Arkansas Country Music's Inspirational Artist of the Year in Conway on June 5 at the Arkansas Country Music Awards.

"I was not expecting that at all," Hargis told The Eagle Democrat about winning the award. "My mom told me I should probably prepare a little acceptance speech in case I did win and I just told her no. I did not think it was going to happen. I was nominated with some really talented groups who have done it longer than me and have more music out than I do. It was crazy. I blacked out when I went to make my speech."

Hargis made her singing debut in 2019 with the Grace Cowboy Church Band. She said that was the first time she started singing publicly.

She enjoyed singing even before performing publicly.

"When I was really young, I would sing at my church with my grandma, who would take me every Sunday. We usually get there before anyone else and I would just get on stage and sing for her for a while," said Hargis. "Then I stopped, and then started back."

Hargis said she was shy about singing in public. However, singing a special at her church in 2017 got her back into singing. She commented she still gets nervous when she sings, even singing at church every Sunday.

Her uncle, David Mann, is one of her musical inspirations. Mann has helped co-write her songs. Hargis said members of the Grace Cowboy Band also have helped her a lot. Her other inspirations

include Carrie Underwood, Maverick City Music, and Harry Styles.

Her first single, "My Best Friend" thrust her into the spotlight with over two million views on Tik Tok. The single also garnered her over 100,000 followers on the social media platform. She said she did not expect to get that much attention.

"I posted a little clip of ["My Best Friend"] on Tik Tok right after I wrote it and it got over 2.3 million views, which was insane, and we finally got it released," said Hargis. "I think to be sort of a nobody, I'm getting a good bit of attention that I never would have expected. It's crazy, but it's good."

Hargis said when it went viral, it was "mindblowing" to her. Her phone kept blowing up and she didn't know what was going on.

What made her feel the most accepted was the positive feedback she received for her music.

The lyrics for "My Best Friend" were written in 30 minutes at Hargis' house. It was the second song she had ever written.

"It was crazy how fast the words just came to me, definitely from God," said Hargis.

Musically, Hargis said she comes up with a little melody in her head with the lyrics and sends it to her uncle, who puts music to it.

She recorded her first two songs at a recording studio in Crossett. She is working with D.J. Liseiby at his home studio on upcoming songs. Liseiby helps them produce her music. He is

also part of a Christian band named weRcalled.

"I'm super grateful for D.J., and his family, for being so helpful and willing to work with me," said Hargis. "I'm super excited for future projects that we hopefully will get to work on soon."

For her future music plans, she said she doesn't really have any. As she puts it, she's "flying by the seat of my pants."

Hargis would love to continue writing music and write music for a living, even writing songs for other artists. Hargis said she loves to perform.

"It would be great, but I'm not praying to get famous or rich or anything like that," said Hargis. "As long as I can live comfortably and do what I love to do, that's the dream."

Hargis said she is working on new songs. She commented she's always writing songs. Some she'll forget about and come back to months later. As a solo artist, she is working on recording one song at a time. However, she is working on an album with Grace Cowboy Band.

Hargis told The Eagle Democrat she has already been contacted by small record labels and managers. She stated she hasn't signed anything yet.

"I'm just trying to make sure I can trust people really," she said.

Her dream tour would be with Carrie Underwood and another worship artist Brandon Lake.

Hargis is thankful for the support from the community and all the opportunities that have opened up.

"We're just having fun and seeing what happens," said Hargis.

BCMC CEO/CFO Leslie Huitt named to Top 100 Women of Impact in Arkansas List

Special to The Eagle

Following months of nominations and vetting more than 600 submissions, the Women's Foundation of Arkansas, Little Rock Soirée magazine and Arkansas Business Publishing Group are excited to announce the Top 100 Women of Impact in Arkansas honorees that included Bradley County Medical Center's CEO/CFO Leslie Huitt.

"The 100 women that appear on this list are impacting Arkansas today, and they are making it a better state for future generations," WFA CEO Anna Beth Gorman says. "By sharing these stories in the Top 100 publication, we know that leaders across Arkansas will have the opportunity to learn the names of our state's trailblazing women, and how they're affecting change. Our goal is to inspire more women, businesses and leaders to support and replicate change-making work."

Huitt earned the Hospital CFO of the Year award from Arkansas Business last year. Under Huitt's leadership, Bradley County Medical Center retained its four-star status from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The complete list recognizes 100 outstanding and ambitious women across the state. The goal was to create a list that reflects the spirit of ingenuity and ambition of these



women at every stage of their career journey, by honoring the visionary impact they have on the communities and businesses they are leading.

The list is a revival of a publication helmed by former ABPG owner Olivia Farrell that helped launch the WFA 25 years ago. Honorees will be featured in a special publication in September and celebrated at WFA's 2023 Power of the Purse event.

"The new list recognizes 100 outstanding and ambitious

women who reflect the spirit of ingenuity and ambition at every stage of their career journey," says Mitch Bettis, owner and president of ABPG, the parent company of Soirée. "There are some names you'll know who are now prominent CEOs at prominent companies — an idea 25 years ago that was a complete oddity. However, the list will also include women of impact from the four corners of the state you may not know, and that's the point."



Tabitha White (right) was named Miss June Dinner. Chandal Archer (left) was awarded first runner up.

Tabitha White named 2023 Miss June Dinner

Tabitha White, of Warren, was named 2023 Miss June Dinner. She is the daughter of Wayne and Hajime White. She is a 2023 graduate of

Warren High School and will be attending Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia in the Fall.

Chandal Archer, of Fordyce,

was awarded first runner up. She is the daughter of Kevin and Adrianna Archer. She attends Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia.

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Life is precious!

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 May 9, 2001.

Some of the Warren High parents are quietly nibblin' their fingernails as their graduating seniors get set to take off for Florida, or worse, Cancun, for a week of riotous living.

Only four daughters are (in descending order in age) 39, 37, 34, and 32 roughly, all are married and settled in different zip codes; it sure is nice.

We recommend it to our friends.

Times change, ya know.

Approaching 55 years ago, we had a "senior day" at good ole WHS presided over by H.L. Berryhill, the principal and successor to the Rev. Dr. Doyle B. Bledsoe, previous principal, who had come to Warren after a stint as superintendent at Urbana in Union County

We were all bad scared of Mr. Bledsoe, not so much of Mr. Berryhill, tho' he was larger and more frightening looking.

Small world department: one of Dr. Bledsoe's daughters-in-law now sells real estate in Hot Springs.

As for Hot Springs, this was the site for our "senior day" in 1947.

We all climbed on a one-time school bus operated by Smith Coach lines and drove to the spa city via Sheridan.

We spent most of our time out at Lake Hamilton, ogling girls from Little Rock, arch-sophisticates to our minds, who happened to be there at the same time.

We got home to Warren at dark-thirty and considered truthfully we had a wonderful time.

Well, t'was inexpensive, at least; that helped in that time just after World War II.

Went to our 50th class reunion at Hendrix College.

Maybe a third of the class of 1951 was in attendance.

Perhaps a tenth of the class members looked really good.

(One of these was in the class just ahead of us. Her name is Phyllis Horn Evans and she now resides in Houston, where her husband, the Batesville Native Sam Evans, has prospered in the geophysical business. Phyllis taught PE at Warren High School in 1950-52 and had a room at the home of my late mother on West Pine Street.

Mabel Martin Harris and her older sister, Alice Martin Fiser, were there, too. They were daughters of Noel and Maude Rumph Martin; their dad founded Martin's Department Store with his brother, Bryan Martin.

Some of the folks in the class, looked, well, rather venerable: like they had "been rode hard and put up wet" or something.

Hendrix is impressive and has prospered.

One of its top students now is Trent Kelley, Warren, an excellent golfer who is also a graduate of the Arkansas School for Math and Science at Hot Springs.

Trent's a grandson of the Kenny Kelleys.

We were surprised at the attire of the students.

It was, at best, informal.

Friend says she goes by the University of Minnesota campus daily and sees the same



BCMC Auxiliary Member Linda Gardner (left) was the guest of Rotarian Marnette George (right).

BCMC Auxillary speaks at Rotary Club meeting

Special to The Eagle

The Rotary Club of Warren met Tuesday for its weekly meeting inside First United Methodist Church with Rotarian Marnette George presenting Linda Gardner of the Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary as her program.

Gardner talked about the BCMC Auxiliary as a whole and what they have done the last few years as COVID made things difficult. The "Pink Ladies" as they are affectionately known as around the hospital have several projects they do to help BCMC, even though as Gardner pointed out, their new jackets are

now blue instead of the usual pink.

She explained that because of COVID almost all activity inside BCMC stopped, which forced the closing of the Gift Shop inside the hospital. However, the Auxiliary opened up a Thrift Store at the BCMC Brunson Complex prior to COVID and has seen tremendous success with that as they have raised \$52,000 in the four years of its existence.

All of that money goes towards helping the hospital that has included shower chairs for Senior Care, new phlebotomy chairs for the Laboratory Department, new

Reaves those on the south. Across Myrtle on our ventures we see the house long occupied by the Elbert A. Frazers, now by the Mark Huggins family.

Next door is the brick house long occupied by Warren's first Ford dealer, the Monticello native J.P. Lambert.

Next to that is the home now occupied by the Claude McKinneys: this was the long-time residence of the N.F. Hanleys.

We wander up to the end of our street, then north to Church Street before turning around for home. We pass some memorable places, including the "Montgomery House", currently occupied by the family of the longtime nurse-anesthetist at the hospital here, Mary Ann Woodson and her husband, Michael, who is in business on the onetime site of the Warren Cotton Oil and Manufacturing Company on Wise Street.

"Montgomery House" was built for the late John T. Ederington and his wife, the former Miss Christabel Finn of Monticello.

T'was later sold to the late Kenneth B. (Shorty) Montgomery, who operated a big barbershop on North Main across from the courthouse.

Mr. Montgomery would stand on his feet all day at the barber shop, then come home and mow that big lawn with a push mower.

Next door is the Ederington house, built about 120 years ago for the pioneer merchant J.T. Ederington.

It was said Mr. Ederington was impressed with homes he saw in New Orleans and ordered the ironwork that adorns the front porches for his home like those seen in New Orleans.

We heard once the ironwork came from New Orleans on packet boat up the Red and then the Ouachita to Moro Bay and was then brought to Warren on wagons.

Railroad into Warren by the Chicago, Iron Mountain, and Pacific, hadn't been constructed by that time.

In the center of the area where our street, Shields, goes east, was the "Allen House", kind of a scary looking two-story house later bought by S.M. Dixon and Lovett M. Reaves.

They developed our street back there 40 years ago and more, with Mr. Dixon owning the lots on the north side, Mr.

doors at the BCMC Rural Health Clinic, and will help purchase more computers for training purposes hopefully soon among many other worthwhile projects over the years.

Gardner also talked about the stuffed animals they do for kids who visit the hospital, particularly the ER. They purchase supplies with the money and have someone who makes custom stuffed animals to help the kids during their hospital stays.

Gardner also mentioned that the Auxiliary ladies are starting to come back into the hospital to help with waiting rooms and other

projects as they were accustomed to pre-COVID. She closed by answering a few questions and wanted the community to know they need your items to help stock the Thrift Store.

They do not take used clothes, only new clothes with the tags still attached, but they accept almost everything else including kitchen appliances, outdoor tools, kitchenware, bed frames, furniture, and more.

The Thrift Shop is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday and is located at the Brunson Complex at 204 N. Bragg Street.

enlarged and improved the Hanley house, just as did Marianne and Judge Stark Ligon the "Wharton House" on the corner of Shields and Myrtle.

This handsome old house was built for the Harville family before World War I.

Old timers will remember in Mrs. Harville in her old age residing at the Coker Hotel.

"Wharton House" is for sale and has been thus for several months. Good buy for somebody.

Mr. Hanley kept books at "the yard" at the Bradley Lumber Company of Arkansas for S.S. Anderson and Herbert Bliss.

The Hanleys were Mississippians from Canton, just north of Jackson, and Mr. Hanely was among Warren's dandiest dressers.

He wore a coat and tie to work always and, if he planned to go to the barber shop after getting in from work, he'd change his haberdashery.

The McKinneys have



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Teen arrested for firing shots

From Warren Police Dept. At approximately 10:36 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, the Warren Police Department received a 911 call reporting shots fired in the area of Elm Street. After investigating the incident, the Warren Police Department, with the assistance from the Bradley County Sheriff's Office arrested John A. Hill, 18, of Warren, and charged him with battery in the second degree and terroristic acts. The victim who is a juvenile, whose name is being held, suffered non-life threatening injuries. The investigation is ongoing and other arrest may be pending. Anyone with information, please contact the Warren Police Department at 870-226-3703. All calls will remain anonymous.

Banks Fire Station project completed



The town of Banks had its final inspection and close out meeting on the new Banks Fire Station. Those present were (from left to right): Steve Davis, from A.L. Franks, Cody Stringer, from A.L. Franks, David Simmons, from Simmons and Sons, Inc., Brenda Rowell, from AEDC, Karen Barlow, and Banks mayor Keeton Hudson.

Little Miss Pink Tomato crowned



Londyn Rose Wiggins (left) was crowned Little Miss Pink Tomato. Hadleigh Kate Bryant (center) was first runner up and Haisley Grace Nichols (right) was second runner up.

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Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



Many of the legal cases in the United States in the mid-twentieth century centered on titanic ideas of civil liberties and civil rights. These legal outcomes changed the United States forever. In Arkansas, two African American brothers, Joseph Robert Booker and William A. Booker, both became lawyers and built a powerful law firm in Little Rock in a time when few African Americans could even practice law in the state. These two brothers would lead the charge in several prominent cases that had lasting effects on Arkansas.

Joseph Booker was born in Helena in 1893, with younger brother William A. Booker following in 1900. They had six other brothers and sisters. Their father was a respected minister, educator, and civil rights activist in Phillips County. This passion for education and justice was instilled into the Booker children at a young age.

The elder brother attended Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock before gaining a law degree from Northwestern University in Illinois. He began practicing law in Arkansas in 1919, with his younger brother following in his footsteps by 1925. The two brothers formed the influential firm of Booker and Booker in Little Rock.

In the early 1900s, minorities had few rights in the South. They could not vote, they could not attend the schools, hospitals, and parks they maintained with their tax dollars, and they were denied entry into restaurants and hotels. It was an intolerable situation for any American to bear, and the Bookers were determined for this to change.

In one of his earliest cases, in 1919, Joseph Booker took on the death sentences handed down to twelve African American defendants in a race war that erupted near Elaine in Phillips County. The twelve were convicted without any evidence, and Booker and a team of other lawyers eventually had the sentences overturned.

In 1942, the two brothers took on the Little Rock School District. At that time, black teachers were routinely paid less than white teachers. The courts struck down the policy as illegal and ordered that all teachers be paid the same regardless of race.

Four years later, they took on a new desegregation case. An African American student attempted to gain admission to the University of Arkansas Law School, which prohibited minorities from attending. In spite of their best arguments, however, the courts upheld the segregationist policy. But in 1948, facing increasing pressure and legal challenges, the University of Arkansas began admitting minorities to the law school.

The Bookers assisted other attorneys on numerous occasions in voting rights cases, desegregation cases, and other civil rights causes through the 1940s and 1950s. The two argued several cases before the state supreme court and even at the U. S. Supreme Court. In 1949, Joseph Booker was recognized for his efforts and elected president of the National Bar Association, an organization of black lawyers.

With one of their last cases together, the Bookers fought a 1959 law that required teachers to list all organizations to which they belonged, a law aimed at intimidating political participation by teachers.

Joseph Booker died in 1960, while William Booker died in 1966. While their influence is still felt in the state today in the liberties they won for so many, Little Rock went even further to honor these legal triumphs. In 1963, the school district named the new Booker Junior High School after Joseph Booker. In 1983, this school became the Booker Arts Magnet School, a school with a unique concentration on music, art, and other forms of creativity for elementary school-aged children in the area.



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

The Arkansas Human Services Department has officially petitioned the federal government for authority to make changes in the Medicaid expansion program.

The program is known as ARHOME and provides health coverage to about 312,000 Arkansas residents. The state has to first get approval from the federal government before making significant changes, because the state provides 10 percent of the funding and the federal government provides 90 percent.

People are eligible for ARHOME if their income is less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level. This year, the poverty level is \$30,000 for a family of four and \$14,580 for an individual.

Arkansas Medicaid officials

are seeking authority to focus on the most poor of the ARHOME recipients, the people whose income is only 20 percent of the poverty level. The Department will assign them a "success coach" if they are not on track toward meeting certain requirements of the ARHOME program.

Success coaches will develop an individual plan to help them meet their health-related needs. If they still do not engage in taking care of their lives and their health, after three months they will be moved from ARHOME to the traditional Medicaid program. There is an incentive to take advantage of the opportunities made available through the success coach because many people consider ARHOME care to be better than traditional Medicaid.

In the ARHOME program, the government buys private health insurance for the recipient. Under traditional Medicaid, the government reimburses physicians, hospitals and pharmacies for treating Medicaid patients.

Some physicians don't accept Medicaid patients because the reimbursement rates are less than they get from private health insurance companies.

Another change sought by state officials is in how to gauge whether or not recipients are complying with requirements to work, volunteer or continue their education. State officials say the goal is to simplify the process so that recipients don't have to fill out paperwork to prove that they spent the required amount of time looking for work or attending class.

Instead, ARHOME officials will rely on computer data to track whether recipients are working toward self-reliance. For example, if they have taxable income it can be assumed that they have a job. The amount of income will indicate whether they work part-time or full-time.

If they get food stamps, it's assumed they're complying with work requirements and if they're enrolled in adult education, it's presumed they

are taking classes. If they live with someone who has a disability, or with a dependent child or an elderly person, it is presumed that they are caregivers.

ARHOME puts a special focus on helping the most vulnerable, such as residents of rural areas with mental health problems, veterans, young people who have been incarcerated or who have lived in foster homes and pregnant women.

The Human Services Department will train 100 existing employees to be success coaches, and another ten employees to be supervisors.

More than 1.1 million Arkansas residents qualified for Medicaid services earlier this year, but state officials are trying to lower than number by requiring them to re-apply for eligibility.

This fiscal year the program will cost an estimated \$9.7 billion, with the federal government paying \$7.8 billion and Arkansas providing almost \$1.9 billion in matching funds.



We recently commemorated the 79th anniversary of D-Day and honored the bravery and courage of the Allied troops who helped bring an end to World War II. While nearly 350,000 American women enlisted in the military and served during the war, it wasn't until the Women's Armed Services Integration Act was signed into law on June 12, 1948 that women were allowed to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces as permanent members of all branches.

This was a pivotal step that formally expanded opportunities in military uniform to our nation's women. Two years after President Harry Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act into law, 120,000 women served in active duty in the Korean War.

This year, as we are recognizing the 75th anniversary of this groundbreaking policy, I am proudly cosponsoring a Senate resolution recognizing June 12, 2023 as Women Veterans Appreciation Day.

Women have always played an integral part in defending our nation in times of peace and war. This anniversary is a reminder of the progress we've made and the work we must build on to support women in uniform as well as those no longer in military service.

As the son of a Master Sergeant in the Air Force, I understand the importance of ensuring our nation fulfills the promises made to those called to serve. As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I've championed initiatives to better meet the

needs of women veterans – the fastest growing veteran population – including modernizing the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure it has the capability to meet their unique needs.

We've made improvements to eliminate barriers to VA care and services with the passage of landmark legislation named in honor of a woman who concealed her identity to help defeat the British in the Revolutionary War. Deborah Sampson was known as Robert Shurtleff when she served in uniform. Even as she sustained multiple injuries, she maintained her secret by tending to her wounds without assistance. Her legacy lives on in the Deborah Sampson Act, which I led to address the gender gap at the VA by strengthening care and support for women veterans through increasing the number of gender-specific providers in VA facilities, expanding access to medical professionals who specialize in women's health and retrofitting VA facilities to improve privacy for

women veterans.

We also built on this foundation by enhancing VA mammography services and cancer care with passage of the Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act and the MAMMO for Veterans Act so we can deliver the preventative care and treatment former servicemembers have earned. The support of veteran service organizations was instrumental in getting these measures signed into law, and I remain committed to ensuring the VA is meeting the standards of care we expect so all veterans get the assistance and services they earned.

As we celebrate this milestone, we can be proud of the women who charted a new course for future generations of girls to realize their dream of serving in our nation's uniform and holding military positions that were once unthinkable. I will continue to advocate for policies that provide these brave individuals the honor, recognition and benefits they earned.

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BCMC Rural Health Clinic
Congratulations to BCMC's Employee of the Month for June, Jennyfer Sanchez!



BCMC Rural Health Clinic Manager Paulette Tolefree, Employee of the Month Jennyfer Sanchez, and BCMC CEO/CFO Leslie Huitt

Congratulations to Jennyfer Sanchez of the BCMC Rural Health Clinic for earning the BCMC Employee of the Month award for June! Her nomination stated that she is willing to help anyone with any task, is a go-getter, and when she sees something needs to be done, she jumps on it. She always goes the extra mile to ensure our patients receive the best care possible. Jennyfer is always kind and caring towards patients and always has a positive attitude. Her personality helps keep a positive work environment and she is always willing to learn new skills, helps with new tasks, participate in community health events, and is willing to work after hours on her personal time.

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Pink Tomato Festival shows success

The annual Pink Tomato Festival was another success this year with multiple events, arts and craft vendors, food trucks, concerts, and pageants. Local artist Josie Hargis headlined Friday night and country artists Trea Landon and David Nail performed Saturday night. The night ended with a big firework show. View more photos of the events and festival at www.theeagle Democrat.com.

The following are listed from first, second, and third place. The winners and their events are the following:

Tomato Packing Contest

- Age 8 and under: Laynie Spraggins, Branton Smith, and Hannah Hill.
- Age 9-14: Joey Hill, Jenna Spraggins, and M.J. Valentine.
- Age 15-19: Weston Gavin, Kaylee Nichols, and Kailey Henry.
- Adult: Jon Deustch, Jessica Hill, and Jessica Berry.

“Great Bowls of Fire” Salsa Contest

- Best looking: Mae March
- Hottest: Warren Kearns
- Best tasting: Kay Robinson

Tomato Eating Contest

- VIP: State Representative Jeff Wardlaw, State Senator Ben Gilmore, and State Representative David Ray.
- Age 12 and under: Benjamin Green, Rylan Prime, and Bella Perez.
- Adult: Clare Ortiz, Jerry Kirksey, and Johnathan Vargas.

Little Miss Pink Tomato Pageant

- Winner: Londyn Rose
- First runner up: Kate Bryant
- Second runner up: Haisley Grace Nichols

Cutest Baby Contest

- Girls 0 to 5 months: Ashari Shante’ West

(winner), Teresa Ann Grice (first runner up), and Kendall Marie Smith (second runner up).

- Boys 5 to 9 months: Luka Rae Tinoco.

- Girls 5 to 9 months: Isabella Rose Sanchez (winner), Camdyn Graye Briscoe (first runner up), and Memphis Jayne Marshall (second runner up).

- Girls 9 to 12 months: Fallon Cate Ashley (winner), Malia Jones (first runner up), and Harper Rosemary Cornish (second runner up).

- Boys 12 months to 2 years: Liam Alexander Martinez (winner), Jagger Ray Maxwell (first runner up), and Lucas Eli Mandez (second runner up).

- Girls 12 months to 2 years: Halsyn Rae Hayes (winner), Tinley Kate Miracle (first runner up), and River Grace Ferrell (second runner up).

- Boys 2 to 3 years: Brentley Burch

- Girls 2 to 3 years: Kenzlee Gardner (winner), Kimber Eryn Mann (first runner up), and Bexley Karter Temple (second runner up).

- Girls 3 to 4 years: Rori Jo Ashcraft (winner), Haidyn Rae Mann (first runner up), and True Turner (second runner up).

Truck and Car Show

- Best overall: Jerry Sanson
- Best paint: Jesus Aguilar
- Best lowered: Rudy Roque
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The Lord spoke to Jacob, promising to give Jacob the land on which he was lying and also promising that Jacob would have many descendants and that all the people of the earth would be blessed through these offspring of Jacob. The Lord further promised Jacob that he would watch over him until the promise was fulfilled.

Awakening from the sleep, Jacob realized the Lord had been in that place. He declared that this place was the house of God, the gate of heaven.

The next morning Jacob called the place Bethel. In response to God's care, Jacob promised to give back to God a tenth of all that God gave to him.

... It happened at Luz

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IN THE ESTATE OF PAMELA SCOTT STRAUS, DECEASED § 06PR-23-38-2

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AS EXECUTOR

Last known address: 195 Panorama Circle Pottsboro, Texas 75076
Date of Death: February 23, 2021

Notice is hereby given that STEVEN MARSHALL STRAUS was appointed Ancillary Executor of the Estate of the above name Decedent on May 31, 2023.

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This notice first published this 7th day of June, 2023.
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6/7, 6/14

PROCLAMATION DECLARING RESULTS OF ELECTION

I, the undersigned Mayor of the Town of Banks, Arkansas (the "Town"), after examining the election returns and the Certificate of the Bradley County Board of Election Commissioners certifying the vote FOR and AGAINST, the levy of a new one percent (1.00%) sales and use tax within the Town for the improvement of municipal services and for any purpose for which the Town's general fund may be legally used, do hereby proclaim that the votes cast FOR and AGAINST the levy of the sales and use tax were as follows:

Adoption of a one percent (1.00%) local sales and use tax within the Town of Banks, Arkansas, the net collections of which after deduction of the administrative charges of the State of Arkansas and required rebates, to be used by the Town for the improvement of municipal services and for any purpose for which the Town's general fund may be legally used.

FOR adoption of a one percent (1.00%) local sales and use tax within the Town. 20
AGAINST adoption of a one percent (1.00%) local sales and use tax within the Town. 2

ALL persons are hereby notified that the results of the election on the question of the levy of the sales and use tax shall be conclusive unless attacked in the Circuit Court of Bradley County within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

Given this 15th day of May, 2023. /s/ Keeton Hudson
Keeton Hudson, Mayor
/s/ Susan Renee Davis
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Nelsie McFarland Bershen passed away June 8, 2023 in Monroe, La. She was born January 3, 1932, in Banks, to the late Auburn and Hattie Mae McFarland.

Funeral service was held 2:30 p.m. June 11 at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial was in McFarland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Mario Hampton

Mario Hampton, 34, of Warren, died June 4, 2023. He was born to Brian Hampton and Angela Warner.

He is survived by his parents Angela (Patrick) and Brian (Angela); son Ca'Marion; siblings Shaquonda, Kalaycia, Keylon, Nick, Dedrick; grandparents Vera Hampton and Freddie Smith.

Funeral service was held Saturday, June 10 at Hampton Chapel AME Church in Johnsville. Arrangements by Hammons Funeral Home.

Billy Braswell

Billy Joe Braswell, 74, of New Edinburg died June 7, 2023. He was born October 23, 1948 in Warren, to Elbert and Betty Ashcraft Braswell.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. June 12 at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial was in Outlaw Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

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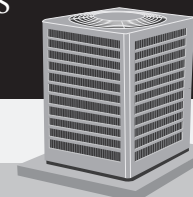
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