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BRADLEY COUNTY IS UNDER A BURN BAN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



WPD in search of vandalism suspect

From the Warren Police Department
On August 17, 2023 at approximately 6:43 a.m. Warren Police Department received a call from Billy Harding at 619 S. Myrtle St. When Warren Police Officers arrived, Harding showed them three

vehicles that had been damaged, a black GMC Yukon, a black Toyota Tundra, and a gold Kawasaki Concours motorcycle. Harding pulled up video recorded at 3:06 a.m. from his camera system that showed someone damaging his vehicles. The video sup-

plied by Harding is attached to this Press Release. If you recognize the person in the video or have any information about this incident contact Warren Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division at (870) 226-3703.



Lumberjacks prepare for conference season

By Zach Killian
Editor's Note: Due to circumstances outside of our control, the annual football edition has been delayed to September 27. We apologize for the inconvenience and confusion.

The Lumberjack football season has begun with two wins already against Stuttgart and White Hall in both non-conference games. After a week off, the Lumberjacks return home against Star City on Friday night.

In preparation for the season, the Lumberjacks began their training weeks before school started.

Lumberjack Head Coach Bo Hembree told The Eagle Democrat their strengths this season is the experience of the wide receivers and running backs. He also said the defensive line is strong.

One of their weaknesses this season, is a young inexperienced quarterback, Jackson Denton, who is just starting out. He also said a couple players on the defensive and offensive line are inexperienced.

"Overall, I'm really pleased with where we're at right now," said Coach Hembree. "It's a long year, but it's a good starting point."

Coach Hembree told The

Eagle Democrat they've been fortunate for over 20 years, the state championship comes through Warren.

Starting on the offensive line, is Alex Wardlaw, a senior, who plays at Center this season. He's been on the team for the last three years. Coach Hembree said Wardlaw's been getting better and better each year.

Jakendric Burks, a junior, is at right guard. Coach Hembree said he's their most improved player on the team and had an incredible off-season.

Race Frazer, a junior, plays left guard. He's been on the team for three years and had a good off-season. Coach Hembree told The Eagle Democrat they're excited about him and hopes he keeps getting better.

At right tackle is Terrence Roberson, a senior. He's a two-year starter and the leader on the front lines. Coach Hembree said he's gotten college offers from University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and Missouri State. Coach Hembree said Roberson keeps getting better and better.

Bryson Harris, a junior, is left tackle and a two-year starter. Coach Hembree said they're very excited about him.

"Those two guys [Roberson and Harris] are our leaders and the three guys in the middle are inexperienced right now, but I think they'll get better every game," said Coach Hembree.

The Lumberjacks have a freshman quarterback in Jackson Denton.

"We decided back in June to move him up and he had a really good summer," said Coach Hembree. "We know there's going to be some ups and downs, but hopefully more ups than downs. We think by the middle of the year, he has a chance to be really good."

For running back, the Lumberjacks have Treyton Jackson, a senior, and Jordyn Ingram, another senior. Coach Hembree said he feels good about them.

Antonio Jordan, Neon'dre Thomas, Kam Davis, and Tramond Miller, who are all juniors, are wide receivers.

Starting on the defensive line is senior Neeyo Harding. He's a two-year starter and defensive end. Coach Hembree said he's got a chance to be really, really good, but needs to get better on playing hard on every snap, but he's "very explosive".

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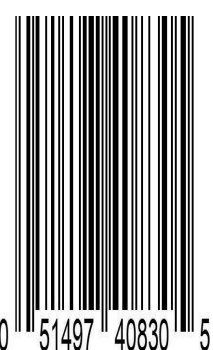
Bradley County Fair Best of Show winners announced

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| Special to The Eagle | Senior: Linda Kercheval | Senior: Sandra Gatling |
| The Bradley County Fair took place over the weekend. Many vendors were in attendance, along with food trucks and exhibits. | Crochet, Knitting, and Tatting | Holiday Corner |
| The following won the Best of Show: | Junior: Addyson Powell | Junior: Alexa Hargis |
| Flowers | Senior: Laura Napier | Senior: Sue Wilson |
| Junior: Benjamin Green | Purses | Photography |
| Senior: Paul Gatling | Senior: Linda Kercheval | Senior: Shelia Gorman |
| Flowers Single Specimen | Hobbies | Personal Care |
| Junior: Elianna Green | Junior: Jake Castleberry | Senior: Leigh Brandon |
| Senior: Lynn Lawrence | Senior: Joy Kitchens | Nursing Home |
| Floral Arrangement | Clothing | Senior: Sandra DalSanto |
| Senior: Phyllis Steadman | Senior: Alayne Zimmerly | Food Preservation |
| Crafts | Needlework | Junior: Judson Green |
| Junior: Benjamin Green | Senior: Joy Kitchens | Senior: Diane Parnell |
| Senior: Karen McDougald | Baked Goods | School Spirit |
| Household Arts | Junior: Benjamin Green | Junior: Abigail Raines |
| Junior: Elianna Green | Senior: Laura Thornton | Senior: Linda Kercheval |
| Senior: Alayne Zimmerly | Eggs | Recyclables |
| Quilted Items | Junior: Evan McCoskey | Senior: Alayne Zimmerly |
| | Senior: Lynn Hearnberger | Art |
| | Tomato Crafts | Junior: Alexa Hargis |
| | Senior: Linda Kercheval | Senior: Laura McKinney |
| | Collections | Horticulture |
| | Junior: Abigail Raines | Junior: Judson Green |
| | | Senior: Lynn Lawrence |

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Junior Premium Livestock Sale raises over \$30,000 at county fair

The Junior Livestock Exhibitor Premium Sale raised \$31,475 at the Bradley County Fair on Friday.

The following are the exhibitors, project, buyer, the price:

- Luke Cathey, GC Market Hog, Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, \$1000
- Grant Ferrell, GC Breeding Gilt, Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, \$1000.
- Holden Cathey, GC Com. Heifer, Sewell Oil Company, \$1000.
- Macy Jarvis, GC Heifer, MFK Game Calls, \$950.
- Olivia Cook, GC Lamb, Johnsville Sand and Gravel, \$750
- Brooke Rawls, Breeding Lamb Heritage Poultry, \$800
- Alexis Thomas, GC Dairy Goat, T&T Construction, \$1000.
- Dathan Rice, GC Breeding Buck, Farm Bureau, \$550.
- Laila Lawrence, GC

- Poultry Chain, Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, \$850.
- Javen Thompson, RC Breeding Gilt, MFK Game Calls, \$1025.
- Emma Outlaw, RC Heifer, Harold's Processing, \$500.
- Asher Weaver, RC Dairy Goat, First State Bank, \$750.
- Olivia Roberson, RC Poultry Chain, Union Bank, \$700.
- Emma Parker, Market Hog, E&A Farm, \$1000.
- Colton McKinney, Breeding Heifer, Johnsville Sand and Gravel, \$350.
- Madison Outlaw, Breeding Goat, Bradley County Medical Center, \$400.
- Deacon Murphy, Market Hog, James Glass and Body, \$550.
- Jase Thomas, Dairy Goat, South Arkansas Fair and Marketing, \$375.
- Maggie Rice, Dairy Goat, T&T Construction, \$400.
- Caysen Harrod, Market

- Hog, State Farm/Joey Cathey, \$700.
- Arielle Weaver, Dairy Goat, South Arkansas Fair and Marketing, \$550.
- Kensley Harrod, Market Hog, Heritage Poultry, \$400.
- Diesel Castleberry, Dairy Goat, Heritage Poultry, \$425.
- Charlie Parker, Market Hog, E&A Farm, \$800.
- Tuf Castleberry, Dairy Goat, Johnsville Sand and Gravel, \$325.
- Adilee Murphy, Market Hog, Heritage Poultry, \$525.
- Caroline Outlaw, Dairy Goat, Marsh/George Clinic, \$375.
- Parker O'Neal, Market Hog, Warren Bank and Trust, \$750.
- Corbin Rice, Dairy Goat, James Body and Glass, \$575.
- Kooper Harrod, Market Hog, Hermitage Corner Produce, \$725.

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Bobby Weaver of James Glass and Body sponsored the livestock buckles. Johnsville Company and Johnsville Trucking sponsored the grand and reserve champion embroidery bagged chairs.

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Passin' the Faith Along

By REV. JIM BALES
Pastor - First Assembly of God
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Friends, we need a revival in this hour. When I speak of revival, I'm not talking about a series of meetings or services. I'm speaking of a spiritual awakening inside the church. Someone told me the other day, "You sound a little old fashioned." I admit it, I am. Coca Cola does taste better in a little green glass bottle than it does in a plastic bottle or aluminum can.

What's keeping revival out of the church? Sin. What is sin? "Therefore, him that knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." (James 4:17).

What will it take to have a revival in this hour? "Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgement in the gate." (Amos 5:15).

It's time to get into the Bible, the Word of God and let the Bible get into us. It's time for God's people to become sin haters. God's Word and standard has not changed. It's time to take God's Word and draw a line and stand up for what is right.

Revival in this hour is not a luxury, but a necessity. I owe my spiritual life to revival. Perhaps you do too. Let's ask God, together, to "revive us again." (Psalm 85:6).

First Assembly of God invites you to Revival Services September 15, 16, and 17 with Evangelist Joe Tolbert. Friday and Saturday services start at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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 August 15, 2001.

We came home from being over at the lake for several days.

We came home in a hurry and in advance because the burglar alarm company called and said the alarm at our house was "going off".

We thought it might be disturbing our neighbors, but the "siren" was just never set off.

What took place (many of your will remember it) was this: we had a big electrical storm with lots of thunder-boomers. On a really big "boom", a picture fell off one of our walls. The "motion detector" phase caught it and set off the alarm.

But there was something else: lightning came rollin' into our house and disabled a TV..mortally-wounding a VCR machine.

One of our younger sons of the spirit, the TV repairman Daniel Herring, came from Young's TV, operated by the widow of my late brother in the spirit James O. Young.

TV sets don't die much anymore (they sure used to: Bobby Bradford and Loyd Norton, plus others, made careers of keeping them going: these two, of course, plus James Owen Young).

But Daniel muscled the wounded TV to his van, took it to the repair place, and fixed it by the next day.

But what about the VCR machine?

"You don't repair those", said Daniel, smiling. "You just go over and buy another one".

That didn't sound too economical to the Oldtimer,

who remembered paying another brother of the spirit, W.T. Outlaw, of the lamented Warren Tire Company at Main and Central, over a thousand dollars for one in the fall of 1979.

We'd seen a VCR several months earlier in the possession of an old friend, the late John Clay Burch, was impressed and, in 1979, the oldtimer was a "pitiful widower man" (that didn't last long, come to think of it).

Any rate, I taped a symphony concert (the Boston, with Ozawa conducting one of the Liszt tone poems titled "Orpheus": I almost wore the tape out).

Getting my thousand dollars' worth of use.

The other day, we repaired to the Friendly Discounter and picked up a VCR, made in Indonesia, for less than \$60.

Works just as well as that thousand-dollar one, too.

Daniel came over and "connected it up".

Everything's getting less expensive in electronics, he opined; says he wishes cars and trucks were doing the same thing.

Well, life can't be perfect: it approaches that elevated standard, let it be said, for the onetime newspaper man at 212 East Shields.

We have had a mad adventure on the internet.

We found an old and antique item on the Ebay auction thing.

We told 'em we wanted it; they shipped it from California.

End of story?

No, the story is of the elderlly trying to run a computer and to enter information about purchases the computer demands.

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We tried and tried and tried and just never could get the thing to take a credit card: we gave up and sent 'em a cashier's check from the bank.

Post office in town said they'd send the check to San Diego for about \$12.50 and GUARANTEED it would be there before noon the next day.

Didn't know they could do that.

Well, life gets complicated. Just wish my 11-year-old twin grandsons were close enough (they're in Kentucky) to come over and program the VCR...also to program the computer.

It's easy for kids; not for the venerable.

Part of the certified activities of retired grandparents are periodic treks to see the kids and the grandkids: we started off on another journey of this nature the other day, en route to Kentucky. To get to Kentucky, you have to go through Memphis and to get to Memphis, you have to cross a handsome four-lane bridge over the Big River.

Just this side of the bridge, traffic slowed, then stopped... and remained thus, frozen in time, for a full hour.

We got to visiting with a young man driving a giant transport truck based in Joplin, Mo.

Said he was 21, and had been in this country only three years, coming from Honduras in Central America.

We lent him our cell 'phone so he could call his boss and explain why he would be at least an hour late getting to Nashville.

Nice kid. We asked him how he got a visa to get into the country from Honduras. He laughed. No explaining.

We bade each other farewell. Times are changing.

One of the really elegant gentlemen of the 20th century in Bradley County was a South Carolinian named David Alexander Bradham. He was an alumnus of The Citadel and of the law school at Washington and Lee. A W&L classmate from Jersey in Bradley County named M.J. Anders convinced the young attorney he could have a good career in Warren, where three massive sawmills had just gone into business.

We came to know the Judge well in the summer of 1948 when he was seeking reelection as Chancery Judge for

South East Arkansas. two years prior, he had engaged the future minister in the Church of Christ named Bill Bates to drive him around the area while he canvassed for votes.

But in 1948, he invited me to provide this service (Bill Bates was already working fulltime at Eagle Publishing Company).

We'd ride back and forth to assorted centers of refinement and charm like Eudora, Portland, Wilmot, Parkdale,

Mist, Hamburg, and Crossett. In the latter city, I'd station myself on the front porch of the lamented Rose Inn, the Crossett Company-owned hotel, while the Judge went around shaking hands.

Judge Bradham was frail-looking: but appearances deceived. He had been a fearless prosecuting attorney; he was a completely-fearless judge, too.

He taught me lots of things. Just one of them was to always order breakfast if you

were in a strange new café which didn't look very promising from a culinary standpoint. "They can't mess up breakfast", the Judge insisted.

Judge Bradham's home was the residence now owned by Mrs. Floyd Richardson.

In my youth, the Judge's daughter, Eloise, and her husband Jack Orton, resided with the Judge...plus their kids, Jacqueline and Davis.

The Judge was divorced. But that's another story.



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The 2023 livestock winners from the Bradley County Fair are the following:

- Beef**
 - Grand Champion Commercial Heifer -Holden Cathey
 - Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer - Emma Outlaw
 - Grand Champion Breeding Heifer - Macy Jarvis
 - Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer -Holden Cathey
 - Grand Champion Bull - Holden Cathey
 - Senior Beef Showmanship - Macy Jarvis
 - Junior Beef Showmanship - Holden Cathey
Swine
 - Grand Champion Market Hog - Luke Cathey

- Reserve Champion Market Hog -Luke Cathey
 - Grand Champion Duroc Gilt -Grant Ferrell
 - Reserve Champion Duroc Gilt -Javen Thompson
 - Senior Swine Showmanship - Grant Ferrell
 - Junior Swine Showmanship -Luke Cathey
Dairy Goat
 - Grand Champion Dairy Goat -Alexis Thomas
 - Reserve Champion Dairy Goat -Asher Weaver
 - Grand Champion Buck - Dathan Rice
 - Reserve Champion Buck - Alexis Thomas
 - Senior Goat Showmanship -Brooke Rawls
 - Junior Goat Showmanship -Corbin Rice

- Market Lamb**
 - Grand Champion Market Lamb - Olivia Cook
 - Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Olivia Cook
 - Grand Champion Ewe - Olivia Cook
Katahdin Sheep
 - Grand Champion Female - Brooke Rawls
 - Reserve Champion Female -Brooke Rawls
 - Grand Champion Ram - Brooke Rawls
 - Senior Sheep Showmanship -Olivia Cook
 - Junior Sheep Showmanship -Brooke Rawls
Poultry
 - Junior Grand Champion Standard Poultry -Olivia Roberston
 - Junior Reserve Champion Standard Poultry - Evan McCoskey
 - Junior Grand Champion Standard Polish -Asher Weaver
 - Senior Grand Champion Bantam -Jonalyn Reep
 - Senior Reserve Champion Bantam -Tonya Rawls
 - Senior Grand Champion Standard -Jessica Murphy
 - Grand Champion 4-H Poultry Chain -Laila Lawrence
 - Reserve Champion 4-H Poultry Chain -Olivia Roberston



The Kinsmen Quartet

6:00 p.m. Saturday, September 16th at Crossroads Baptist Church in Warren.

JACKS

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Jordyn Ingram is another defensive end. He started last year at the end of the year. Coach Hembree said he has a very high motor and is all over the place. Coach Hembree said he makes plays everywhere.

Inside the defensive line is Bryson Harris, a two-year starter and a junior. Trestan Greene is also inside the defensive line. It's the first time he has played inside. Coach Hembree thinks he'll get better each week.

Ervin Rivera, a senior, took

his brother's, Delfino Rivera, position as linebacker. Coach Hembree said he's very smart and gets them lined up. He's their quarterback on defense. Coach Hembree was very excited about him.

Outside linebackers are John David Tillman, a senior, who played a lot last year on special teams.

Cody Weatherspoon, a junior, is another outside linebacker. He played some last year and is now playing more this season.

Luis Woods, a sophomore, is also outside linebacker. Coach Hembree said he has

a great motor and led the Junior Jacks team in tackles last year.

"We're very excited about them," said Coach Hembree. "We got four of them for three spots. They're going to rotate in and be able stay fresh. Hopefully all four of them will continue to get better as the season goes on."

On secondary, they are starting with Treyton Jackson on one corner and Kam Davis on the other corner. Cameron Burks, a junior, will be in the safety spot. Aaron Davis, a sophomore, will also be in the safety spot.

Allen Juarez is the new kicker for the Lumberjacks. It's his first year playing football and also plays soccer. Coach Hembree said he's very excited about him and thinks he'll continue to get better.

"We got so much depth in the secondary because we got a lot of guys who started last year, that were not having to play both ways right now," said Coach Hembree. "This is the first time in a while we have two guys going both ways. We can even narrow it down to one or two. Right now, going into Friday night that's what we look like."

Weevils Take Down Bulldogs in Dominant Home Opener

The University of Arkansas at Monticello football team played their home opener of the 2023 season on Saturday evening as the Boll Weevils hosted Great American Conference foe Southwestern Oklahoma State University. UAM came out of the match with a dominant 58-21 victory over the Bulldogs, increasing their record to 2-0 on the year.

UAM went toe-to-toe with the Bulldogs on Saturday evening, being the first team to put points on the board and continued to dominate for the remainder of the contest.

The home town crowd gave the Boll Weevils a serious en-

ergy, as the offense would put up 489 total offensive yards in the match-up. Demilon Brown contributed four total touchdowns on the game, connecting with Isaiah Cross for two touchdowns with seven receptions and 101 reception yards on the game. In total, UAM saw six total reception touchdowns on the night.

Brown gave a 15-28 performance with 228 passing yards before being replaced by Buddy Taylor, who went 6-10. Cross led UAM in receiving with seven receptions for 101 total yards, with the longest being a 34-yard touchdown in the third quarter. Jovonnie Gibson was right behind with

seven receptions and 100 total yards of his own. On the ground, Gary Ferman led the Boll Weevils with six carries for 65 yards.

Defensively, Brycen Leblanc stood above the rest with eight total tackles and four solo stops on the night.

Zachary Grisotti led the day in extra point attempts, going 4-7.

Boll Weevil Head Coach Hud Jackson had this to say after the game: "Great win for our program and UAM. What an unreal crowd!!! We can't be satisfied and we have to get ready for a huge challenge next week! Proud of our players and our coaches. Shout out to the athletic staff for putting together a great family day and game day experience!! Eat'em up!"

The Weevils look to extend their record on September 16 when they travel to Searcy, Arkansas to take on Harding University. The game is set to begin that Saturday at 6 p.m.

Hermitage High School Class of 1983 40th Year Reunion

Welcoming all class members & teachers

Location: Hermitage Community Center

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023

Time: Doors open at 10:00 AM for meet & greet

Food: Catered lunch served at Noon

Cost: \$20 (per person)

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Editorial

Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



Her life was one of remarkable accomplishment in a time when women had few opportunities. However, the disappearance of Maud Robinson Crawford of Camden in 1957 overshadowed her accomplishments in life and has left many questions unanswered in the decades since.

Maud Robinson was born in East Texas in 1891. After her mother's death in 1900, she came to live with her grandmother in Warren. In 1911, she was valedictorian of her high school class and briefly attended the University of Arkansas.

In 1916, she began working as a stenographer for Camden attorney John Gaughan. Impressed with her skills, the firm encouraged her study of the law. As the South Arkansas Oil Boom expanded in the 1920s, the firm needed experts in legal titles and mineral rights. In 1927, she passed the bar exam with the top grade, making her one of the first women in Arkansas to become an attorney.

The law firm gained additional prestige in Camden in 1939 when former Congressman John L. McClellan became a partner. McClellan was elected to the U. S. Senate in 1942.

She married Clyde Crawford in 1925. By all accounts, the two had a happy life together, and she remained very active in local affairs. In 1940, Maud Crawford became the first woman elected to the Camden City Council. She was widely respected on the council during her eight years of service and also led many civic organizations.

Wanting to encourage more women to become involved in public service, she founded Arkansas Girls' State in 1942. The organization was a counterpart to Boys' State and sent high school-age girls to Little Rock each year to learn more about the operations of state government. More than 55,000 young Arkansas women have since participated. Crawford served with the organization for the next 15 years.

On March 2, 1957, Maud Crawford disappeared without a trace. Her husband returned that night to find the home undisturbed but his wife missing. His own frantic search to neighbors and local cafes turned up nothing. Local police stepped into the investigation and also found nothing. A reward of \$1,000 was offered by the Camden Police Department for any information on her whereabouts. No one came forward.

A rumor widely circulated at the time alleged that her disappearance was payback by the Mafia in retaliation for the widely publicized attacks and hearings on organized crime led by her former law partner, Sen. McClellan. No evidence ever surfaced to support this theory.

Her husband died in 1969, never certain of what happened to his beloved wife. Later that year, having no trace of her since her 1957 disappearance and despite not having found a body, authorities declared her legally dead.

In 1986, Arkansas Gazette reporter and Camden native Beth Brickell ran a series of articles on the case, hoping to shed some light on the mystery. Brickell alleged that a prominent Camden businessman, Henry M. Berg, arranged for Crawford's disappearance over a dispute of the will of his aunt, Rose Berg, who intended to leave her oil and timber fortune to three nieces instead. Crawford, who drew up the original will, was Rose Berg's attorney and court-appointed guardian. Henry M. Berg died in 1975 and any witnesses to any of his activities in 1957 have also died. However, no one was ever charged or convicted, and the case is still considered open. Brickell has since published her findings into a book, The Disappearance of Maud Crawford.

To this day, no one is certain what happened to Maud Crawford. The tragic disappearance of a respected and beloved figure still haunts Camden.



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Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

Thanks to a Senate bill that became law earlier this year, thousands of Arkansas students will qualify for free lunches at school.

Act 656 of 2023 was approved by an overwhelming majority of senators. It benefits children from families with low incomes by eliminating the requirement that they pay a reduced price for lunch. Instead, lunch is free.

If their family income is below 130 percent of the federal poverty level, children qualify for free meals. That equates to an income of \$39,000 for a family of four.

Children in a family of four qualify for reduced priced meals if their income is more than \$39,000 but less than

\$55,550 a year. That is between 130 percent and 185 percent of the federal poverty level. The maximum amount that schools may charge for a reduced priced lunch is 40 cents.

During the height of the Covid pandemic school meals were free to all students due to waivers in federal nutrition regulations. Those waivers have expired and schools are returning to the guidelines that were in place before the pandemic. Some parents need a reminder that they need to apply in order for their children to qualify for free lunches.

The application is free and the paperwork isn't difficult to fill out. Although the school year has already begun, it's not too late to apply. In fact, a family can apply midway through the school year if their financial situation changes. School officials are required to keep your financial information confidential.



Urban areas make up only three percent of the entire land area of the country but are home to 80 percent of the U.S. population. The remaining 20 percent live in small rural communities that are scattered throughout 97 percent of America's land mass. That percentage may further decrease in the coming years.

Census data backs up the trend. In Arkansas, over half of our 75 counties lost population in the last census. On a national level, 53 percent of counties across the country saw inhabitants leave.

Rural America's difficulties in recent years are well documented. Trade wars, record-high inflation, breakdowns in supply chains and extreme weather events have combined to take a damaging toll on these communities.

Then the pandemic hit, bringing with it additional unprecedented challenges. Parents tried to keep up with their child's schoolwork from

home without internet access. Rural hospital administrators, who were already struggling to keep their doors open, had to continue to serve their communities during a health crisis of proportions unseen in our lifetime. Every rural resident struggled to find necessities at the few options they had for groceries within a 20-mile radius.

Even before the pandemic, Americans had been leaving rural communities in large numbers for employment opportunities and the modern services and conveniences bigger metropolitan areas offer.

This exodus is not healthy for our country. If one part of America is not living up to its potential, then all of America is held back.

When urban populations have so much influence and proximity to authority, how do we ensure that Americans living outside these areas aren't left behind?

Once the application is approved, nothing about the children's menu will change. They still will be able to choose from the same menu options as students who pay full fare for meals.

There are additional benefits for applying. Students from low-income families may qualify for lower fees on college applications, and lower fees for taking standardized tests like Advanced Placement exams and college entrance tests like the ACT and the SAT. Some schools lower the fees that may be charged for participating in athletics and other varsity activities.

Last year about 46,000 students in Arkansas qualified for reduced-priced meals. There are about 477,000 students in Arkansas schools from kindergarten through grade twelve.

Under Act 656, the state Education Department shall report every year to legislators on the Senate and House Edu-

cation Committees by November 15. The report shall be an overview of the state's school nutrition programs, with figures on how many children are approved and how many are denied free lunches.

Legislative auditors will audit the state's school nutrition program by December 15, 2023, to determine the extent of school districts' participation in free lunch programs.

Revenue Report

During the first two months of the state fiscal year, tax revenue came in at 3.2 percent above forecast. That amounts to about \$33.2 million more than predicted by state budget officials.

Net revenues in all categories were above forecast. The increase in sales tax revenue was driven by purchases of motor vehicles, spending at restaurants and sales of retail items.

The state fiscal year began on July 1. We are now in Fiscal Year 2024.

The Farm Bill is an excellent place to start. While discussions on this vital legislation often focus on the agriculture safety net and nutrition components, its rural development programs allow the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide loans and grants that can help build communities from the ground up.

These USDA initiatives will help modernize rural America's infrastructure. Long gone are the days where infrastructure discussion was focused solely on three "r's" --roads, rails and runways. In order to bring rural America into the 21st century, we must increase broadband internet access and make improvements to water systems in rural communities.


The Farm Bill will help deploy high-speed broadband to millions of households that are truly unserved. The opportunity cost of leaving rural Americans behind in the digital divide without access to telehealth, online learning, e-commerce, precision agriculture and more, is simply too great to ignore.

Similarly, many rural communities, due to lack of pop-

ulation density and lack of economies of scale, do not have resources to build, maintain and operate safe and reliable drinking and wastewater services. A community's chances of attracting new private investment are slim without this critical infrastructure, and the Farm Bill can help ensure small towns can complete these water projects.


Clearly, this legislation is about more than just growing food. It is about growing rural America. The infrastructure programs it funds will allow new businesses, with well-paying jobs, to sprout around our family farms, ranches and forests that provide our food, fuel and fiber. This reality is why I am committed to help rural America flourish by passing the next Farm Bill in the coming months.





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 Exodus

Miriam was Moses' sister. It was Miriam who was charged with watching over Moses when he was placed in the tar-coated basket and placed in the water.

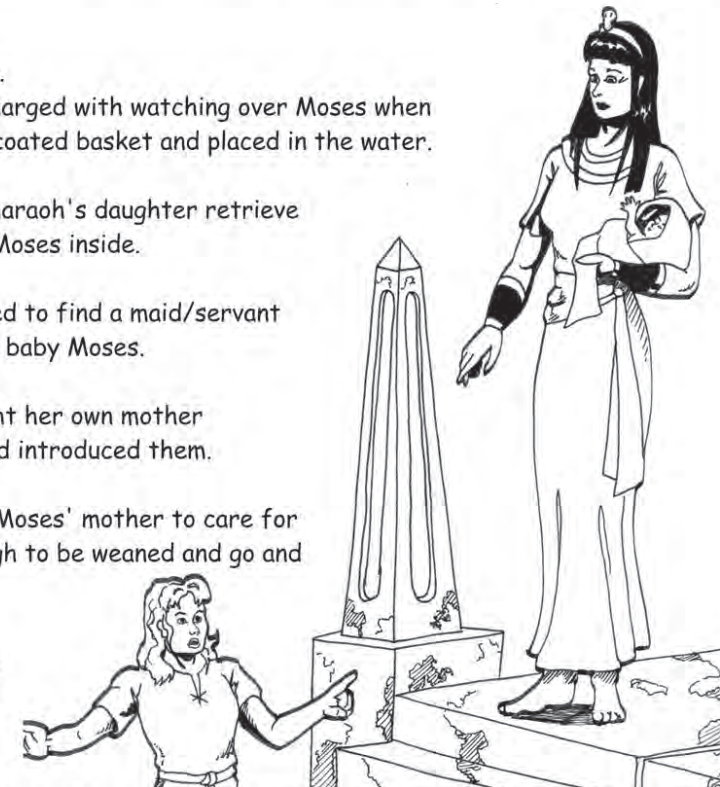
It was Miriam who saw Pharaoh's daughter retrieve the basket and discover Moses inside.

It was Miriam who offered to find a maid/servant to nurse and care for the baby Moses.

It was Miriam who brought her own mother to Pharaoh's daughter and introduced them.

Pharaoh's daughter paid Moses' mother to care for him until he was old enough to be weaned and go and live in Pharaoh's palace.


Exodus 15 records a song that Miriam sang and led the women to sing.



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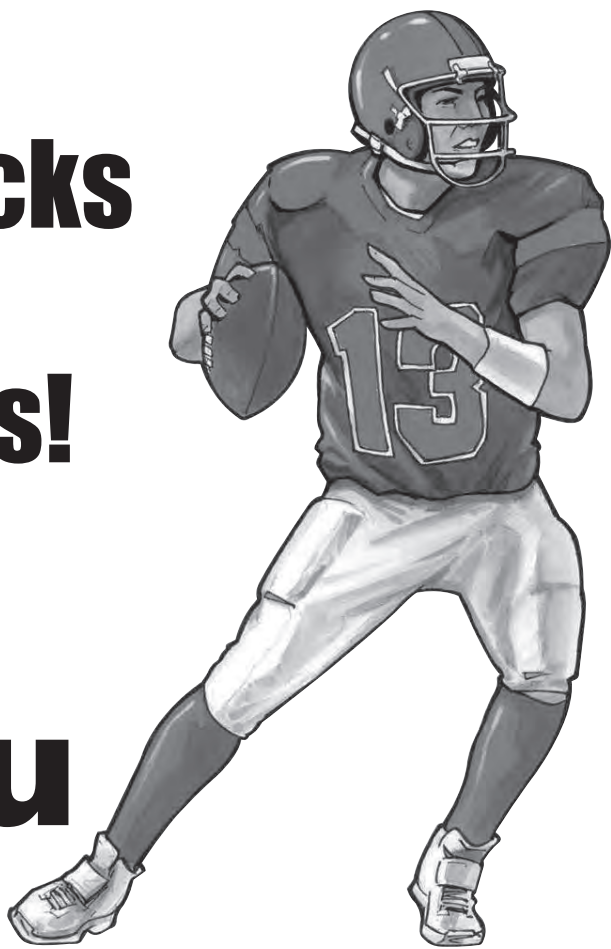
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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Actor, politician and former NFL player Alan Autry went by what name when he started three games at quarterback for the 1976 Green Bay Packers?

2. U.S. Olympian Flo Hyman won a silver medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Games playing in what team sport?

3. In Game 2 of the 1986 Stanley Cup Final, the Montreal Canadiens' Brian Skrudland scored the fastest overtime goal in NHL playoff history. How many seconds into overtime did he score?

4. What member of the minor league Omaha Cardinals set a world record for longest throw of a baseball at 445 feet, 10 inches in 1957?

5. Footballer Alessandro Faiolhe Amantino, who played nine games for Brazil's national team (2004-08), and played in Italy for Roma (2003-08) and Internazionale (2008-11), was better known by what name?

6. In 2022, what member of the Denver Nuggets became the first NBA player to have played with 13 different franchises?

7. What two Cleveland MLB pitchers were killed in a boating accident in Florida during spring training in 1993?

Answers

- 1. Carlos Brown.
- 2. Volleyball.
- 3. Nine.
- 4. Glen Gorbous.
- 5. Mancini.
- 6. Ish Smith.
- 7. Steve Olin and Tim Crews.

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HOUSE FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, great location. Contact 870-820-8101.

FOR SALE: ORION Cooker Smoker (large), \$200. It has been used one time. Call 870-814-8271. Leave a message and will call you back.

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FOR SALE: Five cemetery lots, \$200 each at Warren Cemetery. Contact Sarah at 573-579-4514.

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FOR SALE: Queen-size mattress and box springs, bed frame, and bookcase headboard \$75. Call 870-226-5396.

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FOR SALE: Blue king-size mattress. \$50. Good condition. Call 870-226-5396.

FOR SALE: Window air conditioner \$50. It works. Electric Box for \$4. Xbox with two games \$10. Call 870-226-5396.

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY CORNISH, DECEASED NO. 06PR-23-35-2

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 142 Bradley 22 Road Warren, AR 71671

Date of /Death: August 13, 2022

The undersigned was appointed Special Administrator of the Estate of Mary Cornish, deceased, on July 7, 2023.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned or her attorney 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 on the 6th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Kelly Ashcraft

Kelly Ashcraft, Special Administrator

c/o Richard L. Roper

Bar Identification No. 79246

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9/6, 9/13

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOMMY CORNISH, DECEASED NO. 06PR-23-34-2

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 142 Bradley 22 Road Warren, AR 71671

Date of /Death: July 30, 2022

The undersigned was appointed Special Administrator of the Estate of Tommy Cornish, deceased, on July 18, 2023.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned or her attorney 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 on the 6th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Kelly Ashcraft

Kelly Ashcraft, Special Administrator

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KATIE WILL ROARK, DECEASED NO. 06PR-23-57-2

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 101 Chipwood Lane Greenville, South Carolina

Date of Death: January 31, 2022

An instrument dated June 3, 2004, was on August 22, 2023, admitted to probate as the Last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Ancillary Administrator thereunder. A contest of the probate of the will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

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. Provided, the claim for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of the notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in such estate.

This Notice first published on the 13th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Dillard Nick Roark

Dillard Nick Roark, Ancillary Administrator

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9/13, 9/20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION TENTH DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MOSES G. WILLIAMS, DECEASED No. 06PR-23-63-2

Last known address of decedent: 587 Bradley 1 South, Jersey, AR 71651

Date of death: July 16, 2023

NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT FOR COLLECTION OF SMALL ESTATE BY DISTRIBUTEES

On August 30, 2023, an Affidavit For Collection of Small Estate by Distributees was filed with respect to the Estate of Moses G. Williams, deceased, with the Clerk of Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Bradley County, Arkansas. Under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

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

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

Glenn Williams

2006 Gaines St.

El Dorado, AR 71730

This notice first published on September 6, 2023.

/s/ Glenn Williams

Glenn Williams

/s/ James Williams

James Williams

9/6

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