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WHS EAST wins nationwide contest

BY JOANNA POOLE reporter@theeagledemocrat.com

On Wednesday, March 30, 2022, an unforgettable thing happened when Warren High School caught on fire. The community was devastated. Warren has always been a town that loves their school district and the whole community was left wondering what the next step was.

The damage caused by the fire, smoke, and water was so severe that it left the building in an unusable state. Students attended classes in the SEACBEC building for the remainder of the school vear. Since then, students and faculty have been doing what they can to make classes as normal as possible. Part of that process included students attending classes in portable buildings from August 2022 to May 2023.

Fast-forward to the 2023/2024 school year when Warren High School principal Tiffany Gathen, forwarded Payton Reep, the E.A.S.T. teacher, an email about a contest involving Josten's where the winner could walk away with the grand prize of \$150,000 to go towards an Epic School Revamp. "This was a WHS project where

I asked for some E.A.S.T. students to make the video and then I submitted the data," Gathen said.

When Reep was asked if she and her students would help, she gladly agreed.

"When Ms. Gathen forwarded the contest email to me and asked if E.A.S.T. would be interested in doing it, we said of course," Reep said.

Reep spent about a week and a half explaining to students what branding, identity, and school culture means. They then looked at some of the areas that the school could improve on. The students scheduled and conducted all of their interviews, which also took about a week. Once the video was edited and put together, the students started to see the light at the end of the tunnel. But unfortunately, that wasn't the case. The edited video was then lost along with some of the recorded interviews. But the students didn't give up. They pushed through and were able to get another video together in about a week.

"I was very excited, and I felt like we won when we finished the video," Reep said.

She felt like that was the winning point for her.

On December 20, 2023, Reep found out that Warren High School had won the contest, but she couldn't exactly share the exciting news with family and friends. An assembly that was disguised as a normal pep assembly was going to be held on January 9,2024.

"I had to sit on that secret," Reep said.

It was there that the team from Josten's revealed to the school and members of the community that Warren High School had indeed won the contest.

During the assembly, Alyson Araque who is the Vice President of Merchandising and Creative for Josten's said a few words before the announcement was made.

"We looked for a school with heart and spirit," Arague said.

She also said that's exactly what they saw when they looked at the Warren school district.

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After the announcement, John Jenson who is the director of Josten's Schoolmark, interviewed a few other people including Joel Tolfree, who is a member of the school board and Warren City

Council. Tolfree said that he thought the state would let Warren build a new school, but unfortunately, that had not happened. "Like we always do, we took lemons and made lemonade, and

God sent us you," Tolfree said.

Warren High School's new look will be revealed in August at the beginning of the 2024/2025 school year.

State Medical Examiner rules 2023 hit and run as suicide

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The State Medical Examiner has ruled that the manner of death for Eli Perrin, a 21-year-old man from Arkadelphia, was a suicide and the cause was multiple injuries. Perrin's body was originally found on the corner of Ganaway and Church Street on August 15, 2023, and police believe that Perrin was hit between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m.

In the original report, the Warren Police Department received a call at 5:10 a.m. about a deceased body. While Perrin's body was found lieve that he was initially hit at the 1200 block of Church Street and that his body was moved.

The Warren Police Department found pieces of the vehicle that struck Perrin left behind at the scene. After receiving help from the Arkansas State Police and the FBI, police believe that the vehicle could be one of three different models of an early to mid-2000s car: a Ford Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marque, or Lincoln Town Car.

The investigation is still ongoing and police are asking anyone with any information to contact at the 500 block of Church Street, police be- the Warren Police Department at 870-226-3703.





BCMC Home Health earns CAHPS Patient Satisfaction Award of Distinction

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Bradley County Medical Center Home Health department has been presented with the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Home Health Patient Satisfaction Award of Distinction by WellSky for 2023.

This award is given to home health departments that have exhibited superior performance in patient satisfaction during the 2022 calendar year. Based on overall patient survey results, BCMC Home Health has been named a national best practice agency by WellSky.

Based on a comparative analysis of agencies involved in WellSky's Home Health CAHPS system for the past year, BCMC's results for the Overall

Satisfaction or Likelihood of Recommending survey questions placed them in the top 25 percent of WellSky's National Home Health CAHPS database.

BCMC's Home Health department has received several accolades over the years. This is the fourth time the department has received the Patient Satisfaction Award of Distinction since 2015.

For the latest news and updates regarding BCMC please like the Bradley County Medical Center Facebook page or follow us on Instagram (BCMCWarren) or X, formerly Twitter (@BCMC Warren). To keep up with the most recent news and updates for the BCMC Rural Health Clinic, please like the BCMC Rural Health Clinic page on Facebook.

BRADLEY COUNTY PLAYS HOST TO BLEED BLUE BLOOD DRIVE



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lice Survivors, or C.O.P.S. C.O.P.S. is a non-profit organization, which provides resources to assist in

> the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Each do-

> tute and with each donation that was received, the O.B.I. donated \$10 to the Arkansas chapter of Concerns of Po-

nor received a limited-edition Bleed Blue Blood Drive T-shirt.

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All was guiet Monday in Hermitage, above and on Main Street in Warren after wintry precipitation moved through the area Monday.



The Bleed Blue Blood Drive sponsored by Our Blood Insti-

was held at the Bradley County Courthouse on January 9, 2024. The blood drive was

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There is an old legend that tells of a wealthy man who sought admittance into Heaven. An angel asked him for the password. The elegantly attired gentleman replied, "I have contributed generously to the church. Everyone knows of my sterling character. I am respected everywhere. Surely you will have a place for me; I have earned it."

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But the angel answered, "Sorry, sir. That is not the password. You may not enter."

Another man approached, distinguished looking and refined. He too was asked for the password. "I have served the Lord as a minister. I have stood before the church Sunday after Sunday. Great institutions have given me their highest degrees. Certainly, I merit Heaven's favor."

Again, the angel shook his head sadly. "Sorry. That is not the password. You do not know the King here."

Then an old woman appeared before the celestial creature. Her body was bowed I will pass over you"). The

But her eyes were shining and she radiated joy. The angel asked her for the password. Again, she lifted up her hands and began to sing, "The blood, the blood is all my plea. Hallelujah! It cleanseth me! Hallelujah! It cleansesth me!"

And she was right. Without physical blood, there is no physical life. And without the blood of Christ, there is no spiritual life. The apostle John made it clear: "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

That's the bitter pill for some to accept. There must be some other way. Make a mental decision to accept Christ as the ultimate example of life. Straighten out your life. Learn to contemplate the higher virtues and all will be well. But no more about the Blood! It's revolting! It's out of the Middle Ages.

The Old Testament is the story of men finding salvation through the blood of sacrificial animals (When I see the blood, from many years of hard toil. New Testament is the story of

through the blood of Christ. Without Jesus' death on the cross, all the sacrificing of goats and bullocks and sheep in the Old Testament would have been useless. Those sacrifices were drawn on Heavens' Bank of Eternal Mercy, knowing that the check would be made good by the ultimate deposit, the very life of the Son of God.

"For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:13, 14).

When Jesus cried, "It is finished!" (John 19:30), on the cross and died, it was without question the greatest acclamation of victory ever heard on this earth. Everything that happened before the cross, and everything since the cross, has its meaning in those three words! There Jesus gave His blood for you and me. He made redemption possible. He made victory over sin in your personal life a fact, if you will have it. He made the sacrifice.

And there is nothing else in all the universes that can Jesus died for you. He loved do the work of that blood. you.

the. World finding salvation No matter how strenuously you revolt against it, how you turn your face from Calvary, how you insist upon doing it your own way, only Christ's death on the cross can ever save you.

> What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow.

No other fount I know,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Jesus took your place on the cross, the instrument of death. He died for us in our stead. I should have died, you should have died. We should have received the just punishment for the sins that offend a holy God. But God did not want you to die, but to live. To have eternal life. Jesus came to die. He who was eternal life, became death, that you and I, who were dying, might live. My friend, no one has ever

loved you as Jesus. No matter how you have tried to revile Him, ignore Him, ridicule Him. You cannot shake the fact that there is a literal place called Calvary where

LEGALS

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held by the Warren Planning Commission at 5:30 pm in the Municipal Courtroom on Jan 29, 2024 to consider a request for a special use permit for a mobile home at #7 Pope St. Being more fully described as

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SUBJECT, however, to all rights-of-way and easements apparent and of record, and all prior leases, reservations, exceptions and conveyances of the oil, gas, coal, lignite and other minerals in, upon and under said lands.

That property belonging to Mark Baggett. Any persons having any interest in the above mobile home request are urged to attend this meeting.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received at the mayor's office, 104 North Myrtle Street, until 10:00 a.m. January 31, 2024, for the following: Mowing, edging and weed eating city properties per bid specifications.

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Highway 35 Junk Hunt merges with Great South Arkansas Hunt

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Nine years ago, when Jennifer Via founded and organized the historic Highway 35 Junk Hunt which consisted of a series of rummage sales along a 120-mile route that extended from Benton to Dermott, she had no idea how much it would grow. Via followed the hunt with the Highway 79-63 junk hunt in the fall to bring even more people through Cleveland County and its neighbors. Last fall, at the request of many "junkers" and "hunters" Via brought a major expansion/re-branding to that hunt, becoming the Great South Arkansas Junk Hunt.

Via is excited to announce that with the expansion proving successful, she and her team of volunteers who help monitor the hunts have completed the expansion with the merger of the original Highway 35 Junk Hunt into the Great South Arkansas Junk Hunt. The merger creates one large route of sales to be held

twice a year and it will now be spread over four days instead of three.

"The Junk Hunts have grown significantly each year in sales and traffic, so we have been building to this greater hunt," Via said.

The massive route will launch on its spring run Thursday, March 7, and wrap up Sunday, March 10 with multiple routes across the southern part of Arkansas featuring more than 600 miles of yard sales. The fall run will follow the same route Thursday, Oct. 10 through Sunday, Oct. 13.

"Many people hold their junk for months just for this event,"

the items they plan on selling for more than six months at a time and they will have an extra day to sell or explore the route.

Via said she collaborated with Douglas Boultinghouse, one of the key members of the Rison Shine Community Development organization who has assisted with social media for the Junk Hunts over the past nine years, to draft a new map and overall plan for the Junk Hunts.

"Jennifer, Vickie, Donna, and I have collected a lot of feedback, and we think this merger and expansion simplifies a lot of the Junk Hunt," Boultinghouse said.

Boultinghouse and Via have crafted a plan that they think will please a lot of the requests that they have received. He said people wanted more routes, so they expanded the route last year, and then they wanted more time, which they have added this year. "Adding a fourth day on Sun-

days allows for more time to sell,

but also gives a fun activity for families looking for something to do when church lets out," Boultinghouse said.

Via noted that this larger hunt also doubled the traffic and revenue brought into towns along the routes.

"What the past Junk Hunts have shown is that people travel from all over Arkansas and other states just to shop these sales," Via said.

Other ways people are helping the economy are by eating at restaurants, stopping at local gas stations, and even booking hotel rooms. All of these activities boost tax revenue in many towns which helps out small businesses.

paths connect them, but the sales do not stop there.

"If your road is off of one of these paths, feel free to put a sign at the end of the road to alert travelers of more sales your way," he said.

Both original Junk Hunts have always had a strong presence in Rison and Cleveland County, and that will not change with the expansion. The path encompasses many of the main roadways and incorporates Rison, Kingsland, New Edinburg, and Woodlawn. The routes begin and end in Pine Bluff, Benton, and Dermott, depending on the direction you start or end.

The original Highway 35 route

way 8 and some extensions were made over the years to Morro Bay and Strong on Highway 275. Last fall's expanded route included all of those plus further extensions to El Dorado, Magnolia, and more. To best explain the route expansion from 2023, Via said they extended Highway 79 from Fordyce to Magnolia, extended Highway 63 from Moro Bay to El Dorado, and added a third leg to the path on Highway 425 that runs through Hamburg. All three of these legs connect and "loop" on Highway 82 which brings the route back around to Magnolia. Now, Highway 35 crosses Highway 425 at Monticello, bringing the merged hunts together. With all of the connecting routes, other new towns are Bearden, Camden, Smackover, Norphlet, Hampton, Wilmar, Fountain Hill, and Ivan. The central route/ loop is depicted on the map in dark blue, and the Highway 35

Via said.

Last fall, Via had requests from interested businesses wanting to set up hubs for vendors. The general public was also asking for the route to be run through their towns. Another positive feature is that people will not be storing Via encourages any businesses along the route to take advantage of the traffic by having sidewalk sales or special events.

Boultinghouse notes that the new Junk Hunt has four central routes which are Highways 35, 63, 79, and 425. Several offshoot

remains the same straight stretch from Benton to Dermott but with an added connector route on Highway 167 that connects Sheridan to Fordyce on Highway 79. The original Highway 79-63 sales route initially followed those two highways with a loop on High-

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Property Planning Committee meets to discuss survey results, secondary survey forthcoming in quest for property future

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Almost one year has elapsed since the demolition of the structurally unstable buildings across from the Bradley County Courthouse and much has taken place during that time. Much debate regarding the future of the property ensued prior to and following the removal of the debris from the location. The Property Planning Committee, assembled by Judge Klay McKinney to serve as a taskforce to determine a prospective repurposing of the purchased property to the south of the courthouse, began having monthly meetings which yielded on overall desire to solicit

regarding potential uses for the property. This led the committee to collaborate with Mrs. Payton Reep and her students from EAST Lab at Warren High School. These outstanding students created an online survey as a vehicle for Bradley County citizens to express their desires regarding potential future infrastructure on the property. The survey was launched in the latter months of 2023. The committee members and EAST students met on January 9, 2024 to discuss the compiled survey results.

The survey results revealed that the preferred choice of the citizens who responded to was



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input from the county's citizens for the property to be used for pose. After some discussion, the some type of entertainment pur-

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household trash cans in Bradley County. The County Landfill will still be open and we will still rent out the 20, 30, 40 yard roll-off dumpsters. If you have any questions or would like to rent a dumpster call the Judge's Office at 870-226-3853 ext. 5.

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group agreed that a subsequent survey should be launched to present the top suggested options for entertainment uses to

give county citizens the opportunity to participate in the final determination for the property use. The EAST students will soon be launching the follow up survey which will be announced. Look for it on the Bradley County Facebook page, Saline River

Chronicle, and the Warren High School sports live feed events. Even if you did not participate in the initial survey, we encourage you to participate now. Use your voice as a participant in the next chapter of Bradley County history!

Warren Track and Field Coach speaks to Rotary Club about upcoming season

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Rotary Club of Warren met for its weekly meeting Tuesday, January 9 inside First Methodist Church for its first meeting of the new year after a couple of weeks off for the holidays. The crowd heard from Junior Rotarians from Warren High School to begin things with Jolie Trussell and Kamdyn Simmons both presenting. Rotarian Andrew Tolbert then introduced his program of Warren Junior and Senior High Girls

Reddick. Coach Reddick briefly touched on her educational background and family history before speaking at length about her career in the Warren School District. She mentioned a number of conference championships over the years, but gave the crowd some details about last year's girls squad, which won the 4A Indoor State Championship and followed with the 4A Outdoor State Championship. Coach Reddick went over some

Track and Field Coach Janice records that were broken and talked about how the bulk of the team were freshmen and sophomores last year so they should be solid again this upcoming season. She is scheduled to go to a coaching clinic later this week and the Indoor State Track and Field Meet is set for February 3 in Fayetteville as she is looking forward to another successful campaign. The Rotary Club of Warren will not meet next week, but will meet again on Tuesday, January 23.

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Arkansas House Report Jeff Wardlaw Ark. State Representative



This week, the Arkansas Legislative Council Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee held a meeting to discuss concealed carry laws in Arkansas.

This meeting was part of a series of meetings held as part of the Arkansas Firearms and Concealed Carry Laws Study. The purpose of the study is to ultimately simplify gun laws in the state and clarify where and when it is legal to carry firearms.

Subcommittee members reviewed a summary of various state statutes addressing concealed carry. There are more than 30 sections of Arkansas Code addressing concealed carry laws.

The Arkansas Attorney General's office also presented a series of recommendations for future legislation to expand gun rights and clarify several existing laws.

The next meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee will be held on Wednesday, January 24, at 1:30 p.m. in the MAC building located behind the State Capitol. The January 24 meeting will specifically address concealed carry regulations as promulgated by Arkansas State Police.

On March 11 and March 18 the subcommittee will focus on possession and open carry.

Later in the year, the subcommittee will hear from law enforcement and other armed officers as well as local governments and the business community.

We've posted the schedule for the additional hearings at arkansashouse.org.

The public is welcome to attend the meetings and there will be time for public comment.

The subcommittee will submit a final report to the ALC Executive Subcommittee by October 1, 2024. The Executive Subcommittee will then submit a report and possibly begin drafting legislation by the end of this year.



Maurice Britt, known to friends and fellow Arkansans as "Footsie," was a widely respected and admired figure in the state for both his skills as an athlete and as a patriot. Because of his courage during World War II, he became one of twenty-five Arkansans to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest military honor.

Britt was born into a farming family near Carlisle in Lonoke County in 1919. The family moved to Lonoke while he was still young, where he attended the local schools. It was in high school that he earned the nickname "Footsie," which would follow him for years afterward. Explanations of the name's origins varied from his athletic abilities to his large feet. He proved an excellent student as well as a gifted athlete, serving on Lonoke High School's teams in track, basketball, and football. The popular Britt was elected president of his senior class and graduated as valedictorian in 1937. He earned an athletic scholarship to the University of Arkansas, enrolling in fall 1937. He wrote for the student newspaper while playing both football and basketball. He was considered among the best college football players in the nation and was named an honorable mention to the All-American team. In 1941, he graduated from the university with a degree in journalism. Meanwhile, the Detroit Lions were impressed with his skills and added him to their team for the 1941 season. However, he would play only nine games with the Lions. After the United States was attacked at Pearl Harbor and thrust into World War II, Britt was drafted into the army. Though he would never play professional football again, he would soon begin a new, life-changing adventure. Britt was proud to serve in uniform and was commissioned as a lieutenant. In 1942 and 1943, he participated in the Allied invasion of North Africa and the eventual expulsion of Nazi forces from Africa. He also participated in the successful Allied campaign in Sicily in 1943 and the beginnings of the invasion of mainland Italy. It was in Italy that November that he led a small, badly outnumbered company against a heavily armed German force. In a brutal fight, the Germans were repelled and though he had been shot himself, Britt still lobbed dozens of grenades at the German position. For his courage on that day, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. In February 1944, he was critically injured in battle, losing his right arm. He was honorably discharged, and hailed as a hero upon his return to Arkansas. That fall, he was awarded his Medal of Honor in a ceremony at the University of Arkansas. He was decorated for his bravery on several occasions, earning a Distinguished Service Cross, a Silver Star, and two Bronze Stars. Britt also earned four Purple Hearts for serious injuries sustained in combat on four different occasions during the war. When War Memorial Stadium was dedicated in 1948, Britt was invited to speak at the dedication. In 1963, he began his own manufacturing business in Little Rock. His thriving business plus his fame as an athlete and a war hero led many admirers to call for him to run for political office. Heeding the call, in 1966, he was elected lieutenant governor. Though narrowly re-elected in 1968, he declined to run for re-election in 1970. In 1971, he was named district director of the Small Business Administration, where he served for the next fourteen years. He attempted a political comeback in 1986 when he announced a run for governor. However, he never made it out of the primary and afterward settled into retirement in Little Rock. He died quietly at his home in 1995. He received many honors. Britt was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 1972. After his death, the Maurice Britt Army Reserve Center in North Little Rock was dedicated in his honor.

Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

The Senate Education Committee has begun its review of the adequacy and equity of Arkansas public school funding.

Lawmakers conduct the thorough review every two years, with the help of legislative staff. They use the results to determine how much to increase education funding, and whether or not to tighten curriculum standards and financial accountability measures.

The study is due on November 1, 2024, in advance of the next regular session of the legislature in 2025.

Under the Arkansas Constitution the state must provide funding for an adequate and equitable education for every child. The legislature has the constitutional duty of appropriating tax revenue for state government operations, therefore it is the legislature's responsibility to approve adequate funding of schools.

The Education Committee will meet regularly throughout the year to address the many aspects of school funding. The categories include teacher salaries, facilities and equipment, transportation costs and uniform curriculum standards. The new adequacy study will update how the state responds to the needs of small and isolated school districts, fast-growing districts and schools in fiscal or academic distress.

If necessary legislators can update the matrix, a chart that serves as a tool to determine whether or not the state is funding an adequate school system, under the mandates of the constitution, Supreme Court rulings and state laws. Staff reiterated to members of the Education Committee that the matrix is a tool to measure how the legislature funds schools, not how much schools actually spend.

In addition to keeping track closely follow the work of the of funding and spending, writing a new adequacy report includes evaluating how effectively current programs are achieving their goals. One method is a thorough analysis of student test scores, taking into account the different social

Editorial

Generally, students in poor, isolated districts don't score as well on standardized tests as students in prosperous neighborhoods. Similarly, students whose parents are college graduates generally score better than students whose parents never got a degree. After taking those factors into account, education officials can predict test scores.

A successful school is one in which students' actual scores are better than the predicted scores. Legislative staff will schedule visits to those schools to learn what makes them effective. Staff also conducts surveys of superintendents, principals and teachers.

Throughout 2024 superintendents and school boards will

duty.

Special Agent Matt Foster and Senior Corporal David Smothers used their training to recognize the signs of human trafficking during a traffic stop, ultimately saving the victim and apprehending the perpetrator.

These officers are well deserving of this accolade. This episode highlights the need to ensure their colleagues at all levels have updated training and tools to combat crime.

Law enforcement officers need to know we have their backs. They must have the resources, equipment and instruction to ensure offenders are held accountable for their actions.

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JOHN BOOZMAN

Law enforcement officers put their lives on the line each day they dress in their uniform and leave for work. We are grateful for the men and women who take that risk to protect and serve their neighbors and keep their community safe. We must honor their service and sacrifice as well as continually recognize their heroism and courage.

In early January, we commemorate National Law Enforcement Officer Appreciation Day. This is a time to reflect on the unwavering commitment of officers to uphold the rule of law and fight crime while also ensuring these heroes always have the tools and training to protect themselves.

We are reminded of the uncertainty those who wear the badge face every day. They go

Deputy Smith was a distinguished member of the law enforcement community for 24 years. He was proud to be in a position to make a difference in the lives of Arkansans and took advantage of that opportunity

on countless occasions. The citizens Deputy Smith swore to protect demonstrated their reverence and awe for his sacrifice, lining the streets as his body was escorted back to Mountain View and establishing a memorial outside the Stone County Courthouse. The outpouring of support is a fitting tribute to a man whose life was tragically cut short because he was enforcing the law. He will forever be remembered as a hero.

We also show our gratitude for these public servants by celebrating their accomplish-

of school revenue is state aid. Local property taxes are the situations in schools. second largest source of school revenue, and federal aid is third. vide equitable funding is challenging, due to disparities in local wealth and local property



sense federal proposals that increase penalties for criminals who target those who wear the badge and strengthen laws to protect federal officers from those who deliberately target them.

I've long advocated for federal programs that help Arkansas police departments hire more personnel, purchase new gear and enhance their technology. I will continue to partner with law enforcement agencies to deliver whatever is necessary to protect our communities.

Working together, we can all help improve public safety across our state and show those on the frontlines of this work the respect they deserve and

to work not knowing if they will return home to see their loved ones again.

This is the reality for the family of Stone County Deputy Justin Smith who was fatally wounded on January 2, 2024 while attempting to serve a warrant.

ments. In a December ceremony, Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin recognized the dedication and commitment of law enforcement officers from across the state and named two state troopers as officers of the year for their actions going above and beyond the call of



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route in dark orange, while the connecting paths are labeled in light blue and light orange.

"As we saw with last fall's hunt, this expansion may take time to get used to, and some paths were slow to catch on, but some surprised us and saw an explosion of traffic," Via said.

Via is excited to see the response on the sales route this March and October. Boultinghouse said those who follow the Historic Highway 35 Junk Hunt on Facebook should be aware of the in-progress merging of the Facebook page into the Great South Arkansas Junk Hunt page.

"If you already like or follow the 'Great' page, you're good, but if you only follow the 'Hwy. 35' page, Facebook will soon move you over to the combined page," he said.

Boultinghouse said the connected Facebook Sales Group unfortunately operates differently than pages.

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"We cannot merge the groups, so if you're a member of the Hwy. 35 group so you can post and browse sales, we ask that you make sure you've joined the Great South Arkansas Junk Hunt group before March 1."

After March 1, the original Hwy. 35 sales group will be deleted.

The Great South Arkansas Junk Hunt Sales group currently has over 8,000 members.



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- 14. Ultrahigh frequency
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- your own identity 20. Soft-finned fishes
- 21. Localities
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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



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This week's recipe: Slow cooking creates free time

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Who couldn't use a little more free time in his or her day? Slow cookers can create that by enabling home chefs to set their ingredients to simmer early in the day and then head to work, school, recreational activities - pretty much whatever they need to get done - as the food cooks. Not being beholden to the kitchen is a benefit slow cookers offer.

Since slow cookers cook foods slowly at low temperatures, they are quite handy and even can help people save money. Tougher cuts of meat or poultry tend to cost a little less, and they can be cooked to perfection in the slow cooker. The long, moist cooking environment tenderizes the ingredients during the cooking process.

Stews and slow cookers often go hand-in-hand. Enjoy this recipe for "Chicken Stew with Herb Dumplings" from "Crock*Pot® 365 Year-Round Recipes" (Publications International, Ltd.) by the Crock*Pot Test Kitchen.

Chicken Stew with Herb Dumplings Ingredients (Makes 4 servings)

2 cups sliced carrots

1 cup chopped onion

1 large green bell pepper, sliced

1/2 cup sliced celery

2 cans (about 14 ounces each) chicken broth, divided 2/3 cup all-purpose flour

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 large red potato, unpeeled and cut into 1-inch pieces

6 ounces mushrooms, halved 3/4 cup frozen peas

11/4 teaspoons dried basil, divided

1 teaspoon dried rosemary 3/8 teaspoon dried tarragon, divided



1/4 cup heavy cream 3/4 to 1 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon black pepper 1 cup biscuit baking mix 1/3 cup reduced-fat (2%) milk

Directions:

1. Combine carrots, onion, bell pepper, celery and all but 1 cup chicken broth in the slow cooker. Cover; cook on low 2 hours.

2. Stir remaining 1 cup chicken broth into flour in small bowl until smooth. Stir into vegetable mixture. Add chicken, potato, mushrooms, peas, 1 teaspoon basil, 3/4 teaspoon rosemary and 1/4 teaspoon tarragon. Cover; cook on low 4 hours or until vegetables and chicken are tender. Stir in cream, salt and pepper.

3. Combine baking mix, remaining 1/4 teaspoon basil, 1/4 teaspoon rosemary and 1/8 teaspoon tarragon in small bowl. Stir in milk to form soft dough. Add dumpling mixture to top of stew in 4 large spoonfuls. Cook, uncovered, 30 minutes. Cover; cook 30 to 45 minutes or until dumplings are firm and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve in shallow bowls.





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Obituaries

Mary Knowles

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Mary Knowles, 65, of Hot Springs, died Monday January 8, 2024,



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Hot Springs and the late Claude Knowles. She was an administrative assistant, a Methodist and a graduate of the Warren Public Schools and SAU Tech in Camden.

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Surviving other than her

mother, Tina Ray, are sisters, Susan Wooten (Rick) of Italy. Texas and Jane Arnold (Joe) of Conway; brother, David Greg Knowles of Hot Springs; grandchildren, Rachael 5 Knowles, Kristin Norris, Jessica Hooks, Kala Miller and Seth Arnold and 6 great-grandchildren along with several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was 2 p.m. Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Frazer's Chapel with Rev. Wayman Mann officiating. Burial was in Union Hill Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Patricia Ethridge

Patricia Ethridge, 69, of

Warren died January 8. Born March 27, 1954 to the late TQ Williams and Bernice Smith Cannon. Survivors: sons, Jeremy McDougald, Marty Groves and a host of grandkids, great-grandkids, extended family members. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. January 13 at Frazer's. Burial in Moseley Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Sherry Robertson

Sherry Robertson age 78 of Percy, died Saturday, January 6. Born February 21, 1945 to the late Wesley Richards and Emma Alvern Martin Richards. Surviving is her husband, Ed Robertson; daughter, Michelle Lee Winston. Funeral was at

2 p.m. January 11 at Frazer's. Burial in Marsden Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Katherine Elois Taylor

Katherine Elois Taylor, 83, of Warren died January 11, 2024. Born December 12, 1940, to the late Ira and Morie Smith Stanfield.

Survivors: husband, Rayburn; children, Mark, Michael, and Marie.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. January 17, 2024, at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

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