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Hermitage City Council meets to discuss water repairs

By JOANNA POOLE
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Hermitage mayor, Matt Cathey met with the city council on Thursday, January 25, 2024, to discuss city business.

Police Chief Ben Poole presented his report to the council members. For the month of December, the following citations went to court: three citations for no proof of insurance, one for no vehicle license, two for driving on a suspended li-

cense, and one for running a stop sign. Other violations include two for fictitious tags and one for expired vehicle license. There were 10 arrests for the month of December.

Poole also presented the animal control report. Three dogs and two puppies are currently in the city's pen and are awaiting adoption.

The City of Hermitage now has a new fire truck that is ready for use.

Public Works Supervisor, Travis Stanley presented the water report. All water and sewer samples that were taken passed. There was a water leak that was fixed on well two.

Cathey reported that he would have the 2024 city budget to the council members by March.

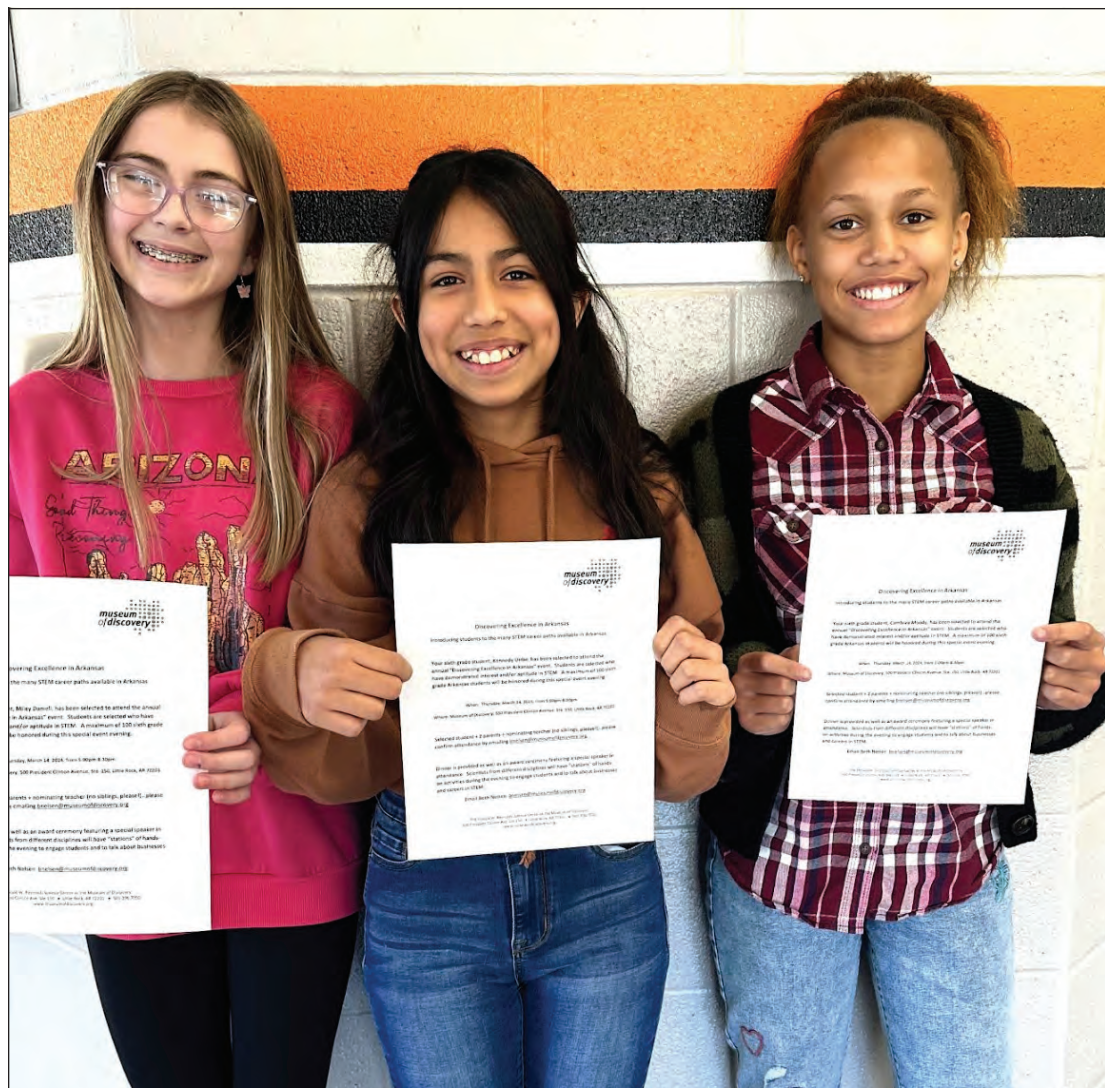
The next meeting will be February 15, at the Hermitage Community Center.



The Hermitage City Council meeting on Thursday, January 25.

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Warren students chosen for award



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SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Congratulations to Miley Daniell, Kennedy Uribe, and Cambree Moody, three sixth grade students for being selected for the Discovering Excellence in Arkansas Award. After being nominated by the Gifted and Talented teacher, these students applied and were selected to participate in this year's program. They are among only 100 students from around the state who were selected to participate. They will attend, along with their parents, an event held at The Museum of Discovery in Little Rock where they will listen to a special guest speaker, meet with scientists from different disciplines, participate in hands-on activities, and get the chance to explore careers in STEM.

THOMASON READS 500 BOOKS



Photo courtesy of Jessica Thomason

Congratulations to Addison Thomason for completing 500 books in the 1000 books before kindergarten program.

BCEDC hears from Secretary for the Department of Commerce, Hugh McDonald



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Hugh McDonald, Secretary of the Department of Commerce.

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Hugh McDonald was the guest speaker at the annual Bradley County Economic Development Corporation Board on Monday, January 29, 2024. McDonald is the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and was appointed by Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders in 2023. He served as president and chief executive of Entergy Arkansas from 2000 until his retirement in 2016. McDonald spoke on the current economy and how the Department of Commerce didn't exist until 2019. When the Transformation Act was passed, nine different agencies consolidated and formed the Department of Commerce. McDonald also

presented some facts about inflation and tax cuts.

"Inflation in December was .3 percent, which is half of what it was in August," McDonald said.

McDonald said that the two tax cuts that the legislature approved brought the personal income tax down to 4.4 percent and overall Arkansas comes in at number 15 as a state.

BCEDC Director Dr. Bob Smalling called for the election of officers. There were no new nominations, and the vote was unanimous.

Warren Mayor Greg Reep said that the city council had recently approved the contract with Scenic Solar to construct a new solar facility that will be used solely for the city facilities.

"We're hoping that this will save us a considerable amount of money," Reep said.

Reep also said that the Warren School District has also signed a contract with the same

solar company.

The next meeting will be February 26, 2024.



Dr. Robert Smalling addressing the crowd at the BCEDC banquet.

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By REV. JIM BALES
Pastor - First Assembly of God
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"BUT GOD"

These two words "but God" occur at least 252 times in the Bible. I have selected four references. They suggest four things every man needs.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith he loved us." Ephesians 2:4

"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good." Genesis 50:20

"But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed His own body." 1 Corinthians 15:38

"But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days." Daniel 2:28

First, he needs salvation.

Second, he needs divine providence.

Third, he needs an answer to what lies beyond the grave.

Fourth, he needs to know what is going on in this turbulent world.

Those four answers will take care of you. They will see you through.

First a man must be sure his relationship is right with God. He must know that he is saved from something to something. The greatest knowledge in this world is to know that you have been saved from sin and its consequences.

You can't avoid God. This is the most stubborn fact of the universe. Who placed in a tiny flower the digitals we extract for sick hearts? Who wrapped this earth with the inexhaustible envelope of air only 50 miles

deep and of exactly the right density to support human life? Who spins the earth at a given speed so that we have day and night? Who tilts it so we get seasons?

God is our refuge. He gives existence meaning. He gives eternal life.

Second, only God can provide the comfort I need in a world that men mismanaged so badly. So often it seems that good suffer and the evil prosper. It is worth trying to go on in the midst of malice, jealousy, back biting and hatred?

It is then that we come to the second scripture reference. "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good." Without God, life reduces itself to a jungle, to pagan darkness.

Third, disillusionment turns the lights out. Only animal passions can drive you. You seek darkness. You waste yourself in reckless living. You are on the prowl. You take advantage of others before they can take advantage of you.

Listen once more to these words, "and to every seed his

own body." You can't live one way in this world, godless, sinful, pleasure seeking, living for self alone and then expect to be something different in the life beyond. A God who offers you mercy, grace, and redemption on this side will offer you justice on the other side.

Last, what about this world? Are bad men and rebels going to get away with it? In our final scripture reference, Nebuchadnezzar wanted to know who was boss. Daniel told him, "Bu8t there is a God in Heaven..."

The knowledge of God is everywhere. It secures my soul. Ask yourself who showed a voice how to fly through the air on radio waves; and how does a picture leave an antenna, move through the air and come into millions of homes?

Ask yourself who created the sugar thermostat below the human pancreas. How does it maintain a level of sugar in the human blood sufficient for every man? Without it, all of us would fall into a coma and die. "But God"

Lumberjacks and Lady Jacks double win against Monticello

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The Lumberjacks and Lady Jacks played the Monticello Billies on Friday, January 26, 2024. Livi McKinney scored six points and the Lady Jacks beat the Billies with a score of 47-44. Tremond Miller scored 18 points as the Lumberjacks defeated the Billies with a score of 63-57.



Photos by Robert Camp

Makayla Washington ready to serve single parents in Southeast Arkansas

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Statewide non-profit Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund (ASPSF) is excited to welcome Makayla Washington to the team.

Makayla started January 8, as the Program Manager for the ASPSF Southeast Region, which includes Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, and Lincoln counties.

As Program Manager, Washington helps single parents complete their degrees by walking them through ASPSF's scholarship application process, connecting them to additional resources, and providing encouragement. She'll also manage local volunteers, fundraise for scholarships, and strength-

en community partnerships.

"I am most excited to help those who are truly in need," Washington said. "Because I am a single parent myself, I understand what it's like to be a real single parent and need help when you are trying to better your life."

For the past two years, Washington was a case manager covering Desha County for Southeast Arkansas Community Action Corporation. She spent her early career in health care and is highly involved in her local community.

She serves on the advisory board of the Boys & Girls Club of McGehee and as a student ambassador for the University of Arkansas at Monticello-College of Technology. She's also



WASHINGTON

involved in the Desha County political party and her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, where she has served as vice president and president.

"I am beyond excited to have Makayla join the program team," ASPSF Program Director LaCresha Newton said. "With a passion for supporting single parent students like herself, Makayla brings dedication and expertise that will undoubtedly make a positive impact to Southeast Arkansas."

Washington lives in McGehee with her son, Suquorey (Ace). An Arkansas native, she grew up in Parkdale and spent the past six years in Lake Village. She's thrilled to be back in Desha County to be closer to

her family, work, and her son's school.

For more information about Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund — which has awarded more than \$50 million in scholarships across the state to low-income single parents since 1990 — contact ASPSF Communications Director Jen Para at jpara@aspsf.org or 479-318-2885.

For more than 30 years, Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund has worked to create stronger, more educated, and more self-sufficient families. Through scholarships and services, ASPSF opens doors for low-income single parents, helping them pursue education, secure employment, and transform the future for their families. With the help of volunteers and community support, ASPSF creates multigenerational change, transforming lives for both single parents and their children. For information about scholarships, volunteer opportunities, and ways to give, visit www.aspsf.org.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRMS

Bradley County, Arkansas is soliciting responses from qualified construction management companies to provide professional Construction Management-General Contractor (CM-GC) services related to the construction of a new Services Center in Warren, Arkansas. Construction management services required will include bidding and construction phase services for the project.

A detailed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet outlining basic project requirements, submittal format, and selection methodology and schedule will be provided to interested parties and is available by contacting:

CADM Architecture, Inc.
214 North Washington, Suite 413
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phone (870)863-7367
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Responses to this RFQ will be used to rank prospective management firms and make a final selection. The deadline for receipt of responses to the RFQ shall be 2:00 P.M., Thursday, February 1, 2024.

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Emergency Ordinance No: 2024-1

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BRADLEY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO INCREASE LANDFILL FEES AND TO ADDRESS RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, Bradley County, Arkansas, has been operating a solid waste collection and disposition system including a landfill operation to control and properly manage solid waste in Bradley County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, prior Ordinances pertaining to the landfill need to be modified to provide for the operation of same more properly and to cover costs associated therewith; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Solid waste collection fees/changes for use of the County's landfill are hereby increased to \$50.00 per ton of Class 4 solid waste delivered to the landfill by commercial/firms/operators and by nonresidents of Bradley County and residents of Bradley County will be charged \$35.00 per ton of Class 4 Solid Waste delivered to the landfill, plus applicable sales taxes, effective March 1, 2024. A 10% late fee will be added to such landfill use charges that are not paid when due according to billings for the same.

SECTION 2: That the provisions of all ordinances which may conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3: EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found that an emergency now exists and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of Bradley County Citizens, and to request payment for such services, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon and after the date of its passage.

Adopted: January 22, 2024

Attest: /S/ Karen Belin, County Clerk /S/ Klay McKinney, County Judge

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-2

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BRADLEY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE BORROWING OF FUNDS BY BRADLEY COUNTY, TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE AND COUNTY CLERK TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO BORROW THE FUNDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ARTICLE I: There is a need to borrow money from time to time to provide funds for County solid waste operations during the year 2024.

ARTICLE II: The County should establish a line of credit in the sum of \$100,000.00 to allow the County to draw funds, as needed, for County solid waste operations during the year 2024.

ARTICLE III: A \$100,000.00 line of credit should be obtained from First State Bank of Warren. The interest rate on such loan shall be 4.75 percent (4.75%) and the term of the loan shall be for one (1) year.

ARTICLE IV: As collateral for the line of credit loan at First State Bank of Warren, the County is authorized to pledge the following described tract of land in Bradley County, Arkansas, to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 13 South, Range 10 West, containing 39.82 acres, more or less; and

The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 13 South, Range 10 West, containing 60.00 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT: Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 13 South, Range 10 West, thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 52 seconds East 373.91 feet, thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 38 seconds West 233.0 feet, thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 52 seconds East 373.91 feet, thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 38 seconds East 233.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing two acres, more or less.

ARTICLE V: The County Judge and County Clerk are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to acquire this line of credit loan at First State Bank of Warren.

ARTICLE VI: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be servable and if any section, phrase, or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases, or provisions.

ARTICLE VII: There being an urgent and immediate need for funding of the County's solid waste system, and the collection and disposal of solid waste being necessary to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Bradley County, Arkansas, an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passing.

Passed this 22 day of January, 2024.

/S/ Klay McKinney, County Judge

ATTEST: /S/ Karen Belin, County Clerk

Karen Belin, County Clerk

Bradley County Clerk

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LADIES NIGHT OUT



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Ladies Night Out in Warren was a big success Saturday night. The food, service, and atmosphere were great!

White named to SAU's President's List

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Tabitha Nicole White earned a 4.0 GPA in the fall 2023 semester, securing a reputable position on Southern Arkansas University's President's list. White is a freshman Sport Management (Coaching) major from Warren. A total of 495 students were honored on this semester's President's List.

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Delta Dental of AR hosts Nintendo Giveaway to motivate daily brushing and flossing

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Daily brushing and flossing will soon make two lucky Arkansans the winners of a Nintendo Switch OLED.

Delta Dental of Arkansas will host the Say No to Cavities Challenge in February for the fourth consecutive year as part of National Children's Dental Health Month.

The month-long contest encourages all Arkansas kids and families to brush and floss daily and track their progress on a calendar sheet, available for free downloading at <http://www.saynotocavities.com/>.

Youth 17 and younger may submit their completed charts

to Delta Dental by March 15 to enter a drawing for a Nintendo Switch OLED. Two winners will be chosen at random on March 26.

A classroom challenge is also available for teachers to win a \$500 gift card.

The challenge is designed to emphasize the importance of pediatric oral health. Untreated tooth decay tops the list of chronic childhood diseases. Pain from cavities is one of the main reasons for school absences and distraction in class, which links to lower academic performance.

"The sooner kids start daily brushing and flossing, the

better their chances of having healthy teeth and gums that last a lifetime," said Thomas Redd, DDS, MS, Vice President of Professional Relations of Delta Dental of Arkansas. "Our Nintendo giveaway is intended to help develop these daily habits."

The Say No to Cavities challenge is open to all Arkansas residents, and participation is free. One entry per participant, please. Partially completed charts may be submitted. Delta Dental of Arkansas employees and their immediate families are ineligible to enter the drawing.

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Editorial

Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw
Ark. State Representative



The Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) and the council's subcommittees met this week at the Capitol. These meetings were previously scheduled for the week of January 15 but were postponed due to the winter weather across the state.

ALC members were presented with an update from the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) regarding damage from the winter storms.

ADEM officials said 10 water systems around the state requested assistance from the agency. All but one of those systems is back up and running. As of Friday, the water system in Helena-West Helena was currently not operational. ADEM says the agency has coordinated resources to send pallets of water to the area and is currently working with vendors in hopes of providing mobile shower and laundry units soon.

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) updated members of the Highway Commission Review and Advisory Subcommittee on the road conditions throughout the state. ARDOT reports the agency has been working to repair numerous potholes on highways due to freezing temperatures and subsequent rain. Arkansans can report potholes directly to the agency by using the iDrive Arkansas app.

In other agenda items before ALC, members approved an emergency rule to allow the implementation of two educational grant programs.

The Literacy Tutoring Grant is designed to help struggling readers in K-3 with personalized tutoring. Families can invoice up to \$500 per school to pay for tutoring services for children reading below grade level. Payments will go directly to providers.

The High Impact Tutoring Grant Program is designed to help school districts with high impact tutoring during the school day to help struggling students at all grade levels.

The Department of Education will be releasing information soon on how parents and schools can utilize these grants.

The Game and Fish and State Police Subcommittee of ALC continued its study on our state's firearms laws. This week, they heard a summary on concealed carry laws. Their next meeting will be February 12 and will focus on hunting laws and Arkansas State Police concealed carry regulations. The public is welcome and there will be time for public comment.

ALC reviewed the most recent General Revenue Report which showed net available general revenue is down 5% from this time last year but 6.7% above forecast. Pre-Fiscal Session Budget Hearings are scheduled to begin March 6.

The Arkansas Legislative Council will meet again on February 16.

Arkansas History Minute

by
Dr. Kenneth Bridges



Many elections have been accused of being the dirtiest and most negative in state history, but none can top the disaster of the 1872 election, which tore the state apart.

By the early 1870s, Reconstruction had left the state deeply in debt, mired in a swamp of corrupt officials, and as bitterly divided as any point since the Civil War. The Radical Reconstruction governments had alienated most of the state, and they realized that their days would be numbered.

Elisha Baxter, a North Carolina native, businessman, and one-time mayor of Batesville, captured the 1872 Republican nomination for governor. However, the party split down the middle, and Joseph Brooks, a Methodist minister and Ohio native, seized control of the remaining half, called the "Brindletails" because of Brooks's booming voice.

The Democratic Party did not nominate a candidate, but Brooks won the endorsement of Democrats with his platform of "universal suffrage, universal amnesty, and honest men in office," which played well to Confederate veterans still attempting to regain the right to vote since the Civil War and a population disgusted with the ever-increasing reports of politicians on the take. Brooks's record as a pre-war abolitionist attracted African-American voters as well.

Baxter's faction, the Minstrels, controlled most of the county courthouses across the state and could appoint most of the voter registrars. Suddenly, men who had been registered for years found themselves kicked off the voter rolls.

As the campaign continued, insults were hurled back and forth and rallies tried to dredge up whatever support could be found. In August, the Mississippi County voter registrar shot and killed the sheriff in a heated argument after he accused the sheriff of embezzlement. This sparked more factional violence in the area in which at least two more people were killed.

Election Day was filled with reports of fistfights at polling places and guns pulled on voters. After the election, the situation grew even worse.

The Arkansas State Gazette initially reported a victory for Brooks's Reform Republicans from official county reports in November. However, voting judges had moved in to disqualify ballots and "discover" new ones. Observers in Searcy County reported 400 names being struck from the voter rolls after the election. In Hempstead County, a report surfaced of 240 names being struck down and another 100 friendly to Baxter added afterward. More than 150 votes were erased in Ashley County.

On Dec. 5, the Arkansas State Gazette reported the new "official" results, showing severely lopsided results that made no geographic or political sense. Perry County, for example, reported 167 votes for Baxter and just nine for Brooks. Saline County showed nine votes for Baxter and 745 votes for Brooks. Benton, Marion, and Cross counties all voted more than 5:1 for Brooks while Chicot and Crittenden counties both voted more than 6:1 for Baxter. Four counties were left off the official tally altogether. The new results gave Baxter a win with 52 percents of the vote.

Baxter took office, but the voting was so corrupt that the state's six electoral votes were rejected when Congress tabulated the presidential results in February 1873. Brooks took his case to

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Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

A group of physicians and nurses conducted an in-depth study of the deaths of pregnant women in Arkansas and submitted their recommendations to the Legislative Council.

They recommend that maternity care providers should increase their understanding of the need to screen for chronic health conditions such as cardiovascular disease, which can worsen during pregnancy and which is a leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths.

The physicians and nurses studied the cases of fatalities during pregnancy, or soon after pregnancy, from 2018 through 2020. During that three-year period, there were 108,517 live births in Arkansas and a possible 121 deaths of Arkansas women associated with being pregnant.

After more review, the group determined that 21 of the deaths should not be included because of faulty data, or because the women actually didn't live in the state. The group then conducted a detailed analysis of the remaining 100 pregnancy-associated deaths in Arkansas.

It's important to make a distinction between pregnancy-associated deaths and pregnancy-related deaths. Both refer to deaths that occur either during pregnancy or within a year after the end of the pregnancy. A pregnancy-related death is caused by complications caused by the pregnancy, or the aggravation of health problems caused by being pregnant. A pregnancy-associated death includes all fatalities, regardless of the cause.

Of the 100 deaths, 12 were caused by accidents and were not included in the analysis. Another 33 deaths were excluded because researchers determined they were not related to the women's pregnancies. In 17 cases the group could not determine if the deaths were related to pregnancy, so they too were

excluded. That left 38 pregnancy-related deaths in Arkansas over the three-year period.

The leading cause of death among those 38 was cardiomyopathy, a disease of the heart muscles. The second leading cause was cardiovascular conditions caused by high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking, obesity and age.

The third most significant cause was hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, or HDP. It is considered to be a commonly occurring complication of pregnancy and includes chronic hypertension and pre-eclampsia. Risk factors include obesity, a family history of hypertension and advanced age of the pregnant woman.

Tied for third was infection. The fourth leading cause of death was hemorrhage.

The study was conducted by the physicians and nurses on the Arkansas Maternal Mortality Review Committee, in collaboration with the state Health Department. Their recommendations were submitted to the Legislative Council.

The committee recommend-

ed that facilities and providers expand their understanding of the importance of screening for risk factors in pregnant women. Other recommendations would expand access to medical care for women after childbirth.

The committee recommended extending Medicaid maternal coverage from 60 days to one year after women give birth.

According to the group's report, "postpartum care should be provided to mothers through one year postpartum to monitor the mother's physical and mental health, provide support during the transition, and ensure access to treatment. This includes extending insurance coverage to ensure access to care and changing care protocols to include regular postpartum visits beyond the current single visit at six weeks postpartum. This lack of attention to maternal health needs is of particular concern given that more than one half of pregnancy-related deaths occur after the birth of the infant."



In the last census, more than half of Arkansas's 75 counties lost population. That trend continues nationwide. In addition to shifting demographics, rural America faces other challenges including aging infrastructure, declining health and lack of access to capital.

A perfect storm of factors led many residents to seek opportunities elsewhere, leaving behind lifelong homes in rural towns in favor of larger metropolitan areas. This trend is so troubling because, as many local leaders can attest, once a town loses population, health-care facilities, schools and other critical infrastructure needed to sustain a community are the next things to go.

The good news is that we are beginning to reverse that slide.

Over the past two years, the rural population has begun to rise while poverty levels in many of these communities have fallen. These metrics indicate that rural America is

primed for a promising future.

That chapter will be written in part by the entrepreneurs and small business owners who call it home.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Small Business Administration and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation have hosted a series of regional conferences around the country to share resources and tools available to rural stakeholders, ranchers, farmers and other small business owners in these communities.

In January, the agencies convened their Path to Prosperity summit in Little Rock and brought together officials from all levels of government, in addition to private sector and nonprofit

leaders, to highlight opportunities for rural business owners to leverage state and federal programs to boost their establishments.

Investing in this engagement is crucial. If you look at today's

technology and the way it has evolved since 2002, you'll see that many rural small businesses lack the necessary resources to compete in today's world.

Small business owners depend on capital to invest in their operations and workforce. We need to advance policies that encourage borrowers and lenders rather than policies that make it harder to get access to essential funds.

Last year, the Senate passed legislation to decrease the barriers to capital many rural entrepreneurs encounter when launching and growing a business. The bill would require the Securities and Exchange Commission to submit an annual report to Congress about the existing hurdles and eventually lead to better policies to help small business owners.

When new businesses are created or existing ones expand, they create jobs for residents. These job opportunities encourage others to relocate to the area, enabling communities to grow around them.

I am committed to using my role as the ranking member of the Senate Agriculture

Committee to help foster that growth.

We can start by passing a farm bill that invests in rural America's infrastructure while supporting community building programs – such as the ones stakeholders learned about at the Path to Prosperity event.

While we work in Washington to expand access to necessities like broadband and clean water in rural communities, long-term successful rural development requires strong leadership from community leaders on the ground.

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and even more so in rural America.

We need small businesses owners and entrepreneurs to take the wheel and lead the way toward a future full of growth and positive change.

I'm confident participants gained a better understanding of how to start a business, access capital and take advantage of public-private partnership opportunities to help them turn their ideas into reality and enhance their current operations.



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He also appealed to President Ulysses S. Grant to have him named the rightful governor of the state. Grant ignored him, but the political situation in Ar-

kansas would grow increasingly violent and erupt into all-out gunfights in the streets of Little Rock, settled only by federal troops occupying the city.

By 1874, the people of Arkansas rejected both factions and moved to form a new state government with a new consti-

tution. The Constitution of 1874 is still in use today, and neither Minstrels nor Brindletails would ever hold office in Arkansas again.

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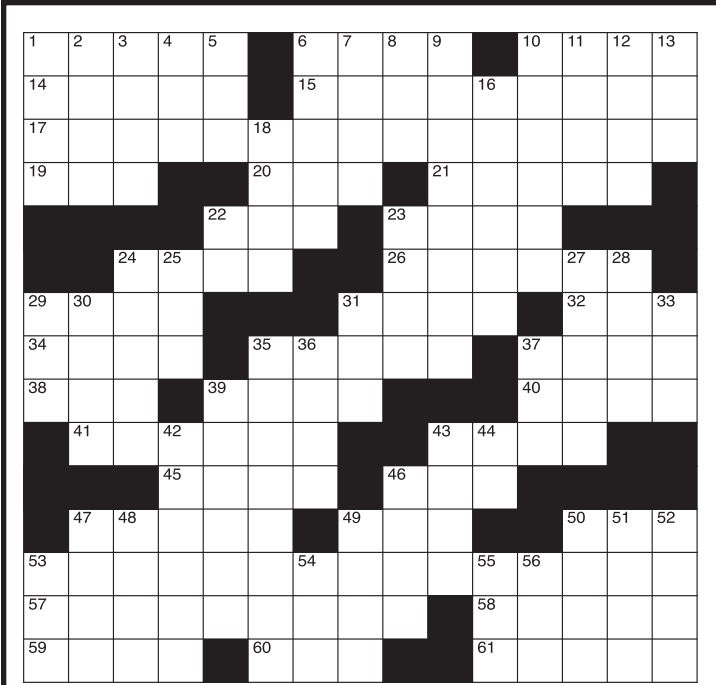
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Become less intense
- 6. Variety of pear
- 10. Religion native to China
- 14. Type of tooth
- 15. Fitted out
- 17. Make every effort
- 19. Autonomic nervous system
- 20. Complete
- 21. Alternate name
- 22. River in France and Belgium
- 23. Miami's mascot is one
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Most cognizant of reality
- 29. Broad volcanic crater
- 31. Canadian surname
- 32. Satisfaction
- 34. Traitorous Greek mythological prince
- 35. Collide
- 37. Immune response
- 38. Feline
- 39. High opinion of one's own appearance
- 40. Thin strip to align parts
- 41. Containers
- 43. Convicted American spy
- 45. Breathe noisily
- 46. Taxi
- 47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. I.M., architect
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Dutch and German surname
- 59. Square measures 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Degrade someone

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Siberian river
- 2. Blessing
- 3. Substitutes (abbr.)
- 4. Principle underlying the universe
- 5. Work unit
- 6. Yellow edible fruits
- 7. Gemstone
- 8. A place ships dock (abbr.)
- 9. Evergreen tropical tree
- 10. Reality TV star Richards
- 11. Nonflowering aquatic plant
- 12. Stakes
- 13. Antidiuretic hormone
- 16. Make warm again
- 18. Light beams
- 22. Lethal dose
- 23. Terrorist group
- 24. Kids love him
- 25. Naturally occurring solid
- 27. German surname meaning "man from Saxony"
- 28. Popular cuisine
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 30. Type of horse
- 31. Diego
- 33. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 35. Most shrewd
- 36. It may be for shopping
- 37. Midway between south and southeast
- 39. A stock of foods
- 42. The bindings of books
- 43. Swiss river
- 44. Megabyte
- 46. Sammy __, songwriter
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Clare Booth __, American writer
- 49. Sun or solar disk
- 50. Popular type of bread
- 51. Transfers of money (abbr.)
- 52. Association of engineering professionals
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. City
- 55. Niger-Congo branch of language
- 56. Pointed end of a pen

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- HAZARD
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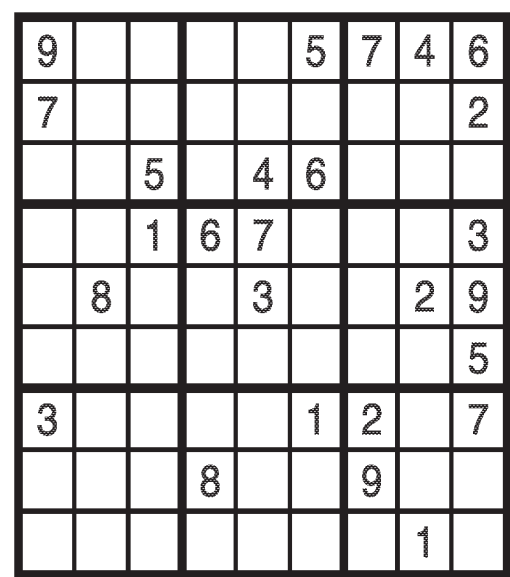
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Clue: Put into an order
- B. 5 4 19 20
Clue: Cull
- C. 3 2 26 12 5
Clue: Storage devices
- D. 18 12 24 20
Clue: Orderly

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This week's recipe: Nachos make the ideal game day snack



Big games dot the college and professional football landscapes each year beginning in late summer and ending in mid-winter. But no games are bigger than those that take place once the calendar turns to a new year. That's when the postseason begins in both college and professional football.

Game watches with fellow fans, family and friends are a great way to make playoff football even more enjoyable. With so many big games on the horizon, football fans would be wise to ready their culinary arsenal. Whether you're hosting at home or going to a game watch at a fellow fan's house, keep in mind that food and football are a great match. Certain dishes have long since staked their claim on the game watch dinner and snacking tables, and nachos certainly need no introduction to football fans. As this year's playoffs kick off, football fans can try this recipe for "Loaded Beef Nachos" courtesy of AllRecipes.com.

Loaded Beef Nachos Ingredients (Serves 4)

Taco Seasoning:
 5 teaspoons paprika
 1 1/4 teaspoons garlic powder
 1 1/4 teaspoons ground cumin

- 1/4 cup sliced jalapeños (optional)
- 1/4 cup green onion

Directions:

For taco seasoning: Stir paprika, garlic powder, cumin, onion powder, chili powder, oregano, and salt together in a small bowl; set aside.

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat; cook and stir ground beef in the hot skillet until browned and crumbly, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in onion and green pepper; cook and stir with oil and juices from browned meat until much of the liquid has evaporated, about 2 minutes more.

Stir 1/2 can diced tomatoes with chilies and Mexican-style corn into skillet. Season beef mixture to taste with prepared taco seasoning mix.

Stir together the remaining 1/2 can diced tomatoes with chilies and refried beans in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high until heated through, stirring every 30 seconds, 1 to 3 minutes.

To assemble nachos: Lay half of tortilla chips in a single layer on a microwave-safe plate, then drop teaspoons of refried beans onto chips, followed by meat mixture and shredded cheese. Repeat with remaining chips, beans, meat, and cheese to make a second layer.

Microwave on high until cheese is melted and nachos are warm, 2 to 3 minutes. Top with sour cream, salsa, olives, jalapeños, and green onion as desired.

- 1 1/4 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon oregano leaves
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt

Nachos:

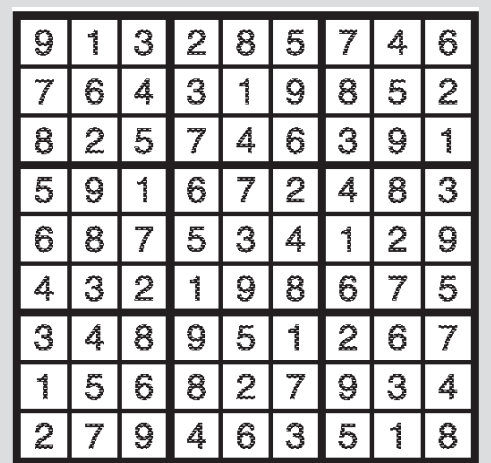
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1 10-ounce can diced tomatoes with green chiles (such as ROTEL®)
- 1 15-ounce can Mexican-style corn (optional)
- 1 16-ounce can refried beans
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese, or as needed
- 4 ounces tortilla chips, or as needed

- Toppings (optional):**
- 1/2 cup sour cream (optional)
 - 1/2 cup salsa (optional)
 - 1/4 cup sliced black olives (optional)

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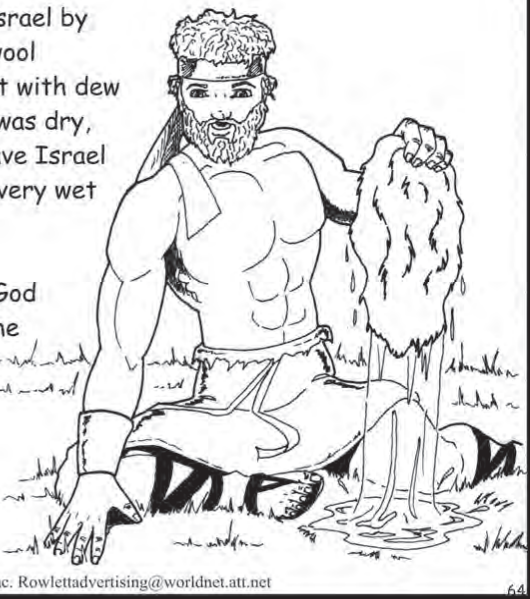
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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE
Gideon and the Fleece
 Judges 6

The Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern people assembled in the valley of Jezreel to fight the Israelites. Gideon called the Abiezrites and the people of Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali to join him but he was still not sure that God would use him to lead the Israelites to victory.

Gideon asked for a sign that God would save Israel by his hand. He told God that he would place a wool fleece on the threshing floor and if it was wet with dew in the morning and all the surrounding ground was dry, then he, Gideon, would know that God would save Israel by his hand. The next morning the fleece was very wet and the ground surrounding it was dry.

But that wasn't enough for Gideon. He asked God for further proof with one more test. This time he asked God to make the fleece dry and the surrounding ground wet with dew. That night God did as Gideon asked and Gideon prepared for battle.



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Obituaries

Loretta Louise (Groves) Bartrow

Loretta Louise (Groves) Bartrow, 84, of Pine Bluff, Ark., went to her Heavenly home on Friday, January 26, 2024, at her home. She was born on July 21, 1939, in Drew County, Ark. to the late Jesse Groves and Evia Page Groves. She was of the Baptist faith and loved the Lord.

Other than her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, H.G. Bartrow; brothers, Dwayne Groves and Shannon Groves; sister, Ollie Ruth Groves; and grandchild, Luna Adkison.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories, children, Gail (Boothe) Capel of Little Rock, Ark., Wade Boothe of Holiday Island, Ark., and Wes Adkinson and spouse, Nicole, of Spokane Valley, Wash.; brother, Junior Groves of Marianna, Ark.; sisters, Doris Helton and spouse Harvey of Warren, Ark., Shirley Hampton of Warren, Ark.,

Glenna Norman of Warren, Ark., Vickey Reynolds of Warren, Ark., and Wilma Howard of New Edinburg, Ark.' Grandchildren, Seth Capel, Justin Capel, Lacey Capel, Spencer Boothe, Gabriella Boothe, Abigail Boothe, and Delilah Boothe; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024, at Garrison Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Herbert Fulton Moring

Herbert Fulton Moring, 94, of New Edinburg, Ark., left the cares of this earthly home January 24, 2024, reuniting in Glory with his beloved wife, Ollie, whom he married on October 18, 1952. He was

born in England, Ark to the late Reverend Johnnie Columbus (Clum) Moring and Helen Pauline (Ponnie) Durden Moring on September 21, 1929.

Herbert, fondly known as Bud to his family, grew up in the cotton fields in Tomberlin in Lonoke County. He especially loved fishing in the bayou both with a pole and by hand (noodling). He remained a fisherman all his life. His favorite saying was "I'm going to take you fishing!" He enjoyed reminiscing of days past, telling jokes, remaining very close throughout the years to those he grew up with, especially his nieces and nephews and their children. He delighted in the family reunions and get-togethers.

Herbert met Ollie Thompson at the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church in New Edinburg where his father was preaching. They made their home in the community for almost 60 years. Providing for his family was of the utmost importance to Herbert, working at Potlatch for 32 years while continuing to farm with great pride and love in the evenings and weekends. He raised cows, cotton, peanuts, tomatoes and most important his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. One of his greatest pleasures was hunting deer, squirrels, coons, etc. He was a patient mentor to

many beginning hunters, instilling safety and sharing freely his knowledge and skills.

Herbert is preceded in death by his wife; parents; his brothers; James, Johnny, Harlan, Andrew and his sisters; Mary Ella Dutton, Vivian Dutton, Flossie Dean Jensen, Wanda Sue Bratton, Winnie Thompson and two infant siblings, Horace and Helen.

He is survived by his daughter Phyllis (Wayne) Stedman of Warren and sons, Gilbert (Cheryl) and Delbert/Boo (Judy) both of New Edinburg. Nine grandchildren: Matt Cathey, Stacey Turner, Michelle Weaver, Nicole Harper, Daniel Dees, Dakotah Moring, Devlyn Moring, Hanna Grice and AJ Moring. Great grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Dylan, Jay, Kade, Colby, Gauge, Brennen, Hayden, Evan, Alli, Rheagan, Paisley, Maddox, Madeline, Brooks, Maverick, Lucas, Madden and two great-great grandchildren Max and Kooper. He also leaves behind a host of friends, family and the wonderful care-givers at Chapel Woods.

Funeral service was held Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church. Burial was in

Reaves Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Paul "Lee" Cox

Paul "Lee" Cox, of West Monroe, La., died January 21. Born June 22, 1953 to the late Claude and Mary Elizabeth Cox.

Survivors: wife, Carol; son, Brandon Dell Cox; daughter, Angela Harrison; brother, Thomas; grandchildren, Hunter, Garrett, Erin, Kaisen; great-grandchild, Nevan.

Funeral 10:00 a.m. January 26 at Frazer's Funeral Home.

Bertha Lee Ferguson

Bertha Lee Ferguson, 85, of Harrell, died January 18, 2024. Born November 15, 1938, to Jimmy Cross and Eula Lee Sumler.

Survivors: Children – Barbara, Debra, James, Rosie, Sondra, Tony, Feleicia

Siblings – Flossie, Eula, Eloise, Kenneth

10 grandchildren
Funeral service was January 27, First Baptist Church, Harrell. Hammons Funeral Home

Patsy Jean Jankowski-Savage

Patsy Jean Jankowski Savage, 83 of Banks died January 21, 2024. Born June 9, 1940 in Bradley County to the late Peter and Beatrice Jankowski. Survivors: son, Terry Savage and spouse Judy; daughter, Cindy Gauden and spouse Mike. Graveside 3 p.m. January 29 at Childs Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

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Bradley County welcomes new Home Extension Agent Penny Vance

By JOANNA POOLE
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The Bradley County Extension office recently hired Penny Vance as its new Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent. Vance spent 34 years teaching Family and Consumer Sciences with 28 of those years at Drew Central in Monticello. But recently she felt like it was time for a change. When the opportunity to become the Bradley County extension agent happened, Vance saw where she could make the needed change, but still teach what she was passionate about.

"I'm very passionate about what I still call home ec. and I didn't want just to put all of that aside," Vance said. "God really worked everything out."

When asked what the role of an extension agent is, Vance had a clear answer.

"We're here to assist the community in everything related to running a home," Vance said.

Many of those things include nutrition, exercise, cooking



VANCE

skills, financial planning, parenting, and child development. Extension agents are there to also answer questions. If someone has a question about canning or sewing or any of the other areas listed above, they can call their local extension office and find the help they need.

One thing that Vance is truly looking forward to is starting programs like Get Fit. In the

teach a class where people would come and learn about proper nutrition. She would also offer exercise classes.

"I have a master's in nutrition, and it is my love," Vance said.

Vance hopes to incorporate some of those things in 4-H as well. She has even considered starting a small community garden with 4-H

Often, people in communities don't realize that Extension Homemakers Clubs still exist. Bradley County has four quilting clubs that come and meet throughout the month and each club has 10-15 ladies.

Extension Homemakers have a creed that says, "I believe that the greatest force that molds character comes from the home." I could tell right away that Vance is passionate about

what she does, and she wants to teach others exactly what this creed means. She wants to share her joy of nutrition and help others learn to make good decisions.

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Rare dual brood emergence of cicadas coming this spring

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Entomologists say two broods of periodic cicadas will be making a rare simultaneous emergence this spring. The last time this happened in the U.S. was in 1803 and the next one won't happen for another 221 years.

Arkansas is home to brood XIX, a group whose adult insects emerge every 13 years. The brood's last emergence was 2011 and the next will be 2037. Brood XIII, which emerges every 17 years, last emerged in 2007 and will again emerge in 2041. Brood XIX is the largest 13-year brood in the United States, covering 15 states.

Cicadas spend most of their lives underground as nymphs, then "they all emerge at once, in an effort to overwhelm their natural predators by sheer numbers," said Jon Zawislak, extension assistant professor-apiculture and urban entomology. "Anything that might want to eat a cicada will be able to get a belly full, so the rest can survive to continue the species."

The insects know how to turn up the volume, often hitting 90-100 decibels, louder than a hair

drier.

"I remember camping near the Buffalo River in the early summer of 1998, and it was LOUD," he said. "Also, you couldn't catch a fish to save your life. They were all so full of cicadas they couldn't be tempted by anything else."

Brood XIII is found in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin. Brood XIX can be found in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

"We will see and hear a lot of the Brood XIX in Arkansas. Brood XIII will mostly be in northern states," he said. "If you really want to be at ground zero for all the cicada action, you might trek to Springfield, Illinois, where there will be a lot of overlap."

Zawislak said the two broods won't be alone.

"There are a number of annual cicadas that will come out and there are often some stragglers from other broods that don't quite synchronize with the rest of their group," he said. "Arkansas

is home to 20 different species of cicada."

The brood that will emerge in Arkansas is of a species called Magicicada tredecassini, which emerges this April-May-June.

"But you will see and hear other cicada species every year, that come out later, ranging from April to November, especially members of the genera Neotibicen and Megatibicen. Factors like temperature and rainfall will affect how soon they emerge and how long they stay around," Zawislak said.

The cicadas' unique sounds are part of their mating process. In their "choruses," adult males "sing" by vibrating a membrane on the sides of their bodies called a tymbal. Females can make clicking noises to indicate they are ready to mate.

The song of the African cicada, Brevisana brevis, can hit 107 decibels from 20 inches away. That compares to a chainsaw, which can hit 110 decibels from the same distance, according to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

John Lovett, science editor of the Arkansas Agricultural Exper-

iment Station, had to improvise a solution when the din grew too loud during a camping stop near the Cumberland Gap.

"I had to stuff napkins in my ears to sleep and that didn't even really work well," he said. "A Dutchman in yellow wooden clogs came by my camp the next morning to talk about the cicadas over coffee. I think he was as impressed by the cicadas as I was his shoes."

After mating, the females lay eggs on tree branches and the adults die soon after.

"They are only around making noise for about four to six weeks," Zawislak said. "After a few weeks the nymphs emerge from the eggs and drop to the ground, where they dig down and feed on the sap from tree roots for years."

The nymphs may feed on roots of smaller plants first, then switch to tree roots when they are older.

"After their allotted time, they crawl out and up onto something vertical like a plant stem, tree trunk, or a house, fence post or mailbox and molt one last time, emerging as winged adults," Zawislak said. "Most people have probably seen the hollow shed exoskeletons around in

late spring or early summer.

"They are neat creatures. And large," he said. "Most sap-feeding insects don't get that large, which is why they take so long to grow. But when they appear all at once, they become a feast for small predators. Which gives those animals a population boost. Which gives larger apex predators a population boost. These big bugs are an important link in the food chain, between trees — feeding on sunlight — and big, majestic wildlife."

They might also become a feast for pets, but owners shouldn't worry.

"I do not know of any poisonous or toxic effect that cicadas may have on pets that happen to eat one or more," said Jeremy Powell professor of animal science and veterinarian for the Division of Agriculture. "However, they do have that very heavy exoskeleton that could be hard for pets to digest and may lead to some minor intestinal upset. That scenario would likely be short-lived."

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HOMETOWN

Heroes

Hometown hero: Clint Horn

By JOANNA POOLE
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If you're from Warren or have lived here for any amount of time you know where Potlatch-Deltic is, and you've probably driven by it from time to time. But just to the right is an office building that is the home of Timber Logistics. Timber Logistics has been owned and operated by Clint Horn since 2004, which would make this year 20.

Horn moved to Bradley County in February of 1999 to work for Potlatch. He is originally from a little town named Shippensburg, which is located in south-central Pennsylvania. Before moving to Warren, Horn was teaching logger education and working on his master's in forestry at Mississippi State University. But before he received his master's, he earned his associate degree and then his undergraduate degree from Penn State, both in forestry. He also earned a minor in statistics.

Horn has always loved the forest. When he was young, his grandfather was a road foreman for the Michaux State Forrest, which is located in Horn's hometown of Shippensburg. Horn would ride around the mountains with his grandfather as he was checking the roads and doing other tasks that a road foreman did. During those times, Horn developed an interest in the forest. Horn also comes from a family that has always hunted and fished.

"I grew up doing all of those things so to be outdoors in the forest has always been my thing," Horn said.

But Horn doesn't own Timber Logistics. He is also the new owner of Log-N-Stix, which is a business that sells heavy-duty parts for trucks, forestry equipment, and logging and forestry supplies. When asked how he acquired Log-N-Stix, he said that the previous owner was retiring.

"It just made sense with everything else we were doing," Horn said.

Log-N-Stix is working on stocking everything that is used in the timber industry. They still sell everything that has always been sold, but they are adding new lines and new products as they try to build. Horn didn't want to own Log-N-Stix just to own another business. He wants to eliminate the need for loggers to go to five or six different places.

"If you can make one stop to get what you need at a fair price and available locally, it saves guys time and makes them more efficient," Horn said.

One of Horn's goals is to have supplies and parts on hand. He said that he has had to wait two or three days for a certain piece of equipment to come in and by the time that he's gotten what he needs, he lost more time than he should've. Warren is in a unique area because it is at least an hour from everything. Horn is work-

ing to try to supply products locally so that fewer people are losing fewer days.

"The more I get into the business, the more I hope to stock so I can keep guys from having downtime," Horn said.

After moving to Warren and working for Potlatch for a couple of years, Horn had the opportunity to buy into a local wood yard. He said he knew it was something that he could make happen. In October of 2004, he opened the doors to Timber Logistics.

When I asked him exactly what Timber Logistics did, Horn gave me an excellent description.

"We handle everything in the timber business from its point of origin in the woods to its point of consumption at the mill," Horn said.

Horn is doing something right because Timber Logistics is still open and doing well. To operate a successful business, you have to do the right thing for the right reason. Horn operates his business with good ethics, integrity, and professionalism. He stands by what he says and stays true to his commitments.

"If I tell someone that I'm going to do something, I'm going to make every effort to do it. Sometimes things happen that you don't foresee, but I do try," Horn said.

Horn is not only a business owner. He is also a fireman. When he was 15, Horn was a junior fireman. His grandfather

was on a wildlings crew and would work wildfires.

"It's something that stuck with me and resonated over the years and it just all fit together," Horn said.

In 2023, Horn was voted Citizen of the Year by the residents of Bradley County. He found out when his wife Allana told him that she had seen it in the paper. Horn was very surprised. But he says that he doesn't feel like he does anything spectacular. He lives a normal life of going to work, going home, and handling the firehouse. But then as he continued that sentence, he added in the words, "doing charity stuff." I don't know about you, but for the average person, that last part isn't usually in their daily activity. However, he did get over the initial shock and expressed his deep appreciation.

"I'm very appreciative. It's nice to know that people see some of the things that you do and recognize them. But my first thought is that I think of other people that are just as deserving," Horn said.

For the past two years, Timber Logistics has sponsored a Christmas tree decorating contest and the winner gets to pick a local charity and Horn donates to that charity. He said that his wife and daughter started the contest and took the idea and ran with it.

"We wanted to do something where we could donate to a local charity for Christmas and get people involved with us and our



website," Horn said.

When asked about the charities that they were involved in, Horn was quick to answer. He was heavily involved in the Log-A-Load for Kids program here in Bradley County for a while. If you aren't familiar with Log-A-Load, it is a charity that started in North Carolina and is used to raise money for children's hospitals. The original idea was that loggers would donate the same amount of money that it takes to log a load of wood and donate it to a children's hospital. Arkansas is heavily involved in Log-A-Load and in Bradley County, the money has gone towards helping with redoing the emergency room at Bradley County Medical Center. For several years, money was being raised to go towards

the purchase of a helicopter and that helicopter got the Log-A-Load insignia. His wife, Allana was also involved in the Junior Auxiliary. Together, the Horns like to focus on charities that help children.

"We were able to put a lot of different things back into the program at the Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock," Horn said.

I could see almost immediately that Horn is humble and just from the short amount of time that I spent with him, I could see that he is doing good things for the right reason. He wants to be a part of the Warren community and he wants whatever he does to benefit Warren. For all of these reasons, Clint Horn is our Hometown Hero.

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