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WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT HOLDS GEOGRAPHY BEE



Photo courtesy of Justin Woodard

Several Warren School District fourth and fifth grade Gifted and Talented students recently competed in the Brunson Elementary geography bee. After several rounds, fourth grader Bennett Hogue claimed first place, fifth grader Azul Pedroza earned second place, and fifth grader Holt Williams placed third. Other participants included Zoe Greenwood, MaKailynn Broughton, Kamia Lewis, and Brock Morgan.

Lumberjack Terence Roberson commits to Ouachita Baptist University



Photo courtesy of Theresa Perrigen

By JOANNA POOLE
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Excitement was in the air as Warren High School held a signing ceremony on Wednesday at 9 a.m. where Terence Roberson committed to play football for the Ouachita Baptist University Tigers. Roberson's family was at his side as he signed. Also joining him were his teammates, coaches, and friends.

Hermitage School Board discusses remaining school calendar

By JOANNA POOLE
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The Hermitage School Board met on February 12 to discuss various issues. All board members were present for the meeting. The meeting was opened with the financial report which was given by Superintendent LaDonna Spain. Spain reported that the Hermitage school district has spent \$24,686.00 less than predicted for this month. This also includes two bonds that the district has paid from two different banks. One bond from Citizens Bank Trust is in the amount of \$285,587.26. The other bond is from First Community Bank in the amount of \$31,474.68. A motion was made to accept the financial report and all members were in favor

with a vote of 6-0.

At each month's meeting, a report on Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief, or ESSER, is given. ESSER is emergency funding that is designed to help address educational issues arising from the pandemic. The ESSER funding program is available until September 2024 and can be used for various expenses related to COVID-19 prevention or response activities that support students' social-emotional well-being and academic achievement. There were no changes for January. The Hermitage School District plans to spend the remaining ESSER funds on science and learning loss technology.

Elementary Principal Tara Gates gave her a monthly report.

She told the board that staff that missed more than 5 percent has declined by one. The number of absent students remained the same as in December as did the number of students with perfect attendance. The number of discipline incidents increased by one. Enrollment for Hermitage Elementary is back up to 191 students. Gates also presented updates on literacy and math to the board.

High school principal Misti McGhee then presented her report to the board. McGhee started with reports on math and literacy then moved on to discipline reports. For January there were 364 discipline incidents which included tardies, cell phone and other device confiscations, disrespect to authority, disrupting class, and

profanity. Attendance numbers were at 97.6 percent for students. The number of teachers who missed five percent of their days was at 14 percent.

The board then heard from Spain on other issues such as amounts of money being spent on substitutes for all school staff. Spain also asked the board to pass a waiver that would shift the school district from a traditional calendar to an alternate calendar. This would allow the 2024/2025 school to start on August 12 and end on May 25. The board voted and all were in favor.

The school board then went into executive session. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 11 in the office of the superintendent.

JUNIOR HERMITS WIN TOURNAMENT



Photo by Robert Camp

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

A basketball tournament hosted by Dermott was held February 5, 7, 8, and 10 where the Junior Hermit boys became tournament champions.

In addition they are also the conference champions for 1A region eight. The Junior Hermits lead by Coach Colin Wilkerson finished the year with a 23-1 record.

They defeated Friendship with a score of 65-26 in the first round and in the second round they defeated Dermott. In the Finals the Junior Hermits defeated Bearden with a score of 57-52.

Josh Mitchell scored 18 points to lead Hermitage over Bearden in the finals.

Bradley County students compete in spelling bee



Photo courtesy of Justin Woodard

Students from Hermitage School District and Warren School District recently came together to compete in the Bradley County Spelling Bee. Warren Middle School eighth grader Nash Crawford won first place, Warren Middle School eighth grader Karley Reep placed second, and Hermitage Middle School seventh grader Roshell Crowell placed third. Nash will move on to represent Bradley County in the Arkansas State Spelling Bee on March 9.

CATHEY PLACES AT BETA CONVENTION



Photo courtesy of Christy Cathey

Alli Cathey placed in the top four finalist in the "Black and White" photography division at the Arkansas Senior Beta Convention with her photo of jellyfish which was taken at the Bass Pro Wonders of Wildlife Aquarium in Springfield, Mo.

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Hermitage Junior High competes at regional tournament



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Hermitage School District JR High team received third place at the Junior High Regional Tournament. They will advance to the state tournament on Saturday, February 17. Hunter Richardson was an All-Tournament player scoring an average of 10.7 correct answers per game. Students pictured in the photo are Carlee Curtis, Carson Curtis, Allisyn Cathey, Paisley Speers, Sitlali Ramos, Samuel Ramos, Drake Atkins, Hunter Richardson, and Slade Black.

Fall 2023 Dean's List

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The University of Central Arkansas congratulates nearly 1,500 students who were named to the fall 2023 Dean's List.

The following individuals from Warren were named to the Dean's List.

Daisy Mondragon, Ivan A Pa-huamba, Brooklyn M Solis.

SouthArk releases their fall 2023 honor lists

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

South Arkansas Community College has released its President's Honor Roll and Dean's List for the fall 2023 term. To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must have at least a 3.75 grade-point average for the fall semester, and be classified as full-time.

From Warren: Cristal Rubi Castillo, Abigail Emily Merales, Ashley Pascual-Cortez, Joanna

Salinas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have a grade-point average of between 3.0 and 3.75 for the fall semester, and be classified as full-time.

From Hermitage: Melissa Ramirez

From Warren: Ana Lidia Romero, Carisa Salinas, Leslie Yaquelin Vega, Jade Watson.

Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation awards \$268K grant to SBHAAR

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation has awarded almost \$268,000 to the School-Based Health Alliance of Arkansas for a new initiative

to help expand access to dental care for K-12 students in rural parts of the state.

The funding supports the state's first school-based oral health learning collaborative.

In partnership with three other government and nonprofit organizations, the SBHAAR will instruct four Arkansas school-based health centers (SBHCs) on how to start or expand their

services to offer dental care to K-12 students.

School-based health centers in Arkansas currently serve about 11,000 students at 60

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COOPER'S ART CHOSEN FOR ART EXHIBITION



Photo courtesy of Christle Pierce

Elementary Art Teacher, Mrs. Christle Pierce, submitted students' work to "The Moon and Beyond" art contest at Windgate Museum of Art. Third grader Jonathan Cooper's art was chosen to be on display at Hendrix.

The City of Warren seeks qualified applicants for a part-time position in our Street Department.

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Editorial

Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw
Ark. State Representative



February marks the beginning of American Heart Month, a crucial period dedicated to raising awareness about heart health and the prevalence of heart disease. In the United States and in Arkansas, heart disease stands as the leading cause of death.

Statistics paint a stark picture: every 33 seconds, a life is claimed by cardiovascular disease in the United States. Amidst these concerning trends, initiatives from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) offer targeted interventions to safeguard the heart health of communities across the state.

Among these initiatives is the Community Team-Based Care program, operating within local health units spanning ten Arkansas counties. Focused on adult patients grappling with hypertension, this program prioritizes essential services such as blood pressure monitoring and medication adherence counseling. By fostering closer collaboration between patients and physicians, the program strives to enhance blood pressure control and mitigate the risks associated with hypertension.

Furthermore, the AR WISEWOMAN program extends a lifeline to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured women aged 35 to 64 across 12 counties in Arkansas. Through comprehensive screenings and tailored interventions, this initiative empowers women to embrace heart-healthy lifestyles and mitigate their risk of cardiovascular disease. By addressing risk factors head-on and promoting sustainable behavioral changes, the program endeavors to curtail the incidence of heart attacks and strokes among this vulnerable demographic.

To prevent heart disease and increase awareness of its effects, ADH recommends you make healthy changes to lower your risk of developing heart disease through living a healthy lifestyle. Controlling and preventing risk factors is also important for people who already have heart disease. To lower your risk:

- Watch your weight.
- Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.
- Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.
- If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.
- Get active and eat healthy.

As we navigate the terrain of American Heart Month, let us seize the opportunity to prioritize heart health in our communities. You can learn more about prevention and programs offered by the Arkansas Department of Health by visiting healthy.arkansas.gov.

Cowboys and red solo cups

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As I was on my way to work the other morning, I got a call from my husband, Ben. In order to get to work on time, I usually have to leave before my youngest son, Huck, gets on the bus and that leaves my husband to make sure that Huck has everything ready to go. Most of the time if I get a call it's either to help locate a lost item or Huck wants to tell me something. So, when I saw Ben's name pop up on my phone, I was wondering what in the world was lost today. But instead, Ben told me that country music icon Toby Keith had passed away. I immediately felt a little sadness. My first thought was about his family and those he was leaving behind. He married his wife Tricia after three years of dating and the couple stayed together for the remainder of his life. Together they had children and grandchildren. Those that are left behind are the ones that I think about the most.

But here's the thing. I'm not a die-hard Toby Keith fan. I didn't grow up knowing all of the words to every one of his singles. But I do know a few of his hits. "Should've Been a Cowboy", "Red Solo Cup", and "As Good as I Once Was" are just a few that come to mind. But I can't leave out "Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue" which was Keith's response to the events of September 11, 2001. I think I stood a little taller as an American that day. We all know the line where Keith tells those responsible where he's going to put his boot.

But my sadness isn't only directed towards his family. The news of his death also brings up a little nostalgia. By the way, Mom and Dad, if you're reading this, you may want to skip this part. As a child, my parents did not allow me to listen to anything except Christian music. Whatever was on American Family Radio, CDs, or cassette tapes (yes, I said cassette tapes) was usually heard over the speakers in the car and my room. We didn't own

any secular music. At the age of 16, I passed my driver's test and started running errands for my mom. When I left our driveway, I usually turned it to a country or pop station. When I turned back in our driveway, I hit the memory button with the number one on it. That's the one that had American Family Radio saved in the memory. That was the height of my rebellion as a teenager. What can I say? I was a pretty good kid.

During those rides to town and back, I remember hearing Toby Keith, Brooks and Dunn, Clint Black, Trisha Yearwood, and many more. When I think about their songs, I think about me singing as loud as I could. I think about riding around with my best friend as we went to Sonic with the change we had scraped together to buy food. We all know that food at Sonic was much cheaper than it is now. I think about feeling like a "grown-up" as I went to Walmart and the grocery store for Mom. Believe it or not, Walmart and the grocery store were two different places.

Despite whether or not you were a Toby Keith fan, we all have to admit that the guy was a legend in the country music world. During his career, he had 61 singles hit the Billboard Hot Country Song charts, which included 20 number-one hits and 22 additional top 10 hits. His longest-lasting number-one hits are "Beer for My Horses" which was a 2003 duet with Willie Nelson, and "As Good as I Once Was" which debuted in 2005, at six weeks each. There aren't many artists today that can say the same. Keith knew what he was doing and he was good at it. Somewhere in the world, probably closer than we think, someone has filled or is filling their red solo cup with beer and has poured or is pouring one out for Toby Keith. A large hole has been left behind in the world of country music and his absence will be felt for a long time by many. Here's to you Mr. Keith.



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

The state Division of Children and Family Services has intensified preventative services in troubled families, and managed to lower the number of children in foster homes.

Over the previous two years, the number of Arkansas children in foster care has gone down from 4,614 to 3,698. Over the past year, in more than one third of the cases the first placement for children in foster care has been to the home of a relative.

The director of the Division briefed legislators on the Senate Committee on Children and Youth and the corresponding House committee at a recent meeting. Asked about the decline in the number of children in foster care, she attributed it

in part to intensive preventative services.

Staff and caregivers visit troubled families three times a week for at least six months. During that time, families have full-time access to crisis support for help resolving conflicts, treatment of mental health issues, handling behavior problems and coping with emotional trauma.

Workers help family members obtain access to basic needs, like food, housing and medicines. They help keep the children involved at school.

Since legislators approved the intensive in-home services, Division staff have helped about 3,000 families, the director said. Those services were instrumental in preventing the children in those families from having to be placed in foster care.

The Division still faces challenges, such as the consistent problem of turnover in staff. There are currently 88 vacancies among program assistants and 160 vacant positions for family services worker. There are 20 va-

cancies for supervisors.

Another problem, she said, is that supervisors have to manage their own caseloads and that makes it difficult to adequately train, monitor and supervise their staff.

A major reason for the high turnover is that the work is very hard, the director said. It is emotionally stressful and workers are on call 24 hours a day. Sometimes they are in physical danger when visiting homes.

One of the Division's goals is to continuously improve relations with local law enforcement. Police officers have different duties, and sometimes their responsibilities clash with those of family services workers. It's helpful for law officers and family services workers to sit at the table together, and even if they cannot reconcile their differences they still benefit from the face-to-face interaction.

Of the more than 3,600 children in foster care, about 200 were placed by a private licensed placement agency. The director

identified seven private agencies, and told legislators that a priority of the Division is to expand the use of them.

The private agencies receive a portion of the reimbursement that the state pays foster families. Private agencies take some administrative burdens off Division personnel because they recruit foster parents, participate in home visits and help transport children.

The number of foster homes has gone down. The Division has shortened the required number of training hours that foster parents must take, as well as the number of continuing education hours required.

One senator went on record that the Division should be very thoughtful before scaling back training. His family went through training to be a foster home. Although it was cumbersome, he said that over time family members needed every aspect of the training.



We can be proud of the contributions of Arkansas farmers and ranchers to feed and clothe the world. The Natural State is a major exporter of rice, soybeans, cotton and poultry. Agriculture accounts for nearly 25 percent of our state's economic activity, so it's critical we foster an economic environment to help these operations thrive. Trade is a critical component to that formula.

Considering that 95 percent of the world's consumers exist outside of our borders, the U.S. must have the mindset that for every one customer here at home, there are five more in foreign markets.

About one-fifth of American agriculture products are exported. The opportunity is ripe for growth. Despite this demand, trade simply has not been a priority for the Biden administration and the effects are being felt in the farming community.

Just recently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released its farm income forecast for 2024 showing profitability is expected to fall by nearly \$40 billion from last year. This follows a nearly \$30 billion decline

from 2022 to 2023. We now find ourselves in the most rapid and steepest erosion in the farm economy of all time. The agricultural trade imbalance plays a significant role in that decline.

For only the fourth time in 55 years we're expected to have a trade deficit in agriculture in 2024. This administration's lack of ambition on trade has put our producers at a disadvantage, with no new trade deals under negotiation. This is why it's even more important that we protect existing trade deals, hold our trading partners accountable for agreements we've made, and ensure our agriculture producers have a level playing field to compete globally.

Unfortunately, the president continues to pursue an agenda that does the opposite. Not only is this administration refusing to pursue new market access opportunities for our producers, but it is failing to protect our own backyard.

Just recently, the U.S. Department of Commerce proposed changes that would allow Vietnamese catfish producers to flood the U.S. market at prices below the cost of production.

This decision would negatively impact Natural State catfish producers and have disastrous economic consequences for the industry.

That's why I joined my colleagues in sending a letter to the administration warning about the consequences its proposal would have for domestic producers and called for retaining the existing anti-dumping duty order.

In early February, members of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee called on the U.S. International Trade Commission Chairman to produce a report to help Congress create policies to better support our domestic rice industry.

This is especially important as India, the top exporter of rice, heavily subsidizes their crop so they can sell it for less than our farmers

can internationally. At the same time, India now has an export ban on rice that is disrupt-

ing global markets and creating economic uncertainty for rice producers here in Arkansas.

I'm championing legislation to protect Arkansas's rice industry against these tactics. The Prioritizing Offensive Agricultural Disputes and Enforcement Act would establish a joint task force between the Office of the United States Trade Representative and USDA to coordinate a strategy to enforce our trade agreements and respond to unfair trade barriers so our farmers don't find themselves at such a dramatic disadvantage.

Farming is an incredibly risky business. Our producers need Washington to focus on increasing market access overseas and holding our trade partners to their word. I will continue to be a voice for Arkansas agricultural producers and advocate for policies that allow them to grow the most abundant, affordable and safest supply of food in the world.

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• Technology Technician
• Bus Drivers (District)
• Food Service

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health centers, but only 16 SBHCs provide access to dental care. The learning collaborative is designed to increase the number of school-based dental care facilities, especially in the state's rural areas.

"This project could result in systemic change as it provides practical learning of how to increase access to dental care in rural parts of the state that experience a shortage of dentists," said Sharon Lanier, Ph.D., executive director of the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation. "Many families struggle to obtain regular dental care because they

must take extended time off from work and school to travel to a dental provider one or two counties away. Instead, school-based dental clinics will meet the oral health care needs of K-12 students right where they are."

Arkansas ranks near the bottom in oral health nationwide, according to multiple surveys. Lack of access to regular, affordable dental care and oral health education are frequently identified among the main barriers. Changing the delivery of dental services, such as the SBHAAR explores with its initiative, could significantly improve the smiles of many Arkansans.

Partnering with the SBHAAR are the Arkansas Department of Health, the

Arkansas Department of Education and Virginia Health Catalyst, a nonprofit organization. They will instruct the following Arkansas school-based health centers on how to start or expand their services to offer dental care to K-12 students.

- East Arkansas Family Health Service Inc. (North-east Arkansas)
- Mainline Health Systems Inc. (Southeast Arkansas)
- Jerry "Pop" Williams Elementary (Northwest Arkansas)
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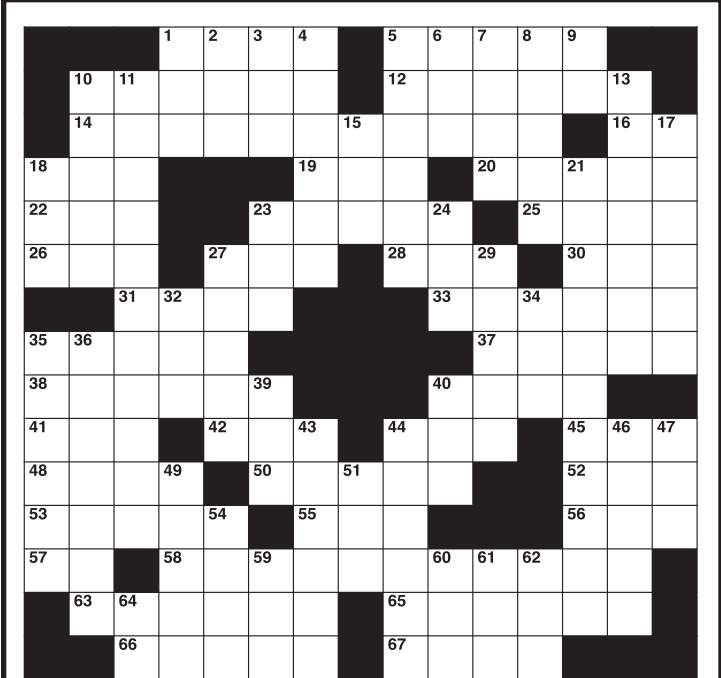
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- 1. Gene type
- 5. Persian male given name
- 10. Type of protection
- 12. Cloud
- 14. One who returns to life
- 16. Gym class
- 18. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 19. Baby's dining accessory
- 20. Enchantress
- 22. Prefix denoting "in a"
- 23. Spiritual leader
- 25. Cavities
- 26. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 27. Foot (Latin)
- 28. Sweet potato
- 30. Pharaoh of Lower Egypt
- 31. Land
- 33. More inquisitive
- 35. Dog breed: ___ Apso
- 37. Stood up
- 38. Direct and uninhibited
- 40. Authorless
- 41. Blocking type of drug (abbr.)
- 42. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- 44. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 45. Macaws
- 48. Actress Remini
- 50. Polynesian wrapped skirt
- 52. City of Angels hoops team (abbr.)
- 53. Fitzgerald and Baker are two
- 55. Bowling alley must-have
- 56. A way to cool down
- 57. Ethnic group in Asia
- 58. A way to alter
- 63. Set of five
- 65. Removes from the record
- 66. Dummies
- 67. Set period in office

CLUES DOWN

- 1. DC Comics superhero
- 2. Brew
- 3. Play
- 4. Single-celled animals
- 5. Rough to the touch
- 6. Small island (British)
- 7. Often noted alongside cons
- 8. Preparation of rootstock
- 9. Atomic #44
- 10. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 11. About secretary
- 13. Particular groups
- 15. Poke fun at
- 17. Make certain that something occurs
- 18. Financial term
- 21. Justify
- 23. Arbiter
- 24. 007's creato
- 27. Czech name for Prague
- 29. Groans
- 32. American time
- 34. No seats available
- 35. ___ Stahl, journalist
- 36. Cleft lip
- 39. Talk incessantly
- 40. Expresses atomic and molecular weights (abbr.)
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Curdled milk
- 46. Running competitions
- 47. A team's best pitcher
- 49. Carthaginian explorer
- 51. World-renowned city
- 54. Most common Japanese surname
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. They ___
- 61. City of Angels football team (abbr.)
- 62. Distinctive practice
- 64. One quintillion bytes

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Solve the code to discover words related to Valentine's Day. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = C)

- A. 1 16 13 13 20 1**
Clue: Candy
- B. 14 5 6 3 7 11 13**
Clue: Excitement about love
- C. 11 3 14 9**
Clue: Offers a greeting
- D. 11 15 5 11 5 18 3 20 13**
Clue: Rich and creamy treat

SUDOKU

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Answers can be found on Page 8

Hermits score victory over Bulldogs



Photos courtesy of Robert Camp

By JOANNA POOLE
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The Hermits and Lady Hermits took on the Hampton Bulldogs on February 6, 2024, ending both games with a win. The Lady Hermits finished their regular season over the Bulldogs with a score of 50-39. Olivia Harrod lead the Lady Hermits with 13 points.

The Hermits ended the game with a score of 70-63 and Hayden Cathey scored 38 points which caused him to move to the top of the record books as Hermitage's leading scorer. His current total of 1,059 surpassed the previous high scorer, Cade Wilkerson, whose high score was 1,056.

LUMBERJACKS AND LADY JACKS TAKE ON LIONS



Photos by Robert Camp

The Warren Lumberjacks and Lady Jack played the Hamburg Lions on Friday, February 9, 2024. The Lady Jacks suffered a loss with the final score being 26-51. Bailey Miller lead Lady Jacks with 13 points. The Lumberjacks won against the Lions in the conference game and the final score was 68-61. Antonio Jordan lead Lumberjack scores with 25 points.

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Gideon Victorious in Battle
 Judges 7

Gideon and his servant, Purah, went to spy on the Midianites.

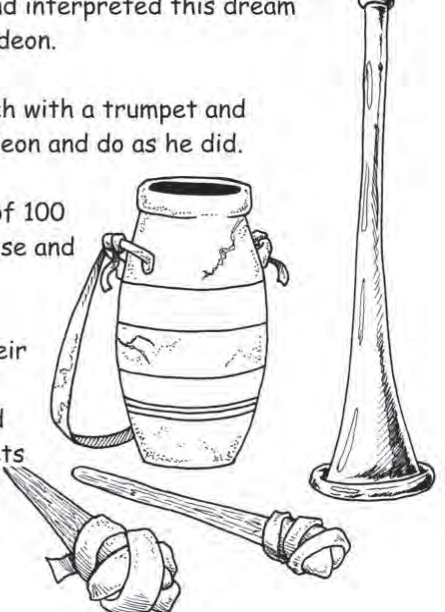
They overheard a man telling a friend his dream about a round loaf of barley rolling into camp and destroying a tent. The friend interpreted this dream as God giving the Midianites into the hands of Gideon.

Gideon divided his 300 men into 3 companies, each with a trumpet and a jar with a torch inside. They were to watch Gideon and do as he did.

The plan was that when Gideon and his company of 100 blew their trumpet, all the rest were to do likewise and shout, "for the Lord and for Gideon."

At the edge of the Midianite camp, they blew their trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches and the trumpets they shouted, "a sword for the Lord and for Gideon." As the 300 trumpets sounded the Midianites fled, crying.

Israelites from Naphtali, Asher and Manasseh were called to pursue the fleeing Midianites.



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Obituaries

Brenda Gail Wheeler Quimby

Brenda Gail Wheeler Quimby, 72, of Warren, Ark. passed away on Friday, February 9, 2024, at her home. She was born on February 21, 1951, in Hermitage, Ark. to the late Richard F. Wheeler, Jr. and Frances Trotter Wheeler. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. Other than her parents she is preceded in death by her sister, Sarah Huges. Survivors include her husband, Hugh Allen Quimby of Warren, Ark. whom she married on June 17, 1970; son, Scott Allen Quimby (Amy) of Stuttgart, Ark. and grandson, Jed Quimby of Stuttgart, Ark. Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial was in Holly Springs Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Immanuel Baptist



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Church or Holly Springs Cemetery.

John L Sullivan

John L Sullivan, 82 of Conway, Ark. formerly of Warren, Ark. passed away Friday, February 9, 2024 at Conway Regional Medical Center in Conway, Ark. He was born September 21, 1941, to John L. Sullivan, Sr. and Josephine P. Sullivan in Rye, Ark. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jeannie Sullivan of Conway, Ark., daughter, SuAnne Bowen (Adam) of Conway, Ark., sister, Monica Loving (Robert) of Plano, Texas, nieces, Terry Belger of Brenham Texas, Kristin Weeks (Mark) of Warren, Ark. and Callie Parrott of Houston, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Evelyn Bishop and Bettye Sullivan. John and Jeannie started Sullivan Plumbing Company in 1974 and retired to Conway, Ark. to be closer to their daughter, SuAnne in 2017. A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, February 17, 2024 in Union Cemetery at Rye. Arrangements are by Frazer's Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to JDRF Diabetes Foundation or the Bradley County Veterans Museum.



SULLIVAN

Don Gordon Wagnon

Don Gordon Wagnon, 85, of Warren died Thursday February 8, 2024 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Little Rock. Born October 27, 1938 at Tinsman, Ark., he was a son of the late Thomas Earl Wagnon and Ethel Estelle Thompson Wagnon. Don was a member of Kingsland First Baptist Church and a Veteran of the United States Army. He worked as machinist at Masters Manufacturing after working for many years as a machinist at Plastic's Manufacturing in Dallas, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers and one sister. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Wagnon of Warren; daughter, Reva Prather (Skeet) of Kingsland; son Gregory Wag-



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non (Jennifer) of Dallas, Texas; two step-children, Ronnie Payne (Rhonda) of New Edinburg, Brenda Williams (Kenny) of New Edinburg; a sister, Brenda Iannacone of Sherwood; five grandchildren, Jason Reed of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jeremy Powell of Lancaster, Texas, Emily Wagnon-Elflein of Norman, Okla., Elizabeth Wagnon of Lewisville, Texas, Aaron Wagnon of Plano, Texas, six great-grandchildren, Skyler Powell, Aiden Powell, Thurston Reed, Sullivan Reed, Morgan Reed, Charlotte Wagnon; many nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral Services were held at Benton Funeral Home. Burial was at Reaves Cemetery. To sign the online register visit www.bentonfuneralhome.net. (Paid obituary)

Irma Jean Wolfe

Irma Jean Wolfe, 90, of Banks, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at home. She was born on July 19, 1933 in Knox, Pa. to the late Rell Mays and Iva Bell Mays. She worked for Lyondell in Houston for 38 years. Jean was a faithful member of Banks Missionary



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Baptist Church.

Other than her parents, she is preceded in death by one brother, John Mays and two sisters, Thelma Detar and Phyllis Meyers.

She is survived by her loving husband, Joe C. Wolfe of 62 years of Banks; two sons, Derly Wolfe of Crosby, Texas and Jody Wolfe (Kandace) of Dayton, Texas; three grandchildren, Jeremy Wolfe, Jonathan Stane and Kristin Hanson (Wesley); two great-grandchildren, Kayley Hanson and Charlotte Hanson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial in Moseley Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Danita Baker

Danita Baker, 65, died Feb-

ruary 6, born February 18, 1958 to the late John and Alene Youngwirth. Survivors: soul-mate, Mackel; daughters, Kristal and Lindsey; brother, Johnny; grandchildren, Darrell, Landen, Kennedy, Alexia and Brandon. Funeral 2 p.m. February 10, at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial in Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

James Earl Davis

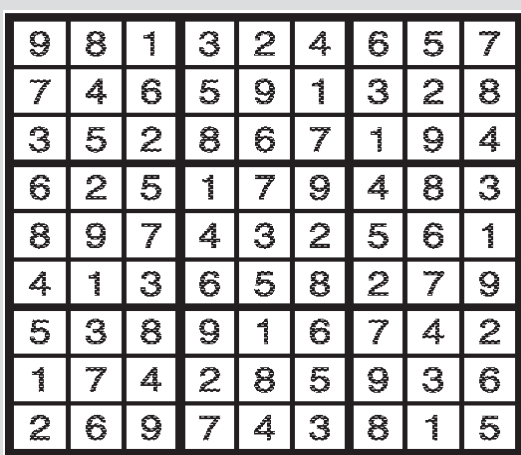
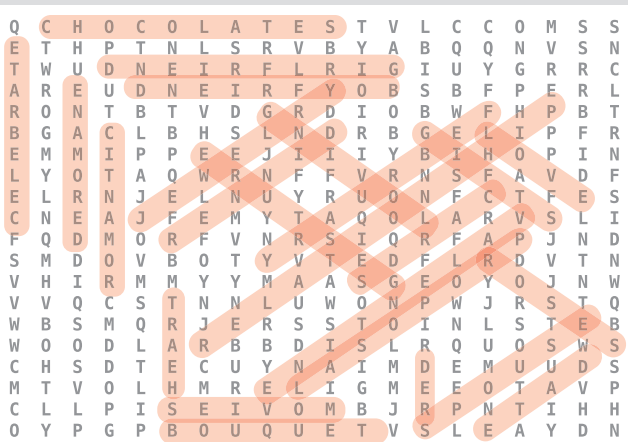
James Earl Davis, 71, of Banks, died January 27, 2024. Born May 18, 1952, to Sinkfield and Lula Davis. Survivors: Wife-Beverly; Children-Candice, Mario, Tim, Takeisha, Lakeisha; Stepson-Kalani; Siblings-Mary, Essie, Helen, Mildred, Zettie, Ulysses.

Funeral service was February 10, Pleasant Hill BC, Banks. Hammons Funeral Home.

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Wreaths Across America expands program to include Black History Month Curriculum

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE
National nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) announces free access for educators with lesson plans highlighting Black History Month (February) curriculum. The WAA TEACH program, spearheaded by retired educator and Gold Star Mother Cindy Tatum, aims to equip educators with a service-based curriculum to instill the values of freedom and honor in students nationwide. In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." In honor of Black History Month, the Wreaths Across America TEACH Program has developed lesson plans that honor the contributions and lasting legacies of Rosa

Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., Sojourner Truth, Ruby Bridges, the Buffalo Soldiers, and many others. "Our lesson plans offer a comprehensive curriculum designed to engage students of all ages in stories of courage and character," said Cindy Tatum, WAA Curriculum Developer. "As with all of our free lesson plans, we focus on character development and service projects, and the curriculum is tailored for kindergarten through high school, catering to diverse learning abilities." Lesson plans are available for free download at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/teach and accessible on Teachers Pay Teachers. Educators and homeschoolers are encouraged to explore and incorporate the materials into their lesson plans for Black History Month and beyond. The TEACH program encom-

passes materials from philanthropic and patriotic organizations, including the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, The Congressional Medal of Honor Society, and The Library of Congress Veterans History Project. For more information about

Wreaths Across America and how to participate in National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 14, 2024, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org. To learn more about The "TEACH" program, please read the blog post: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/Home/News/1085>

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