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Rawls appointed Chairman on state banking board

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Union Bank and Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of Randy Rawls, Vice President, and Loan Officer, as the Chairman of Group 3 within the Arkansas Bankers Association.

Randy's dedication to excellence and unwavering commitment to the banking industry make him an exceptional choice for this esteemed position.

In his role as Chairman, Rawls will bring his wealth of experience and leadership to foster collaboration, drive innovation,

and advocate for the interests of Group 3 members and the broader banking community. His vision and expertise will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success of the Arkansas Bankers Association.

Please join us in congratulating Randy Rawls on his appointment as Chairman of Group 3. We look forward to his leadership and contributions as we work together to advance the banking landscape in Arkansas. Rawls will also serve a one-year term on the Board for the Arkansas Bankers Association.



Photo courtesy of Union Bank

GOOD NEWS ICE CREAM SHOP NOW OPEN



Joanna Poole/Eagle Democrat

The Good News Ice Cream Shop is now open and ready to serve the community of Warren and the surrounding area. The menu includes items like ice cream scooped in bowls or cones, sundaes, shakes and malts, and banana splits. They are located at 200 West Cypress Street and their business hours are: Tuesday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Quorum Court hears from Extension Office

By JOANNA POOLE

reporter@theeagle Democrat.com

The Bradley County Quorum Court met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 20 to discuss various topics. The meeting opened with Leeanna Williams giving the court an update on Meditech saying that the hospital was finally on the other side of going live with Meditech and that things were going well.

John Gavin then spoke on behalf of the extension office. He reported that former extension agent Michelle Carter is still with the extension office but is no longer the County Extension Agent for Bradley County because she has moved into a new position. Carter is now the area coordinator for obesity education covering four counties. Penny Vance was hired as the new Extension Agent. Vance is a Drew County Native and had previously been with the Drew Central school district before coming to Bradley County.

"Penny has hit the ground running and is already out in the community," Gavin said.

Gavin also gave an annual update from the extension office. Gavin reported that concerning agriculture, 2023 was a very good year. The department was

able to get a grant that funded the research on Tomato Fruitworm caught by traps that were put out. This research will help tomato farmers this coming tomato season. The extension office also offers soil testing for homeowners at no cost.

The extension office is also responsible for the Bradley County Fair and Livestock Show. This year the junior livestock show had a record-setting premium sale of \$31,575.00 and the proceeds went back to the kids who showed to help them pay for their projects. The extension office also is responsible for 4-H and currently, there are eight different clubs in Bradley County, including an archery club that won an event that qualified them to go to Nationals.

County Judge Clay McKinney brought the previous meeting's minutes before the court and a motion was made and passed to approve the previous month's minutes. All voted in favor. The treasurer's report was next and again, all voted in favor to approve the treasurer's report.

Sheriff Hershall Tillman then presented his report. For January there were 76 papers served, 22 tickets/citations issued, and currently, there are 14 inmates



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Bradley County Quorum Court members reviewing last month's minutes.

incarcerated. The total that was paid for housing inmates for January was \$11,465.00. A motion was made and passed to accept the sheriff's report. All were in favor.

McKinney then presented his report. He told the court that the county will continue to feel the effects of the ice for the rest of the year. He also reported that he had been receiving a lot of

complaints about trash not being picked up.

"If you have an issue with trash not being picked up, you can call 1-800-996-0012, which is the phone number for Get Rid Of It," McKinney said.

McKinney reported that the trash pick-up is working on getting back on a normal schedule, but as of right now, trash may be picked up anywhere between

8:30-11:30.

Starting March 1, landfill rates will go up and match the rates of Drew County.

Recently the county, along with the EAST club from Warren High School created a survey asking the public for ideas on what to do with the property on Cedar Street. There were over 500 responses and the overall consensus was to turn it into an

entertainment venue. The city has since posted a second survey to further narrow down results. Please go to the Bradley County Courthouse Facebook page to access the survey and submit your answers.

The court then adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 18, at the Bradley County Courthouse.

WARREN BENEFIT GAME AGAINST RISON



Photo by Robert Camp

Warren starts off Baseball season with a benefit game against Rison. Kolby Pope was the starting pitcher, allowing one run in the first inning. Warren goes on the win the game with a score of 8-7.

HERMITS PLAY BULLDOGS IN FIRST HOME SOCCER GAME



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The Hermits and Lady Hermits took on the White Hall Bull Dogs on Friday, February 23. Unfortunately both teams suffered losses at the hands (or feet) of the Bull Dogs, who come from White Hall, which is a 5A school. The Lady Hermits ended their game with a score of 0-6 and the boys finished with a score of 0-3.

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Passin' the Faith Along

By REV. JIM BALES
Pastor - First Assembly of God
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IMPURE MIXTURES CLOUD CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS

Recently I saw a sign that said, "Wanted - clean fill dirt." I thought those words don't go together. How can you get clean dirt?

Since pastoring, counseling, and traveling as an evangelist, I have talked with people whose ideas are like that sign. Their lives are full of impure mixtures. Sometimes they are referred to as "carnal Christians."

A carnal person's life is governed by bodily pleasures and appetites. But a person who commits his life to Jesus Christ

should be able to say, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

To suggest that person can be both Christian and carnal is not only incorrect, but impossible.

A man responded to my questions, "Are you a Christian?" with the answer - "Well, sort of." I replied, "Sort of? Did Christ sort of die for you?"

An impure mixture of thoughts has invaded this hour. We mix things that cannot be mixed.

Can a person be carnally minded and Christlike? "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is in enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." (Romans 8:6-7)

"For such a time as this," God is calling Christians to step out of their carnal, worldly, self-centered lifestyles into an exciting and fulfilling walk with Him.

God once asked, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" The response from a man named Isaiah was "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8). Oh, how God longs to hear men and women answer as Isaiah did. "Lord, I'll go! Send me."

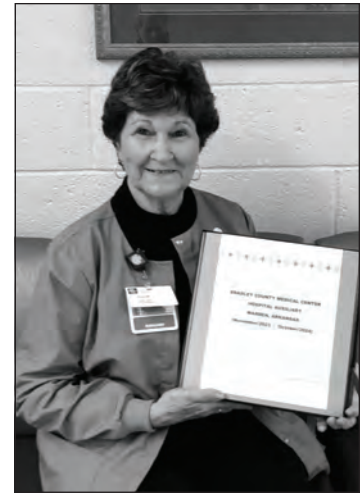
How will you respond to His call?

Wolfe keeps auxiliary scrapbook current

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Pauline Wolfe is responsible for the BCMC Auxiliary's scrapbook. This scrapbook is a record of all the projects, donations, presentations, and everything else that the Auxiliary does. She makes sure any photos or other necessary information is placed in the scrapbook. The BCMC Auxiliary is thankful for Pauline and couldn't function without

her and all of our other wonderful volunteers. The BCMC Auxiliary is looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in joining please get in touch with a current member, call 870-226-4390, or come by the BCMC Auxiliary Thrift Shop, located in the Brunson Medical Complex at 204 N. Bragg St., on Wednesday or Friday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.



Courtesy photo
Pauline Wolfe with the BCMC Auxiliary's scrapbook.

University of Arkansas offers best care training for child care providers

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Best Care training will give childcare providers an opportunity to enhance their proven childcare program and help meet educational requirements with continuing education. Childcare providers, foster parents, teachers, and police officers are invited to attend.

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agents, Hazelene McCray, Drew County, and Penny Vance, Bradley County, will be providing 10 hours of "The Best Care" Child Care Provider Training on Saturday, March 9, at the UAM Forestry Building located at 110 University Court, 71655.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., with Best Care training starting promptly at 8 a.m. and will end at 6 p.m. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch. Healthy snacks will be provided.

Topics include: Wiggles and Giggles, Time Wasters, Stress Management, Eating with Ease, Loose Parts, Fun Ways to Teach Math, Diversity and Inclusion, Breastfeeding, and Family Well-Being for Children in Your Care.

Best Care training will be provided free of charge. A total of 10 credit hours can be earned for attending the entire day. One credit is earned for each hour-long session you attend. Don't miss this opportunity for learning!

Pre-registration deadline is March 6. Call Hazelene McCray, Drew County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent at (870) 460-4270 or e-mail hmccray@uada.edu to pre-register.

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture offers all its Extension and Research programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status, and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Miller of Warren graduates from U of A's Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Marcus Miller of Warren recently graduated from the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Art in Communication. Miller joined more than 300 additional undergraduate Fulbright College students who graduated in fall 2023 and whose academic achievement was celebrated during the commencement ceremonies on Saturday, December 16, 2023, in Bud Walton Arena.

"On behalf of our faculty, staff, and the entire U of A community, we offer Marcus a big congratulations," said Kathryn Sloan, interim dean of Fulbright College.

"We're so incredibly proud of Marcus for reaching this incredible academic achievement."

"To Marcus and the entire class of graduates, I'll add this: You've grown in the face of these obstacles, you've adapted, and your resiliency has brought you to this moment. You've worked so hard for so long, and now you've reached the graduation milestone you've been striving for," Sloan said. "Congratulations!"

Collectively, Fulbright College awarded bachelor's degrees to 330 students during fall 2023 in areas of study that span across four academic disciplines in the college: fine arts, humanities,

natural sciences, and social sciences.

"I hope that Marcus, all of our new alumni, and all who supported them on this journey to commencement will take a moment to reflect on just how momentous this is, on all it took to get to this point, and all the incredible potential the future now holds," Sloan said.

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Warren School District is accepting BIDS for mowing all district grounds and surrounding areas. If interested in bidding, you must pick up spec information at the superintendent's office at 408 Cherry St. Warren, AR 71671. This will be for two years. To be considered, bids must be submitted by 3:00p.m. on March 6th, with proof of at least \$1,000,000 of General Liability Insurance and a list of references. This area is large, and a crew may be needed to maintain the grounds. The Warren School District reserves the right to reject any bids.

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Notice of Election

This notice is prepared by the Bradley County Election Commission to inform the public that the **2024 Preferential Primary** will be held on **March 5, 2024**. The notice also provides the public information regarding this election as required by law:

Early Voting Dates & Times:	T-F: Feb. 20th - Feb. 23rd	8:00am - 6:00pm
	Sat: Feb. 24th	10:00am - 4:00pm
	M-F: Feb. 26th - March 1st	8:00am - 6:00pm
	Sat: March 2nd	10:00am - 4:00pm
	Mon: March 4th	8:00am - 5:00pm

Bradley County Courthouse - office of the County Clerk

Election Day Voting: Election Date: March 5, 2024 **Hours:** 7:30am - 7:30pm

Location of Poll:	Address	Ballots Assigned to Poll
Warren Housing Authority	801 W. Central St. Warren, AR	Vote Center / All Ballots
Warren YMCA	207 N. Main St. Warren, AR	Vote Center / All Ballots
Banks Community Room	218 N. Pine St. Banks, AR	Vote Center / All Ballots
Hermitage Community Ctr.	416 S. Hickory St. Hermitage, AR	Vote Center / All Ballots
Eagle Lake Baptist Church	111 Bradley 2 E Hermitage, AR	Vote Center / All Ballots
Saline Baptist Church	807 HWY 8 S Hermitage, AR	Vote Center / All Ballots

Absentee Voting: To request an absentee ballot, or to see if you are qualified to vote absentee, contact the County Clerk's office using the information below:

101 E. Cedar Warren, AR - (870) 226-3464 ext. 2 - Office Hours M-F 8am to 4:30pm

Ballot Canvassing and Counting: All process listed below will be conducted at the **Bradley County Courthouse** located at **101 E. Cedar St., Warren, AR**. The dates and times are provided below:

Activity	Date	Time
Canvassing and Counting of Absentee ballots	March 5th	5:00 pm to Completion
Compiling & Publishing Unofficial Election Results	March 5th	7:30 pm to Completion
Certification of the Election	March 15th	4:00 pm

Election Officials:

Election Officials appointed to conduct early voting, election day voting, and all other required duties will be posted for public viewing in the County Clerk's office on February 9th and remain posted for not less than 10 days. The County Clerk's office is located at 104 Main Street, Anytown, AR. An objection must be filed with the County Clerk in writing prior to the following deadlines. An objection that an official is a spouse of a county election commissioner, a county party chair, or a spouse of a county party chair must be filed within 7 days of February 9th. An objection that an official is married to a candidate or related to a candidate within two degrees of blood relations must be filed within 10 days of February 9th.

Viewing Your Ballot Prior To Voting: Any voter may look up his or her sample ballot on the Secretary of State's website at: <https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/voterview>. Ballots will be available no later than 20 days prior to the election. Sample ballots will also be available at the polling site.

Candidates For Office:

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David Stuckenberg
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Unopposed Candidates:

U.S Congress District 04-Congressman Bruce Westerman
State Treasurer-Secretary of State John Thurston
State Senate District 01-Senator Ben Gilmore
State Representative District 94-State Representative Jeff Wardlaw
State Representative District 96-State Representative Sonia Eubanks Barker
Justice of the Peace District #2-Mike Jolley
Justice of the Peace District #3-B.K. Pat Morman
Justice of the Peace District #5-Tony Cathey
Justice of the Peace District #6-Bobby Hargrave
Justice of the Peace District #7-Jim Anders
Justice of the Peace District #8-Alton Ray Richard
Justice of the Peace District #9-Dana Harvey
Constable Pennington Township-Sim McCoy
Constable Washington Township-Kenneth Ferguson

DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES:

U.S. President

Dean Phillips
Frankie Lozada
Stephen P. Lyons
Amando "Mando" Perez-Serrato
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Marianne Williamson

Unopposed Democratic Candidates:

U.S. Congress District 04-Risie Howard
State Treasurer-John Pagan
State Representative District 94-Annette Taylor
Justice of the Peace District #1-Gwendolyn S. Bullard
Justice of the Peace District #3-Andrew C. Pritt
Justice of the Peace District #4-Jimmy Sledge

State Representative District 96

Robin G. Roark
Horace Ray Charles

NONPARTISAN / JUDICIAL CANDIDATES: These races will appear on the Republican primary ballots, the Democrat primary ballots, and a separate Nonpartisan general election ballot.

State Supreme Court Chief Justice Position 1

Supreme Court Justice Rhonda Wood
Jay Martin
Supreme Court Justice Barbara Womack Webb
Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Karen Baker

State Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 2

Judge Carlton D. Jones
State Supreme Court Justice Courtney Hudson

Hermitage School District No12

41.5 Mill School Tax

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and the operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by the School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 41.5 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 16.5 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be sued by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 41.5 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS
SATURDAY, MARCH 2
Rummage sale
Westside Baptist Church will host an indoor/outdoor rummage sale from 7 a.m.-noon.
ONGOING
AA Meetings
Warren has AA meetings every Monday at 7 p.m. and every Wednesday at 12 p.m. All meetings are held at First Methodist Church of Warren, located at 111 W. Church St. All meetings are open.

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Ag economists offer food for thought to improve baby formula supply

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The 2022 baby formula crisis highlighted the precarious balance between regulation, competition and safety, according to a new study published last month.

"Navigating the Challenges of Building a More Resilient Infant Formula Industry" was published in Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association journal. The article takes a close look at the infant formula market and factors that contributed to the historic shortage of infant formula in 2022.

Study co-author Trey Malone, assistant professor of agricultural economics and agribusiness with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said the article proposes a "strategic rethinking of policies to foster a more competitive and accessible market."

The goal is ensuring infant nutrition security.

"Our collaborative effort has been an enlightening journey, shedding light on the delicate balance between regulation, market competition, and ensuring the availability of essential nutrition for infants," said Malone, who conducts research for the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, research arm of the Division of Agriculture.

"This article is a great place to start for those interested in the complexities of the infant formula market and policy implications."

Years of declining birth rates, increasing maternal breastfeeding, market concentration and regulations on importing infant formula were ingredients for

the crisis, Malone says. The final whammy was a potential Cronobacter contamination that led to the voluntary production halt at one of the biggest infant formula production facilities in the United States. National out-of-stock rates for infant formula, which had already been at 15 percent due to supply chain issues from the pandemic, rose to 74 percent by the end of May 2022.

The article noted that the crisis underscored the existence of high market concentration in the baby formula market. Market concentration has been a feature of baby formula production since the 1980s, with two firms, Abbott and Reckitt, accounting for at least 50 percent of the market.

"A central issue in the infant formula industry is a lack of market competition and overly stringent regulations," Malone said.

The regulatory framework for infant formula in the United States was shaped by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act and the Infant Formula Act of 1980 with amendments in 1986. The laws established standards for nutritional content and labeling, giving the Food and Drug Administration authority over infant formula manufacturing. However, the FDA has rules and regulations that have limited infant formula imports approved by "equally competent regulators in Europe" and other Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries, the article states.

Comparing trends in imports among 171 countries, the economists showed the United States ranked 147th in the amount of

infant formula imported between 2017 and 2019.

Another key component in the infant formula market is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, also known as WIC. The program provides free infant formula to qualifying low-income households. States, or a coalition of states, award WIC infant formula contracts to the manufacturer that submits the highest rebate level. This is known as a competitive sole-source contract. The economists say the practice received considerable attention during the infant formula shortage of 2022 "due to concerns that it creates a barrier to competition."

"Previous research has consistently shown that a change in a state's contract brand substantially shifts market shares," the article noted.

The practice of "medical detailing" infant formula samples by companies which also make medical equipment was noted in the article as unique on the world stage. "Medical detailing," the article explains, is a practice in which manufacturers market directly to hospitals and medical professionals.

"The U.S. Government Accountability Office GAO identified medical detailing as a possible barrier to entry in part because it may be prohibitively expensive for non-pharmaceutical or medical companies," the article noted. "The practice is fairly unique to the U.S. market as most countries regulate infant formula marketing in response to the 1980 World Health Organization's WHO International Code of Marketing of

Breastmilk Substitutes, which includes infant formula. This code specifically discourages the promotion of breast milk substitutes within the healthcare sector."

Jackie Yenerall, lead author of the article and an assistant professor of agricultural and resource economics for the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, noted their review of the infant formula supply shortage identified a series of tradeoffs.

"Our article provides a discussion of the potential tradeoffs associated with making permanent changes to three policies and programs that currently influence the infant formula market: import tariffs, Food and Drug Administration regulation, and WIC," Yenerall said.

Suspending tariffs or relaxing U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards could lead to an increased infant formula supply but may increase risk of contamination. Alternatively, increased consumer choice could lead to increased cost to the government from modifying WIC.

Striking the proper balance between these tradeoffs could help strengthen the infant formula industry.

"The heart of our work lies in analyzing policy responses and proposing ways to build a more resilient industry," Malone said.

Other co-authors of the study include Andrew Muhammad, professor and Blasingame Chair of Excellence, and Karen Lewis DeLong, associate professor of agricultural and resource economics, both with the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture.

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

CASE NO. 06CV-23-63-3

DISCOVER BANK PLAINTIFF
vs.
CHASE FERRELL DEFENDANT

WARNING ORDER

The Defendant, CHASE FERRELL is hereby warned to appear in this Court within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Order - or sixty (60) days if you are incarcerated in any jail, penitentiary, or other correctional facility in Arkansas - and answer the Complaint filed against him by the Plaintiff.

Failure to file a written answer within thirty (30) days - or sixty (60) days if you are incarcerated in any jail, penitentiary, or other correctional facility in Arkansas - may result in an entry of judgment by default against you or otherwise bar you from answering or asserting any defense you have.

WITNESS my hand and seal as Clerk of the CIRCUIT Court of BRADLEY County, State of Arkansas, this 13th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Stephen L. Bruce
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/s/ Cindy Wagnon
Cindy Wagnon
Circuit Clerk

2/21, 2/28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Warren, Arkansas (the "City"), on the question of the issuance by the City of revenue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$625,000 (the "Bonds").

The Bonds will be issued to provide all or a portion of the funds necessary to finance the costs of the acquisition, construction and installation of a solar photovoltaic array and to pay expenses of issuing the Bonds. The City proposes to repay the Bonds with franchise fees collected by the City from public utilities.

Any persons interested may express their views, both orally and in writing, on the proposed issuance of the Bonds before the City Council of the City, on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at the Warren Municipal Building, 104 Myrtle St., Warren, Arkansas. At such hearing all objections and suggestions will be heard and considered, and the City Council will take such action as is deemed proper in the premises.

Paid for by the City of Warren in the amount of \$66.98.

Dated: Feb 23, 2024

/s/ Gregg Reep

Gregg Reep

Mayor

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Isaac Lindsey is a Hinds Community College Fall 2023 graduate

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Among those who graduated from Hinds Community

College in Fall 2023 was Isaac Lindsey of Warren. With six campuses in central Mississippi, Hinds Community College

is a comprehensive institution offering quality, affordable educational opportunities with academic programs of study

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Warren School District Job Opening

The Warren School District is searching for a Bilingual Paraprofessional to work closely with assigned students. Qualifications for this position are as follows:

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Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw
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This week, several members attended a Maternal Health Roundtable at UAMS. The roundtable included Arkansas medical professionals discussing maternal health alongside Governor Sanders, Senator John Boozman, and Congressman French Hill.

Arkansas faces one of the nation's highest maternal mortality rates, prompting discussions on improving access to maternal care in rural areas, especially with only 35 hospitals in the state offering active labor and delivery units.

Addressing maternal health has been a key focus for the Arkansas General Assembly, notably through Act 829 of 2019 establishing the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, aiming to pinpoint prevention strategies by examining pregnancy-associated deaths.

The Committee's latest report highlighted 100 pregnancy-associated deaths out of 108,517 live births between 2018 and 2020, underscoring disparities among minorities and identifying cardiomyopathy, cardiovascular conditions, and hypertensive disorders as top underlying causes.

In 2023, we addressed maternal health with the passage of Act 562, Act 581 and Act 553.

Act 562 requires the Arkansas Medicaid Program to reimburse for depression screening for a pregnant woman.

Act 581 requires the Arkansas Medicaid Program to reimburse a healthcare provider for providing long-acting reversible contraception immediately and during postpartum.

Act 553 mandates that the state medical examiner conducts a post-mortem examination in specific situations. These situations encompass the death of a pregnant woman or a woman who was pregnant within 365 days of her death if potentially linked to pregnancy care.

Moving forward, the General Assembly will continue reviewing the Committee's recommendations. The report can be found at www.arkansashouse.org.

Is the truth worth hearing?

By JOANNA POOLE
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Recently, to accomplish the goal of getting some traffic to the Facebook page for The Eagle, I decided to start asking a question of the day. My goal was to make the questions about Bradley County, at least at first. I asked questions like, "Where's your favorite place to eat", or "What's one business you'd like to see in Bradley County" and I got some pretty great responses. I thought to myself, "This is going to work!" Our Facebook numbers were going up and our posts were getting a lot of interaction. People were communicating with one another. For the most part everyone's answers were positive. I had the random negative response, but that's to be expected. One night, as I sat at home trying to come up with a question about Bradley County for the next day, I asked my husband what he thought a good question would be. After a thoughtful pause, he looked at

me and said, "Ask them where they see Bradley County in ten years." After a thoughtful pause of my own, I looked back and said, "You know, that's not a bad idea." So, I did.

The responses came rolling in. I'm sorry to say that most of them were negative. One of the responses even said "Dead." None of the answers that I read made me happy and in my personal opinion, I don't agree with the negative answers. There was one response that asked the question, "Let's be honest about this question, what benefit is it for this community?" In response I have to say this. While the original question of, "Where do you see Bradley County in ten years" did bring about some negative comments, it's possible that someone out there that was reading those comments decided that they wanted to come in and do some good for Bradley County. It's possible that someone reading the responses was thinking of ways to better the

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Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

The legislature has been working on a long-term, sustainable solution to the spike in property insurance costs of Arkansas schools.

A consultant hired last year will submit his report in March. The legislature will meet in fiscal session in April.

Schools are experiencing the same dramatic increases in property insurance that homeowners are going through. For example, last year legislators learned that premiums went up 114 percent, or \$21 million, for 170 school districts in a program managed by the Arkansas School Boards Association.

Another 68 schools in a program managed by the state In-

urance Department saw rates go up by \$15 million, or 154 percent.

The Bentonville School District, which purchases property insurance through the open market, saw an increase of about \$393,000, which amounts to a 50 percent increase in premiums.

After hearing about the increases, legislators and the governor agreed to provide almost \$11 million to partially offset the cost to schools.

However, that was a one-time fix to a problem that has been getting worse, so the legislature also voted to contract with a consultant to recommend long-term solutions.

During a recent meeting of the Legislative Council's Executive Committee, the consultant told lawmakers that the increase in insurance costs was "not going to be an inexpensive problem to fix."

One proposal would be to increase retention, they suggested.

That is very similar to an individual holding down the costs of an insurance policy by choosing a higher deductible.

The consultant said that if schools agreed to a retention of \$25,000, it would go a long way toward holding down costs.

Greater retention would allow schools to afford higher limits on coverage. Some schools may want to increase the limits of their coverage because of recent inflation driving up the cost of construction.

Also, to be eligible to participate in a state insurance partnership and qualify for the advantages of being in a larger risk pool, school districts must be insured for 100 percent of replacement costs.

The consultants said they would probably recommend that the Arkansas Insurance Department set up a "captive" company to provide coverage for schools. It would operate like a state-owned insurance company, and would fall under existing law

that is 26 pages long in the statutes. There would be no ambiguity and no need to change existing state insurance regulations.

Currently, schools have insurance under trust companies, which are regulated under three pages in the law books. The consultants said they prefer property insurance coverage through captives, rather than trusts, because they are more highly regulated.

The combination of factors driving up insurance prices have created "a pretty big problem," and the current insurance plan for Arkansas schools is not sustainable, they said.

Their final recommendations will be for "building something that is self-sustaining," they said, adding that they would recommend long-term solutions rather than ideas that would merely patch potholes.

It is possible that they recommend combining the two programs into one plan operated by the state Insurance Department.



There's nothing like being out of Washington, D.C. and on the ground in Natural State communities for a week or two. I'm grateful to have had time recently to do just that since the Senate calendar called for another in-state work period.

This time is intended to allow senators to visit with constituents back home and without the interferences that occur when Congress is in session. And while it is always a pleasure to host Arkansans who travel to the nation's capital, that isn't feasible for every individual or group who might want to express their concerns or provide me with an update.

That's why I'm proud to travel around and talk with local leaders.

My agenda this month included many productive meetings throughout Northwest Arkansas as well as the central and southern parts of the state.

First up were Ozark and Clarksville where I visited with officials from Franklin and Johnson counties. It was a valuable opportunity to share how much we appreciate all their hard work to move the communities they represent forward.

I also paid special thanks to our Arkansas 2023 State Law Enforcement Officers of the Year, Special Agent Foster and Sr. Corporal Smothers, presenting them with copies of the Congressional Record that recognized their life-saving actions in a human trafficking case.

Then I stopped by Russellville for a meeting at the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Ozark-St Francis National Forests Office. Because this land serves significant recreation, conservation and commercial purposes, my staff and I regularly communicate with USFS officials about maintaining a balanced approach to managing them while ensuring they stay strong and healthy.

The next destination, Little Rock, allowed me to join the Arkansas Lithium Summit to discuss how we can foster innovative industry and economic growth around this critical resource and confront the challenges posed by foreign suppliers and federal regulators. Following that exciting event, I headed over to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) to learn more about the efforts to strengthen

cancer treatment and research in Arkansas, including our collaborative pursuit of a National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation.

I also dropped in on the Arkansas Rural Health Association's annual conference to talk about the policies we're championing to improve care in all corners of the state. Additionally, Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Congressman French Hill and I convened a roundtable on maternal health and the need to improve outcomes for moms and babies. We heard directly from providers in Arkansas about what they're seeing and how a comprehensive approach can help us make significant progress that ultimately saves lives.

South Arkansas was the final stop of this trip and there

was good news to celebrate in Camden. We broke ground on a new missile production operation that will support the U.S. Marine Corps and our allies, including Israel with the Iron Dome Weapons System, and then sat down with community leaders to discuss the importance of building on the ongoing momentum to bring even more defense industry jobs to the area and ensure the workforce is prepared.

I couldn't be more pleased with how helpful these meetings were. There is simply no substitute for sitting down across from fellow Arkansans to talk about their priorities and concerns, and I look forward to returning to Washington to advocate for them in the weeks and months ahead.

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Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



"So when is the time right?" Judge George Howard once asked in an interview. For his entire adult life, he fought for civil rights and basic justice for all Arkansans. He had faced many bitter criticisms of his work, often told that the time was not right for some small progress on civil rights. Through his work, he opened many doors in the fight for progress and civil liberties.

George Howard, Jr., was born in Pine Bluff in 1924. When World War II erupted, he enlisted in the navy. After the war, he attended Lincoln University in St. Louis, graduating with honors. From there, he returned to Arkansas to attend the University of Arkansas Law School.

Howard graduated in 1954, becoming one of the first African-Americans to ever graduate there. He returned to Pine Bluff and established a successful law practice and became deeply involved in the growing civil rights movement.

In the 1960s, he went across the state in a drive to desegregate Arkansas public schools. He was the attorney in cases desegregating schools in El Dorado, Ft. Smith, and West Memphis, among others. Armed with decisions handed down from the Supreme Court, he successfully argued that these districts had violated the rights of thousands of school children by segregating the races. Civil rights meant that minorities should be treated like human beings. His efforts ultimately led to dramatic changes in policies that ended administrative discrimination. To this day, federal courts still carefully monitor districts across the state to ensure that the constitutional rights of school children are upheld in enrollments.

In 1971, he served as the attorney for the family of an African-American man who was shot and killed in a Lincoln County jail in an argu-

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communities of Warren, Hermitage, and Banks. Those answers may have activated their "fight" response and caused them to join the Chamber of Commerce or some other organization that betters Bradley County.

Here's another way to look at it. As of 2021, the population of Bradley County was 10,408. The amount of people that responded with a negative com-

ment on the original Facebook question was at most 13 or 14, and I may be overshooting that number. It was also said that this one question "set up the opportunity for people to complain and ignore what is being done for the good of the community" which I don't think is true at all. Week after week, The Eagle and The Advance newspapers feature more good than bad. We focus on the progress that is being made in the communities of Drew County and Bradley County, whether that be new

businesses or things that are happening politically. We report on the positive things that are happening in every school district.

Now I'm going to go back to whether or not the original question benefits the community. My response to that is it absolutely does. I think only the surface was scratched before I removed it from Facebook all together. I think that given time, we definitely would've seen positive answers and the positivity would've overcome the negativity.

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ment over a \$23 speeding ticket. The incident created a stir across the state and Howard was very critical of the investigation and the lack of African-Americans on the grand jury. The deputy was ultimately acquitted of criminal charges but found civilly liable in a later lawsuit.

His reputation across the state grew. He had previously been appointed to the State Claims Commission in 1967. Gov. David Pry-

or, impressed by Howard's work, appointed him to the Arkansas Supreme Court in 1977, becoming the first African-American to serve on the state's highest court though other African-Americans had served as judges in lower courts. Howard was also only the eighth African-American nationwide to serve on any state supreme court.

Soon after Bill Clinton became governor in 1979, Howard was appointed to the State Court of Appeals. A few months later, in 1980, President Jimmy Carter appointed Howard as fed-

eral judge for both the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas. Howard said when he became a federal judge, "I made it crystal clear that I was a judge for the people – not for the black people or red people or yellow people, but for all the people."

In 1990, his appointment was modified to serving only the Eastern District of Arkansas. But in this decade, he heard some of his most controversial cases. He presided over aspects of the Whitewater land develop-

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HOMETOWN Heroes 2024

Hometown hero: Fran VanDerZwalm

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These days we see many people helping other people who are considered less fortunate. There are videos all over social media. While they're all amazing and appreciated, I think there's something admirable about doing something kind, but not putting it out there for the world to see. That leads me to introduce our next Hometown Hero.

Fran VanDerZwalm is a long-time Bradley County resident who is very involved in her community. She loves helping people wherever she can and she's quick to say yes when asked if she can help. So much so that she has come out of retirement three different times because there was a need at the job from which she retired. If that doesn't say dedication, I don't know what does.

She and her husband, Ken, who she has been married to for 47 years have been members of Immanuel Baptist Church for 37 years. She has three daughters and many grandchildren that are blood-related and some that aren't. VanDerZwalm calls people who aren't technically her blood relatives her family. I'm speaking from experience in that area. I've called her aunt for as long as I can remember, and I've never been treated as anything but family. When I was small, I was very fair and blonde and VanDerZwalm's daughters were always tan with darker hair. I

was with her constantly and I joke that the only way people could tell that I didn't belong to her was because I looked so different than the rest of her family.

VanDerZwalm was born in Greenville, Miss. on the Air Force base that is no longer in use. She and her family moved to Banks, Ark. when she was in the fifth grade so that they could be closer to her grandmother.

VanDerZwalm is no stranger to volunteering for good causes. She has been to Haiti twice on mission trips with Immanuel Baptist. VanDerZwalm also volunteers with Hope Place in Warren where she has been on the board for eight years. I asked her why she decided to start helping there.

"To be very honest, I am against abortion, and I felt like the Lord said, "So what are you doing about it," so I got on the board," VanDerZwalm said, "I started going on Wednesdays before church to volunteer because I wanted to know more about what I was on board for."

Each year, Hope Place has a banquet and auction to raise money and VanDerZwalm helps put that together. But Hope Place isn't the only place where she helps.

VanDerZwalm also helps out with school-related activities. She helps with the concession stand at the high school. She cooks for the hospitality room for the basketball games, and they feed the referees and

coaches. She has even received last-minute calls to quickly put together some decorations at the high school for awards ceremonies. She's helped out with the auction that the YMCA holds to raise money. If there's some kind of online dessert auction, VanDerZwalm will probably be involved.

As I mentioned before, VanDerZwalm has a very large and robust family. I asked her three daughters, Tonia Brasher, Tricia West, and Kenna White what they think of when they think of their mom.

"I think of a servant's heart full of love and compassion for everyone she meets," Brasher and West both said.

"I think of many things, but the three that come to mind are kindness, unconditional love, and patience. She is truly an amazing woman and a blessing to everyone who knows her and to everyone she meets," White said.

I asked VanDerZwalm what she wants people to remember when she is no longer here.

"I want people to say that I loved the Lord, my community, and my town," VanDerZwalm said, "I want people to say that I was kind and giving, and that I made a little bit of a difference while I was here."

I think that's exactly what people will say.



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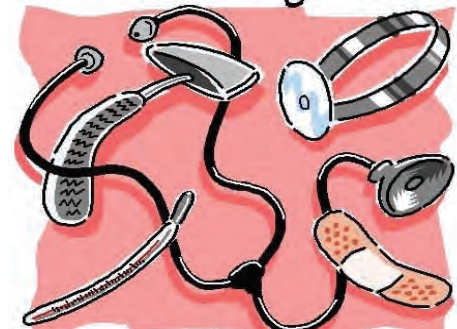
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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE
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Abimelech Killed
 Judges 9

Gaal led an unsuccessful revolt against Abimelech. Gaal and his brethren were then not allowed to dwell in Shechem any longer.

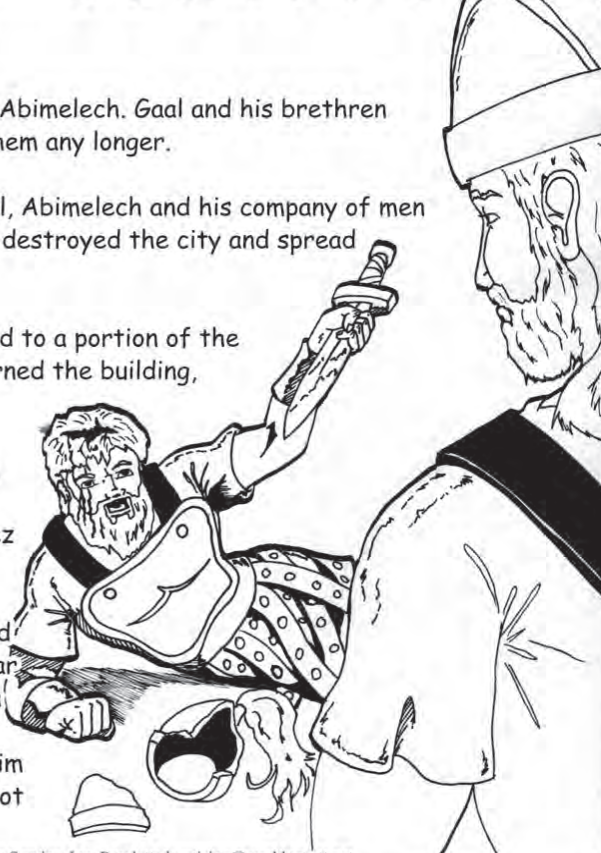
The day following the revolt led by Gaal, Abimelech and his company of men fought against the people of Shechem, destroyed the city and spread salt over it.

Many of the people of Shechem escaped to a portion of the house of the god Berith. Abimelech burned the building, killing those inside. On to Thebez Abimelech went and encamped against that city and took it.

There was a strong tower within Thebez and the people gathered at the top.

Abimelech fought against the tower and attempted to burn it. As he walked near the tower entrance, a woman dropped a millstone on him and cracked his skull. He called for his armor bearer to kill him with a sword so that the people could not say, "a woman killed him."

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Obituaries

John (J.B.) Gavin

John (J.B.) Gavin, 86, of Rye, passed away February 12, 2024, at Veterans Hospital in Little Rock. He was born on March 5, 1937, to the late Alma Woolbridge Gavin and Tom Gavin. He was the youngest sibling of five. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Maurice and Floyd Gavin; his sisters, Evelyn Thornton and Eva Dean Tarver; and a granddaughter, Sidney Wade.

He is survived by his daughter,

Julie Wade (Steve) of Broken Arrow, Okla.; daughter Leanda Gavin (Cobi) of Fayetteville; grand children Kristina Reinschmidt (Adam) of Guthrie Okla.; Halle Alvey (Tommy) of Fayetteville; Logan and Elliot Wade, both of Broken Arrow, Okla.; Connor and Rowan Shelby, Evely and Arlo Gavin-Cogbill, all of Fayetteville;



a great-grandson, Hank Reinschmidt of Guthrie, Okla. and a great-granddaughter, Eden Alvey of Fayetteville.

J.B. served in the U.S. Navy, and was stationed in Japan and Australia. He traveled all over the Pacific. After the Navy, he was a farmer and a very talented sheet metal worker. He enjoyed creating all kinds of things from metal, even after he retired. He loved his parents, nature, geometry, and his cattle.

A graveside service will be held at Union Cemetery in Rye on March 1, at 10 a.m. with Reverend Reneé Janski officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to something he cared about: the Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranch, P.O. Box 3964 Batesville, AR 72503; the Rohwer Heritage Site/Japanese-American Internment Museum, P.O. Box 1263, McGehee, Arkansas 71654; or the National Geographic Society, at give.nationalgeographic.org.

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AR Department of Agriculture urges caution due to wildfire risk

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division is reminding Arkansans that wildfire danger is elevated across the state, and currently, 14 counties are under a burn ban. The Forestry Division maintains a county-by-county map that identifies wildfire danger risk levels, burn bans, and prescribed burns. Find the map at mip.agri.arkansas.gov/agtools/Forestry/Fire_Info.

"Conditions are dry with low humidity statewide, and we are

forecasted to experience periods of high winds in the coming days," said State Forester Kyle Cunningham. "We are seeing an increase in the number of wildfires and their intensity, and that's a trend that will continue until we see significant rainfall. With this in mind, we are asking citizens of the state to be mindful of this risk and avoid burning."

Wildfire danger is broken down into four risk levels: low, moderate, high, and extreme. Risk levels are determined by

drought status and long-term weather forecasts and are defined by how easily fires can start and how hard they are to contain. The risk level definitions are:

- Low: Fuels do not ignite easily. Weather conditions will lead to slow, easy to control fires.
- Moderate: Fire can start from accidental causes. May not become serious, but caution should be taken.
- High: Fires ignite easily and spread quickly. Unattended brush fires and campfires are likely to escape. Fires may become serious if not attacked early.

Currently, 42 counties in the state have been given the "high" designation, while the rest of the state remains under "moderate" risk levels. Additionally, the following 14 counties are under

burn bans: Ashley, Carroll, Columbia, Faulkner, Fulton, Independence, Madison, Ouachita, Phillips, Searcy, Sharp, Union, Van Buren, and White. Burn bans primarily prohibit activities that involve an open flame. This includes fireworks, campfires, trash burning, open flame grilling, and prescribed or controlled burns.

The Forestry Division is asking those who see fires to report them by calling 1-800-468-8834 and to avoid flying drones in the area. When drones are present, those fighting the fires are unable to perform detection lights or fly single engine air-tankers (SEATs) to drop water.

LUMBERJACKS DEFEAT OWLS



Photo by Robert Camp

Ren Reep takes the mound in a non-conference matchup with the McGehee Owls. Reep pitched four innings allowing one run. Warren closes the game out with a 15-1 win in five innings.

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ment scandal, which ensnared President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton, but no evidence ever emerged of any wrongdoing on the part of the president or the first lady or many others in the case in spite of lengthy investigations. However, Gov. Jim Guy Tucker was ensnared in the case, convicted, and forced to resign.

Howard continued to serve as a federal judge for the remainder of his years. In April 2007, he died quietly in Pine Bluff. After his death, a scholarship was established at the University of Arkansas in his memory. The federal courthouse in Pine Bluff was renamed for Howard, a fitting monument to a man who dedicated his life to the cause of justice.

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