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Bradley Co. Medical Center board discusses hospital revenue

By JOANNA POOLE reporter@theeagledemocrat.com

Bradley County Medical Center held its monthly board meeting on Thursday, February 29. The meeting was opened with a motion to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting. All were in

The financial report was then presented. The hospital's acute patient days went from 66 pre-

There was a total gross patient revenue of \$4.6 million dollars, a net operating revenue of \$2 million dollars, and a net income of \$387,000.00 dollars for the month. The hospital's accounts receivable increase to \$1 million dollars for the month. The hospital also added \$118,000.00 dollars to their sales tax fund.

Leslie Huitt told the board

now using Meditech, revenue is being captured quicker than

"Because it is electronic, there is no more lag time between the paper chart being completed and it going to medical records to be scanned," Huitt said. "It goes directly into the system when a physician documents it."

Jamie Wolfe reported that

viously to 157 as of this month. that because the hospital is hospital is starting to work room," Wolfe said. through a program with UAMS called TeleSANE. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner or SANE programs play a critical role in supporting sexual assault victims. SANE programs train registered nurses to provide comprehensive health care to survivors of sexual assault.

> "This will strengthen us to where we have twenty-four seven coverage in the emergency

Wolfe reported that even though the emergency room does not experience a high volume of sexual assault cases, it is important to have someone on staff that is trained for and can handle the cases that do come in.

Starting on Tuesday, March 12, the hospital will host a series of educational classes. The first will be a series on diabetes

education and will be held at the Brunson Complex from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Leeanna Williams reported that the community connect event that was held by BCMC had a positive impact. The hospital will host another connect event on Tuesday, April 16.

The board then went into executive session.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 28.

Grimes named UAM Vice Chancellor for University Advancement **Alumni Engagement**

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello has announced the appointment of Dr. Landon Grimes as vice chancellor for University Advancement and Alumni Engagement.

Dr. Grimes, a Monticello native and 1998 graduate of Drew Central High School, has sixteen years of combined experience in both public and higher education. His career in education began at Monticello Intermediate School as a fifth grade teacher for three years before returning to UAM as the training coordinator for the Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center. He returned to Monticello Middle School to teach seventh grade English for two years and then became the assistant principal at the

middle school for two years. He moved to central Arkansas for five years, where he served as the junior high principal at Harmony Grove in Haskell, Arkansas, before returning to UAM. In 2021, he became the partnership coordinator for the UAM School of Education and later served as the assistant dean for the school.

Dr. Grimes earned multiple degrees from UAM, including a Bachelor of Arts in English degree in 2008, a Master of Arts in Teaching degree in 2009 and a Master of Educational Leadership degree in 2014. He also earned an Education Specialist degree from Arkansas State University in 2019 and a Doctorate of Education degree from Harding University in 2023.

"Dr. Grimes is a graduate of UAM with a proven history of



Courtesy photo

leadership as a principal, and most recently, as the assistant dean in the School of Education at UAM. He has a deep love for the university and is committed to its growth and success. His

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Benjamin Green won 4-H Member of the Year on Tuesday, February 27 at the 4-H Recognition Dinner. Kelly Ashcraft presented Green with a check from Warren Bank. Also pictured is John Gavin and Penny Vance from the Bradley County Extension Office.

BRITTON WINS PINK TOMATO FESTIVAL LOGO CONTEST



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Congratulations to Elizabeth Britton who was picked as the 2024 winner of the logo contest for the sixty-eighth annual Pink Tomato Festival. Pictured from left to right: First Vice Chair Nora Pacheco, sixty-eighth Pink Tomato Chair Keeton Hudson, logo contest winner Elizabeth Britton, and Past Chair/Vendor Chair James Wells.

HERMITS PLAY BILLIES



The Hermits and Lady Hermits played the Monticello Billies in soccer on Thursday, February 29. The Lady Hermits tied with the Lady Billies and ended the game with a score of 1-1. The Hermits also ended the game against the Billies in a tie with the score being 2-2.



Warren open the softball season with a non-conference game against the Hampton Bulldogs. Raeleigh Milton pitched a complete game, and comes away with a 10-5 victory.

Freshman third baseman Bayleigh Miller tags out a Hampton runner attempting to steal third

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Passin' the Faith **Along**

By REV. JIM BALES Pastor - First Assembly of God Sponsored by Merchants & Planters Agency

WANT A REVIVAL? THEN SEEK THE LORD

Christ, a profit named Jeremiah, cried out to his fellow citizens of Jerusalem. He said that judgment was coming. He warned that if the people of Jerusalem and Judah did not repent of their sins, a terrible price would have to be paid. Not much attention was paid to this fellow they called "the weeping prophet." They continued in their ways and judgment did come. The people of the land were exiled to a far country, their own beloved country left behind, on fire and desolate.

I don't think Jeremiah would get a much better hearing in America, today. His warning to repent and of coming divine judgment would be met with gales of laughter. The television talk show hosts would make jokes about this "weird and

The Rotary Club of War-

ren met for its weekly meeting

Tuesday, February 27 at First

Methodist Church with a good

crowd in attendance for the

latest program. After lunch

the meeting began with the

group hearing from Warren

High School Junior Rotarian

Allannah Triplett who shared

her current achievements and

accolades along with her fu-

ture plans. The program then

transitioned to Rotarian Terrie

White who introduced DeVon-

da Brown, the Recruiter Co-

ordinator for CASA (Court

Appointed Special Advocates)

of the Tenth Judicial District.

CASA's mission is to recruit,

train, and support communi-

ty volunteers to advocate for

the best interest of abused,

neglected, and dependent chil-

dren, and provide a voice in the

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

About 600 years before wild man" who dared to speak of things holy. I must say to you with all candor that I fear for this nation. I think we have already gone too far; we have crossed the line. It is altogether probably that God has given us all the slack He is prepared to give. But on the remote chance that there is still a chance for spiritual recovery, my heartcry is, "O Lord, please send revival to our land."

> II Chronicles 7:14 has been referred to so many times that even unbelievers can quote it: "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." If America is going to be rescued from its near fatal posi-

Rotary hears from CASA

tion, God's conditions are going to have to be met.

The first condition then is to know we're a team and must work together. The next time you drive to your church slow down a little. En route you will pass other churches that preach the gospel. Pray for each one as you pass. Ask God to bless that congregation and pastor. Ask God to fill that sanctuary with His divine presence. You will be amazed at your feelings for that church as you pray for it.

The second condition is to humble ourselves and pray. The hardest thing in the world to do is to get people to pray. Why is that? Why can you announce a singing or supper and fill the sanctuary or fellowship hall? Call a night of prayer and you can meet in the baptistry. God didn't say to us, "want a revival? Have a singing!" No, God said, "want a revival? Pray!"

At this very moment, America is in desperate condition. Whether or not she can be salvaged is very, very marginal. But one thing is sure, if she is to be revived, then God's people will have to humble themselves, and pray, and seek the Lord's favor. There is no other answer at all.

LEGALS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT **BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 **GENERAL FUND** BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2023 673,713.78 INVESTMENTS TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 673,713.78 CASH RECEIPTS/REIMBURSEMENTS 1,153,734.47 814,256.64 TRANSFERS TAX TRANSFERS 1,073,801.24 VOIDED CHECKS 184,525.01 TOTAL REVENUE 3,226,317.36 EXPENDITURES 3,152,856.89 TRANSFERS 42,073.29 TOTAL EXPENDITURES 3,194,930.18 BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023 705,100.96 INVESTMENTS BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND DECEMBER 31, 2023 705,100.96 **ROAD FUND** BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2023 185,320.57 INVESTMENTS TOTAL ROAD FUNDS AVAILABLE 185,320.57 REVENUE CASH RECEIPTS/REIMBURSEMENTS 1,345,129.68 TRANSFER 1,098,724.65 TAX TRANSFERS 301,101.03 VOIDED CHECKS 88,913.07 2,833,868.43 TOTAL REVENUE EXPENDITURES 2,294,274.89 **TRANSFERS** 6,643.74 2,300,918.63 TOTAL EXPENDITURES BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023 718,270.37 INVESTMENTS BALANCE IN ROAD FUND DECEMBER 31, 2023 718,270.37 SOLID WASTE FUND BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2023 77,439.29 INVESTMENTS TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUNDS AVAILABLE 77,439.29 CASH RECEIPTS/REIMBURSEMENTS 727,304.84 TRANSFERS 29,616.22 VOIDED CHECKS 52,512.95 TOTAL REVENUE 809,434.01 EXPENDITURES 817,457.46 TRANSFERS 817,457.46 TOTAL EXPENDITURES BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023 \$69,415.84 INVESTMENTS \$69,415.84 BALANCE IN SOLID WASTE DECEMBER 31, 2023 9-1-1 FUND BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2023 322,050.93 INVESTMENTS TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUNDS AVAILABLE 322,050.93 REVENUE CASH RECEIPTS/REIMBURSEMENTS 229,452.88 **TRANSFERS** 908.37 VOIDED CHECKS 2,012.73 TOTAL REVENUE 232,373.98 EXPENDITURES 162,002.68 TRANSFERS TOTAL EXPENDITURES 162,002.68 BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023 392,422.23 INVESTMENTS BALANCE IN SOLID WASTE DECEMBER 31, 2023 392,422.23 BRADLEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE BOND INDEBTNESS BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2023 INVESTMENTS TOTAL BANK COURTHOUSE BOND INDEBTNESS SALES & USE TAX TOTAL REVENUE



Recruiter Coordinator DeVonda Brown).

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enthusiasm and loyalty will serve UAM well as he connects with alumni and works to advance the university's mission. We are so pleased to have him as a vice chancellor at UAM," chancellor

"As vice chancellor, I'm eager to work alongside our talented team to strengthen UAM's connections with alumni and secure resources that empower our institution to thrive," Dr. Grimes said. "We have a vibrant community of alumni, and I believe by nurturing these relationships, we can harness their collective passion and support to propel UAM to even greater heights. I am truly humbled by this incredible opportunity and excited to embark on this new chapter with the passionate UAM community. Go Weevils!"

gins on March 1, 2024.

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Rotary Program (from L to R: CASA Volunteer Supervisor Adrienne Rich-

ardson, CASA Field Student Ashley Kelly, Rotarian Terrie White, and CASA

BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2023 CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - OCT. 16, 2023 INTEREST BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

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Dr. Grimes' appointment be-

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Retirement Ceremony

The Bradley County Veterans Museum and Bradley County Judge Clay McKinney will host a retirement ceremony on March 15, 2024 at 11 a.m. in the Veterans Museum honoring Dorothy Anders and her service of over 20 years as the Bradley County Veterans Service Officer. The public is invited to join us for the brief retirement ceremony. James Williams

who will be the new Services Officer will be introduced by McKinney.

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.

The City of Warren is currently accepting applications for a full time thrower for our sanitation department. Applications may be obtained at 104 N. Myrtle Warren, AR 71671

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Warren School District Job Opening

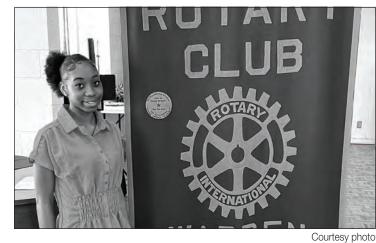
The Warren School District is searching for a Bilingual Paraprofessional to work closely with assigned students. Qualifications for this position are as follows:

Associate Degree or 60 college credit hours, must pass the Paraprofessional Praxis, and if hired, complete a background check \$38.25 and Child Maltreatment Check \$11.00, Total Cost \$49.25.

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social service system or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes. Volunteers stay with each case until it is closed and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. For many of the children they serve, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence in their lives. Brown also had Volunteer Supervisor Adrienne Richardson by her side to speak to

some different aspects, one of which was that people get them confused with DHS, which they are not. They both then told the group about their upcoming fundraising event, the Blue Tie Gala, which will take place on April 6, 2024. They then closed the program by answering a few questions from the club and letting it be known they are always looking for more volun-



Junior Rotarian Allannah Triplett.

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF **BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS** PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NO. 06PR-24-11-2 NOLA JAYNES, DECEASED

NOTICE

Last known address of the decedent:

252 Hwy. 278 West Warren, Arkansas 7167

Date of Death: April 4, 2022

On February 15, 2024, an Affidavit For Collection Of Small Estate By Distributees was filed with respect to the Estate of Nola Jaynes, Deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Bradley

County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann.§ 28-41-101. The legal description of real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, containing 1 acre, more or less, described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, which point is 33 feet South of the Southeast Corner of the "A.B. Brewer Lot" as shown by Plat of Record at Page 346 of Deed Record R of the Records of Stone County, Arkansas, running thence South along Peabody Avenue 209 Feet to a point on said East line of said Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter, thence West 209 feet to a point, thence North 209 feet to a point on the South side of Lincoln Street, thence East along the South side of Lincoln Street 209 feet to the Point of Beginning and being in the Incorporated Town of Mountain View, Stone County, Arkansas, and in Section 11, Township 14 North, Range 11 West. The said "A.B. Brewer lot" is also known as the "A.W. Brewer Lot" mentioned in a certain Deed of recorded in Deed Record R at Page 297 of the Records of Stone County, Arkansas.

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

The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee's

attorney is: Richard L. Roper Bar Identification No. 79246 Attorney At Law Barton & Roper, PLLC Post Office Box 1236 Warren, Arkansas 71671 (870) 466-4214 Attorney for the Estate This notice first published March 6, 2024.

/s/ Kathryn L. Bradford Kathryn L. Bradford 3/6, 3/13

Dallas County Museum to host gallery talk

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Dallas County Museum is hosting a gallery talk, "Ancient Caddo Artist and Their Descendants," led by Dr. Mary Beth Trubitt at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024, at the Dallas Street, Fordyce.

Dr. Trubitt will present pottery and other artifacts in the Native American exhibits at the museum while discussing

the people who made and used them. She will also examine contemporary Caddo artists working, creating, and continuing cultural traditions today.

Dr. Trubitt is the Arkansas Archeological Survey's Re-County Museum, 221 N. Main search Station Archeologist at Henderson State University, where she teaches anthropology and sociology courses, researches the long history of the people who lived in west-central



Arkansas, and works with members of the public interested in archeology and historic presta Mountains Archeology" was

ervation. Her book "Ouachipublished in the Survey's Popular Series in 2019, and her book, "Two Caddo Mound Sites in Arkansas" was published in the Survey's Research Series in

The event is free and open to the public. For any questions, please call the museum at 870-352-5262.

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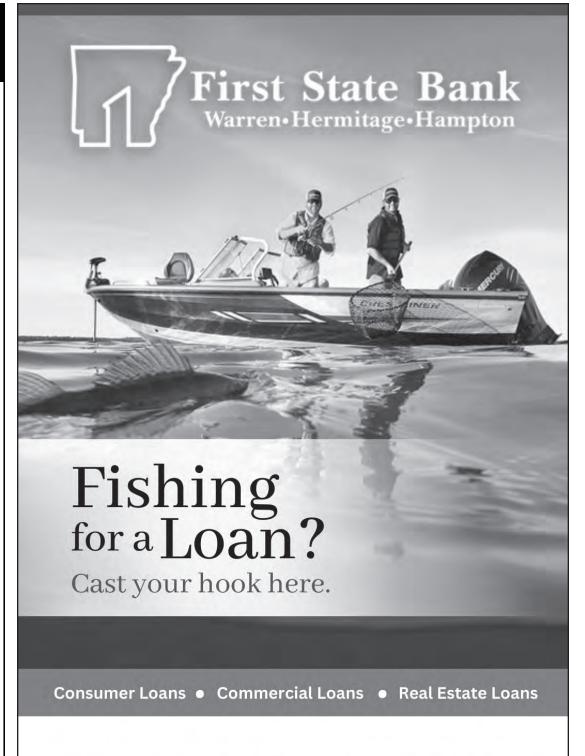
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Editorial

Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw Ark. State Representative



From classrooms to healthcare, the state budget has a direct impact on our daily lives. Weeks before the legislative session begins, the General Assembly reviews the state's current fiscal position and budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year.

Budget hearings this year will begin on March 6 and are expected to continue through March 8.

These hearings will be held in the MAC building located directly behind the Capitol. The hearings are open to the public and will be

live-streamed on our website. The Department of Finance and Administration will present the Governor's recommendation for a balanced budget on the first day of

budget hearings which will begin at 9 a.m. After the balanced budget proposal is presented, the Joint Budget Committee will then begin hearing budget requests from state agencies. Historically, the two largest categories of funding are education and human services. Higher education, public safety, and health are also top budget priorities.

The most recent general revenue report released showed net available general revenue at 5.6 percent below levels from one year ago. After seven months into the fiscal year, net available revenue is above forecast by \$231.2 million or 6.0 percent.

All of the information gathered during these hearings will help in drafting appropriation bills.

Members can begin pre-filing bills on March 11. The Arkansas General Assembly will convene for the 2024 Fiscal Session at noon

Fiscal Sessions began after Arkansas voters approved Amendment 86 in 2008. This will be the 8th Fiscal Session held in state history.

Fiscal Sessions are held in February in years in which the primary elections are held in May. The Fiscal Sessions begin in April in years, like this year, in which primary elections are held in March. Fiscal Sessions are limited to 30 days unless three fourths of the General Assembly agrees to a one-time extension not to exceed 15 days.

You can watch the meetings and find the daily agendas at www. arkansashouse.org.

Arkansas History Minute





By Kenneth Bridges

The law was against L. Clifford Davis and his family for many years. But Davis used the law to change the country and become one of the most respected legal minds in the country.

Davis was born in the small community of Wilton in Little River County in the southwest corner of Arkansas in 1925. He was the voungest of seven children born to Augustus and Dora Duckett Davis.

As he grew up, the Jim Crow system in place blocked his attempt at an education. At the time, Little River County had no high schools for African-Americans, and segregation prevented him from attending with whites. He and his older brothers moved to Little Rock where he attended Dunbar High School. After graduation, he attended Little Rock's Philander Smith College, graduating in 1945 at age 20. Seeing the success of prominent Little Rock African-American attorney Scipio Jones, Davis decided to pursue a career in law. He applied for the University of Arkansas Law School, but he was prevented from attending because of segregation. In 1946, he was accepted into law school at Howard University in Washington, DC.

In 1947, officials at the University of Arkansas Law School contacted him with a possibility of transferring to Fayetteville though under a segregated arrangement. Segregation, however, prevented him from having access to the same classes, materials, and professors as the other students, and therefore, an inferior law school experience. He instead continued at Howard University. The law school quietly desegregated the next year with the admission of Silas Hunt. Davis graduated from Howard in 1949.

Davis then returned to Arkansas. He specialized in civil rights law, and he was one of only nine black lawyers in the state at the time. Though a respected attorney in Pine Bluff, Davis moved to Waco, Texas, in 1952 to teach at Paul Quinn College. Anxious to be back in the courtroom, Davis passed the Texas bar exam in 1953 and moved to Fort Worth in 1954 to open his own law firm. At the time, he was one of only two African-American lawyers in one of the biggest cities in the state. He quickly found himself in high demand.

Though the verdict in the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education brought a legal end to segregation, there were still many local districts that fought to keep schools separate for the races. In 1956, he filed a federal lawsuit to desegregate schools in Mansfield, then a small farming community southeast of Fort Worth. In the case Jackson vs. Rawdon, Mansfield High School was ordered desegregated, but local

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Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

Arkansas is one of several states that have restricted their public retirement systems from investing in funds that refuse to trade in the stock of fossil fuel companies, energy companies, ammunition manufacturers and firearms makers.

Texas, Oklahoma, Kentucky and West Virginia have drawn up a list of financial institutions that are restricted from handling investments for retirement systems.

The attorney general of Tennessee recently filed a lawsuit against BlackRock, an investment firm with assets of about \$10 trillion. The lawsuit alleges that BlackRock misled its customers who live in Tennessee by downplaying the extent to which its investment strategy emphasizes ESG factors. The acronym refers to environmental, social and governance related factors.

For example, there are mutual funds that promote themselves as focusing on clean or renewable energy. Other funds may say to investors that they won't purchase stock in a business that doesn't have a strong inclusion and diversity policy.

Act 411 of 2023 creates a process for the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and the state Public Employees Retirement System to remove its holdings in restricted companies. Texas has a law similar to Act 411 and so far has listed 15 companies whose energy divisions will be restricted from Texas public investments.

Kentucky has 11 companies on its restricted list. Oklahoma has six and West Virginia has

At a recent meeting of the Joint Performance Review Committee, the director of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System updated lawmakers on the progress of divestment efforts mandated by Act 411.

The act created a five-member ESG Oversight Committee, which will make the decisions about whether Arkansas public systems should take its money out of specific investment funds. It should make divestment decisions in a few months.

The Teacher Retirement System has about \$1.2 billion in three funds managed by Black-Rock. The largest is about \$1 billion in an index fund, which is set up to track the movements of enormous national and worldwide stock market indexes. It has investments in a large variety of businesses.

The teacher retirement system has \$260 million in a bond fund and \$13.8 million in a private infrastructure fund that has financed fossil fuel production, pipelines and power companies.

The lawsuit by the Tennessee attorney general specifically identifies 27 investment products offered by BlackRock. The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System has no investments in any of those 27 products. The Public Employees Retirement System has no investments in BlackRock funds, nor does the Local Police and Fire Retirement System.

If ESG Oversight Committee identifies a BlackRock fund that Arkansas is prohibited from doing business with, the teacher retirement system would take out its money and place it elsewhere. The director estimated that the administrative costs of divesting would not exceed \$10 million, which would not affect the overall financial health of the system because of its size.

The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System has assets of about \$21.4 billion and the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System has assets of more than \$11 billion. Their investment managers will have to certify every month that they're in compliance with Act 411, and that their investment decisions are based on monetary factors, with no consideration of political factors.

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Tax filing season is upon us, so it's important to pay attention to deadlines and changes impacting our families and businesses. Whether scrambling to find documents or well-organized, there are resources to help us successfully complete this annual practice.

Despite having all the necessary paperwork, many Arkansans face additional hurdles to filing or encounter hiccups in the process that slow down The IRS's Volunteer Income

Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs are good tools to help Arkansans with tax preparation and filing. TCE offers free tax help for those 60 and older, and is especially useful to answer questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors. VITA has been helping taxpayers for more than 50 years with partner programs across the country to prepare free basic tax returns. It can help taxpayers who earn less than \$64,000 per year, have a disability or need help reading information

in English. A number of locations across Arkansas offer this service. As with this program and others administered by the IRS, information is available at IRS.gov.

Additionally, for Arkansans comfortable with filing online, the IRS has information about doing so on its website as well as resources available 24 hours a day.

Another free resource is the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. It provides in-person and virtual tax assistance to anyone, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 with incomes. low-to-moderate There are several locations in Arkansas available by appointment and open to walk-ins as well. Find a site close to home at aarp.org.

For the best chance for tax time success, the IRS recommends filing electronically, which is what more than 93 percent of Americans did last year. The agency has processed more than 1.2 billion e-filed returns over the years. Officials say returns are less likely to have errors when using e-file and most taxpayers due a refund get their money within 21 days.

Regardless of e-filing or sending in a paper return, one thing remains the same. It is critical to get information right the first time. For tax filers who must make corrections and file an amended return, everything slows down.

Another complication the IRS is working hard to battle is the prevalence of fraudulent returns. My office frequently hears from Arkansans who have been asked to confirm their identity with tax officials. If someone else files using your Social Security number or other identifying information, the agency may reach out via mail and request additional verification to make sure the right person gets a refund. It is important to respond quickly to this request because officials cannot continue processing the return until that is clarified.

It is also important to try avoiding any potential scammer who might offer to provide tax assistance only to defraud unsuspecting victims. If you do get help filing a tax return, make sure to work with a reputable tax professional or one of the organizations listed above that are authorized to assist

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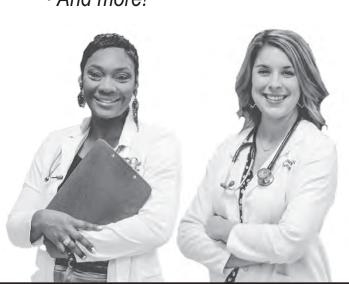
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residents refused to heed the ruling. Mobs gathered at the local school to prevent the three African-American children from attending that fall. Texas Gov. Allan Shivers ordered the Texas Rangers in to maintain order and prevent violence. The intimidation of the crowds prevented the students from being able to exercise their constitutional rights, and the schools remained technically segregated for some time to come.

In 1959, he again took on a desegregation challenge. He sued the Fort Worth Independent School District, one of the largest in Texas, over its racial practices. He won the case Flax vs. Potts, forcing Fort Worth schools to integrate.

He was active in community affairs, working with a variety of organizations on different causes. He was also one of the first African-American lawyers to join the Tarrant County Bar Association. Black lawyers found it necessary to come together for mutual aid and support and, with Davis, formed the Fort Worth Black Bar Association. In honor of his years of work, the organization renamed itself as the L. Clifford Davis Legal Association.

In May 1983, he was appointed as a district judge for Criminal District Court No. 2 in Tarrant County. He was known for his fairness and discernment in pursuit of justice knowing that lives depended on his work, necessary qualities in any judge worth the title. In spite of this, he was defeated for re-election in 1988. Because of his respect

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in the legal community, he continued to serve as a visiting judge for many more years, asked to serve as a judge in special cases. He continued to periodically serve as a visiting judge, presiding over special cases on a oneby-one basis, until he stepped down in 2004 at the age of 79.

His years of dedication to the law and persistence in pursuit of freedom and personal honor had won him praise from allies and adversaries alike. A scholarship was named for him for graduating Fort Worth students, and the Fort Worth ISD named an elementary school for him.

In May 2017, the University of Arkansas Law School awarded him an honorary degree at age 92 in appreciation for his years of work. Sometimes success speaks for itself.

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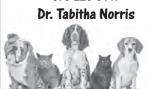
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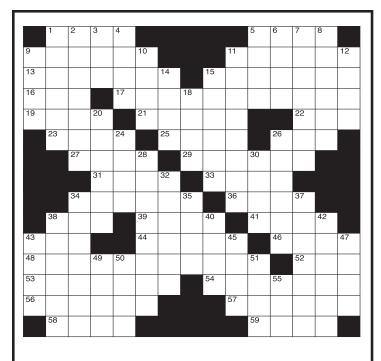
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- 19. Gold or silver wire cord
- 21. Muscles along insects'
- diaphragm 22. Trent Reznor's band
- 23. Sweet juicy gritty-textured fruit
- 25. Broken branch
- 26. Indicates ten
- 27. Expression of annoyance 29. Brings together
- 31. Ancient city in Thrace
- 33. Sailors' spirit
- 34. Looked into 36. Muckraking woman journalist
- Rheta
- 38. A type of cast 39. One's responsibility
- 41. Where golfers begin
- 43. Make a mistake
- 44. Semitic Sun god
- 46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 48. Beheaded
- 52. A place to stay 53. Unwise
- 54. Most supernatural
- 56. "Dennis" is a famous one 57. Ointments
- 58. Exam 59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Baseball managers assemble it 26. Temperature unit
- 3. Mountain is a popular kind
- 4. Takes to civil court
- 5. Pouches 6. A type of veil
- 7. Chants 8. Boston hoopster
- 9. Elongated appendage
- 10. Sailboat 11. 2017 Oscar-winning film
- 12. Actor Gosling
- 14. Monetary units 15. Assembly
- 18. Russian pop duo
- 20. Embellished with expressions
- 24. Infrequent
- 30. Honk 32. Legislative body

28. Hydrophilic amino acid

- 34. Swinish
- 35. Russian assembly
- 37. Take over for 38. Put in advance
- 40. Satisfy
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Answers can be found on Page8

A B C D E F G H i J K L M N O P Q R S T U V

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Clue: Hoop

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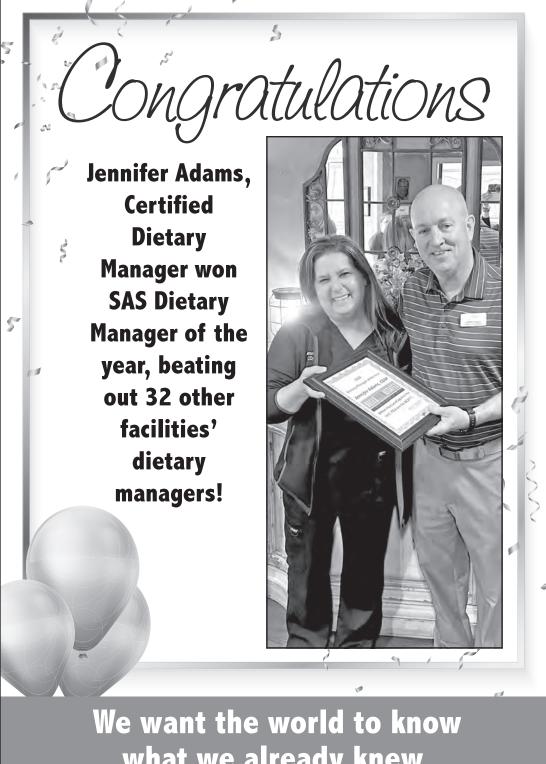
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Tob where he and a worthless band of men went out raiding.

When the people of Ammon came up against the Israelites, the elders of Gilead invited Jephthah to be the commander of their army and lead them in battle against the people of Ammon. Jephthah agreed and went to war against the people of Ammon. Jephthah made a vow to the Lord promising that if the Lord would deliver the people of Ammon into his hands, then it would be that upon his return from battle, whatever came out of his house to meet him, he would offer as a burnt offering.

Jephthah was victorious and the people of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

When Jephthah returned to his house, there was his only daughter, coming out to meet him with timbrels and dancing.

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Obituaries

John McWorkman Arnn

John McWorkman Arnn, 85, of Rison, passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the Bradley County Medical Center in Warren



surrounded by his family. He was born on June 27, 1938 in Dermott to the late John William and Amanda

McWorkman Arnn. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Dermott. John was a farmer, a welder, a volunteer fireman where he served as Assistant Chief, a bus driver and a security guard.

Other than his parents he is preceded in death by his brother James A Arnn.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Debby Arnn of Rison, whom he married on September 5, 1985; daughters, Michelle Arnn Horn of Monticello, Kimberly Arnn Pesaresi (Michael) of Monticello, and Holly Fuel Crowell (Michael) of Clinton; sons, Lee T. Fuel (La-Tonia) of Bryant, and James T. Fuel (Becky) of Rogers; brothers, Joe Arnn of Little Rock, and Tom Arnn of Crossett: sister, Frances Arnn Williams (Curt) of Searcy; grandchildren, Nathan Pesaresi (Leah), Olivia Pesaresi, Anna-Marie Pesaresi, Morgan Cheramie (Aaron), Lauren Gifford (Nick), Caylee Hoover, Jordan Fuel, Isaiah Fuel, Isaac Fuel and Cian Fuel; great-grandchildren, Axel Gifford, Maverick Gifford, Coy Gifford, Anakin Gifford, Samuel Pesaresi, Ellie Pesaresi, Makalyn Cheramie, Tanner Cheramie, Eli Cheramie and Araleh Cheramie; along with a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral service held 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial in Dermott Cemetery in Dermott by Frazer's Funeral Home.

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1/3 cup milk

er, melted

chicken

divided

cheese blend

Directions:

1 large egg

fin mix (such as Jiffy)

2 tablespoons unsalted but-

2 teaspoons taco seasoning

frozen (thawed if frozen)

1/2 cup corn, canned, fresh or

2 cups shredded, cooked

1 cup red enchilada sauce,

1 cup shredded Monte-

rey Jack cheese, or a blend of

cheddar and Jack, or Mexican

Fresh cilantro leaves (whole

1. Preheat the oven to 400

F. Coat a 9-inch pie plate or

oven-safe skillet (such as cast

iron) with cooking spray.

or chopped) for serving

Kenneth D. Johnson

Kenneth D. Johnson, 91, of Pine Bluff, died peacefully at his home on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

Born April 17, 1932 at Vick in Bradley County, he was a son of the late Henry Doyle Johnson and Nolia Lee Johnson. He grew up in the Vick community and attended school there. He also served in the United States Army from 1952-

Mr. Johnson was a master electrician and worked at many building sites, including the White Bluff Power Plant at Redfield. He was a member of Olive Branch Mis-

> sionary Baptist Church. Preceding



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him in death are his wife, Helen West Johnson in June 13, 2007; a brother, Der-

ry Lee John-

son; and a

sister, Nellie Dean Parnell. Survivors

include two sons, Stanley Johnson (Debralee) of Gilmer, Texas and Mike Johnson (Crystal) of Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters, Theresa Perrigen (Kevin) of Monticello and Deana Helms (Chris) of Pine Bluff; a brother, Dwight Johnson of Hindsville; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; along with a host of beloved nieces and

Visitation for Mr. Johnson will begin Thursday, March 7, 2024, 9:30 a.m. at Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church. The funeral service will follow at 10:30 a.m. with Bro. Mike Powell officiating. Burial will be private by Fuller Hale-South Funeral Services.

2. In a large bowl, whisk together the corn muffin mix, milk, butter, egg, and taco

seasoning. Fold in the corn.

Transfer the mixture to the

prepared pan, and smooth the

surface. Bake for 12 to 15 min-

utes, until a wooden toothpick

inserted near the center comes

out clean or with moist bits

3. Meanwhile, in a large skil-

let or saucepan, combine the

chicken and 3/4 cup of the en-

chilada sauce. Set the pan over

medium heat and warm the

4. Using the end of a wooden

spoon or spatula, poke holes all

over the cornbread in the pan.

Pour the remaining enchilada

sauce into the holes. Top the

cornbread with the chicken

5. Bake for 5 minutes, until

6. Top with fresh cilantro,

mixture. Top with the cheese.

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mixture through.

the cheese melts.

and serve.

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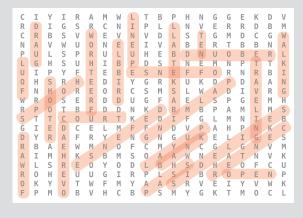
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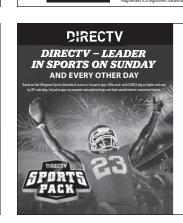
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