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Warren School Board renews contracts during monthly meeting

By JOANNA POOLE
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The Warren School Board met for their monthly meeting on Monday, March 11. Joey Cathey opened the meeting with the minutes from the previous month's meeting. A motion was passed to approve the minutes, and all were in favor.

Next, the financial report was presented to the board. It was reported that for February, the school district received \$792,761.96 in operating funds. Total revenue was \$3,243,099.34. There was \$493,856.23 in teacher salary expenditures. Operating expenditures were at \$769,167.23. The elementary building project had expenditures of \$14,248.61. The arena building project had expenditures of \$5,529.67. Total expenditures for all funds came out to \$1,929,869.58. The month ended with a fund balance of \$3,057,819.87. The regular building fund had a balance of

\$5,494,920.61. Bond funds had an ending balance of negative \$3,971,215.43. The total balance for all funds was \$6,027,229.05. A motion was made to accept the financial report, and all were in favor.

Brunson Elementary principal, Rosalynda Ellis, and Warren Middle School principal, Kathy Cornish presented the data presentation.

After going into executive session, the board voted to accept the retirement of Wanda Rhodes. They also voted to hire the following: Jennifer White as Warren High School English Instructor, Correy Muldrew as the Head Boys Basketball Coach and Junior Boys Assistant Coach, and Hailey Hudson as the Warren Middle School Cheer Sponsor. Next the board voted for the following rehires: Carla Wardlaw-Assistant Superintendent and Federal Programs Coordinator, Tiffany Gathen-Warren High School Principal, Correy Muldrew- Warren High



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School assistant Principal, Kathy Cornish- Warren Middle School Principal, Robert Chase Ellis- Warren Middle School Assistant

Principal, Rosalynda Ellis- Brunson Elementary Principal, Sara Weaver- Warren Elementary Principal, Anna Miller- Warren

Elementary Assistant Principal, and Devin McDiarmid- SEAC-BEC Director. A few other miscellaneous

items were discussed and a motion was made to adjourn.

The next meeting will be April 8 at 7 p.m.



Photo courtesy of UAM

Arkansas Attorney General Visits UAM

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

On February 20, Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin visited the University of Arkansas at Monticello. During the trip, he met with UAM students, including those enrolled in the Arkansas Politics and Government class taught by Le-Anne Burch, adjunct instructor of Political Science at UAM.

During the class, Griffin spoke to students about the role of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office as well as the importance of citizens being

involved in the political process and communicating their concerns to their representatives. He taught students how to do this effectively by identifying the most appropriate channels of communication and staying informed on relevant issues and legislation.

Burch thanked Griffin for joining her class for the day, stating, "What a wonderful experience for our students. Knowledge empowers, and interacting directly with such an experienced Arkansas leader

was an invaluable opportunity. I appreciate Attorney General Griffin for taking so much time to share frankly and enthusiastically about the work of the Attorney General's Office and his responsibilities to the people of our great state."

Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, offered her thanks to Griffin and highlighted the value of his visit, stating, "I want to express my gratitude to Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin for visiting UAM's Arkansas Politics and Govern-

ment class. Having been raised in southern Arkansas, Mr. Griffin has a deep understanding of our students, the university, and our region. We were very fortunate to have him join us. I would also like to thank Le-Anne Burch for creating this opportunity for students to learn from an experienced professional in the field. It is invaluable experiences like this that truly enhance the education that students receive at UAM and prepare them for the future."

LUMBERJACKS WIN OVER BILLIES



Photo by Robert Camp

Warren senior Ervin Rivera pitched a complete game for the win over Monticello in Monticello Wednesday night. The game was rescheduled after a rainout Tuesday night.

HERMITAGE ELEMENTARY WINS AT CHESS TOURNAMENT



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Monticello hosted a chess competition today for fourth-grade Gifted and Talented students. Hermitage Elementary placed first, second, and third.

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LISTEN CLOSELY FOR THE 'ENEMIES' OF THE SOUL

The faith of our fathers is under attack! Our spiritual heritage has been invaded by a Trojan horse, which simply means, sadly, the main brunt of the attack comes from within the household of believers.

The "itching ears" phrase struck home to me not long ago while visiting. The family I was calling on owns a very large bull dog. The dog does not miss 100 pounds by much — a huge white mass of quivering muscles and very sharp teeth. The sight of

the creature charging you will cause you to confess every sin ever committed in the history of a man.

What people don't know is that this dog is really a pussycat. If you will scratch behind her ears, the dog will help you loot the house. During my visit, I began scratching behind the dog's ears, and she closed her eyes, nodded her head and was quickly mesmerized into never-never land. The moment I took my hand from the ears, the eyes opened,

a whine came out of her mouth and her desires were made clear: "Scratch my ears!"

My goodness, there are a lot of people attending church who go through the same routine.

"Scratch my ears, Reverend!" If you do so, they become quiet, peaceful and affectionate. If a burglar — the enemy of their soul — comes through the window and you stop scratching the ears in order to challenge the intruder, the "itching ears" tells you quickly that if you won't take care of his ears, there are all kinds of preachers and churches that will. "Never mind the danger, Pastor; just scratch my ears!"

The Bible speaks of this: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn their ears away from

the truth, and shall be turned into fables" (2 Timothy 4:3, 4).

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; From Such turn a way" (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

There can be no question, we are living in the last days. The old fashioned gospel message of Jesus Christ is not very popular in many circles. The faith of our fathers has never suffered as much of an attack as right now. Where do you find yourself today? Keeping the faith or having "itching ears?"

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

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

NOTICE

Last known address of the decedent: 252 Hwy. 278 West Warren, Arkansas 71677

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 record 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

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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Bradley Co. Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, at Warren City Park. There will be an egg hunt and contests with prizes for the most eggs found, best decorated Easter basket, and Golden Eggs. There will be free hot dogs, a bouncy house, and toe sack races. Please come join!

Concealed Carry Class

American Legion Post No. 2 is hosting a concealed carry handgun class starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 16. The class will be held in the VFW's small meeting room, located at 148

Veterans Drive in Monticello.

Cost for the enhanced class will be \$150, the basic class will be \$75, and renewals will be \$40. 50 rounds will be needed for the enhanced training. Trent Vollmer will be the instructor and can be reached at (870) 224-2895.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Solar Eclipse Presentation

The Central Arkansas Astronomical Society Eclipse Team will host a presentation on the solar eclipse that will be coming to Arkansas. Learn a bit of history about eclipses in Arkansas, why eclipses occur, and what to expect during the April 8 solar eclipse. Most importantly, learn how to safely view an eclipse.

Presenters are Carl Freyaldenhoven, a retired science teacher who has been to seven solar eclipses and Darcy Howard, a retired science illustrator with a special interest in eclipses and solar astronomy. Both are NASA Partner Eclipse Ambassadors. Presentations will be at 10 a.m. in the public library.

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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Muldrew announced as December 2023 UCA graduate

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The University of Central Arkansas conferred nearly 500 undergraduate and more than 180 graduate degrees and certificates through the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; College of Business; College of

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Farrin Muldrew of Warren, Ark. graduated with a Associate of Arts in General Studies.

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Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement, Official Notice of Sale and Official Bid Form may be obtained from Stephens Inc., 111 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, Telephone No. (501) 377-2474, the District's municipal advisor.
/s/Mr. Bryan Cornish
Bryan Cornish
Superintendent

3/13, 3/20

REZONING NOTICE

Name of Owner(s): Ashcraft Realty Group

Request has been made for a change of zoning classification from Residential to Commercial of the following property: 415 Pennington St.

Property Description:
Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 9 West, and run South 509.0 feet to the North line of Pennington Street, thence East along the North line of Pennington Street 766.26 feet to the Southeast Corner of the said Station lot, thence North 283.2 feet to the South right-of-way line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

Reason for Change: Move office locations

3/13

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McGaha speaks to Rotary Club



Pictured from left to right: Cameron Ingram and Max McGaha.

Courtesy photo

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Rotary Club of Warren met for its weekly meeting on Tuesday, March 5 inside First Methodist Church. Although the program for the day had to reschedule, the group met for lunch and was able to listen to Warren High School Junior Rotarian Maxx McGaha speak. McGaha spoke to the group about his current achievements, future plans, and a love of music. Junior Rotarian Cameron Ingram was also in attendance and will speak at next week's meeting. A number of members had money for the club's "Happy Box." The money raised from the Happy Box goes to the Bradley County Imagination Library.

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Editorial

Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw
Ark. State Representative



Pre-fiscal session budget hearings took place at the Capitol this week.

The hearings began with the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) presenting the Governor's recommendation for a balanced budget.

The Governor's proposed budget calls for a 1.76 percent increase in spending. The greatest proposed increase is directed to education. The budget proposal calls for a \$34 million increase to the public school fund, a \$4 million increase for career and technical education, and a \$65 million increase for Educational Freedom Accounts.

The budget also recommends an additional \$2 million for the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff and allocates an additional \$3.8 million to fund an additional Arkansas State Police trooper school.

DFA indicated that for the current fiscal year individual income tax collections have been better than expected with \$115.6 million over forecast. Sales and Use Tax collections and Corporate income tax collections are also above previous forecasts. DFA anticipates a \$240.5 million dollar surplus for the current fiscal year.

For Fiscal Year 2025 economic forecasters are expecting net available revenue for the state to reach \$6.68 billion. That would be an increase of \$245.5 million or 3.8 percent above FY2024. The economic forecast states that the Arkansas economy remains resilient in labor market indicators with unemployment rates below the US average.

Members are reviewing the budget requests from state agencies presented this week. This information 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 on April 10.

You can review the bills filed and watch committee meetings and the legislative session at arkansashouse.org.

Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



By KENNETH BRIDGES

On Monday, April 8, viewers in the continental United States will be witness to a rare, spectacular event: the total eclipse of the Sun by the Moon. And Arkansas will be able to enjoy most of the event in spectacular fashion. Across the entire state, at least 95 percent of the Sun will be obscured, allowing almost all Arkansans to experience the event, with many able to see a total eclipse.

Already, preparations are being made across the state. Hotel rooms in the path of the totality, the area of total eclipse, have been sold out for months. State officials estimate that 1.5 million people will visit Arkansas that day.

Though the Moon orbits the Earth every 28 days, the alignment of the Earth, the Moon, and the Sun to produce an eclipse only happens rarely. Eclipses have been sighted for centuries. Among the earliest recorded eclipses occurred in ancient Mesopotamia in 1375 BC. Ancient Egyptians, who worshipped the Sun, were reportedly so disturbed by the bad omens associated with eclipses that they would never mention or write about them, fearing bad luck.

Historically, eclipses have been met with both fascination and dread. The Chinese believed that dragons were eating the Sun, causing an eclipse. Drums were beaten to drive them off, according to legend. Similarly, an old Choctaw legend held that a black squirrel caused solar eclipses when it tried to eat the Sun and that the people needed to make noises to scare it off. Cherokees believed that a giant frog jumped onto the sun to cause an eclipse and that the people must beat drums and make loud noises to scare it away. For generations, Navajos believed that they should not eat during an eclipse or they would experience digestive problems. Navajo traditions also warned against looking at the Sun during an eclipse, or they would go blind, a belief backed by modern science. The ancient Mayans, without benefit of calculators or computers, were able to carefully calculate when eclipses would occur.

Eclipses have also been an important tool for scientific discovery. Astronomers discovered a new comet during an eclipse in AD 418. The Sun's corona was first noticed in an eclipse in 968. In the eighteenth century, solar prominences, eruptions on the Sun's surface, were observed. These all helped give important information

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Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

Legislators held budget hearings to scrutinize every spending category in state government, in preparation for the fiscal session that begins April 10.

Leading off the agenda was the presentation of a balanced budget for next fiscal year. Arkansas does not deficit spend, or borrow money to pay for state government operations. The director of the Department of Finance and Administration presented a proposed budget for Fiscal 2025 that will be about \$8.2 billion in gross general revenues.

The largest single expenditure is about \$2.5 billion for the Public School Fund, which is the main source of state aid to local school districts. The state distributes funding for career and technical education,

child care after classes, preschool programs, the State Library, the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, educational television, facilities and transportation.

Another large expenditure is the state match for Medicaid, an appropriation of about \$1.4 billion to the state Human Services Department. The state share has averaged about 29 percent of Medicaid spending over the past ten years, while the federal government has provided about 71 percent.

The legislature will consider appropriating more than \$1.9 billion in funding for the state Human Services Department. In addition to providing health coverage for people with disabilities, the elderly and the poor, the department provides treatment for drug abuse and mental illness, supervision of youths who have gotten in trouble with the law, food stamps, welfare, foster care and adoption services and nursing home care.

This year the state will reimburse county governments almost \$26 million for holding state inmates in county

jails, when there is no available space in state prisons. Also, the state will spend an estimated \$540 million for housing and supervision of inmates and parolees.

About \$779 million in state revenue will go to public four-year universities and two-year colleges. Institutions of higher education have significant sources of revenue besides state aid, such as tuition and student fees, endowments and gifts from alumni.

Traditionally, higher education receives about 12.6 percent of all state general revenue spending. Public schools and the Department of Education receive 41.8 percent. The Health Department and the Human Services Department receive 30.9 percent. Corrections, which includes prison operations and parole supervision, receives 9.2 percent.

About 3.5 percent goes to cities and counties in turnback aid, and for miscellaneous smaller state agencies.

The State Police is budgeted to receive \$88.6 million in Fiscal 2025. The Parks and Tourism Division will get \$2

million, the Heritage Division will get \$7.7 million, the Department of Agriculture will get \$19.4 million and the Division of Environmental Quality will get \$4.2 million in state dollars.

In 1991 the legislature created the Educational Excellence Trust Fund with proceeds from a half-cent sales tax increase. It will generate about \$452 million this year that will go to schools and not be included in the total general revenue fund.

In 2003 the legislature created the Educational Adequacy Trust Fund with a portion of the state sales tax. It also is not included in state general revenue spending and this year it will generate about \$470 million.

The state has several special revenue sources from taxes for specific purposes, such as motor fuels taxes to pay for highway construction and maintenance.

During the fiscal session the legislature will approve a state government budget for Fiscal Year 2025, which begins on July 1, 2024.



We are experiencing a maternal health crisis. The U.S. has the highest maternal mortality rate among developed countries. Complications from pregnancy and childbirth also negatively impact the health of infants. March of Dimes, the leading organization fighting for improvements for the health of moms and babies, gave the U.S. a D+ for its rate of preterm births which are the leading cause of infant deaths nationwide. There is urgency to act.

Unfortunately, the organization gives Arkansas even worse marks, which is one reason for the recent increase in activity and engagement on this issue locally and statewide. Now, we're generating momentum to help moms have healthy pregnancies and provide babies with the best start to life.

In February, I joined Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Congressman French Hill in hosting a roundtable on maternal health and the need to

improve outcomes for mothers and newborns.

We heard from Natural State doctors who are on the frontlines of this emergency. It's clear a comprehensive approach is needed to make significant progress and ultimately save lives.

Bringing advocates together was a positive step for collaboration on improving health outcomes in communities across our state. We have a will to solve this issue and it's time for action.

Just days ago, the governor issued an executive order creating the Strategic Committee for Maternal Health. The group is tasked with crafting a statewide plan to reverse the trends and improve outcomes. This effort will help identify how we can connect expectant moms to resources and pinpoint gaps in care to better serve their prenatal and postpartum needs.

I'm pleased to support this

effort and advance policies to improve research, education and funding toward better maternal health outcomes. In Washington, I'm championing legislation to invest in further study and intervention activities to reduce premature birth and infant mortality.

The Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early (PREEMIE) Reauthorization Act of 2023 has bipartisan support. The House of Representatives advanced this legislation last year and I am encouraging my Senate colleagues to pass it so we can continue conducting critical research in this area.

In early March, the House of Representatives approved the Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023. I'm proud to back the Senate companion so we can continue to support the work of Arkansas and other states to understand and promote measures that reduce maternal mortalities by reauthorizing state-led Maternal Mortality Review Committees that comprehensively analyze the deaths of women within the

first year of their pregnancy. Our state's Maternal Mortality Review Committee and its counterparts play a key role in compiling and evaluating relevant data, an integral component to identifying solutions. This measure would bolster that vital work.

March of Dimes advocates recently gathered on Capitol Hill to encourage the Senate to advance both bills. I'm proud to advocate with them for initiatives that enhance the health of mothers and infants. I was honored to accept the organization's March for Change Champion Award that recognizes bipartisan efforts in Congress to positively impact the lives of pregnant women and their families.

The good news is there is a sincere motivation in Arkansas to meet the needs of expecting and new moms. State, federal and non-profit entities are ready to work together to improve maternal and infant health outcomes in each of our communities. We know healthy moms mean healthy babies, so together we will continue to pursue that goal enthusiastically.



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on how the Sun worked. The first eclipse photographed was in 1860. Eclipses in 1919 and 1929 helped confirm Albert Einstein's theory of relativity by confirming that the light of stars traveling near the Sun was bent by the Sun's intense gravity.

The eclipse will be first be seen across Texas, plunging most of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex at midday before moving toward Arkansas. Most viewers in the state will see the most impressive parts of the eclipse after 1 PM. Texarkana viewers will be the first in the state to experience it. The total eclipse will be seen across most of western, central, and northeast Arkan-

sas. For Texarkana viewers, the partial eclipse will begin at 12:30 PM, with the totality reaching the city at about 1:46. The partial eclipse will end at 3:05 PM. The totality's path across Southwest and Central Arkansas will roughly parallel Interstate 30.

The total eclipse should reach Mena at about 1:48. Hot Springs and Little Rock will experience the total eclipse at 1:50. The partial eclipse will begin at 12:33 and end by 3:10. Arkadelphia will be on the eastern edge of the totality. The full eclipse will reach Russellville at about 1:51. Conway, Searcy, and Jacksonville will enjoy the full eclipse by 1:52. Viewers in the totality will experience full darkness for about two to four minutes. The eclipse event in the totality from the Sun's first "con-

tact" with the Moon until the end, will last about 2.5 hours.

Areas not within the path of the totality will still be able to enjoy most of the event. El Dorado and Helena will see 97 percent of the Sun covered, with the maximum eclipse at 1:49 and 1:52, respectively. Magnolia, Camden, Fayetteville, Pine Bluff, Stuttgart, and West Memphis will see 98 percent. Lake Village and Crossett will still enjoy a 96 percent total eclipse. Paragould viewers will be the last in the state to see the eclipse, with the totality reaching the community at about 1:57. Jonesboro will be on the eastern edge of the total eclipse at about 1:56.

From Arkansas, the long shadow of the Moon will then travel across southeastern Missouri across to Illinois,

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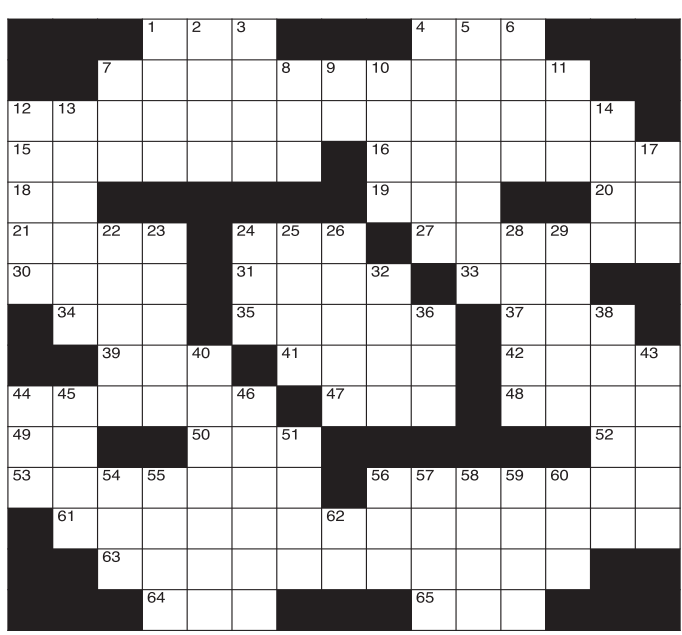
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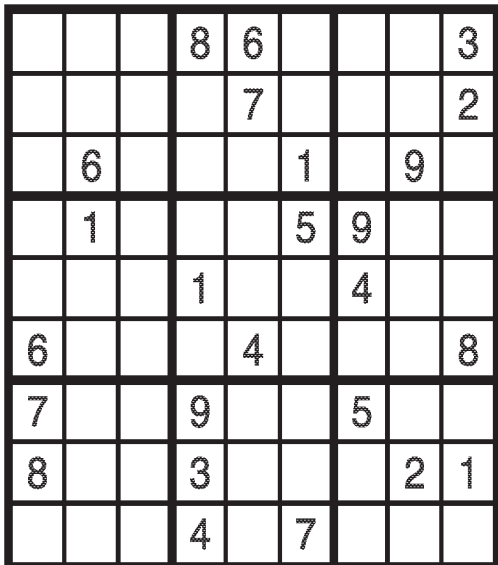
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Helps little firms
- 4. Political action committee
- 7. Allowed
- 12. Olivia Colman played one
- 15. Open
- 16. He had a notable lamp
- 18. Promotional material
- 19. Domesticated animal
- 20. Larry and Curly's buddy
- 21. The best ever
- 24. TV network
- 27. Checked for
- 30. Dry or withered
- 31. Expression of annoyance
- 33. Dash
- 34. Fifth note of a major scale
- 35. A secret clique
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 39. ___ school; where to learn healing
- 41. City in ancient Syria
- 42. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 44. Established practice
- 47. Thanksgiving side dish
- 48. District in Peru
- 49. It's becoming more prevalent
- 50. State in India
- 52. Measure of illumination
- 53. Raised platform
- 56. Japanese warrior
- 61. R.L. Stevenson novel
- 63. Transitory
- 64. Advanced degree
- 65. Fiddler crabs

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Prevent from seeing
- 2. Czech city
- 3. ___ and Andy, TV show
- 4. A young pig
- 5. Removed surgically
- 6. Covered with
- 7. Chest muscle (slang)
- 8. Nigerian City
- 9. Midway between south and east
- 10. A way to shut
- 11. Stop playing
- 12. Marshy places
- 13. Takes apart
- 14. Ten cents
- 17. A gesture of assent
- 22. Scent
- 23. Teletypewriter
- 24. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 25. Hillside
- 26. Taxi driver
- 28. Semitic Sun god
- 29. Town in India
- 32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
- 36. Fugitives are on the ___
- 38. Type of dance
- 40. Two letters, one sound
- 43. Having a strong, pleasant taste
- 44. Golf score
- 45. Mayhem
- 46. Drenched
- 51. River in northeastern Asia
- 54. Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)
- 55. Part-time employee
- 56. A very large body of water
- 57. Aboriginal people of Japan
- 58. Millisecond
- 59. Forearm bone
- 60. Subway dweller
- 62. Royal Mail

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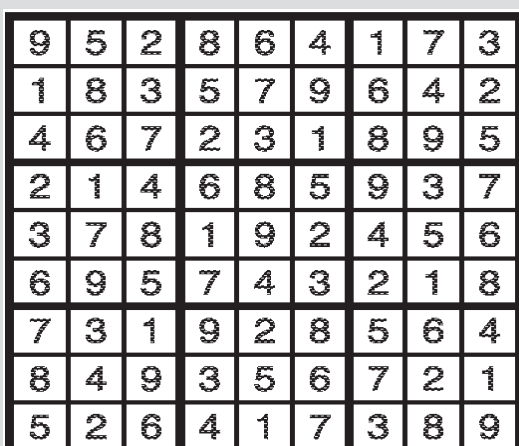
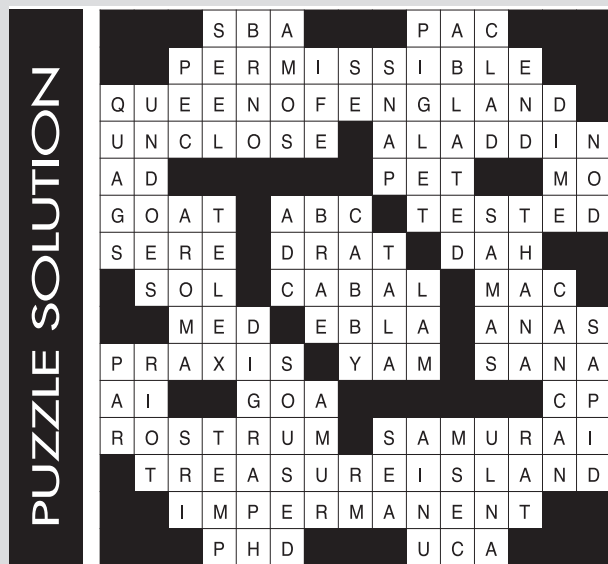
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Puzzle answers



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Indiana, Ohio, New York, and to Maine throughout the afternoon. Millions of Americans are expected to enjoy what is being called the "Great American Eclipse."

Viewers should plan ahead to make sure the eclipse is viewed safely. Individuals need to remember that they should never look at the Sun directly. Even with most of the Sun obscured, the glare is too intense for the human eye to tolerate. Looking directly at the Sun is dangerous and could cause permanent eye damage and even blindness. Not even regular sunglasses or binoculars are safe. Darkened Welder's glass is the only safe glass dark enough to view an eclipse through. Specially made eclipse glasses can allow for safe viewing, but NASA recommends that these eclipse glasses not be used if they are

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With these precautions in place, the event promises to be a spectacular display of nature. As the Sun disappears behind the Moon, viewers will be able to see the features of the Moon. Lunar mountains and craters will allow only tiny pieces of the Sun to shine through, a phenomenon known as "Bailey's Beads." And the last piece of the Sun to disappear will shine brilliantly on the Moon's edge, known as the "Diamond Ring Effect."

NASA has unveiled a website

for the eclipse, including tips on viewing the event safely at science.nasa.gov. Many communities are organizing eclipse viewing parties and events.

The next major eclipse for Arkansas will be August 12, 2045, when the totality will cross most of the state.

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Obituaries

Lawrence (Sonny) Calvin Hill

Lawrence (Sonny) Calvin Hill, age 83, of Warren, Ark. passed away peacefully at home on Saturday March 9, 2024.

He was born on November 19, 1940 in Memphis, Tenn. to the late L.E. Hill and Hazel Kemp Hill. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Warren.

For many years, Sonny and his parents owned and operated Druco Garage in Monticello, Ark. where they built a trusted family business that serviced many loyal customers in the Drew County area.

After retiring from private business, Sonny used his vast knowledge of the automotive repair business teaching the students at SEACBEC in Warren. Sonny also had an amazing talent for wood-working and enjoyed designing and building wonderful pieces of furniture and wooden crosses for family and friends along with his wife Alice. He also designed and built their home which is located north of Warren.

Sonny also enjoyed singing in the church choir for many years. Other than his parents, he is preceded in death by a spouse, Marilyn Culp Hill.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years Alice Hill of Warren, Ark.; son, Monty Hill (Valerie) of Marion, Ark.; son, Andy Green (Courtney) of Warren, Ark.; sister Juliet DaLuio of Luck, Wis.; grandchild-

ren, Kristen Shepherd (Jay) of Marion, Ark.; Nathaniel Hill of North Little Rock, Ark.; and Lillie Kate Green of Monticello, Ark. Sonny is also survived by a special family friend and caregiver, Jane Harris of Warren, Ark.

Graveside service was held at Oakland Cemetery on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 2 p.m. by Frazer's Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Carroll Franklin Spears

Carroll Franklin Spears, 84 of New Edinburg died Monday March 4, 2024 at his home. Born September 28, 1939 at New Edinburg, he was the son of the late Frank Spears and Alma Lee Owens Spears. He was retired from Southern LP Gas and was the owner and operator of the New Edinburg Mercantile.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Gary Spears. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Ann Kee Spears; his daughter, Connie McClellan (Major) of New Edinburg; six grandchildren, Alaina Sims (Derrick), Kristen White (Gordon), Stephen McClellan (Brooklyn), Josh Spears (Erica), Blake Spears (Amber), Jared Spears; fourteen great-grandchildren; and his daughter-in-law, Melody Spears.

Funeral services were Monday March 11, 2024 at the Benton Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at McCoy Cemetery. Arrangements were by Benton Funeral Home of Fordyce. (Paid obituary)

William Richard Warner III

William Richard Warner III,

age 69, of Warren, Arkansas passed suddenly at his home March 7, 2024. Rick was born to Shirley Daugherty Warner and Richard Vance Warner on July 6, 1954 in Dayton,

Ohio. Rick graduated from Warren High School. He attended the University of Arkansas where he earned a bachelor's degree, obtained a Master of Business degree and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

Rick met the love of his life, Phyllis Taylor, while they were attending the University.

During Rick's twenty-eight-year career with Potlatch Corporation, Rick and Phyllis lived in St. Maries, Idaho and Cook, Minnesota before returning to Warren, Ark. Upon retirement, Rick was a consultant in the wood products industry. He was known as a man of integrity and a man of his word. Rick was recently described as "a steady and faithful friend to all who knew him."

Rick embraced nature and the outdoors. He was a life-long sportsman who loved hunting and fishing, especially deep-sea fishing on the Timber Girl in Destin, Florida. He enjoyed golfing with friends and family.

Rick is survived by his wife of 44 years, Phyllis Taylor Warner,

his son Richard Adam Warner, his sister Kathy Warner Murphy, his son-in-law Corey Charles Ledbetter, two grandsons William Vance Warner, son of April DeSoto, and William Warner Ledbetter, nephew Patrick Michael Murphy, Jr. (Sarah) and niece Celia Murphy McGilvray (Drew) along with cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Preceding Rick in death were grandparents: William Richard Warner, Cecelia Morin Warner, Truman Oliver Daugherty, and Lena Polk Grisham; parents: Richard Vance Warner and Shirley Daugherty Warner, children: William Taylor Warner and Erin Warner Ledbetter.

Graveside service was held 3 p.m. Monday, March 11, 2024 at Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Elois Mann Ivey

Elois Mann Ivey, 84 died March 5, 2024 at home. Born November 21, 1939 to the late John T. Mann and Moeice Braswell Ivey.

Survivors: son, John Ivey; daughter, Lois Ann Ivey.

Funeral was March 9, at Westside Baptist Church. Burial was at Outlaw Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Ruby Thomason Nichols

Ruby Thomason Nichols died March 4. Born December 11, 1936

in Lake Village to the late David and Tiny Pauline Trout. Survivors: children, Buck Thomason (Cathy), Pat Thomason, LaTresia Whitlock (Bobby); siblings, Claude, J.C, Wanda; grandchildren, great-grandchildren.

Funeral was March 7 Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial Ebenezer Cemetery by Frazer's.

Alice Joyce O'Neill

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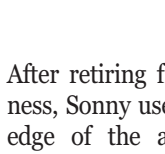
4. Born June 13, 1941 to the late Morgan O'Neill, Sr. and Grace O'Neill.

Survivors: niece, Melissa Wilson; nephew, Rickey O'Neill; great-nieces and nephews, Drake, Mallory, Richard, Victoria, Thomas, Andrew.

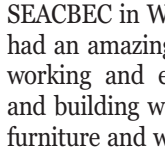
Funeral was held March 10 at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's.



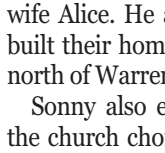
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