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## District Court Judge expresses the need for a local jail

By JOANNA POOLE  
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County Judge Clay McKinney and the Bradley County Quorum Court discussed various issues during the monthly meeting on Monday, March 18. Leeanna Williams updated the court about getting community education classes up and running. She said that during the pandemic, workshops had to be stopped. Workshop classes will go from April 2 to May 7, and they will be on Tuesdays. The first series will be a diabetes ed-

ucation class that will run for 5 weeks. Everyone is invited to attend the free classes.

The court then heard from District Court Judge Bruce Anderson. Anderson told the court that after the district court moved from the city hall to the city courthouse, everything is going well. Anderson also expressed the need for a jail. He said the problem with people failing to appear escalated during the pandemic in 2020 and has continued to become worse. Anderson reported that there are two days a month

called plea days. These are days when offenders plead guilty or not guilty, and for each plea day, there may be up to 25 offenders who do not attend. This is known as a failure to appear. After an offender fails to appear, Anderson then signs a warrant for their arrest. The total comes to 600 failure-to-appear charges per year.

"It's not going to get any better until we get a jail," Anderson said. "Having a jail is a necessity."

McKinney told the court that the county is missing out on fine

money due to the lack of a jail.

The court approved the previous month's minutes, the treasurer's report, and the sheriff's report.

Don Schwebel was nominated to go to the Quorum Court Association meeting in April. A vote was taken, and all were in favor.

McKinney then brought up the county's revised budget for new business. A motion was made to accept the budget, and all were in favor.

The meeting was then adjourned. The next meeting will be April 15.



Joanna Poole/Eagle Democrat

### WARREN STUDENTS PICKED FOR BOYS AND GIRLS STATE



Courtesy photos

Warren High School has picked six students to attend Arkansas Girls and Boys state. Olivia Cook, Paige Byrd, and Naideth Pahuamba will attend Girls State on May 26-31 at Harding University in Searcy, Ark. Cody Weather- spoon, Braylen Watson, and Daniel Castillo will attend Boys State on May 26-31 at University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark. To be eligible, students must exhibit qualities of a mature leader in the classroom, on the field, and throughout the community who are ready to shape the future of our state.

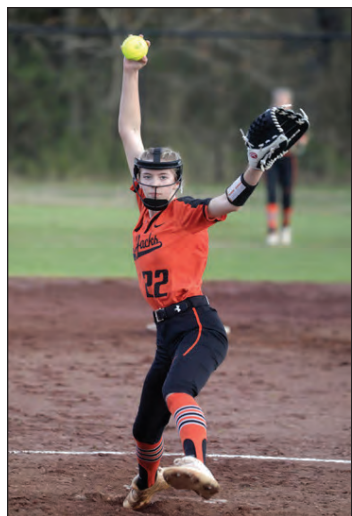
### HERMITAGE STUDENTS PICKED FOR BOYS AND GIRLS STATE



Photos courtesy of Leah Smith

Hermitage High School has picked four students to attend Arkansas Girls and Boys state. Stella Huitt and Olivia Harrod will attend Girls State on May 26-31 at Harding University in Searcy, Ark. Carter Wilkerson and Carter Curtis will attend Boys State on May 26-31 at University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark. These students were voted on by the Hermitage School District Staff. To be eligible, students must exhibit qualities of a mature leader in the classroom, on the field, and throughout the community who are ready to shape the future of our state.

### LUMBERJACKS, LADY JACKS SEE MULTIPLE WINS



Photos by Robert Camp

Freshman pitcher Raelleigh Milton took the mound for the Lady Jacks this past week, winning two of three games. They defeated Stuttgart with a score of 7-0 and then traveled to Crossett to win with a score of 13-4, before coming back home to lose to Star City with a score of 2-5. The Lumberjacks defeated Star City at home with a score of 7-2. Kolby Pope pitched seven innings for the win.

## Warren Middle School robotics team goes to nationals



Courtesy photo

The Warren Middle School robotics teams AGAME and Rockybots competed in the State Middle School Competition on March 14 and 15. The finished in eleventh and twelfth place in the skills competition and made it through to the elimination matches. On Sunday, March 17, Rockybots then went to the Create US Tournament in Council Bluffs, Iowa. They finished twenty-seventh out of 42.

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## Passin' the Faith Along

By REV. JIM BALES  
Pastor - First Assembly of God  
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### WHEN WE ALL PULL TOGETHER

Holy Week services is an exciting time for God's people to get together. Beginning Monday, March 25th at First Freewill Baptist Church at 12 noon and continuing through Thursday, March 28th. Each day at a different church. Tuesday at Immanuel Baptist, Wednesday at First Baptist and Thursday at First Assembly of God.

Friday the schedule changes to a 6 p.m. starting time at First Method-

ist followed by the South East Arkansas Community Choir at 7 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Thank you pastors and congregations for pulling together to make Holy Week a very special time this year.

When we all pull together how happy we'll be! For your work is my work and our work is God's work. When we all pull together how happy we'll be!

# ARHP to host free diabetes workshop

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Arkansas Rural Health Partnership is hosting a free Diabetes Education Workshop Series at Bradley County Medical Center's Brunson Medical Complex, located at 204 North Bragg Street in Warren. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on six consecutive Tuesdays starting April 2, 2024 and ending on May 7, 2024.

This free workshop will help you with understanding the human body, knowing diabetes risk factors, meal planning, living with diabetes, and more. For more information, please contact the ARHP's Janet Pack at 870-415-2795. Reservations are suggested, but not required.

## Warren High School announces new cheerleading squad

New members of the Lumberjack High School cheerleading squad have been announced. New member are: Paige Byrd- Co-Captain, Chloe Sanders- Co-Captain, Taylor Hasley, Kamari Triplett, Kylexy Hampton, Khamryn Jackson, Bra'miya Jones, Kalees Lewis, Shyla Triplett, Blythe Callaway, Ciara Greene, Natalie Hargrave, Makenna Morgan, Jacey Nelson, and Makensy Roberson.

Congrats to everyone who made it.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

#### Annual Meeting

The Holly Springs Cemetery Association will hold it's annual meeting at 3 p.m. in the Community Room of First State bank in Hermitage. Everyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

#### 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.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 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.

# Healthy eating on a budget

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

National Nutrition Month is an annual campaign established in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

This year's theme is "Beyond the Table," which addresses the farm-to-fork aspect of nutrition, from food production and distribution to navigating grocery stores and farmers markets, and even home food safety and storage practices. It also describes the various ways we eat — not only around a dinner table, but also on the go, in schools and restaurants, at games and events. This theme also includes sustainability, for instance, decreasing food waste from school and work to home and beyond.

According to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics at eatright.org, getting the most nutrition for your food budget starts with a little extra planning before shopping. Some ways to save money on the foods you eat include:

- Cook more, eat out less. Eating out can be expensive. Preparing foods at home not only saves money but can be made healthier too. Find a few simple, healthy recipes your family enjoys and save eating out for special occasions.
- Plan ahead. Deciding on meals and snacks before you shop can save both time and money. Review recipes and make a grocery list of what ingredients are needed, then check to see what foods you already have and make a list for what you still need to buy. Shop

with a list to cut down on impulse purchases. To "Create a Grocery Game Plan", visit MyPlate.gov.

- Decide how much to make or purchase. Making a large batch can save time in the kitchen and you can freeze portions for other meals. Buying in bulk or purchasing extra sale items that you can store until ready to use can save money. Be sure you can use perishables before they spoil to avoid food waste.
- Determine where to shop. Check out ads, coupons, and compare unit prices to determine where you can get the best buy for your food dollars.
- Shop for foods in season. Fresh fruits and vegetables that are in season are usually easier to get and may be less expensive. Frozen and canned produce are also good options and may be more affordable at certain times of the year. Look for fruit that is canned in 100% juice or water and canned vegetables that are labeled "low in sodium" or "no salt added."
- Watch portion sizes. Eating too much of even lower cost foods and beverages can add up to extra dollars and calories. Use smaller plates, bowls, and glasses to help keep portions under control. Fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables and the other half with grains and protein foods such as lean meat, poultry, seafood, or beans. Have fat free yogurt and fruit for dessert.
- Focus on nutritious, low-cost foods. Certain foods tend to be less expensive than others. Make the most of your food dollars by finding recipes that use the following ingredients: beans, peas, and lentils; sweet



or white potatoes; eggs; peanut butter; canned salmon, tuna or crabmeat; grains such as oats, brown rice, barley or quinoa; and frozen or canned fruits and vegetables.

- Make your own healthy snacks. Convenience costs money. Many snacks, even healthy ones, usually cost more when sold individually. Make your own snacks by purchasing large tubs of low-fat yogurt or cottage cheese and dividing them into smaller containers. For trail mix, combine unsalted nuts, dried fruit and whole grain pretzels or cereal; store small portions in airtight containers. Air-popped popcorn and whole fresh fruits in season also tend to cost less compared to pre-packaged items.
- Start a garden or visit a farmers' market. A garden can be a lot of fun, especially for kids. It's also an affordable way to eat more fruits and vegeta-

bles. Plants can be started from seed or purchased at a low price. Another way to increase your family's variety of produce is to visit a farmers' market. Locally grown fruits and vegetables are often available for less money than at the grocery store.

- Make water your preferred beverage. Water from the tap is a low-cost way to stay hydrated. Substituting plain water in place of sweetened beverages not only saves you money but may also help you reduce extra calories from added sugars.

For more information on National Nutrition Month, recipes, and more, check out eatright.org.

Penny Vance is the Bradley County Extension Agent — Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service. She can be reached by email: pvance@uada.edu.

# LEGALS

## PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: SPECIAL USE: MOBILE HOME

MARCH 25, 2024

A public hearing will be held by the Warren Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom on March 25, 2024 to consider a request for a special use permit for a mobile home at 602 Brass St Warren, AR 71671. Being more fully described as:

The north 54 feet of Lot 20 in the subdivision of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 9 West, Bradley County, Arkansas.

That property belonging to Garrick Jackson & Asia Bess. All persons having any interest in the above mobile home request are urged to attend this meeting.

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## NOTICE OF SALE

Of an amount not to exceed \$2,450,000  
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Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. local time on March 26, 2024

For the above bonds, which mature serially on February 1 of each of the years 2025 through 2051 inclusive. All bids must be on the Official Bid Form or through PARITY.

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

## NOTICE

The annual meeting of Frazer's Burial Association shall be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at its principal office, Frazer's Funeral Home, 305 S. Main Street, Warren, Arkansas.

Each member of said association in good standing in accordance with the by-laws shall be entitled to vote, either in person or by proxy. Proxies are available to be mailed to members requesting one by writing Frazer's Burial Association, P.O. Box 751, Warren, AR 71671-0751.

/s/ Kimberly McGaha  
Kimberly McGaha  
Secretary-Treasurer

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## NOTICE

The annual meeting of Hammons Burial Association will be held Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 9:30 AM at Hammons Funeral Home, 101 E. Elm St., Warren, Arkansas.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Hearing for Priority Street Paving

The Warren City Council Street Committee will hold a public hearing Monday 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located in the Warren Municipal Building at 104 N. Myrtle. (City Hall)

All individuals and groups interested in speaking in favor of specific streets and drainage improvements are urged to attend. If anyone is unable to attend the hearing, written statements and neighborhood petitions will also be accepted at the Mayor's Office, 104 N. Myrtle, until 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 25, 2024.

The City Council urges interested people to attend the hearing and voice your street and drainage concerns.

Anyone desiring information may call the Warren Mayor's Office at 226-6743 or visit the office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This ad is paid for by the Warren Street Department in the amount of \$47.94.

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**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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**Holy Week Services**

**March 25-29**

<b>MON, 25th - First Free Will Baptist Church</b> NOON - 1PM Bro. Jim Bales Meal Provided
<b>TUE, 26th - Immanuel Baptist Church</b> NOON - 1PM Bro. Vernon Colvin Meal Provided
<b>WED, 27th - First Baptist Church</b> NOON - 1PM Bro. Narciso Gonzales Meal Provided
<b>THUR, 28th - First Assembly of God</b> NOON - 1PM Bro. Ricky Rauls Meal Provided
<b>FRI, 29th - First Methodist Church</b> 6PM - 1PM Bro. Dixon Platt Good Friday Services
<b>7:00PM - All For Your Glory</b> Seark Community Choir @Immanuel Baptist Church

# Notable moments in women's history

Heroic efforts and milestone moments dot the landscape of women's history. Often forced to fight for equality and inclusion, women have blazed trails and broken down barriers, all the while inspiring millions from their own era as well as future generations.

There's been no shortage of notable events in women's history. Some of those moments may have fallen off the radar of the general public, even if such events continue to affect the lives of women today. Recognition of notable moments in women's history can provide significant insight into the individuals who made them possible.

## Women's rights convention

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott played pivotal roles in organizing the first women's rights convention in 1848. The Seneca Falls Convention was held in New York on July 19 and 20, and abolitionist Frederick Douglass was among the noteworthy attendees. According to History.com, the work done at the Seneca Falls Convention, including the signing of the Declaration of Sentiments, sparked women's rights ad-

vocacy and ultimately lead to suffrage for women, which was granted with the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment.

## A woman earns a medical degree

Within months of the Seneca Falls Convention, England-born Elizabeth Blackwell graduates from the medical school at Geneva College in New York. Blackwell not only earns her medical degree, but also finishes with the highest marks in her graduating class. Blackwell's trailblazing days did not end with the completion of her degree, as she ultimately became the first woman on the Medical Register of the General Medical Council for the United Kingdom.

## "And ain't I a woman?"

School children in the United States undoubtedly are familiar with the name Sojourner Truth, a noted abolitionist and former slave. In 1851, Truth, speaking at the Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio, asked, "And ain't I a woman?" as she advocated for equal rights. The speech has been noted in popular culture over the last 170 years, but Truth's now-famous query first gained con-

siderable attention in 1863 during the American Civil War.

## A woman sits on the bench of the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of the United States was initially established by Congress through the Judiciary Act of 1789. Despite that lengthy history, no woman was sworn in as a Supreme Court Justice until 1981, when Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in by then-U.S. President Ronald Reagan. Justice O'Connor, who passed away in late 2023 at the age of 93, served on the Supreme Court for roughly a quarter century, retiring in 2006.

These are just a handful of the many notable events in women's history that have shed light on the bravery and invaluable contributions women have made through the years.

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# The Eagle Democrat

# Editorial

## Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw  
Ark. State Representative



This week, the Arkansas Legislative Council and the council subcommittees convened at the Capitol.

The council approved the permanent payment rules for Educational Freedom Accounts. Educational Freedom Accounts may be used by eligible families to cover private school tuition, fees, uniforms, and some other required expenses. First-time kindergarteners, students enrolled in "D" or "F" rated schools, students with a disability, current or former foster care students, students experiencing homelessness, or students whose parents are active-duty military, veterans, law enforcement or first responders will be eligible to use the accounts in the 2024-2025 school year. All public school students will be eligible in the 2025-2026 school year.

The council also approved an emergency rule from the Department of Finance and Administration that requires Arkansans to list their gender on their driver's license. The rule states the gender must match what is listed on the person's birth certificate, passport, or identification document from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The ALC Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee continued its study on possession and open-carry laws concerning firearms this week. The subcommittee will begin hearing recommendations regarding these laws at its next meeting on Monday, March 25. The meetings are open to the public. You can find the agenda and a link to sign up to comment at [www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us).

The latest revenue report presented to the council shows gross general revenues have decreased by \$113 million or two percent below what was collected last year. Meanwhile, unemployment in the state remains steady at 3.7 percent in Arkansas for the third consecutive month.

As a reminder, the legislature will convene for a Fiscal Session on April 10. We will continue to update you on the latest developments from the Capitol.

## Springing forward

By JOANNA POOLE  
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Daylight saving time has begun. Every year, I find the reviews on the subject are mixed. Some people love it and others can't stand it. I find myself in the camp of "I don't really mind it." Sure, I hate waking up an hour earlier, and I always hear people go on and on about how they're going to miss that hour. But if you think about it, you get the "lost" hour back the next day.

"But Joanna, it doesn't feel that way."

I know. Stay with me. We all know that somewhere around 2 a.m. on the day-of, time goes forward one hour. Of course,

that means that we all get one less hour of sleep. That makes the rest of the day feel longer because we're all a little more tired than normal. But if you're one of those people who thrives on less sleep, you probably don't feel the lag as much. We're doing everything an hour earlier, including bedtime. That's where everything is set back to normal.

After asking what the point of daylight saving is year after year, I finally decided to do a little research. It was first introduced in Germany in 1916 during World War I as an energy saving measure and the United States followed suit in

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## Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



By KENNETH BRIDGES

Betty Flanagan Bumpers made the position of First Lady of Arkansas more than just a ceremonial position. Through her efforts, she launched a movement that saved countless lives across the country by promoting the importance of vaccinations.

She was born Betty Callan Flanagan in Franklin County in 1925. She would eventually attend the University of Iowa and the Chicago Academy of Fine Art where she would meet Dale Bumpers in the 1940s as he attended law school. The two would marry in 1949. Dale Bumpers was elected governor of Arkansas on a reform platform in 1970.

As the new Arkansas First Lady, Betty Bumpers was appalled by the poor health conditions of many Arkansas children. She soon organized and spearheaded the popular "Every Child By '74" campaign. It was an aggressive effort by Betty Bumpers and public health officials to educate the public about the dangers of infectious diseases and the safety and effectiveness of vaccines and ultimately require all children in the state to be vaccinated against diseases, including tetanus, measles, whooping cough, and hepatitis – all potentially deadly diseases.

Vaccination programs had already proven extremely successful and reliable. Arkansas, in fact, had been the first state in the nation to require smallpox vaccinations for children to attend public schools. This mandate went into effect in 1916. By 1922, smallpox outbreaks had effectively ended in the state. An aggressive vaccination campaign had officially eradicated smallpox in the US by 1971. By 1978, this same disease that had killed millions was wiped out forever. Similarly, polio had effectively vanished from the United States by the late 1960s.

Every Child By '74 transformed public health in the state. For example, a measles outbreak in Texarkana in 1970 and 1971 resulted in 639 infections among area children. The epidemic, possibly deadly, raged for weeks. Because of the vaccination campaign afterward, measles was unheard of in Texarkana children by the late 1970s and almost unknown in children statewide. Arkansas soon led the nation in the number of children vaccinated against disease. As a result, disease rates plummeted. Eradication of these diseases saved Arkansas families millions of dollars from related health costs and lost wages for those having to take off work because of an illness or having to take care of sick children. Officials across the country marveled at the success of the effort and began modeling campaigns in their own

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Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

A legislative committee voted to add \$25.2 million to a revolving loan fund for safe drinking water projects.

The majority of the funds will be loans, but local water systems can apply to have the principle forgiven.

The state Division of Natural Resources brought the funding request to legislators on the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee (PEER).

Legislators on the committee, especially those who represent rural areas, emphasized the need for the Natural Resources Division to extensively publicize the availability of the funds. One senator said that the

water systems that most need financial help are most likely to be the ones that are not aware of the availability of grants and loans.

Legislators asked for copies of the application form to share with water systems and small cities in their districts.

The Natural Resource Division uses a formula to determine whether or not a water system qualifies for forgiveness of the principle. Rates paid by customers are a factor, so that rates are held down as much as possible. The formula takes into account the per capita income of ratepayers and a system is considered "rate burdened" if customers pay 1.5 percent of their income on water bills.

The action by PEER is the latest in a series of efforts to improve the infrastructure of water systems throughout Arkansas. Last month the Natural Resources Division announced that \$42 million would become available for water systems

servicing 22,000 people.

In other action PEER recommended approval of \$1.7 million for the state Workforce Services Division to strengthen its fraud prevention team.

The money will pay for extra staff and enhanced training with new technology that more quickly identifies fraudulent claims for unemployment insurance benefits. Prison inmates have filed for benefits. Also, some people fraudulently file claims in numerous states. Others file for unemployment even though they are working.

According to Division officials, Arkansas is in the top ten nationwide in holding down improper payments for fraudulent claims.

PEER also approved a request from the Department of Human Services for \$2.9 million so that the state can join a national program to provide lunches for disadvantaged children during the summer. The children qualify for free or reduced priced

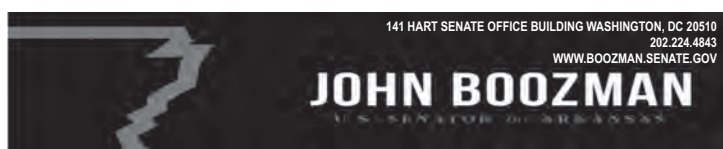
meals during the school year, but those meals are not available in summer months.

The federal government will provide matching funds. A spokesman for the Human Services Department estimated that 373,000 Arkansas children would be eligible for the lunch program.

In other action, PEER recommended allowing the state Health Department to use about \$8.1 million to update the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program so that recipients can interact online.

The upgrades will allow recipients to digitally schedule appointments online and to fill out forms that now are on paper.

A new option will allow participants to "chat" electronically and ask questions online. After the upgrades are in place, the system will have an online shopping platform to allow WIC participants to shop online for groceries.



Natural State families continue to feel the pain of rising prices for transportation, food and everyday items. It's no surprise that hardworking individuals are struggling to make ends meet. According to the latest economic data inflation cost Arkansans \$770 in February. Consumer prices continue to tick up and we're all making difficult decisions with our shrinking budgets.

These hardships are the result of President Biden's reckless policies that have increased federal spending and made economic recovery more difficult.

Food price inflation, which includes food purchased at the grocery store and in restaurants, has increased by 21 percent since January 2021. These historic highs have diminished our purchasing power.

Instead of accepting responsibility for his agenda exacerbating this crisis, the president is quick to pass the buck.

His administration has taken to routinely faulting businesses. First, it attempted to downplay the impact of food and grocery price inflation on the financial well-being of Ameri-

can families and then claimed any hardship was instead a product of concentration in the meat and poultry processing industry. That inadequate excuse failed to account for labor shortages on meat and poultry companies.

The president continued the blame game in this year's State of the Union address when he attributed the problem to food companies adopting a practice called shrinkflation. While it's true the downsizing of a product's size or quantity while keeping the nominal price unchanged has occurred, faulting it as the main driver of the increased prices we're paying to feed our families is a gross exaggeration.

The administration's own economists at the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) have determined shrinkflation is not a significant culprit behind stubbornly high grocery prices. "While consumers may notice shrinkflation at the grocery store, it has a very small impact [on] the overall inflation picture they face," according to the agency.

As part of the process of collecting accurate data needed to

estimate the rate of inflation, BLS not only monitors product prices, but it tracks product sizes. This allows the bureau's economists to ensure changes to weight and volume associated with shrinkflation are correctly reflected in the monthly inflation numbers.

We know farmers are not to blame. The inflationary pressure consumers are experiencing for food does not directly translate one-to-one into higher farm-level prices or farm income. In the face of record-high food prices, farmers received on average only 7.9 cents of each dollar spent on food in 2022.

Many links in the supply chain get food from American farmers to the kitchen table, but neither farmers nor food processors through higher commodity prices, concentration or shrinkflation are to blame for sky-high food costs.


Instead, too much federal spending by the administration overheated an economy still recovering from pandemic supply chain disruptions. Russia's invasion of Ukraine further disturbed global energy and food supplies. Higher labor costs, higher energy and higher transportation expenses have all sent the costs of food service, food processing and food distribution steeply upward. Those are the real economics of food price inflation.

In the week following the State of the Union address, the newest inflation numbers were released showing prices continue to rise. It's time the president admits Bidenomics has been the primary roadblock to affordable living and works across the aisle to pursue policies that actually lower prices.



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1918. Initially implemented as a wartime measure, it was repealed a year later. However, Daylight saving time was reinstated in 1942 during World War II. Over the next couple of decades, states would switch between daylight saving and standard time at will. To put an end to the clock chaos, Congress finally passed the Uniform Time Act in 1966, which standardized daylight saving time and its start and end dates across the country, with the exception of Hawaii and Arizona, which opted to keep standard time year-round. They sound like the smart ones to me.

As recently as last year, lawmakers tried to permanently

move to standard time. I remember reading that it was a possibility and thinking that, in my opinion, it would just be better if we would stick with longer evenings. However, after only three weeks, the bill was withdrawn. Are we as a society so stuck in tradition and possibly scared of change that we would rather change the time every single year only to complain about it when it happens? What's the point of keeping it?

Many people think that we should get rid of Daylight saving and stay with standard time. Scientists say that we need more daylight in the mornings to help get our day going. They also say that if we have too much light in the evenings, it could interfere with our sleep. While that may or may not be true, try telling that

to the kid who's playing outside and is told to come inside when the streetlights come on. I remember as a kid, living by those rules and loving every second that I had outside with my friends. I tried to stay outside as long as possible. We're told that our kids should get off of devices and go play, but if they get home from school around 4 p.m. and then try to go outside when it gets dark around 5 p.m., they may get only 30 minutes of outside time. That's if they don't have homework.

So, what do we really want? I can confidently answer that question. I'll pick the longer days and the later sunsets every time. Watching my kids ride their bikes and climb trees is so much easier when it's not dark.

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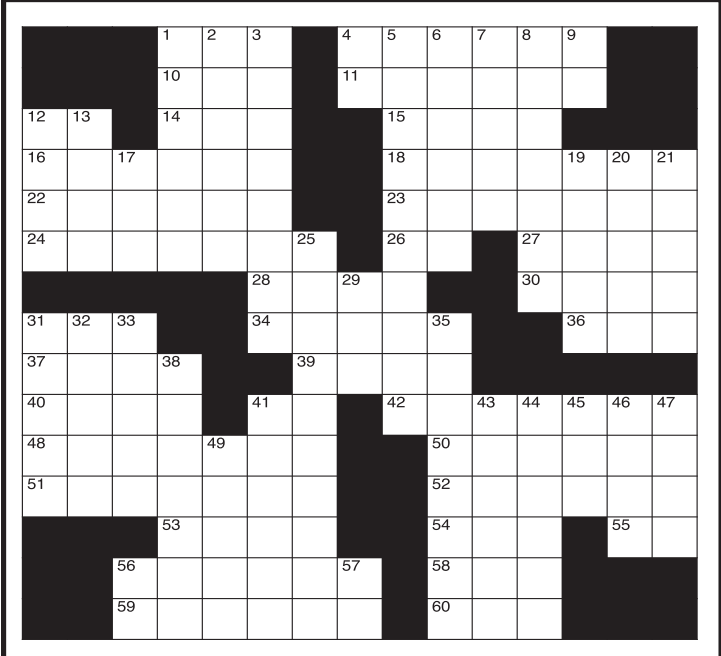
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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small Eurasian deer
- 4. Irish county
- 10. A major division of geological time
- 11. Broadway actor Lane
- 12. Canadian province (abbr.)
- 14. Human gene
- 15. Two
- 16. A famous one is blue
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Ring-shaped objects
- 23. Spoils
- 24. Occurs
- 26. Commercial
- 27. Near
- 28. Products you may need
- 30. Pledge thrown down as a challenge
- 31. TV network
- 34. Silk or cotton garments
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republics
- 37. Retired American football coach Dean
- 39. Hot dish
- 40. A type of gin
- 41. Atomic #84
- 42. Sawhorse
- 48. About ground
- 50. Medicine man
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Capital of Albania
- 53. Appendage
- 54. OJ trial judge
- 55. By the way (abbr.)
- 56. Bicycle parts
- 58. Barbie's friend
- 59. Moved one's neck to see
- 60. Commercials

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make up for
- 2. Baltimore ballplayer
- 3. Salary
- 4. Influential world body
- 5. Engravers
- 6. Declared as fact
- 7. One who steals
- 8. Jewelry
- 9. Hospital employee (abbr.)
- 12. Nonsense (slang)
- 13. Town in Galilee
- 17. Value
- 19. A fake name
- 20. Sheep in their second year
- 21. Town in Surrey, England
- 25. Appropriate for a particular time of year
- 29. Creative works
- 31. Recesses
- 32. W. Pacific island group
- 33. Tolkien character
- 35. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
- 38. Pioneer
- 41. Scribe
- 43. Painted a bright color
- 44. Lowest members of British nobility
- 45. Actress Thurman
- 46. Type of sugar
- 47. Crest of a hill
- 49. N. American people of British Columbia
- 56. Device
- 57. The Mount Rushmore State

### WORDS

- ALYSSUM
- ASTER
- AZALEA
- BEGONIA
- CARNATION
- DAFFODIL
- DAHLIA
- DAISY
- DANDELION
- FLOWER
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- A. 18 19 2 2 6 15 12 5  
Clue: Flowering
- B. 1 24 23 4 19  
Clue: Part of flower
- C. 7 2 16 19  
Clue: Dirt
- D. 18 24 24 7  
Clue: Buzzing insects

Answers: A. blooming B. petal C. soil D. bees

## HISTORY

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states to promote childhood vaccinations.

When Dale Bumpers was elected to the US Senate in 1974, Betty Bumpers took her campaign with them to Washington, DC. In 1977, she worked with President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Roslyn Carter to launch a national vaccination program. In 1991, Betty Bumpers and Roslyn Carter launched the Every Child By Two campaign, a nationwide effort to ensure that vaccinations for children continued. Even with the clear success of her efforts in Arkansas and across the nation, vaccination efforts faced resistance from people who did not understand how vaccines worked or the life-saving benefits of vaccinations. In spite of this, the Every Child By Two campaign and other vaccination efforts continued to be supported

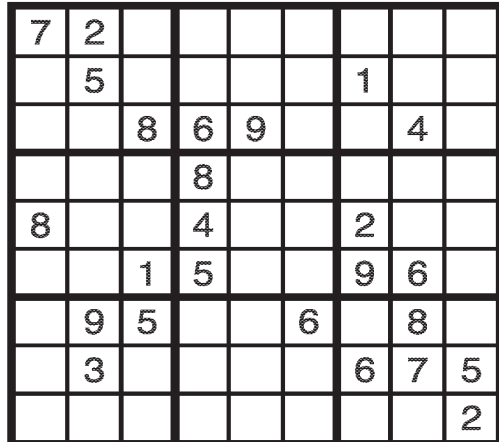
by medical professionals.

In 1999, President Bill Clinton dedicated the Dale and Betty Bumpers Vaccine Research Center at the National Institutes of Health in honor of their work. As a result of this work, by 2012, more than 95% of American children had been vaccinated and the Arkansas Department of Health alone provided 400,000 vaccines to young and old alike.

Bumpers continued to be involved in public health causes in her later years. She died in Little Rock in 2018 at age 93. Vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective for generations, saving millions of lives. The efforts of Betty Bumpers in Arkansas showed many more Arkansans how vaccines can promote health and end the devastation of epidemics. Thousands of Arkansans are living healthy lives today thanks to her efforts.

### Answers can be found on Page 8

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## Guess Who?

I am an entertainer born in New Jersey on March 18, 1970. I beat-boxed for a hip-hop group in the mid-80s before going on to a successful music and movie career. I was nominated for a Golden Globe for my work in the film, "Chicago."

Answer: Queen Latifah

## NOTICE

The FY'2024 Winter Regular Assistance Program will close on March 22, 2024. Southeast Arkansas Community Action Corporation will no longer be taking applications. This news release applies to the following counties: Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, and Drew. If you have questions or concerns, please call 870-226-2668.

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While Samson was away from Timnah for a time, his Philistine father-in-law gave his wife to another man, the one who had been Samson's best man. In retaliation Samson burned the Philistines' wheat fields with the aid of 300 foxes which he had tied together, tail to tail, in pairs and attached a torch to each pair.

Very great physical strength was Samson's claim to fame. This strength enabled him to kill 30 Philistines all by himself, to kill the lion with his bare hands, and to kill 300 Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey.



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# Obituaries

## William Grady Rawls

William Grady Rawls passed away March 13, 2024. Born January 15, 1932 to the late James G. Rawls and Daisy Callaway Rawls. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Huitt Rawls. Daughters, Pam Ragar and Lori Wigley (Mike). Four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral was March 17 at Frazer's Funeral Home with burial in Oakland Cemetery. (Paid obituary)

## Hilda Pope Thornton

Hilda Pope Thornton, age 92, of Warren, Ark. died Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Chapel Woods in Warren, Ark. Born October

26, 1931 in Vick, Ark., Hilda was the daughter of the late Jeff Davis and Bethel Harrod Pope of Vick, AR. She was a retired owner/operator of OTASCO and Coast to Coast. She was a member of First Methodist Church, a board member of Bradley County historical Museum, a member of United Methodist Women, and a member of Friendship Sunday School Class. She was President of GFWC Warren Woman's Club from 1998 to 2000 and was an Honorary lifetime member. She loved hummingbirds, roses, working in her yard, and decorating cakes for her family. She was preceded in death by her husband Leroy Thornton and her sister Shannon Fewell. Survivors are her daughter

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# Recipe: A nutty start to the day

Pecan trees grow in various areas of the central and southern United States. Pecan trees are prized for their delicious nuts. There's debate whether pecan is pronounced as pe-CAN (as in can of soda) or pe-CAHN, (as in con artist), and it varies depending on where you live. However, there is no debate that pecans can be versatile ingredients in both sweet and savory recipes.

Pecans are perhaps best known from pecan pie, but they're also tasty in cookies and cakes and sprinkled atop vegetables. They're also a key ingredient in this recipe for "Praline-Pecan French Toast," courtesy of Southern Living magazine and the Southern Living Test Kitchen.

## Praline-Pecan French Toast

### Ingredients (Servings: 8-10)

- 1 16-ounce French bread loaf
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup

- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- 4 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup 2 percent reduced fat milk
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### Directions

- Cut 10 (1-inch-thick) slices of bread. Reserve remaining bread for another use.
- Stir together brown sugar and next two ingredients; pour into a lightly greased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with chopped pecans.
- Whisk together eggs and next four ingredients. Arrange bread slices over pecans; pour egg mixture over bread. Cover and chill 8 hours.
- Preheat oven to 350 F. Bake bread 35 to 37 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve immediately.



Debbie Hairston (Joe) of Warren, Ark. and son Doug Thornton of Sumpter, AR. Grandchildren Brian Hairston (Amber) of Monticello, Ark., Kimberly McCaughey (Kevin) of Sherwood, Ark., Alyx Nicholson (Justin) of Hattiesville, Ark., and Rane Thornton of Las Vegas, Nev. Great-grandchildren, Logan and Luke Hairston of Monticello, Ark., Jackson and Carson McCaughey of Sherwood, Ark. and Trace and Kylie Knox of Hattiesville, Ark. Sister Joyce Mann of Minden, La. and brother Hoyle Pope of Roysse City, Texas.

Memorials preferred to First Methodist Church; 111 W Church St. Warren, AR 71671 or Bradley County Historical Museum; P.O. Box 311 Warren, Ark. 71671. Funeral service was held 2

p.m. Monday, March 18, 2024 at First Methodist Church in Warren, Ark. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

## Susie Klines

Susie Klines, 73 of Monticello died March 10 in North Little Rock. Born June 11, 1950 in Monticello to the late Jasper and Susie Burns.

Survivors: children, Charles Skomp of Monticello and Steven Skomp of Monticello.

Memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Frazer's Funeral Home.

## Jimmy Rainey

Jimmy Rainey, 73, of Warren, died March 3, 2024. Born Janu-

ary 5, 1951, to Russell and Christine Rainey.

Survivors: Siblings – Eddie, Charles, Dewayne, Dwight, Michael, Patricia, Berlene, Mereline, Carolyn. Special nephew: Shannon. Uncle: JC. Aunts: Bessie, Sadie

Memorial service was held March 16. Arrangements: Hammons Funeral Home

## Billy Webb

Billy Webb, 64 of Warren died

March 9. Born July 25, 1959 to the late Joe Webb and Ernestine Ezell Thompson.

Survivors: sons, Kevin, Cody and BJ; daughter, Destiny; brothers, Kenneth and Matt; sisters, Linda, Sherry, Christine and Connie; five grandchildren.

Private burial in Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

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