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Warren, Arkansas, Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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### Hermitage experiences water leak and boil order

By JOANNA POOLE reporter@theeagledemocrat.com

The Hermitage City Council met for their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 21. Mayor Matt Cathey opened the meeting with the minutes from the previous month. A motion was made and accepted to approve the minutes for February. All were in favor. Next the council moved on to reports from city employees.

Police Chief Ben Poole presented his report first. For February, there was one citation for speeding, two citations for no proof of insurance, one citation for no vehicle license, one citation for driving on suspended license, two citations for running a stop sign, one citation for reckless driving, and one citation for fictitious. In total there were nine citations. A motion was made and acreport. All were in favor.

No fires were reported for the month.

Public Works Supervisor, Travis Stanley then presented his report to the council. The City of Hermitage experienced a water leak on Friday, March 15 which led to low water pressure and a boil order being put in place. On Saturday, March 16 the water leak was found and fixed near the Dollar General and was fixed. Stanley reported that the boil order was put in place due to the draining of a tank which could have made water unsafe for human consumption. Samples were sent off on Monday, March 18 to the Ar-

kansas Department of Health. The ADH determined that the samples were good. The boil cepted to approve the police order was lifted on Wednesday, March 20. A motion was made and accepted to approve the public works report. All were in favor.

> The animal control report was then presented. Two dogs were captured and put in the city dog pen.

> Cathey presented the Mayor's report to the council. He reported that the second annual Hermit Daze Festival will happen on May 18. The city is currently working on getting vendors and food trucks booked. There will be a pageant for the festival as well.

> A motion was made to adjourn and all were in favor. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 18.

#### **IT'S TRIPLETS**



Arkansas Game and Fish had a successful day checking on three five week old bear cubs. Mom is recovering well after giving birth and the cubs are healthy and thriving.

### Veterans Service Officer Anders honored in retirement ceremony

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Bradley County Veterans Museum staff and Bradley County Judge Klay McKinney hosted a retirement ceremony for Bradley County Veterans Service Officer Dorothy Anders and welcomed James "Jimmy" Williams as the new service officer on Friday, March 15, at the Bradley County Veterans Museum. Anders retired after over 20 years of service.

Williams, SFC Arkansas Army National Guard (Retired), was recently appointed by McKinney to replace Anders. Williams's service in the National Guard included duty as an administrative clerk, legal clerk, supply sergeant, training NCO, and recruiter. Later, he served in the Warren School District as a com-

puter engineering instructor at SEACBEC for 14 years. He also served as a Veterans Service Officer assisting veterans with Veterans Administration claims for the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs in Hope, Ark. for one and a half years. While there, he was responsible for supervising and training County Veterans Service Officers in the ten-county Southwest Arkansas area. Williams and his wife Teresa have a daughter named Kelli. Williams is available every Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. His office is located in the Bradley County Veterans Museum at 210 North Main Street, Warren, Ark. 71671. His office telephone number is 870-226-3888.



Photo courtesy of Ken Ferguson

Weaver named BCMC

**Employee of the Month** 

### **NEW BEGINNINGS CASA OPENS NEW FACILITY**



chelle Weaver for winning the Bradlev County Medical Cen-

er's nomination stated: "Dr. Weaver is a true rockstar for BCMC. She truly cares for our New Beginnings CASA drug rehabilitation center held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Warren on Monday, March 25 to celebrate the opening of their patients, and we are blessed new facility. Refreshments were served and everyone there had a chance to tour the new building. There will be 32 beds for women and 34 beds for to have her in our communimen. While the facility will not be open to the public, patients will be transported from the York Street location to the new building to ensure privacy. ty and as a part of the BCMC

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Congratulations to Dr. Mi-

ter's Employee of the Month award for March! Dr. Weavevery time."

Courtesy photo family. She consistently works

a high number of shifts in our emergency room and is always willing to pick up additional shifts to fill gaps in the schedule. Dr. Weaver is a true asset to BCMC and our community. She is definitely a huge part of what makes BCMC successful at our mission of providing superior care to every patient,

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### Passin' the Faith **Along**

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#### THREE DAYS LATER - EASTER SUNDAY

may shock you, so hold on to something! Here it is: It is easy to be saved - it is easy to bedifficult than it actually is. Salof mercy opened by God to allow you and me to enter heaven. It is a gift. I repeat that; Salvation is a gift.

When man sinned, God planned a way to restore that fellowship. Now, I grant you that the devising of that plan was monumental, it was grand, it was massive! But, the receiving of it is just as simple as taking a drink of water.

Now this opening statement His Son, Jesus Christ, to this world. The Son of God, becoming a man, Jesus came to this planet by way of Bethlehem's come a Christian. Sometimes manger. Here for thirty-three the church makes it much more years, He lived a perfect life. He was condemned to death on vation is simply the great door a cross. He gave His life there as the ultimate sacrifice, taking our place in the eternal death process. <u>His dead body was</u> placed in a tomb.

Three days later that body came forth alive.

Complicated? Yes, it is on God's part. For when a person is saved, he is redeemed. His sins are forgiven. His past is forgotten. He is made an heir of God. No longer is the wrath The plan of God was to send of God upon him. Yes, it is

complicated and big and wonderful, for God, that is. Not for me, or you, for us, it is simple.

A minister friend said it so graphically: "You may get saved by candlelight, but you can't get saved by candles. You may get saved with soft music playing, but the soft music won't have a thing to do with your getting saved. You may get saved in the baptistry, but the baptistry won't have a thing to do with your getting saved. When you get saved, you may cry, but crying won't have anything to do with your getting saved."

The way to get saved is to come to Jesus and trust Him by faith. It is the simple plan that God has made. God can save you right where you are, right now. It can't be any more simpler than that.

My favorite gospel song of all time, written by Charlotte Elliott is "just as I am without one plea. But that thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come!"

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27** 

#### 2024 Great American Cleanup

Re-New-ing Edinburg is participating in the 2024 Great American Cleanup in April to prepare for the New Edinburg All School Reunion which will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the New Edinburg Community Center on Saturday, April 27. Local residents are requested to pick up trash in their local areas and report the number of trash bags collected, the road, and number of miles picked up to Patricia McClellan at (901) 606-4162 (leave a message). A limited number of free t-shirts and trash bags are available upon request.

**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.

### Mainline Health Systems hires **Dent for Women's Clinic**

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Mainline Health Systems, Inc. is pleased to announce that Dr. Kristen Dent, FP/OB has joined the Mainline Health Women's Clinic team. She will offer prenatal and postnatal care for OB patients, primary care services for adults and children, women's health screenings, and so much more. Dr. Dent will deliver babies at Baptist Health-Drew County in Monticello, Ark.

"We're happy to have Dr. Kristen Dent, FP/OB join our women's health team," said Ashley Anthony, Mainline Health Systems, Inc. COO. "With the addition of Dr. Dent, Mainline Health will continue to improve maternal health outcomes throughout Southeast Arkansas."

Dent previously worked at the Bradley County Medical Center Rural Health Clinic in Warren from 2019 to 2023. During her time at Bradley County Medical Center Rural Health Clinic, she

saw a diverse population of adults and children. Dent has years of experience in Family Medicine, women's health, vaginal and cesarean deliveries, inpatient obstetrics, and inpatient newborn care.

Dent is a Mississippi native who earned a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences and psychology



from Louisiana State University in 2011 and graduated from medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center School

of Medicine in 2015. She is a member of the Arkansas Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians.

Dent has served patients of Southeast Arkansas since 2019 and is excited to bring her passion for Maternal-Child and Women's Health to the Mainline Women's

Since 1978, Mainline Health Systems has served the residents of Southeast Arkansas with a compassionate approach and a commitment to the highest standard of medical and dental care. From its first office in Portland all those vears ago, Mainline Health Systems has grown to 32 locations across Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, and Lincoln counties.

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### **LEGALS**

#### **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 2024 - 3**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BRADLEY, STATE OF ARKANSAS: "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023" SECTION 1. ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

The annual budget for calendar year 2023 identified as Ordinance #778, "2023 Annual Budget, Bradley County, Arkansas", dated November 21, 2022, are amended as set forth herein. A copy of said budget shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person during normal working hours.

SECTION 2. NON-RESTRICTED EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES.

Expenditures of funds appropriated by this Ordinance shall not be restricted to line-item expenditure codes compromising the four major categories of expenditures - Personal Services, Supplies, Other Services and Charges and Capital Outlays-but shall be restricted for personnel salaries and related employee benefits. Personnel expenditures shall not exceed the dollar amounts, number of employees, and salary or wage rates specified in the annual budget or an amendment hereto.

SECTION 3. TRANSFERS

Any transfers of monies between the various funds of the County or between the three major categories of expenditures-SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS-shall be made only at the discretion of the elected Official or Department Head and the County Judge. Provided, however, all transfers budgeted for in the annual budget shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

SECTION 4. MAXIMUM APPROPRIATED AMOUNTS.

#### APPROPRIATIONS

APPROPRIATIONS	
A. <u>GENERAL FUND-1000</u>	
CARRYOVER	\$ 673,713.78
REIMBURSEMENT-OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 19,314.32
TRANSFER FROM COUNTY ROAD	\$ 6,643.74
TRANSFER FROM ADM. OF JUSTICE	\$ 18,573.22
TRANSFER FROM DISTRICT COURT COST FUND	\$ 20,073.32
TRANSFER FROM CLASS IV-LANDFILL	\$ 206,761.96
TRANSFER FROM ASSESSOR'S FUND	
TRANSFER FROM COURT ROOM SECURITY GRANT	\$ 2,900.00 \$ 459.50
TRANSFER FROM EMERGENCY VEHICLE FUND	
TRANSFER FROM RECORDERS COST FUND	\$ 20,000.00
TRANSFER FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION	\$ 17,430.22
TRANSFER FROM JAIL & MAINT.	\$ 146,025.00
TRANSFER FROM CORONA RELIEF FUND	\$ 141,233.31
TRANSFER FROM LOCAL ASSIST& TRIBAL	\$ 45,744.49
TRANSFER FROM ARPA REPLACEMENT	\$ 6,629.49
TRANSFER FROM 10TH CIRCUIT COURT EXCESS FUND	\$ 18,466.77
TRANSFER FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	\$ 17,675.00
LOAN PROCEEDS	\$ 140,000.00
REIMBURSEMENT – SCHOOL RESCURCE OFFICER	\$ 58,333.45
REVENUE	\$2,119,915.95
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,685,268.11
2023 REVISED GENERAL BUDGET	\$2,768,899.12
UNAPPROPRIATED	\$ 916,368.99
B. <u>ROAD DEPARTMENT-2000</u>	
CARRYOVER AND INVENTORY	\$ 185,320.57
TRANSFER FROM ROAD SALES TAX	\$ 960,241.70
TRANSFER FROM ADD MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$ 118,653.52
REVENUES	\$1,633,316.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,897,532.29
2023 REVISED ROAD BUDGET	
	\$2,187,670.81
UNAPPROPRIATED	\$ 709,861.48
C. TREASURER'S AUTOMATION FUND – 3000	
CARRYOVER	\$ 21,000.00
REVENUE	\$ 12,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 33,500.00
2023 REVISED BUDGET	\$ 15,466.46
UNAPPROPRIATED	\$ 14,683.54
D. COLLECTOR'S AUTOMATION FUND-3001	. ,, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
CARRYOVER	\$ 50,587.11
REVENUE	\$ 27,664.71
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 78,251.82
2023 BUDGET	\$ 26,944.06
UNAPPROPRIATED	
	\$ 51,307.76
E. <u>COUNTY CLERK'S COST FUND-3005</u>	
CARRYOVER	\$ 9,196.24
REVENUE	\$ 2,328.57
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 11,524.81
2023 BUDGET	\$ 11,524.81
F. RECORDER'S COST FUND-3006	
CARRYOVER	\$ 17,505.02
TRANSFER FROM AUTOMATED RECORDS GRANT	\$ 64,836.92
REVENUE	\$ 47,403.81
TOTAL INCOME	
2023 BUDGET	\$ 84,619.57
TRANSFER TO COUNTY GENERAL	\$ 20,000.00
UNAPPROPRIATED	\$ 64,619.57
G. <u>LIBRARY FUND-3008</u>	
CASH CARRYOVER	\$ 77,439.29

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### Willoughby Cemetery

### **NOTICE OF CEMETERY DUES - \$20 PER LOT**

You may send payment to the following: Johnnie McClain, 172 Bradley 16, Warren, AR 71671 or Sherry White, 1419 W Pine, Warren, AR 71671. You may also pay at Warren Bank & Trust. Just let them know it is for Willoughby Cemetery Dues and if you know your lot number that would be helpful along with an updated address and/or phone number.

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	REVENUE
	TOTAL INCOME
	2023 BUDGET
	UNAPPROPRIATED H. SOLID WASTE-3009
	H. <u>SOLID WASTE-3009</u> CARRYOVER
	TRANSFER FROM CLASS IV LANDFILL
	TRANSFER FROM CO. ROAD SALES TAX
	PROJECTED REVENUES TOTAL INCOME
	2023 BUDGET
	UNAPPROPRIATED
	I. <u>CHILD SUPPORT COST FUND-3012</u> PROJECTED REVENUE
	2023 BUDGET
	UNAPPROPRIATED
	J. <u>EMERGENCY 911 FUND-3020</u>
	CARRYOVER 911 FEES
	CMRS/911
	SMART911 FUNDING
	REVENUE TOTAL INCOME
	2023 BUDGET
	UNAPPROPRIATED
	K. JUVENILE PROBATION FUND-3031
	CARRYOVER INCOME
	TOTAL INCOME
	2023 BUDGET
	UNAPPROPRIATED L. HOSPITAL FUND-3404
	CARRYOVER
	REVENUE
	TOTAL INCOME 2022 BUDGET
	UNAPPROPRIATED
	M. <u>SHERIFF'S DRUG BUY FUND-3407</u>
	CARRYOVER
	2023 BUDGET UNAPPROPRIATED
	N. <u>DISTRICT COURT COST FUND-3408</u>
	CARRYOVER
	DISTRICT COURT TOTAL
	2023 BUDGET
	O. <u>COUNTY LANDFILL-1805</u>
	CLASS IV PROJECTED REVENUE CARRYOVER
	TOTAL REVENUE
	2023 TRANSFERS OUT
	UNAPPROPRIATED P. JAIL MAINTENANCE-3017
	CASH CARRYOVER
	INCOME
	TOTAL INCOME
	2023 TRANSFER OUT UNAPPROPRIATED
	Q. <u>COUNTY ROAD SALES TAX-2010</u>
	TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME
	2022 BUDGET TOTAL R. ACT 833-6016
	PROJECTED INCOME
	2023 DISTRIBUTION TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS
	S. EMERGENCY VEHICLE FUND-3022 TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME
	2023 BUDGET
	T. <u>HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE-3410</u>
	TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME
	2023 BUDGET U. ASSESSOR'S AMENDMENT 79 FUND-3004
	TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME
	2023 BUDGET
	V. <u>COLLECTORS 4% COMMISSION-1801</u> TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE
	TRANSFER TO COLLECTOR'S UNAPPORTIONED

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W. CIRCUIT COURT AUTOMATION-3002		
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE	\$	5,024.88
TRANSFER TO COUNTY GENERAL	\$	5,024,68
X. CIRCUIT COURT COMMISSION FEE FUND-3039	т	3,1,
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE	\$	842.47
TRANSFER TO COUNTY GENERAL	\$	842.47
Y. BOATING SAFETY FUND	т	- 11/
TOTAL INCOME	\$	2,210.41
TRANSER TO COUNTY GENERAL	\$	2,210.41
Z. SEARCH AND RESCUE	Ψ	_,
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE	\$	3,464.89
TRANSFER TO COUNTY GENERAL	\$	3,464.89
AA. ASSESSOR'S LATE ASSESSMENT FEE FUND	Ψ	3,404.09
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE	\$	2,701.79
TRANSFER TO COUNTY GENERAL	\$	2,701.79
AB HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT	Ψ	2,/01./9
INCOME	\$	40,000.00
DISTRIBUTION	φ \$	40,000.00
AC. ADDITION MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND	φ	40,000.00
INCOME	ф	06=010-10
	\$	267,913.49
TRANSFER TO COUNTY ROAD FUND	\$	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	, , , ,
UNAPPROPRIATED	\$	149,259.97
AD. <u>CORONA RELIEF FUND</u>		
TRANSFER TO COUNTY GENERAL	\$	
TOTAL	\$	141,233.31
AE. <u>COURT ROOM SECURITY GRANT</u>	\$	459.50
TRANSFER TO COUNTY GENERAL	\$	459.50
AF. <u>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN</u>		
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	1,829,534.69
INCOME	\$	192,702.62
TOTAL INCOME	\$	2,022,237.31
BUDGET	\$	182,340.15
UNAPROPRIATED	\$	1,839,897.16
AG. <u>ARPA REPLACEMENT REVENUE FUND</u>		
INCOME	\$	131,335.54
BUDGET	\$	131,335.54
AH. AUTOMATED RECORDS GRANT FUND		0 7000 0 1
INCOME	\$	66,000.00
TRANSFER TO RECORDERS COST FUND	\$	66,000.00
AJ. 10TH CIRCUIT COURT EXCESS FUNDS	Ψ	00,000.00
INCOME	\$	18,466.77
TRANSFER TO COUNTY GENERAL	\$	18,466.77
AK. NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT	Ψ	10,400.//
Income	ф	189,809.75
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AL. LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND	Ф	109,009./5
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INCOME	\$	142,510.66
TRANSFER TO ARAP	\$	46,766.17
TRANSFER TO COUNTY GENERAL	\$	45,744.49
UNAPPROAPRIATED	\$	50,000.00
AM. LOAN PROCEEDS (CD)		
INCOME	\$	140,000.00
ΓΙΟΝ 5. SEVERABILITY		

invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. DATE OF PASSAGE: MARCH 18, 2024 DATE OF APPROVAL: MARCH 18, 2024.

**APPROVED:** /s/ Klay McKinney Klay McKinney **Bradley County Judge** 

ATTEST: /s/ Karen Belin Karen Belin **Bradley County Clerk** 

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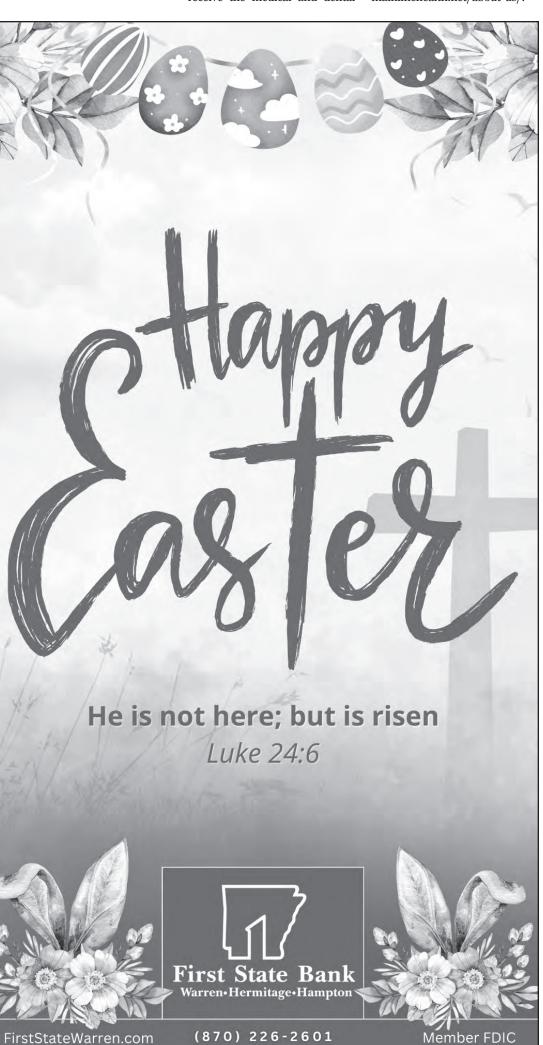
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# **Editorial**

### Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw Ark. State Representative



Colorectal cancer stands as one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths in the United States. However, the stark reality is that it doesn't have to be. The month of March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

In 2021, our General Assembly took a significant step forward in the fight against colorectal cancer by passing Act 779. This legislation lowered the age range for covered colorectal cancer preventive screenings from 50 to 45 and above. Additionally, it mandates health insurance companies cover any follow-up examinations or lab tests related to colorectal cancer screening. This means that accessing these life-saving screenings is more accessible and affordable than ever before.

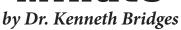
Colorectal cancer screening has consistently proven to save lives. Detecting this cancer early significantly increases the chances of successful treatment. Studies show that about nine out of every 10 people whose colorectal cancers are found early and treated appropriately are still alive five years later.

Here in Arkansas, colon cancer is the fourth most common form of cancer. Equally concerning, it ranks as the fourth deadliest form of cancer in our state. These statistics underscore the urgency of early detection and preventive measures.

The most effective way to reduce your risk of colorectal cancer is by undergoing regular colorectal cancer screening tests, starting

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### Arkansas History Minute





Science is about inquiry. Observation is the tool used to find out answers, from the stars above to the rocks under our feet. And one prominent scientist, David Owen, helped Arkansas understand its own geology as the first state geologist in 1857.

David Dale Owen was born in Scotland in 1807, the fourth of eight children. Growing up, he was mostly taught by private tutors. His father, Robert Owen, was a wealthy textile manufacturer, social reformer, and noted philanthropist. His reputation grew when he gave his mill in Scotland to his workers, letting them manage the mill and divide its profits among themselves. Impressed by the results, Owen set up other worker-owned mills across Scotland and eventually into the United States.

In the late 1820s, Owen's father took the family on a journey to the United States to set up another employee-owned mill at New Harmony, Indiana. He arrived with his family in New York City in January 1828. At that time, there were no laws restricting immigration into the United States. Citizenship simply required a residency of five years. Any man could step off the boat and immediately become one of the most successful people in their field in the young nation. And within a few years, the Scottish immigrant would become one of the most important scientific minds in the country.

He returned to London in 1831, studying chemistry and geology at the University of London before returning to the United States. Beginning in 1835, he spent two more years at Ohio Medical College, earning a medical degree but never practicing medicine. He began working as a geologist in Indiana in 1837, carefully studying the rock formations and compositions of structures in the area. His skills soon gained the attention of the state government.

He was appointed the first state geologist of Indiana in 1837, given a salary of \$1500 per year plus expenses. Owen understood that he had a special responsibility to the public as well. While he was fascinated with his own discoveries, he tried to educate the public on the geologic formations of their states and regions and invited the public to ask questions about the science. He also encouraged the public to submit samples to his lab in Indiana if they had any questions about any minerals, ores, or stones they might find. This approach helped him tremendously. Legislators were about to stop

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Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

Arkansans who own a home or a business are becoming more aware that the cost of insurance coverage is going up significant-

Legislators are looking for ways to bring the cost down again.

At a recent meeting of the Joint Senate and House Committees on Insurance and Commerce, industry representatives outlined the various factors causing the increase in rates. Legislators appeared less interested in casting blame and more interested in finding solutions.

Severe weather events are a factor. For example, a strong tornado last March devastated the city of Wynne and parts of Cross County, killing four people and destroying Wynne High school

before moving into Tennessee.

Insurance companies have paid more than \$489 million in claims caused just by the storm that hit Wynne on March 31, 2023, the state Insurance Commissioner told lawmakers. An insurance company based in Arkansas and two companies from other states went into receivership, in large part because of the financial impact of that storm, he said.

Two other companies have stopped selling property insurance in Arkansas because "weather patterns are presenting more risk than they are willing to insure," he told the committee. Insurance companies protect themselves by purchasing re-insurance, but the cost of re-insurance is increasing because of storm-related risks.

An industry representative agreed that tornadoes and damaging winds are a factor. However, "what keeps us up at night are the hail storms," he said.

Other speakers echoed those concerns. "Hail is an issue in Arkansas - big, large, destructive hail," an Insurance Department official said.

Homes and motor vehicles are more expensive than ever, so inflation and greater construction costs are as important as severe weather in driving up insurance premiums, industry spokesmen told the committee. For the past two years insurance companies in Arkansas paid more in claims than they collected in premiums, the commissioner said.

Lawmakers and regulators cannot control the weather but they can approve policy changes that will soften the impact of higher prices. For example, the Insurance Department now allows companies to offer policies that have a separate deductible for wind and hail damage.

Last year the legislature approved Act 471 to protect consumers whose deductibles are based on a percentage of their property's insured value. It requires insurance companies to notify customers of the monetary amount of the deductible.

An Arkansas banker told the committee that homeowners are getting surprised that a new roof costs them \$10,000 to \$12,000 out of pocket, even with insurance. They often need a loan because they don't have that amount, he said.

Other states offer consumers tax credits and grants to help pay for improvements that make houses stronger and safer. Examples are sturdy shingles that can withstand hail, and braces that hold rafters more tightly to prevent wind from lifting the roof.

Stricter building codes can require new homes to include those improvements, but they can also be encouraged by the open mar-

Legislators were told about a program in Alabama, where the insurance industry provides grants to homeowners who install features making their houses stronger. Oklahoma and Kentucky are implementing similar programs.

Over the long term, the grants hold down rates because insurance companies don't have to pay as many claims for damage to those homes.

### JOHN BOOZMAN

Arkansas has a long and proud history of service to our country, including generations who have worn our nation's uniform, steadfast community support for our Armed Forces and significant contributions to U.S. national security. I'm proud to continue that commitment at the federal level and champion investment to expand our state's role in protecting America, our allies and interests well into the

The Arkansas congressional delegation, along with state and local leaders, helped secure a mission that will make Ebbing Air National Guard Base in Fort Smith the premier pilot training center in the United States. Congress recently approved funds to enhance the base infrastructure to support the new mission and deliver on-time training for our

Just as important, we're investing in our defense industrial base to increase production of all munitions so we can meet today's demands while developing a stockpile to deter or win conflicts in the years to come. Camden, located in south Arkansas, is stepping up to help achieve this goal.

Bunkers created nearly 80 years ago for military testing and munitions storage serve as an ideal location for modern defense manufacturing that is replenishing our country's arsenal. The area has established itself as a top defense production site and garnered the attention of state leaders as well as officials at the Pentagon.

Its importance to our defense industrial base brought General C.Q. Brown, Jr., Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to Camden in March to advocate for congressional support of efforts to supply our allies with critical munitions, ensure adequate capacity and refill our own stockpiles.

I was proud to welcome him to Arkansas and showcase the unique capabilities available

it worth even further investment. Gen. Brown benefited from a firsthand look at operations at Lockheed Martin, which is producing the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System and the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System. These critical munitions are needed by our partners including the Ukrainians who are using these weapons systems to defend their country.

The area's strategic importance continues to rise. In February, I joined Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Congressman Bruce Westerman and other local leaders to celebrate the groundbreaking of the R2S facility that will produce missile systems to be used by the Marine Corps and American allies. This operation is investing \$63 million to the community and creating as many as 60 jobs.

This growth is why it is vital to enrich the quality of life so recruiting and retaining the workforce needed to support the industry is not an obstacle but a ment Camden as the heartbeat feature that makes it a more de-

sirable place to live and work.

I'm proud to serve on key committees that can help strengthen Camden's position. The latest example of that focus is the work we did to secure investments for wastewater system improvements in government funding legislation.

We've long known the opportunities in the area make it ripe for job growth and development. That's why my staff and I have been engaged with local and state leaders and defense company officials about how to ensure Arkansans are trained in the skills these employers need, enhance transportation, expand access to child care and improve infrastructure.

Last month we hosted our latest roundtable discussion to bring stakeholders together and identify what other progress is underway or on the horizon. This concerted approach will continue as we further build out the community's role and cefor the arsenal of democracy.

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BEGINNING BALANCE		\$	650,640.15
REVENUE Fines and Forfeitures		\$	53,460.88
Franchise Fees		\$	428,765.69
Grant Income		\$	41,816.13
Other Revenue Permits & Fees		\$ \$	921,595.51 61,316.58
State Revenues		\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	73,700.00
Tax Revenues		\$	250,808.98
Transfers In <b>Total Revenue</b>		<u>\$</u>	2,409,734.31 <b>4,241,198.08</b>
Total Funds Available		\$	4,891,838.23
EXPENSES			
Benefits Expense		\$	20,308.95
Capital Outlay		\$ \$	122,113.39
Capital Purchase Expense Insurance Expense		\$ ¢	72,278.36
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Professional Services Expense		\$	64,621.29
Rent / Lease Expense Repair / Maintenance Expense		\$	70,009.98
Salaries & Payroll Expenses		ֆ \$	327,354.19 2,337,673.69
Supplies Expense		\$	52,585.10
Transfers Out		\$	111,407.24
Utilities Expense <b>Total Expenses</b>		\$ \$	105,437.50 4,319,080.12
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Tax Revenues		\$	75,309.67
Transfers In		\$	0.00
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Other Expense		\$	225,221.11
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Notice is hereby given that Union Bank & Trust Co., Monticello, Arkansas made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a new branch to be located at 404 N Main Street, Warren, Arkansas.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the reginal director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office 600 N Pearl St, Ste 700, Dallas, TX 75201, not later than April 15th, 2024. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the file will be made available upon request. Union Bank & Trust Co.

Dave Dickson, President & CEO

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You are invited to South Arkansas Pet Cremations' grand opening and ribbon cutting. The event will take place at 11:00 on Thursday, April 4 at 1336 W Central St., Warren, AR. Refreshments will be provided.

### BCMC issues urgent call for blood donations at upcoming LifeShare blood drive March 29

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Bradley County Medical Center is issuing an urgent appeal to the community for blood donations in its upcoming LifeShare Blood Drive scheduled for Friday, March 29 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. The blood drive will take place in the BCMC Rural Health Clinic parking lot, located across the street from the ER entrance at the hospital.

Blood donations are down across the country as it's hit a 20-year low so if you can donate, please swing by and give blood on March 29. Potential donors can reserve a time slot online through the donor portal on www.lifeshare.org. You do not have to make an appointment as walk-ins are encouraged. Together, the Warren community can ensure that local hospitals have the necessary resources to provide quality healthcare when it matters most.

Every two seconds, someone somewhere needs blood. One of every seven people who enter the hospital will need blood. That person could be you, your loved one, friend, or co-worker. With all the wonderful advances in modern medicine, there still is no substitute for human blood. The blood that helps patients comes only from caring people who volunteer to help others by donating their life-saving blood.

Every year, countless lives are saved through the generosity of blood donors, and Bradley County Medical Center is calling upon the community to join forces for this life-saving cause. The event aims to bolster blood supplies during a crucial time, ensuring that hospitals and medical facilities in our region have an ample and steady blood inventory.

LifeShare Blood Center, established in Shreveport, La., in 1942, regularly supplies blood components and related services to more than 100 medical facilities and hospitals throughout Louisiana, East Texas and South Arkansas. LifeShare is a member of America's Blood Centers and the American Rare Donor Program, is licensed by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration, and accredited by AABB. Life-Share Blood Center is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit community blood bank governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees.

For the latest news and updates regarding BCMC please like the Bradley County Medical Center Facebook page, follow us on Instagram (BCMCWarren), or X, formerly Twitter, (@BCMC Warren). To keep up with the most recent news and updates for the BCMC Rural Health Clinic, please like the BCMC Rural Health Clinic page on Facebook.

### HISTORY

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funding for his survey in 1837 when they invited him to speak to the legislature about geology and his findings. His findings riveted the audience, saving the program. He was re-appointed state geologist for another year.

Geological studies reveal what ores can be dug out of the rocks. Whether it is gold, silver, iron, coal, oil, diamonds, granite for construction, or nothing useful at all, the geology can determine the course of a region's future economy. In South Arkansas, for example, oil was known to be in the area decades before its discovery simply because of the geologic patterns in the area. An area's geology can even say what kind of buildings can be built. The locations and construction of canals, highways, and bridges also depend on geology. The land's geography in so many ways is so often its people's destiny.

Congress in 1839 called for hiring a geologist to survey the mineral content of the Upper Mississippi River Valley. Owen was hired, and he assembled a team of geologists who surveyed more than 11,000 square miles in two months in what became the states of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. His brothers Richard and Robert often assisted him on these more extensive surveys.

By 1846, he teamed up with Robert Mills to help design what became the noted Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. In 1854, he became the state geologist of Kentucky, the first ever appointed to the position.

He arrived in Arkansas in 1857, already widely admired

by scientists across the nation. Gov. Elias N. Conway, anxious to discover what the geology of Arkansas held, was eager to put his expertise to work. Owen became the first state geologist of Arkansas and quickly undertook a thorough survey of the state. Owen eventually established a geology lab in Little Rock similar to his lab in Indiana, which became an important resource for later geologists. He published two major reports on the geology of Arkansas, the first in 1858 discussing the northern half of the state and the second in 1860 describing the middle and lower counties. He returned to Indiana in 1859 with his term as state geologist complete.

Owen died exhausted at his home in Indiana in 1860 at the age of 53. His work helped

communities and governments understand the potential in the geology around them for entire states and regions. And it inspired further surveys in other states the eventual establishment of the U. S Geological Survey, which studies everything from ore deposits to earthquakes to volcanoes. These surveys ultimately meant billions of dollars in economic activity to these states. The Geological Survey of Arkansas was briefly revived from 1887 to 1893 as politicians and industry leaders nurtured a renewed interest in mining and industry in the state. It was revived once again in 1923, eventually becoming the agency serving

### Warren School District **Job Opening**

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

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# FEATURES FROM THE BIBL

Samson and Delilah

Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah. The Philistines convinced Delilah to lure Samson into giving her the secret to his great strength so that they could subdue him.

First Samson told Deliliah that if he was tied down with seven bowstrings that he would become as weak as any other man.

She tried that, but he broke the bowstrings.

Next Samson told Deliliah that if he was tied with new rope he would become weak. That too

Samson then told Deliliah that if she would weave the seven braids of his head into the fabric on the loom that he would become weak.

That also was a lie.

Deliliah persisted in finding out the secret to Samson's strength.

Finally he told her that his hair had never been cut because he was a Nazirite set apart by God since birth. If his hair was cut, he would lose his strength.

While Samson slept, a Philistine came and shaved his head and he was weak. Samson was subdued and his eyes were gouged out. lustrations by Eric Borchert copyright ©2006 Rowlett Advertising Service, Inc. Rowlettadvertising@v

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**Obituaries** 

#### **Betty A. Doss**

Betty A. Doss born April 3, 1932 in Warren, to the late Lester Cruce and Esther Singer Cruce died on March 19, 2024 in Monticello.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Warren. She was a graduate of Warren High School and attended college at Monticello A&M now University of Arkansas of Monticello. She married Bill Doss in 1951 and retired from Potlatch Corp in 1991.

Preceded in death by husband, Bill Doss; son, Rusty Doss and sister, Billie Seligman.

She is survived by one son, Scott Doss of Little Rock, and a host of extended family.

Graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2024 with Rev. Dixon Platt and Rev. Wayman Mann officiating at Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. Active pallbearers were Jared Smith, Billy Smith, Craig Mann, and Randy Hollis and honorary pallbearers were Charles Cruce, Rayburn Taylor, and Raymond Quimby.

(Paid obituary)

#### **Ada Castleberry Berry**

Ada Castleberry Berry, age 84, of Cabot, died March 17, 2024. Born November 7, 1939 to the late Clyde Castleberry and Mae (Wright) Castleberry.

Graveside was Friday, March 22, 2024 at 10 a.m. at Hickory Springs Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

#### **Mary Amanda Gladden**

Mary Amanda Gladden died March 21, 2024. Born May 15, 1970 to the late Jamie and Mary Helen Raper.

Survivors: daughter, Mary Faith Owens; grandchildren, Alexxis Starr, Ja'Kobi and Liam Khai; brother, Matt Raper (Carrie); cousin Lacy Humphreys.

Graveside was 2 p.m. March 23, at Garrison Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

#### **Earnestine Harden**

Earnestine Harden, 78, of Warren, died March 13, 2024. Born March 7, 1946, to Quinnie and Gladys Gannaway.

Survivors: Husband, Fred; daughter, Francine; grandson, Tristan; stepson, Henry; nephew, Van; siblings, Grady, Earnestine, Betty, Glenda, Nettie.

Funeral service was March 23, St. James AME, Warren. Hammons Funeral Home

#### **Palmer James**

Palmer "Alvin" James, 77 of Monticello, died March 22, 2024. Born December 11, 1946 to the late Blackwell James and Audrey Haynes James.

Survivors: wife, Irma Lasiter James; children, Shawn James Harrison, Cody Alvin James.

Funeral was March 26 at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial- Union Ridge Cemetery by Frazer's.

#### **Geraldine Kimberll Mann**

Geraldine Kimbrell Mann, 83 of New Edinburg died March 22, 2024. Born May 21, 1940 to the late Desley and Amy Mills Kim-

Survivors: children, Eulas "Bronco" Seymore, Ronald Thompson, Sharon Wagnon, and Christine Thompson.

Funeral was March 26 at Frazer's. Burial Union Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

### Annual Easter egg hunt held by Chamber of Commerce

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The Bradley County Chamber of Commerce held its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 16. Events included the egg hunt, a contest for the largest amount of eggs found, and best decorated Easter basket. There were free hot dogs, a bouncy house, and toe sack races. Nancy Arnold coordinated the event. Winners from the Annual Easter egg hunt were Masyn Milton, Isabella Hunter, Camilla Torres, Luna Torres, Victoria Xharicata, Gael Vega, Caleb Torres, Jason Cathey, Lakin Green, and Brianna Nowlin. Cassondra Jones won the large egg filled with 220 Tootsie Rolls by guessing that there were 222 pieces of candy in the egg making her guess the closest.

Arnold and the Chamber would like to thank the following volunteers: Representative Jeff Wardlaw and spouse, Missy for providing hot dogs,

chips, and water for the event; Hitasha Morgan, Lueivah Davis, Diana Jacobo Figueroa, and Greco Figueroa with First Presbyterian Church Childcare Center for providing the face painting; Emily Harton, Yamel Covarrubias, Griselda Herrera, Malayia Carroll, Gabriel Slaughter, William Wells, Jennifer Carpenter, Angie Cortes, Everlyn Torres, Allison Torres, Gabriella Loomis, Natasha Nunez, Angie Mondragon, and Caroline Harton for volunteering to assist with the event. Easter Bunnies Pam Thompson and Colleen Watkins. Community volunteers Brandon Goldsmith, Terri Grimes, and Jo Ellen Callaway. Chamber members James Wells, Dana Harvey, Randall Raney, and Maribeth Frazer. A special thanks to Chris Ahrens for the rental and setup of the Bouncy House, as well as everyone who brought their children/grandchildren to this special event!



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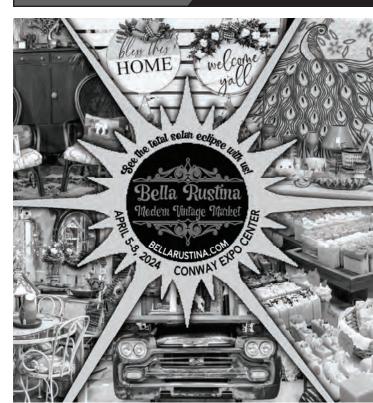




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Hometown hero: Kay Robinson

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If you ask anyone that isn't from the south what they know about the south, you'll probably get the answer that southerners are sweet and know how to cook. This month's Hometown Hero, proves that to be true. As I was talking to a few different people, the one name that I kept hearing was Kay Robinson.

Kay Robinson is a name that is well known in Bradley County. While she was born and raised here, she and her husband Harold moved away and were gone for 20 years. While they were living in Pine Bluff, Harold took a job back in Bradley County to open a senior care facility. Kay decided that she would stay in Pine Bluff with their two children until February of the next year. However, Kay decided to apply for a job at the same senior care facility where Harold worked when an opening became available. She went for an interview and had the job the same day. On Christmas Day, Kay and the boys moved back to Bradley County for good to be with Harold. That was in 1995.

Together, Kay and Harold had two boys, Drew and Daniel. Both boys are married and have families of their own. Drew and his wife Britni have two children named Myken and Meelah. Daniel and his wife Ashley have two children as well. Their names are Kinsley and Mattie. When asked how many grandchildren she ready. has, a very large smile spread across Kay's face.

"I have four," Robinson proudly said. "Those grandchildren are something else."

I could tell by that statement alone that she adores her grandchildren. We went on to talk about the things that they've been doing and the achievements they've made. Every word was spoken with a proud smile.

When asking those that know Robinson to tell me about her, there was one thing that every person talked about. Robinson loves to cook. I asked her why she loves to cook so much and she said it was due in part to her upbringing. Robinson is the second of four children. She has an older brother, Kerry, and two younger sisters, Patsy and Martha Ann. When they were all young, their mother decided to go back to work because their father had been sick. Much of the responsibility of getting clothes and lunches ready on school mornings, and helping out with meals in the evenings fell to Robinson.

"I helped Momma out so much in the evenings and I loved to cook," Robinson said.

Robinson doesn't only cook for family. Every Tuesday, she makes the meal for the weekly Rotary lunch meeting held in Warren. Tuesday is also the day that she picks up her granddaughter, Mattie from preschool and together, they get the meal

Robinson is the hostess at her church which is First Baptist. If there is a special Sunday or someone has lost a loved one, Robinson will put a meal together and make sure that everything is taken care of. Currently, she is working on a menu and coordinating with other churches in the community for the upcoming Holy Week. If there is an online food auction, Robinson loves to donate casseroles and cakes.

When her son Drew and daughter-in-law had their daughter Meelah, they asked Robinson if she would be willing to keep Meelah during the week.

"I didn't even have to think about it," Robinson said. "That's what I had been waiting for."

I could tell that she truly meant it because as she answered my question, she had a smile on her face and tears in her eyes. During that time Harold, Kay's husband was battling Parkinson's Disease. Kay said that when Meelah started walking, she would walk down the hallway and simply say the word papaw and Harold would get up if he wasn't up already.

When their boys were small, Kay and Harold, along with friend Dennis Young, decided to sign for a loan from First State Bank so they could bring one of the baseball fields back to life. They started up the Babe Ruth Baseball league which had previously died out. The replaced the fencing and lighting and added



new dugouts. They also built a concession stand where they served foods like Frito chili pies and polish sausages. Robinson even continued to work with the league after her boys were too old to play.

"I laughed and told them when I die, they could just bury me at centerfield because that's when I it," Robinson added.

lived anyway," Robinson said. She also said it was her goal to keep kids off of the street and give them something to do. At the time, there were four differ-

ent teams playing in the league. "I can't tell you how many kids I picked up and took home and I don't regret a single minute of

I'm sure somewhere those kids remember being picked up by Robinson and they are thankful for the time they got to play baseball.

Kay Robinson was a pleasure to talk to and I'm sure that many more cakes and casseroles will be baked for years to come.



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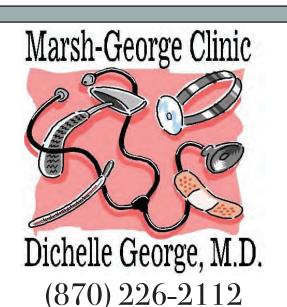




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