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## Harvey presents updates on empty lot

By JOANNA POOLE  
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The Bradley County Quorum Court and County Judge Klay McKinney met on Monday, April 15, to discuss various issues. The court was opened with minutes from the previous meeting and a motion was made to accept the minutes. All were in favor. The treasure's report was presented to the court. A motion was made to accept, and all were in favor. Next, the court voted to approve the sheriff's report.

Dana Harvey then updated the court on the status of the empty lot on Cedar Street. Glen Lockeby and Ken King from Lockeby and Associates came and met with Harvey and the students from Warren High School's EAST lab. Together, they went over the results from the survey that EAST lab had posted on Facebook. The students showed Lockeby and King the drawings that had been rendered by EAST lab. It was then agreed by everyone in the group that King and Lockeby would create two initial layouts for the

project. On April 23, there will be another meeting with Lockeby and Associates and they will present two drawings to the community for consideration. Harvey also told the court that some of the original bricks from the previous building will be incorporated into the new structure. There will be a meeting at 11 a.m. on May 23 at the train depot in Warren to talk about the project.

"Our EAST lab kids are a good bunch of kids, and they are going to do well," McKinney told the court. "They have been re-

ally involved and we appreciate it."

McKinney then spoke to the court about the recent trip that he and Sheriff Herschel Tillman took to talk to a company that manufactures buildings used for jails. They were also able to tour a facility that the company built. McKinney said that they were very impressed with the buildings they saw.

"They can produce more jail space per dollar than I've ever seen," McKinney said.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 20.



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## BCMC Rural Health Clinic to begin behavioral health services with Tiffany Wargo

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Bradley County Medical Center (BCMC) Rural Health Clinic is excited to announce new behavioral health services with Tiffany Wargo, who is a dual certified Adult Gerontology Primary Care (AGPCNP-BC) and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC), beginning on May 13, 2024. Appointments can be scheduled now by calling 870-226-8636.

Tiffany's specialties include anxiety, attention-deficit/hy-



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peractivity disorder (ADHD), autism, bipolar disorder, depression, and medication management. The BCMC Rural

Health Clinic is delighted to offer these integrated behavioral health services within the primary care setting to benefit the community.

Collaborating closely with patients, Tiffany develops tailored care plans founded on trust, mutual respect, and transparent communication with both patients and fellow medical professionals. As an experienced nurse with 25 years of hands-on experience, Tiffany is committed to delivering top-notch, empathetic, and comprehensive mental health

care across diverse age groups and capabilities. Drawing on her intuition, keen observation, and clinical knowledge, she ensures that each patient receives the most pertinent and evidence-based treatment.

Tiffany's educational journey includes earning her Practical Nursing degree from the UAM College of Technology (formerly Forest Echoes Technical College) and her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Fayetteville State University. She furthered her education by obtaining an

Associate of Applied Science in Registered Nursing from SouthArk, followed by a Master of Science in Nursing and a Post-Master's Certificate from Walden University.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Tiffany finds joy in activities such as cooking, trout fishing, cheering on the Atlanta Braves, reading, and exploring new destinations with her family, which includes her husband of 27 years, Mark, and two sons. Having been rooted in southeast Arkansas for the past two decades, she eager-

ly anticipates extending her high-quality and compassionate behavioral health services to Warren and its neighboring communities.

For the latest news and updates regarding BCMC please like the Bradley County Medical Center Facebook page or follow us on Instagram (BCMCWarren) or X, formerly Twitter (@BCMCWarren). 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.

## Pope and Milton pitch winning games



Photos by Robert Camp

Lady Jacks defeat Crossett in seven innings at home with the final score of 5-2. Freshman Raeligh Milton pitched all seven innings and recorded the win. Milton has helped lead a young Warren team to a 9-5 overall record. They are 5-5 in conference play and currently in fourth place in the conference. Milton has pitched 80.2 innings and has an ERA of 4.086, striking out 32 batters.

Lumberjacks take on Crossett in the battle to stay atop the eight 4A conference standings. Kolby Pope pitched four 2/3 innings and recorded the win with a score of 10-3. Pope, who is a junior, has pitched 40.2 innings with an ERA of 3.56. He has allowed 41 hits, 21 walks, and struck out 55. In addition, offensively Pope currently has a .380 batting average, acquiring 27 hits, and 15 Walks, with only 5 strikeouts.



## FARMER'S DAUGHTERS TRADE DAYS TAKES PLACE



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Vendors gathered on Friday, April 12 to hold the Farmer's Daughters Trade Days. They were able to set up booths to showcase the items that they sell. The products ranged from things like handmade chocolate, blankets, and pillows to household items like RADA cutlery and Tupperware. Bradley County Medical Center also had a table set ready to answer questions about its rural health clinic.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANTS TO BETTER LOCAL BUSINESSES



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The Warren Chamber of Commerce met on Monday, April 15 to discuss topics like Market on Main and local business storefronts. They discussed having a contest to create an opportunity for local businesses to decorate for spring and win prizes. Judging will take place on May 15. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce.

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## Passin' the Faith Along

By REV. JIM BALES  
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### FINISH THE JOB!

"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary" (Galatians 6:9, NASV).

It's easier to start than to continue. Simpler by far to start a project than to finish it. Virtually everyone goes to kindergarten; few get earned degrees. There have been millions of cub scouts; not many eagle scouts. Millions have started diets; not too many have stayed with them. Many have taken enough Spanish to be able to say, "Buenos Dias;" relatively few become gifted in a foreign language.

My Biblical human hero has always been the apostle Paul. There seemed to be a trail of blood and tears that followed him everywhere he went. This man of kind heart and brilliant mind bought the gospel to huge parts

of Asia Minor and into Europe.

Many times he felt the bite of the whip as his detractors beat him mercilessly. He spent innumerable sleepless nights in rat-infested prisons, his stomach churning from the unspeakable swill that had been given him as food. Often even his friends turned their backs on him.

On at least four occasions that we know of, his boat excursions to the mission field ended with broken sails and shattered vessels - shipwrecked on the high seas. Yet none of these things moved him; none of these setbacks knocked him off his spiritual feet. He always climbed off the canvas, ready for another grueling round.

You cannot read Paul's life carefully without concluding that the apostle must have often grown terribly dis-

couraged. Do you really think Paul never hurt? Wished he had never started? Paul was a human being. I am convinced there were times Paul thought he would not last out the day. But never once did he turn back. Never one time did he relinquish God's call upon his life!

Some of today's exponents of easy faith and cheap grace would have you believe that you can shoo away all the demons of hell with a simple word or gesture. I don't believe that for a moment. My Lord said that in this world a person who does God's will - will encounter tribulation.

There will be times when arrows pierce your soul. When thunderous clouds of dismal rain will fall on your parade. When your spirit will groan within you. When the pain will be almost more than you can bear. And it is that time that you need the sure words of the apostle, who faced the same tormentor you face: "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary."

Discouraged pilgrim, hang in there! Lonely as you are, the truth is that you are not alone!

Weary parent, distressed at the shenanigans and attitudes of your children, be not weary in well doing. For in due time, you shall reap if you do not grow weary!

Tired, discouraged pastor, remember who sent you to that parish in the first place. It was the call of God! There is no such thing as a "burned-over field." Just tired preachers. Weary administrators.

But God has not left you, nor has He collapsed on His throne. He is still in charge. Be not weary in your work. Remember that the reward does not necessarily come in this life. Jesus promised, "When I return, my reward is with me" (from Revelation 22:12).

Don't give in to the "I'm-tired-and-depressed-so-I'll-quit" mentality. Instead subscribe to the Biblical admonition: "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable... your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (Corinthians 15:58).

The reward will be realized on that day when you can rub shoulders with Paul and declare, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

#### Pattsville Cemetery Association Meeting

The annual meeting of the Pattsville Cemetery Association will be held at 2:00PM on Sunday, April 21, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall of the Hermitage United Methodist Church in Hermitage. Contributions are needed for the upkeep of the cemetery. Contributions may be made at the meeting or deposited into the Pattsville Cemetery Checking account at Warren Bank and Trust Company.

### 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.

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

#### Reunion of Former Burlington Employees

The reunion of Burlington employees will be held at the Sadie Johnson Building from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

### 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.

## LEGALS

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOLLY THRELKELD, DECEASED NO.06PR-2024-7-2

### NOTICE

Estate of HOLLY THRELKELD, Deceased.  
Last known address: 411 W. ELM ST., WARREN, ARKANSAS 71671  
Date of Death: 20<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by a Distributee was filed with the Circuit Clerk of Bradley County, Arkansas. The following real property is listed in the Affidavit:

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This Notice was first published 4/17.

The name and address of the distributee and his attorney is stated below:

Janette Stafford, Distributee

/s/Michael D. Ray

By: Michael D. Ray, 92146

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4/17, 4/24

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## The CALL in Southeast Arkansas is releasing several big announcements this week!

### The CALL in Southeast Arkansas

The CALL in SEA is expanding its work across the counties of Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew, and Lincoln. The mission of The CALL is to educate, encourage, and equip the Christian community to provide a future and hope for children in foster care in Arkansas. The CALL's vision is no waiting children in foster care in Arkansas. The CALL recruits, trains, and supports foster and adoptive families to enter the gap for children in crisis. The statewide organization is defined by its core values which are Christ-centered, church-focused, relational, service-oriented, accountable, and excellence-driven.

#### CALL Support Center

In June, The CALL in SEA will be opening its first full Call Support Center to serve children and families impacted by foster care across the area. After years of operating out of homes, utilizing storage units, and most recently, setting up shop temporarily at Pauline Baptist in Monticello, The CALL in SEA has been successful in finding a long-term

home large enough to serve as a Support Center for all of Southeast Arkansas. The SEA Call Support Center will create a context for the local Christian community to minister to children and families in crisis. The space will have multiple volunteer workspaces, an expanded CALL Mall (a shopping experience of necessities and more for all children impacted by foster care), an expanded Resource Library for foster and adoptive families, staff offices, a CALL Community Event Room, and a homey Family Visit Space for children experiencing foster care to build positive memories during regular visitation with their parents and/or siblings. Church and community groups are invited to come help serve as the space is set up. Sponsorships for specific rooms and spaces are available. The 3600-square-foot storefront will be located at 103 N. Main St. in Monticello.

#### Satellite Support Sites

In addition to the Support Center, The CALL in SEA is working with local churches in Monticello's surrounding counties to set up CALL satellite support sites within each

county. Much progress has already been made! Southside Baptist Church, a treasured church partner of The CALL in SEA, has set up The Outreach Center on their property. Their Outreach Center houses Family Visit Spaces as well as a clothing closet and food pantry where their congregation has been serving the community for a few months now. Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Crossett, another treasured partner of The CALL in SEA, has dedicated a large space for the development of a Family Visit Space and Foster Family Freezer Meal Ministry. Satellite support sites are in the initial stages of the development phase within Bradley, Chicot, and Desha counties, as well. The local Christian community in each area is invited to participate.

#### New Staff Member

To help support this growth and increase its capacity, The CALL in SEA is pleased to announce they have hired Libby

Miller of Drew County as an administrative assistant. She will work alongside County Coordinator, Betsy Anderson (Bradley County). The staff of The CALL in Southeast Arkansas works with the affiliate's volunteer Leadership Team: Stefanie Abbott (Drew County), Jessica Griffin (Bradley County), Levi and Jamie Hamml (Drew County), Dr. Brenda Jacobs (Drew County), and Haley McKinney (Lincoln County). Leadership team representation from Ashley, Chicot, and Desha counties is still needed.

#### 10 Year Anniversary

The CALL in SEA is also celebrating its 10 Year Anniversary this year. A 10-year anniversary celebration event for The CALL's church partners, community partners, corporate partners, volunteers, and foster and adoptive families is being planned for September 28, 2024, at New Life Assembly of God in Monticello.

#### 50 Days of Prayer

May is Foster Care Awareness Month. For the next 50 Days, The CALL in Southeast Arkansas is launching 50 Days of Prayer for Foster Care. Churches and community members are invited to follow along with a 50-day prayer plan for children and families impacted by foster care in Southeast Arkansas and the system that serves them. Prayer guides can be requested by email: sea@thecallinarkansas.org.

#### 50 for 50

Along with the prayer initiative, The CALL in Southeast Arkansas is also launching a

50 for 50 Campaign over the next 50 days. The organization is seeking 50 individuals and churches to commit to partnering financially by giving monthly gifts of \$50 or more. These gifts will create further capacity and sustainability for The CALL to continue creating a context for ministry moments with those impacted by foster care in Southeast Arkansas.

Interested church partners, community members, or volunteers can reach out to The CALL at sea@thecallinarkansas.org or (870)308-9502.

## 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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The Anthony, Gathen, Rainey, Tolbert Scholarships are available

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Anthony, Gathen, Rainey and Tolbert Scholarship is now available, created by retired former school district superintendents, Frank Anthony – Pine Bluff, Thomas Gathen – Dollarway, David Rainey- Dumas, and Andrew Tolbert- Warren. The \$1,000 scholarship to be given at each school district was developed to assist students from low-income families in going to college. To be eligible for the award, the student must be a graduating senior from school district's Class of 2024, have a

minimum grade point average of 2.50, and provide a letter detailing what makes them deserve this honor and their career education choice.

Applications are available by contacting the high school counselors of each school district. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2024.

Anthony served as superintendent of the Pine Bluff School Dis-

trict for twelve and a half years. Gathen was superintendent at Dollarway for 10 years, Rainey was superintendent at Dumas for 3 years, and Tolbert served for 13 years as superintendent at Warren. With their combined contributions of \$4,000, it is their hope that a deserving student in each school district will have an opportunity to attend college.

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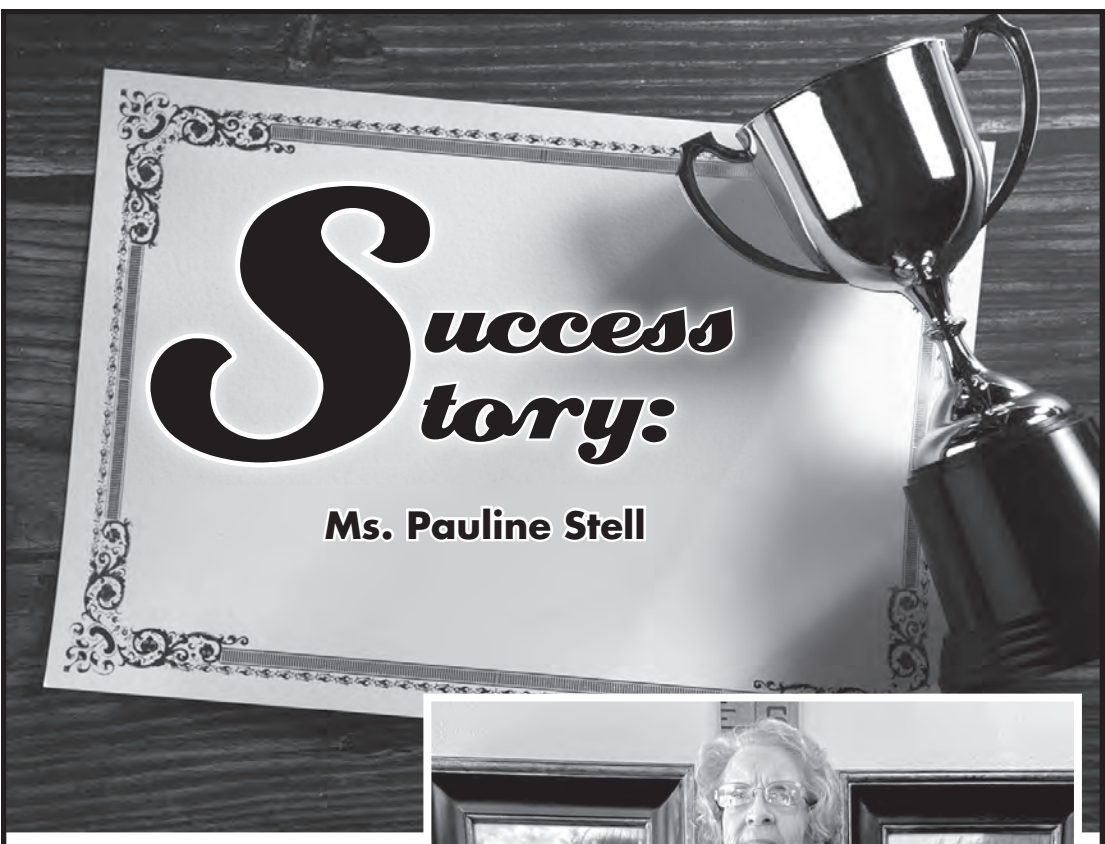
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# The Eagle Democrat

# Editorial

## Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw  
Ark. State Representative



The House and Senate convened for a Joint Session on Wednesday to hear an address from Governor Sanders.

The Governor told members she would sign a budget that funds critical services for Arkansans while slowing the growth of government.

The Governor's proposed budget calls for a 1.76 percent spending increase. The proposed increases prioritize education. Additional funding is also proposed for public safety and human services.

On the second day of the session, the House passed HB1003, the General Appropriation Act for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

The House also passed HB1001 which allows for session expenses. There is no increase in either appropriation.

Fiscal sessions are limited to only the consideration of appropriations unless 2/3 of both the House and Senate vote in favor of a resolution substantially describing a bill for introduction.

The Governor is also requesting the legislature to approve a temporary pay plan for state employees which would authorize a one-time 3 percent increase and raise the minimum pay to \$15/hr by July 1.

A resolution requesting the introduction of that legislation has been filed and assigned to the House Rules Committee.

Several resolutions requesting the introduction of legislation regarding digital asset mining have also been assigned to the House Rules Committee.

We will continue to update you throughout the Fiscal Session.

You can find the daily agendas for committees and House floor proceedings as well as links to the live-stream of meetings at arkansashouse.org.

## Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



Harvey Parnell's rise to political power in Arkansas was almost accidental. He became governor in a time of growth and optimism. But when the good times evaporated with the Great Depression, he found himself unable to effectively move the state forward.

Parnell was born in the tiny Orlando community in Cleveland County in 1880. He was one of seven children in a farming family. He attended local schools, and in 1898, he moved into nearby Warren to complete high school. He began working as a store clerk until he graduated. He was the last Arkansas governor to never attend college.

After graduation, he settled into a quiet career as a clerk and a bookkeeper. By the age of 20, he started his own dry goods store. He made a good living, and eventually married and had two daughters. In 1904, Parnell bought some acreage in Chicot County and began farming on the side. In 1918, Parnell was elected to the state House of Representatives in a district that included all of Chicot County and rose to the state senate in 1922, representing both Chicot and Ashley counties.

It was the state senate that his career took a remarkable turn. As his first term was winding down in 1926, the Arkansas Supreme Court ruled after a series of baffling lawsuits that the vote of the people creating the office of lieutenant governor in 1914 was legal, and therefore, the office existed. He quickly announced his candidacy, put together an almost unparalleled political machine from the allies he had collected over the years, and was elected almost without opposition.

As the first lieutenant governor in the state since Reconstruction, Parnell helped push through a modern highway construction bill favored by Gov. John Martineau. In March 1928, Martineau accepted an appointment as a federal judge, making Parnell the new governor. He called a special session of the legislature to address the new roads program, which approved \$18 million to fund the new highways and \$7.5 million in bonds to construct toll bridges.

Parnell ran for a full term and won a four-way primary. He won the general election that fall with 77 percent of the vote.

In the new legislative session in early 1929, Parnell pushed to modernize state services. A state income tax was passed in an attempt to relieve the property tax burden of farmers. With new funds available, Parnell commissioned new buildings for the School for the Deaf and opened a new psychiatric hospital. The state took control of the financially troubled Henderson-Brown College in Arkadelphia and began operating it as Henderson State Teachers College. In addition, the school year was increased to eight months.

That fall, the stock market crashed, heralding the beginning of the Great Depression. Problems Arkansas farmers had been facing only got worse. With their finances crippled by deflation, farmers also had to fight a devastating drought. As the Depression deepened, Parnell found himself overwhelmed by the magnitude of the crisis. All his powers of persuasion and organization failed him. Unemployment skyrocketed and farms failed. State revenues collapsed. The South Arkansas Oil Boom had already peaked and no longer had nearly the impact on state finances that it had a few years before.

With all the spending the state had done on infrastructure, there was almost nothing left. The state was now in danger of defaulting on the bonds it had passed. Over a hundred banking corporations collapsed in Arkansas in 1930 alone. With no idea of how to combat the crisis, he reluctantly began establishing commissions to study issues of unemployment, state spending, and highway construction. He urged residents to rely on charities for relief from the Depression. But with so many in such desperate situations, charities themselves struggled. With most blaming President Herbert Hoover for the Depression, Parnell nevertheless won re-election easily in 1930.

By the winter of 1930-31, approximately one-third of Arkansas families had to rely on Red Cross food relief - in a state where



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

The legislature convened the fiscal session and will spend the next month working on a \$6.3 billion budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The legislature has always approved conservative budgets, and the balanced budget proposed by the governor is very conservative even by traditional standards.

It calls for growth in state agency spending of only 1.76 percent, compared to traditional growth of about 3 percent in recent years.

The growth amounts to increased spending of about \$109.3 million. The majority of that amount, about \$65.7 million, would go to the Education

Freedom Account program created last year. Also, the governor proposes an increase of \$38.2 million in the state's Public School Fund.

The State Police would get an increase of about \$3.8 million for its trooper school, allowing the agency to add 100 troopers.

State-supported institutions of higher education will receive about \$781 million this year. The governor proposes to reduce that amount by \$2.45 million next year.

In a speech to a joint session of the Senate and House on the first day of the fiscal session, the governor said that her reason for holding down growth in state government is to make room for future tax cuts. She repeated her pledge to responsibly phase out the state income tax.

We are currently in Fiscal Year 2024, which ends on June 30. Forecasters at the state Department of Finance and Administration predict that the state will end the fiscal year with a budget

surplus of about \$240.5 million.

The proposed surplus for Fiscal Year 2025, which we'll finalize during this year's fiscal session, is predicted to be about \$376.6 million.

For the most part legislators will consider budget bills. However, there will be efforts to add non-budget bills to the agenda, which is allowed by the state Constitution if two-thirds of both the Senate and House approve a resolution for their introduction.

The Revenue Stabilization Act, which is the Arkansas balanced budget law, is actually considered a non-budget bill because it doesn't specifically appropriate tax funds. It sets spending priorities and states the purpose of various funds, but it doesn't have specific dollar amounts as appropriation bills do.

In past fiscal sessions the Revenue Stabilization Act has been introduced and approved without controversy.

This year some legislators have filed resolutions declaring

their wish to file bills affecting the regulation of data centers and crypto mines. They would amend Act 851 of 2023, known as the Arkansas Data Centers Act, which defines how local governments may regulate data centers and crypto mines.

People who live near crypto mines have voiced complaints about the constant noise levels, and local communities have expressed concerns about the amount of electric power and water used by the centers.

Senate Resolution 5 would allow legislation to create noise reduction techniques. The proposed legislation also would prohibit certain foreign entities from owning a controlling interest in an Arkansas data center. The prohibitions also would apply to agents of foreign interests.

Seven other Senate resolutions have been filed seeking to allow introduction of bills to further regulate crypto-mines and data centers.



I've been on the road visiting with farmers, ranchers, foresters, rural community leaders and nutrition specialists since we began undertaking the daunting task of writing a new farm bill.

At the invitation of my colleagues, I've traveled across the country to hear directly from stakeholders as to what we need to include in this contract between Congress and our nation's agriculture community. In fact, I just joined Senator John Thune in his home state of South Dakota for my 19th farm bill listening session this month.

While we've received plenty of valuable input at every stop, there has been a reoccurring theme from the outset when I joined Senator John Hoeven in North Dakota for my very first listening session.

The takeaway from that event has been echoed across the countryside and in meetings throughout Washington - "we need more farm in the farm bill."

As the Republican leader of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I am committed to making that happen. This next farm bill must update the risk management tools farmers and ranchers need to succeed in order to reflect the

nature of the challenges under which they operate today. That means we must invest in modernizing the outdated reference prices that are used within commodity programs and making crop insurance more affordable and accessible.

Because here's the reality - producers are experiencing unprecedented challenges, regulatory uncertainty and historic volatility in the farm economy, all of which are projected to get worse.

Historic inflation, rising interest rates, a record trade deficit, devastating natural disasters and global disruptions will make it more difficult for our farmers to succeed in the years to come.

My Republican colleagues on the committee and I intend to release our vision for how we can meet the call to put "more farm in the farm bill."

One key provision of our framework has already been introduced.

I recently joined Sen. Hoeven and others to introduce the Federal Agriculture Risk Management Enhancement and Resilience (FARMER) Act which seeks to improve crop insurance affordability and accessibility

by increasing premium support for the highest levels of coverage and enhancing the Supplemental Coverage Option.

I commend my colleague's leadership in introducing the FARMER Act and proactively addressing the needs of farmers and ranchers who have asked for improvements to the federal crop insurance program.

This bill includes critical components to modernizing the farm safety net for producers across all regions and all commodities. The strength of this approach is underscored by the endorsement of over 20 grassroots organizations representing the voices of farm families across the country.

We can pass a farm bill that strengthens commodity programs and crop insurance while also making improvements across every other title to meet our shared goals.

This isn't an either-or decision. The next farm bill provides an

incredible opportunity to make things right for farmers, ranchers, rural communities and those in need.

Working together, we can protect and enhance voluntary conservation programs, provide investments needed to open new export markets and expand existing markets, build on research that allows our farmers to do more with less while reducing environmental impacts, protect the health of our nation's herds and flocks, and help rural communities flourish and prosper.

Passing such a bill is never an easy task, but it's one Congress has come together to accomplish time and again.

I believe we can, and will, do so here as well. I am proud to serve as a voice for farmers, ranchers, producers and rural communities, and will continue leading efforts to deliver the tools and resources they rely on and deserve.

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# HISTORY

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upwards of 80 percent of the people worked the land. Farm incomes fell to an average of \$230 per year. By January 1931, angry Lonoke County farmers marched into England demanding food from local stores and quietly dispersed once they got it.

The state had no money to help the poor. Most of the state budget was locked up in

paying off highway debts. Parnell cut the state budget 20 percent and insisted the state had turned the corner in spite of all evidence to the contrary. Amidst the situation, Parnell was increasingly accused of corruption from both election contests and his conduct as governor. He was never indicted for any misconduct, but with the economy stubbornly idle, his political career was over. He decided not to run for a new term in 1932.

Parnell left office at the end

of his term in 1933 frustrated and turned the governorship over to the incoming Marion Futrell. He returned to Chicot County to resume farming, but President Roosevelt appointed him to serve as an administrator for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, a Depression-era federal program that helped stabilize bank finances. He quietly worked for the RFC office in Little Rock for the next three years until his death from a heart attack in 1936.

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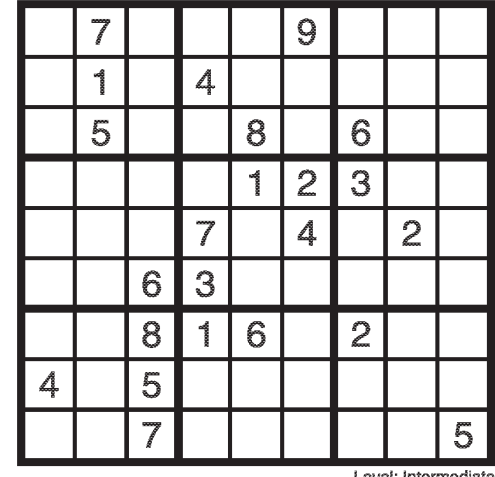
The memorial tree will be planted on the east side of the school in observance of this year's Arbor Day celebration. To reach the ceremony area, please follow the school drop-off route

off the Fordyce highway and park in the south parking area located in front of the school.

Warren Woman's Club members are committed in their efforts to preserve our environment and make Bradley County cleaner and greener by planting trees. The Warren Woman's Club is happy to assist the city of Warren which is a designated Tree City USA.

Club members encourage you to join them, the students, and leaders in the community as we observe Arbor Day at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 26 at the Warren Elementary School.

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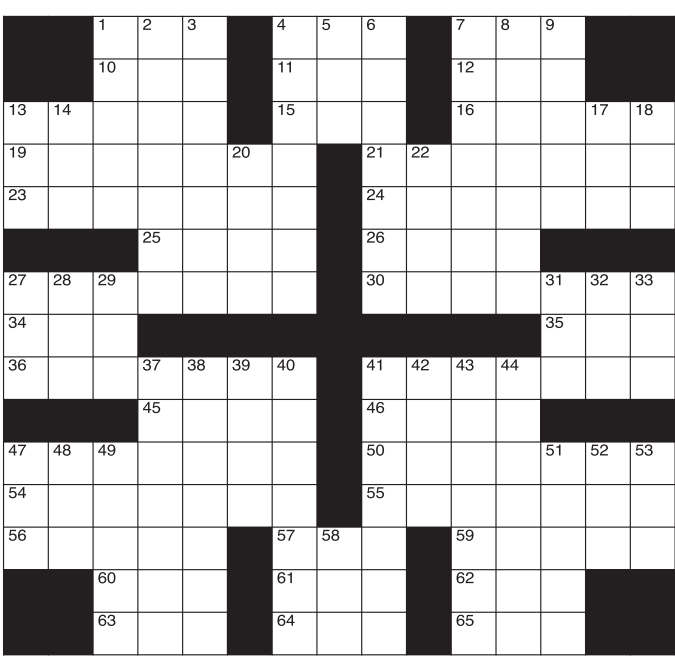
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Answers can be found on Page 8



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Midway between south and southeast
- 4. For each
- 7. Airborne (abbr.)
- 10. Photographs
- 11. They \_\_\_
- 12. It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- 13. Monetary unit
- 15. Cool!
- 16. A son of Jacob
- 19. Cut off
- 21. Devour
- 23. Agent of one's downfall
- 24. Best
- 25. Network of nerves
- 26. Partner to "oohs"
- 27. Origins
- 30. Sewing utensil
- 34. Alias
- 35. Swiss river
- 36. Greek mythological figure
- 41. Type of whiskey
- 45. Lay to rest
- 46. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 47. Select jury
- 50. Feeling
- 54. Action regarded as morally wrong
- 55. Makes angry
- 56. Act incorrectly
- 57. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 59. Class of escort aircraft carrier
- 60. To what degree
- 61. Buzzing insect
- 62. The human foot
- 63. "The Leftovers" actress Dowd
- 64. A place to stay
- 65. Sun up in New York

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. An involuntary muscular contraction
- 2. Earnest
- 3. Cuts out surgically
- 4. Can't move
- 5. Baseball stat
- 6. British soldier
- 7. Traditional medicine plants
- 8. Political party controlled by managers
- 9. Hebrew prophet
- 13. Supporter
- 14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 17. Liberty Mutual mascot
- 18. Georgia rockers
- 20. A place where building is done
- 22. Large, deep-bodied fish
- 27. Clothing retailer
- 28. Supplement with difficulty
- 29. Annoy constantly
- 31. Founder of Babism
- 32. Indigenous person in parts of Asia
- 33. Sea eagle
- 37. Leave behind
- 38. Time of day
- 39. Colorless crystalline compound
- 40. They lay out course requirements
- 41. A diamond has three
- 42. Algerian coastal city
- 43. Remove cover
- 44. Rechristened
- 47. Distinctive practice
- 48. Defunct phone company
- 49. Turkish officer of high rank
- 51. Eliminate from the body
- 52. Witness
- 53. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 58. Founding Father Franklin

## Recipe: Sweeten the day with peaches

Although many desserts make for a sweet ending to delicious meals, there's something so inviting about a moist and tender cobbler to add that yum factor. Cobbler consists of a fruit filling covered in a biscuit batter of sorts. When baked, the ingredients blend together to form a spoonable treat that is tender but with the right amount of bite.

Enjoy this recipe for "Peach Cobbler" courtesy of Taste Better From Scratch and contributor Lauren Allen.

### Peach Cobbler

Servings: 9

- 5 peaches, peeled, cored and sliced (about 4 cups)
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

#### For the batter:

- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup milk
- Ground cinnamon

### Directions:

1. Add the sliced peaches, sugar and salt to a saucepan and stir to combine. If using canned peaches, skip steps 1 and 2 and follow the directions starting at step 3.
2. Cook on medium heat for just a few minutes, until the sugar is dissolved and helps to bring out juices from the peaches. Remove from heat and set aside.
3. Preheat oven to 350 F. Slice butter into pieces and add to a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Place the pan in the oven while it preheats, to allow the butter to melt. Once melted, remove the pan from the oven.
4. In a large bowl, mix together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Stir in the milk, just until combined. Pour the mixture into the pan, over the melted butter and smooth it into an even layer.
5. Spoon the peaches and juice (or canned peaches, if using) over the batter. Sprinkle cinnamon generously over the top.
6. Bake at 350 F for about 38 to 40 minutes. Serve warm, with a scoop of ice cream, if desired.

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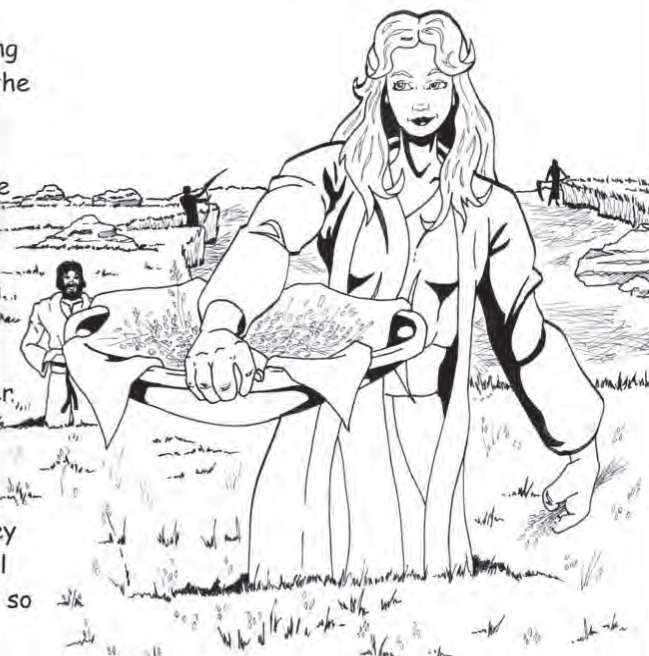
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## Billy Gene Hairston

Billy Gene Hairston, 93, of Warren, passed away on April 6, 2024. He was a devoted husband and father, and a beloved grandfather and uncle.

He was born on June 18, 1930, to Aubert Lewis Hairston and Susie Caroline Grider Hairston in Warren, Arkansas. He grew up in the Crossroads Community and graduated from Banks High School in 1951.

He served in the United States Army, completing basic training at Camp Roberts, California before deploying to Okinawa, Japan during the Korean War. Following his honorable discharge as corporal, he worked for over 37 years as a hardwood lumber inspector for Potlatch, Inc. in Warren.

He married Audrey A. Carter on November 25, 1953. They have two sons, Roger and John.

Billy had a great sense of humor, was a keen storyteller, and cared deeply for his family. He was steadfast and will be fondly remembered for his devotion to family and being a man of integrity. He loved watching Razorback and Lumberjack sports and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was the last remaining sibling of Byron, Curtis, Hazel, Sue, and twin brother Aubert Dean. He is survived by his wife, Audrey, and two sons: Roger (Robin) of Warren, and John (Story) of Little Rock. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Dana Hairston Hof of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; Sarah Hairston O'Neil (Josh) of New Orleans, La.; Cole Hairston of Atlanta, Ga.; Sarah Svoboda of Amherst, Mass.; Nathan Hairston of Manila; Mark (Jacey) Hairston of Little Rock; and Annie Hairston of Little Rock. He is also survived by great-grandchildren: Rowan, Arden, and Pierson Hof; and Liam and Tilly O'Neil.

He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Dale (Jimmie) Carter of Little Rock, and several special nephews and nieces and their families.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Services were held at Frazer's Funeral Home in Warren on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 2 p.m. Burial was at Ebenezer Cemetery.

Pallbearers were his nephews Lathan Hairston, Jim, Miles, and Larry Garrison, and his grandsons Nathan and Mark Hairston.

Honorary pallbearers were his grandson Cole Hairston, great-grandsons Rowan and

Pierson Hof, nephew Daniel Garrison, and Dr. Dichelle George.

(Paid obituary)

## Verna Mae Hunter

Verna Mae Hunter, age 86, of Warren, Ark. went home to her Lord and Savior on April 11, 2024, at Chapel Woods Nursing Home in Warren, Ark. She was born to the late William Arvel and Letha Blanch Johnston on September 12, 1937 in Cleveland County, Ark.

Verna Mae was a lifelong Free Will Baptist. She graduated from Woodlawn High School in 1955, was vice president of her senior class, and also played basketball. She enjoyed being with her family, loved to cook, and faithfully served in her church. She worked at various jobs in her lifetime and retired from the Warren School District.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her siblings Willie John Johnston, Erma Jean Johnston, Shirley Fay Johnston, Reba Sue Johnston, Wilma Dean Gasch, Glenda Ann Roachell, Deborah Kay Polk, and Mattie Jane Cotton.

Verna Mae is survived by her husband of 68 years, Victor Hugh Hunter, her two sons Bruce Allen Hunter (Brenda) and Larry Wade Hunter (Joan), her two grandchildren, Jacob Allen Hunter (Cheryl) and Hannah Elizabeth Bryant (Blake), her two great-grandchildren Wyatt Oliver Hunter and Walker Howard Bryant, her brother Charles Everette Johnston as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, 2024, at Frazer's Funeral Home with Reverend Wayman Mann officiating. Burial was in Moseley Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. Pallbearers are Jacob Hunter, Blake Bryant, Jerry Clay, James Johnston, William Cotton, and Greg Harton.

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## Elizabeth Hegler

Elizabeth Hegler, 57, Warren, died April 3, 2024. Born October 12, 1966, to John and Verna Moseley.

Survivors: Husband - Gary Sr. Children - Latricia, Camieil, Alyssa, Gary Jr. Siblings - Renell, Wanda, Rosie, Ellen, Robert, John, Detric

Eleven grandchildren  
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