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## Poole promoted to Editor

By JEFF McDONALD  
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POOLE

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Joanna Poole has been promoted to the position of Editor for the Eagle Democrat.

"The work that Joanna has done has been top notch," Managing Editor Jeff McDonald said. "She has true passion for this work, and gives her all each day.

She is a great asset to our team, and her contributions are invaluable." "Joanna has been a wonderful asset to our team since day one. I look forward to seeing her work with the community and provide facts

to the citizens of Bradley County," Publisher Ashley Hogg said.

"From the very beginning, the team at The Eagle Democrat has embraced me as part of their family. I love the wonderful work environment and truly enjoy my job. It's an honor to put together a newspaper that I grew up reading and I am committed to making each week's edition better than the last," Poole said.

## LOCAL CHURCHES FEED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES



Photo courtesy of Bettye Mann

Local churches in Hermitage got together on Tuesday, May 7 to feed Hermitage School District employees. They showed their appreciation with homemade dishes and desserts.

## Warren High School honor graduates announced



1. Valedictorian - Ashlyn Crawford ( daughter of Michael and Lindsay Crawford)
2. Valedictorian - Macy Jarvis (daughter of Daniel and Jennifer Jarvis)
3. Valedictorian - Anna Mitchell ( daughter of Robert and Katherine Mitchell)
4. Valedictorian - Kaylee Nichols ( daughter of Mike and Diana Nichols)

5. Valedictorian - Victoria O'Neill ( daughter of Ricky and Anne O'Neill)
6. Valedictorian - Adyson Rauls ( daughter of Shaun and Amanda Rauls)
7. Salutatorian - Michael Landon Milton ( son of Michael and Tina Milton)
8. Salutatorian - Terence Roberson ( son of Terence Sr. and Gaye Roberson)

### Bradley County Veterans will sponsor annual Memorial Day celebration

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The annual Memorial Day ceremony sponsored by Bradley County Veterans is scheduled for 11 a.m., Monday, May 27 at the First Methodist Church, 111 West Church Street. Everyone is urged to attend this ceremony honoring those who gave their life defending the freedom we all enjoy. Reverend Dixon Platt will be the speaker and Felecia Doster will provide the music.

Parking will be available behind the church on Turner Street and across the street from the front door of the church on West Church Street. Everyone is encouraged to be seated no later than 10:55 a.m.

### AUXILIARY SHOWS THANKS TO BCMC



Photo courtesy of Dennen Cuthbertson

The BCMC Auxiliary held a Front Porch Party for employees Tuesday, May 14 as a part of National Hospital Week. The Auxiliary members prepared refreshments that included cookies, cupcakes, punch, and more as a thank you to BCMC employees, who could grab some to go, or visit with others either outside or inside the building. Hospital Auxiliary from L to R: Linda Reep, Pauline Wolfe, Freddie Lipton, Cecilia Whittemore, Linda Gardner, Georgia Gray, Linda Warrick, and Phyllis Loomis.

### Pink Tomato Festival adds new event to 2024 line up

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival committee is excited to announce a new event for the sixty-eighth Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival. Arkansas Pie Festival's "Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival Pie Contest" is a new addition to the 2024 Festival schedule of events. The inaugural pie contest will be held Saturday, June 15, 2024 at the First Methodist Church located at 111 West Church Street in downtown Warren.

Competitors can download a form from the festival website and bring it with them or may be filled out onsite. Entries will be taken between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the winners will be an-

nounced at the All Tomato Luncheon that day at 12:30 p.m.

There will be two categories: pies with tomato and pies without tomato. For the first year, there will be no entry fee. A single pie and completed entry form are all that is needed to enter.

Pies will be judged based on crust, filling, appearance, and overall impression. The judges will determine a winner in each division and an overall winner will be chosen invited to compete in the Arkansas Pie Festival competition in Cherokee Village on April 25, 2025.

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## Passin' the Faith Along

By REV. JIM BALES  
Pastor - First Assembly of God  
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### GAMBLING LEADS TO RUIN

It seems that man has always had the insane urge to gamble. It has been there since the beginning of time. As a matter of fact, one of history's greatest gambles took place before creation. In the dim and distant past, Lucifer - that radiant angel of wisdom and beauty - gambled for the throne of the universe. He lost in his pathetic attempt and is known today as Satan, the command-

ment of darkness. Now he knows full well the result of his horrible gamble. He marks time, plaguing the human race, as he waits for his final eternal fate.

You can count on it! Gambling leads ultimately to ruin.

The Bible is not silent on this matter. It has a lot to say about the most insidious and dangerous form of gambling. Perhaps, today, you are involved in it. It's

the deadliest game in town. The tools are mortal life and the immortal soul. The stakes are heaven and hell!

As you read this, you have the opportunity to meet Jesus Christ, the son of God, who can revolutionize your life on this earth and secure your eternal salvation. You may leap at the opportunity, as the Holy Spirit brings you to repentance, or maybe, you will take the gamble and turn your back. You will lose! No one has ever gambled successfully and passed up the mercy seat of God.

Any time you fail to make God top priority in your life, you will lose. Think it through carefully. How can anyone put themselves against the God of the universe and possibly win? It's not a mat-

ter of the odds being against you - there are no odds. There is no chance at all. The question is still valid, "How can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3)

Every time you turn your back on an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ you are gambling.

The Holy Spirit is dealing with your right now. Down deep in your heart you want to make a positive decision for Christ right now. So why not do it. The consequences of gambling is simply devastating. God's eternal accounting day may come sooner than you or I know.

Living without Jesus is just not worth the gamble. On the other side of the coin, living with Him is worth everything in the world.

## LOCAL BUSINESSES PRESENT TEACHER OF THE MONTH AWARDS



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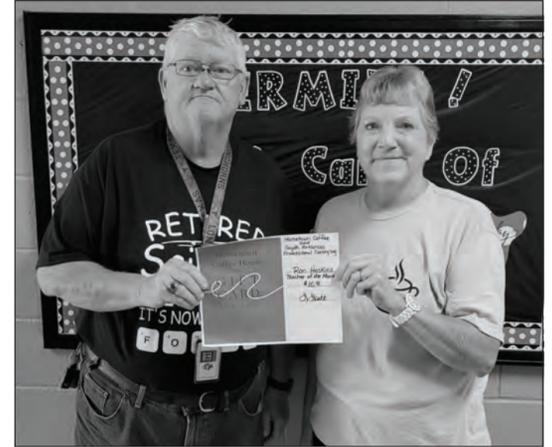
Hometown Coffee and South Arkansas Professional Surveying presented their Teacher of the Month award to high school teacher Ron Hoskins and Elementary teacher Cynthia Wood. They were each given a \$10 gift card to Hometown Coffee House which is located at 106 East Grand Avenue in Hermitage. Congrats to both teachers!

## BCMC HOLDS CEREMONY TO CONCLUDE HOSPITAL WEEK



Photo courtesy of Dennen Cuthbertson

Bradley County Medical Center held a ceremony for its annual service awards to conclude National Hospital Week on Friday, May 17. The following employees were recognized: five years- Barbara Saffel, Talitha Marshall, Syretha Brown, Donna Lawrenz, Leslie Williams, Rebecca Powell, Jessica Dawson, and Cindy York; ten years- Thelma Coleman, Kelley McCartney, Marlene Curry, Joyce Lephiew, Jeff Whipple, Jeff Sutherland, and Brandy Files; 15 Years- Sarah Farrer and Renee Satterlee; for 20 years- Tim Saunders, Terry Young, Sherazade "Leng" Guanzon, and Carla Miller; 25 Years- Jane Harris; 30 Years- Elaine Mills and Steven Smith. Retirees: Mary Ann McDougald, Thelma Ferrell, Barbara Harvey, Sharon Haynes, and Cliff Moore. BCMC would like to say congratulations to all of these employees on their accomplishments! Pictured: front row from left to right: Elaine Mills, Barbara Saffel, Barbara Harvey, Mary Ann McDougald, Sherazade "Leng" Guanzon, Carla Miller, Thelma Ferrell, and Marlene Curry. Back Row from left to right: Thelma Coleman, Cliff Moore, Terry Young, Tim Saunders, Kelley McCartney, Jeff Whipple, Jane Harris, Joyce Lephiew, and Rebecca Powell.



## JOB OPENING

The City of Warren is currently accepting applications for a part time thrower for our sanitation department.

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## Pickett-Mills named to SNHU President's List

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Marleshia Pickett-Mills of Warren, Ark. has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Winter 2024 President's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status

is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University is a private, nonprofit institution with a 91-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 225,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredit-

ed undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, N.H. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and

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# Extension Office will host sour dough workshop

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Bradley County Extension Service will be hosting a Sour Dough Workshop on Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 9 a.m. to noon. The presenter will be Meri Whitney Brown. The cost is \$10 per person, and everyone will leave with a sour dough starter. Space is limited to 10 people, so call 870-226-8410 or email pvnace@uada.edu to register no later than

June 4.

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in another format, please contact your Bradley County Extension Office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.

# 2024 scholarship recipients named

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The 2024 Anthony, Gathen, Rainey, Tolbert Scholarship Recipients Have Been Named  
The 2024 Anthony, Gathen, Rainey and Tolbert Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 have been awarded to each of the following high school seniors:  
**Dumas High School:**  
Lydia Pointer - will be attending Arkansas State University Three Rivers at Malvern.  
Jackson Norris - will be attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville  
Kaiden Daniels - graduating from the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and

the Arts, - will be attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.  
**Warren High School:**  
Terence Roberson, Jr. - will be attending Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia.  
Pine Bluff High School  
Had no students to apply.  
Retired former school district superintendents, Frank Anthony - Pine Bluff, Thomas Gathen- Dollarway, David Rainey- Dumas, and Andrew Tolbert- Warren are pleased with the students selected and wish them the best as they begin their college careers.

## WARREN HIGH SCHOOL GEARING UP FOR UPCOMING TENNIS SEASON



Photo by Robert Camp

Along with their parents, students who were interested in playing tennis next year met with Tennis Coach Micah Richey. They discussed player responsibilities, summer practice sessions, and looked over a proposed schedule for the upcoming season. The season is tentatively set to start September 19, 2024.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**THURSDAY, MAY 23**  
**Estate Sale**  
There will be an estate sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 23, Friday, May 24, and Saturday, May 25. The sale will be located at 111 Scott St. in Warren. There will be furniture, home decor, yard decor, household items, and more.  
**SUNDAY, MAY 26**  
**Memorial Day/Decoration Day**

The annual Memorial Day/Decoration Day for the Union Cemetery and Enon Cemetery in Rye will be on Sunday, May 26. Service will be at the Union Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate in memory of their friends and family members who have served in the military.  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 2**  
**Cemetery Association Meeting**  
The annual meeting of Ebenezer Cemetery Association, Inc. will be held on Sunday, June 2, at 2:30 p.m. in the offices of Saunders Services, located 311

N. Myrtle. For more information please contact Susan Saunders at (870) 820-6203 or Jennita Peek at (870) 820-6469. Donations or memorials may be sent to: Ebenezer Cemetery, 311 N. Myrtle St., Warren, AR 71671.  
**ONGOING AA Meetings**  
Warren has AA meetings every Monday at 7 p.m. and every Wednesday at 12 p.m. All meetings are held at First Methodist Church of Warren, located at 111 W. Church St. All meetings are open.

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**IN-PERSON PREVIEW & PLACE BIDS:** Monday, May 27th from 9AM - 1PM  
**PICK-UP & LOAD OUT:** Tuesday, May 28th from 9AM - 6PM  
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# The Eagle Democrat

# Editorial

## Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw  
Ark. State Representative



May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans' lives and celebrating recovery from mental illness.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 23 percent of Arkansans reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorders from March to April of this year, which is two percentage points higher than the national average.

The Arkansas General Assembly has been proactive in addressing mental health needs in the state. Earlier this year, the Arkansas Legislative Council allocated \$30 million from the American Rescue Plan funds, following a request from the Department of Human Services, to enhance mental health and substance abuse services statewide.

During the 2023 Regular Session, the General Assembly passed Act 513, which directs the Arkansas Medicaid Program to provide a supplemental reimbursement rate for physician practices enrolled in the patient-centered medical home program participating in a team-based, evidence-based pediatric practice transformation model of care.

Additional legislation passed to address mental healthcare includes:

- Act 260: Creates the Counseling Compact in Arkansas, allowing licensed professional counselors in the state to treat clients in person or via telehealth in other compact member states. Currently, 17 states are members.
- Act 494: Requires the Arkansas Medicaid Program and insurance policies to reimburse for behavioral health services.
- Act 316: Mandates screening for depression in birth mothers at the time of birth and requires insurance policies to cover the screening.
- Act 30: Permits individuals who voluntarily seek mental health treatment in an institution or facility to petition the court for a license to carry a concealed handgun two years after treatment.
- Act 61: Establishes a specialty court program for families involved in dependency-neglect proceedings affected by substance abuse or mental health disorders.
- Act 512: Creates the Arkansas Legislative Study on Mental and Behavioral Health to continue reviewing the state's needs and make recommendations for future legislative sessions.

We remind Arkansans that if you or someone you know is in emotional distress or experiencing a suicidal crisis, you can call 988. By calling, texting, or chatting 988, you will be connected to trained counselors who are part of the existing lifeline network.

## Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



After the guns fall silent and the parades pass by, how should a family, friends, and a community continue to remember those who give their lives for their country? While politicians and scholars debate the impact of particular wars, those closest to those men and women who perished in war are left with the bitter tears and broken hearts. As a way to honor the fallen and grieve their loss, Memorial Day was established as a day for that purpose. The modern observance has its roots in the Civil War.

It had been a tradition for many years in many areas up to the 1860's, but especially in the rural South, for cemetery associations, churches, and families to take a day in spring to clean the wild growth of weeds at the graves of loved ones as well as plant flowers or decorate the graves in some way. As much as it was an act of remembrance and respect for those who had passed on, it was also a time for communities and families to come together.

There had already been special observances at cemeteries for the Civil War fallen while the war still raged on. After the Civil War had ended in 1865, the nation mourned the loss of nearly 700,000 lives. Brother had fought against brother; cousin had fought against cousin. Shortages of food and medicine and disruptions of the few basic services that existed added to the civilian deaths across the South. In those moments, the political and ideological divisions that had separated North and South for so long fell away, and bitter foes and separated families were reunited in grief.

Some southerners were setting aside days to honor the Confederacy's fallen. Starting in 1866, the Ladies Memorial Association in Georgia began marking April 26 as a day of remembrance, marking the anniversary of the surrender of Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston as Memorial Day, an observance that soon spread. After 1868, southern states began making Confederate Memorial Day into state holidays.

However, some organizations, such as the Grand Army of the Republic, a society of Union war veterans, helped establish and spread the tradition of Decoration Day in the South. The organization was founded shortly after the Civil War. In 1868, Union Gen. John A. Logan, now head of the Grand Army of the Republic, called for Decoration Day to take place on May 30 of that year to honor the deceased of both sides. Why the particular day was chosen has been a matter of speculation by historians for some time. Some theorize that it was chosen to avoid marking the anniversary of any particular battle or major event in the war while others believed it was for more practical purposes given the later arrival of spring in the North.

The organization faltered in the South in the 1870's and was reorganized across the region in the 1880's, with dozens of chapters in Arkansas. Decoration Day activities were just one activity but became an important tradition. Annual Decoration Day activities included work at cemeteries for both northern and southern dead and educating children about the importance of the day.

As early as the 1880's, Decoration Day began to be called Memorial Day, and this only became more common in the early 1900's. After World War I, the scope of Decoration Day began to change. More than 117,000 American soldiers died in just a few months of fighting in Europe in 1917 through 1918. Though Armistice Day on November 11 (which became Veterans Day in 1954) came to honor the service of the soldiers of World War I, the tradition of honoring those who died in wartime continued. Now



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

Limiting children's access to social media is still a priority for Arkansas policy makers.

Last week the governor sent a letter to the governors of all 50 states, and to all Arkansas legislators, urging them to continue working for meaningful restrictions on children's use of social media platforms.

With the letter she includes a copy of a book titled "The Anxious Generation," written by Jonathan Haidt. He is a social psychologist at New York University. The book recommends strategies to fight the recent, dramatic increases in mental health issues among young people, such as depression,

anxiety and suicide.

Last year the legislature passed Act 689, the Social Media Safety Act. It would have made Arkansas the first state to enact laws requiring juveniles to obtain parental consent before they could open a social media account.

However, enforcement of Act 689 was delayed by a federal judge last year after a group of social media companies filed a legal challenge. That lawsuit is still winding its way through the judicial system.

Other states have enacted similar laws designed to limit the accessibility of social media by young people, including Utah, Louisiana, Texas and California. Lawsuits seeking to strike them as unconstitutional have been filed by an industry group called NetChoice.

The industry has cited First Amendment rights in its challenge of laws that limit the use of social media. Tech industry lawyers ar-

gue that social media is different than a casino or a liquor store because it is a platform for communication, and not a location of privileged activity for adults.

Act 689 generated controversy as it progressed through the legislature during the 2023 regular session. It was opposed by legislators of both parties. One concern was the act's requirement that social media companies hire a third party vendor to verify the ages of account holders.

Even though Act 689 prohibits vendors from keeping any identifying information about account holders. Opponents of the law are skeptical and argue that because it requires a user to submit an ID, it magnifies the risk of identity theft.

The governor has been outspoken in her criticism of the tech industry that operates social media sites. Last year, when a federal judge halted enforcement of Act 689, she wrote on social media that "big Tech companies put our

kids' lives at risk. They push an addictive product that is shown to increase depression, loneliness, and anxiety and puts our kids in human traffickers' crosshairs."

In her recent letter to legislators and the nation's governors, she wrote that "millions of American kids have fallen into the dark sewer of social media and screen addiction."

In his book, Haidt lists four guidelines for helping young people avoid mental health issues created by an addiction to cell phones. The first is not to allow smartphones before high school. The second is for parents not to allow children access to social media before they turn 16. The third is to have phone-free schools and the fourth is to encourage more outdoor play and childhood independence.

The governor reiterated the four points in her letter to lawmakers and governors.



Summer is quickly approaching and Arkansans are looking for places to explore away from home. Our national parks have always been popular destinations and some folks are crowdsourcing for ideas about locations to visit and things to do at these outdoor gems.

America's National Parks continue to see a record number of visitors. The National Park Service (NPS) reported a four percent increase last year with more than 325 million visits. Arkansans planning a summer road trip to any of our national treasures are encouraged to plan ahead to make sure they have the opportunity to see everything on their wish list.

As a result of the increasing demand, more locations require reservations for timed entry. At some parks, this is only for the most popular sites and peak times. However, many of our busiest parks require reservations for all park-goers as officials try to better manage resources and make sure visitors get to experience the full beauty and history of these important places.

Be sure to check out the reservation system used by many of our parks, campgrounds and historic sites across the country at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). This site handles everything from a day pass at

Rocky Mountain National Park to tour reservations at Blanchard Springs Caverns in Arkansas. Available dates are rolled out at different times, so check back frequently. In addition, some parks and campgrounds still handle their own booking, so be sure to check this website and the specific webpage for the destination.

For outdoor enthusiasts planning to spend a lot of time in the national parks, it's worth considering getting an annual or lifetime pass to sites managed by NPS. These range in price, but are less expensive for individuals 62 and older. Congress also recently passed a law making them free for veterans, Gold Star Families, active-duty military and their dependents, Americans with permanent disabilities and fourth graders nationwide.

Additionally, NPS offers several free entrance days during the year for all national park visitors. The remaining days in 2024 are June 19, August 4, September 28 and November 11.

Arkansans opting for a staycation or a long weekend close to home are blessed with easy access to beautiful state and federal parks, forests and historic sites — many of which are free to visit. The National Historic Site in Fort Smith recently announced it is

now fee-free so families can enjoy the museum and walk around the grounds on the banks of the Arkansas River at no cost.

I have been proud to help deliver significant investments for the upkeep of public lands alongside most of my colleagues as we approved initiatives such as the bipartisan Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA). The measure became law in 2020 and is now supporting the repair backlog in our national parks and public lands infrastructure nationwide including locations in Arkansas.

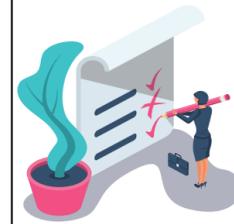
Hot Springs National Park received GAOA funds to make two more historic bathhouse buildings more accessible, safe and en-

ergy efficient, which will allow the park to lease the buildings to private business.

In Fort Smith, funding from GAOA was used for preservation and restoration on the historic Commissary Building at the National Historic Site.

Documentarian Ken Burns calls the national parks "America's best idea." These jewels of our country's landscape are settings perfect for exploring and learning. We're working to protect and enhance them so Arkansans can plan to visit these popular destinations on summer vacations and experience the unique offerings they hold for years to come.

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  - Food Service
  - Paraprofessional
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- Applications may also be picked up from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Warren school District Administration Office located at 408 Cherry Street in Warren, Arkansas. Application and supporting documents may be emailed, faxed, mailed, or delivered to: Warren School District, Office of the Superintendent, P.O. Box 1210, Warren, AR 71671, ph. 870-226-6738, fax 870-226-8531.

## HISTORY

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more than 50 years after the end of the Civil War, and with those survivors and their widows passing on, their children and grandchildren continued to honor the memories of the Civil War and added those who died in their generation's great conflict. Though it was recognized by many states as a holiday and had expanded into an honored tradition in

many communities, it was not a holiday observed at the same time nationwide. Gradually, it expanded to include all those men and women who died in all wars.

In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act into law, which created the three-day Memorial Day weekend, moving it from the May 30 date that so many states already observed. Since 1971, as part of that act, Memorial Day has been observed on the last

Monday in May as an official federal holiday.

Today the Department of Veterans Affairs manages 135 national cemeteries. Hundreds of thousands of Americans have died in American wars since the nation's founding, and Memorial Day is but one moment to stop and reflect on what they died for. Though these men and women were but ordinary people with their own lives and dreams for the future, they died so that others may have theirs.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces they will be completing an Environmental Assessment for the expansion of an existing poultry farm resulting in a large CAFO located in Section 17, Township 12 south, Range 9 west, Bradley County, Arkansas.

All written comments will be carefully considered, and no action concerning the project shall be taken until the agency has completed an environmental review and issued a final decision.

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PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: SPECIAL USE MOBILE HOME DATE MAY 28 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Warren Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom on 5-28-24 to consider a request for a special use permit for a mobile home at 117 Cook St. Warren, AR.

That property belonging to Baltazar Jeronimo All persons having any interest in the above mobile home request are urged to attend this meeting.

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2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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Where Does Our Drinking Water Come From?

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells.

How Safe Is The Source Of Our Drinking Water?

The Arkansas Department of Health has completed a Source Water Vulnerability Assessment for Banks Waterworks. The assessment summarizes the potential for contamination of our source of drinking water and can be used as a basis for developing a source water protection plan.

What Contaminants Can Be In Our Drinking Water?

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, can pick up substance resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Am I At Risk?

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Lead and Drinking Water

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How Can I Learn More About Our Drinking Water?

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Bill Dawson, Operator In Charge, at 870-820-1456.

TEST RESULTS

We routinely monitor for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The test results table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2023.

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Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

DAVID BRADFORD, PLAINTIFF VS. MARTHA BRADFORD, DEFENDANT

WARNING ORDER NO. 06-DR-24-34

Martha Bradford, is hereby warned to appear in this Court within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this Warning Order and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff against the Defendant, and upon failure of Martha Bradford to do so, the Complaint filed herein may be granted.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this 9th day of May, 2024.

/s/Cindy Wagnon, Circuit Clerk

By: /s/Meggan Cortes

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P.O. Box 760

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, AKRANASAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOMMY REEP, DECEASED

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 1005 York Street Warren, AR 71671

Date of Death: January 5, 2024

On April 24, 2024, an Affidavit For Collection Of Small Estate By Distributees was filed with respect to the Estate of Tommy Reep, Deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Bradley County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

The legal description of the real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows:

Lot 9, Block 1, of the Pierson Addition to the City of Warren, Arkansas, as per plat of said Addition to be found on record in the Recorder's Office of Bradley County, Arkansas.

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

The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributees' attorney is:

- Richard L. Roper Bar Identification No. 79246 Attorney at Law Barton & Roper, PLLC Post Office Box 1236 Warren, Arkansas 71671 (870) 466-4214 Attorney for the Estate

This notice first published May 15, 2024. /s/James Reep James Reep

5/15, 5/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

SECOND PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM HERMAN HINES, DECEASED

NO. 06PR-24-34-2

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 1013 York St. Warren, AR 71671-3704

Date of Death: September 15, 2023

The undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of the above-named decedent on May 9, 2024.

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This notice first published the 22nd day of May, 2024.

/s/Sharon Hines

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This other relative wanted the land but did not want to perpetuate Mahlon's name by marrying his widow. Boaz, being the next in line, took Ruth as his wife. Ruth bore a son, Obed. Obed begat Jesse. Jesse begat David, who became the King of Israel.



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# Obituaries

## Royce Harland Taylor

Royce Harland Taylor age 91, of Pine Bluff, laid down the working tools of life and was promoted to his heavenly home on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. He was born in New Edinburg,



TAYLOR



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After graduation, he was commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the United States Army and entered officer's school at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was then stationed at Fairbanks, Alaska where he was promoted to First Lieutenant.

After his military service, he was employed by Tri-State Mill Supply Company in Pine Bluff and was later transferred to Warren as a branch manager. He later worked in Conway and Camden as a branch manager and outside salesman. From there he was transferred to Portland, Oregon and was named vice-president of the western division of Tri-State and established branches in Portland and Eugene, Oregon, Eureka, California, and Bellingham, Washington. After 15 years, he was transferred to Crossett, Arkansas as administrative vice-president where he retired. After retirement, he and his brother-in-law established Glover and Taylor Asphalt Pavers which they operated for several years.

Very active in Masonic circles, Royce was a dual member of both Millcreek Lodge in

Cleveland County Jacob Brump Lodge number 160 in Pine Bluff where he was a Past Master. He was also a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and was elected secretary-recorder of the Grand York Rite of Arkansas. He loved his Masonic work and taught masonic education programs to many members of the fraternity.

Royce was a former member and deacon of Broadmoor Missionary Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school and was choir director. Royce loved teaching the Bible, doing church work, and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Mary Frances Peek Taylor on March 25, 2023; his sister and brother-in-law, Patsy and Arnis Glover; his son-in-law, Paul Edmondson; and a second daughter whom he raised, Carol Shepard.

Survivors include his daughter, Terry Taylor Edmondson of Pine Bluff; grandchildren, Nicole Edmondson Phillips (Anthony) of Nantes, France and Royce Edmondson (Lindsey) of Woodlawn; ten great-grandchildren; and extended family, Sara Olsen (Wade) of Kodiak, Alaska and Adam St. John of Bozeman, Montana.

Visitation was held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at Fuller Hale-South Funeral Chapel. The funeral service followed and Brother Steven Tiner officiated. Masonic Funeral Rites followed. Royce was buried in Union Cemetery at Rye in Cleveland County with Military Funeral Honors.

Memorials may be made to Texarkana Baptist Children's Home, 5401 E. 9th Street, Texarkana, Ark. 71854.

For online condolences, please visit [RobinsonFuller.com](http://RobinsonFuller.com) (Paid obituary)

## Jimmy Buster Wiggins

Jimmy Buster Wiggins, age 87, of Warren, Ark. passed away on

Sunday, May 12, 2024 at Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock, Ark. He was born February 24, 1937, in Bradley County, Ark. to the late Buster Wiggins and Grace Kight Wiggins. Jimmy was the owner and operator of Wiggins Logging since 1959, a member of First Freewill Baptist Church, and a graduate of Warren High School.

Other than his parents he is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Earline "Dinky" Osborne Wiggins; his son, Little Jim Wiggins, Jr. and sisters, Betty Tate and

Survivors include his sons, Randy Wiggins (Kami) of Warren, AR and Jason Wiggins of Warren, Ark.; daughter, Tammy Green (Tommy) of Bella Vista, Ark.; six grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren and his faithful and loving companion, Betty Greenwood of Warren, AR.

Jimmy's children would like to say a special thank you to Betty Greenwood for the excellent care she gave their Dad over the past few years.



WIGGINS

Graveside service was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at Gravelridge Cemetery. Burial was in Gravelridge Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

## Stephen Mahanes

Stephen Mahanes, 52, of Warren died May 16, 2024. Born June 21, 1971 in Elkins, W. Va. to Elizabeth Shaw Mahanes Woods and the late Stephen Mahanes. Survivors include his wife, Dana; sons, Hunter Mahanes (Skylar) and Ryder Mahanes (Mike); grandchild, Oaklynn Mahanes. Arrangements by Frazer's Funeral Home.

## James Matuska

James Matuska, 60 of Warren died April 24, 2024. He was born October 4, 1963 to Joe Grider and Billie Sue Gibson Grider.

Survivors include brother, Thomas; sisters, Essie, Rinaldo, Watana and Joshlyna; nieces, Destiney and Salena. Graveside was May 21, 2024 at Adam-Singer Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

## Roosevelt Tenner

Roosevelt Tenner, 73, of Warren, died May 11, 2024. Born January 8, 1951, to Robert Sr.

and Verlene Tenner.

Survivors: Wife-Patricia; Children Roosevelt Jr., Robert, Tiffany, Crystal; Siblings-Charlotte, Robert,

James (Anita), Dwain, Melvin (Deborah).

Graveside service was May 18, at Union Cemetery, Warren. Hammons Funeral Home

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