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Second annual Glenn Lansdale Creative Writing Scholarship presented to Ingram

By JOANNA POOLE
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Warren High School held its award ceremony on Tuesday, May 21 to honor and celebrate this year's graduates. During the ceremony Robin Hollis, Glenn Lansdale's mother, presented Cameron Ingram with the Glenn Lansdale Creative Writing Scholarship.

"Cameron was one of many applicants to submit stories for this year's scholarship, but after careful consideration, his stood out above the rest," Hollis said.

This is the second year that

the scholarship has been presented. Lansdale passed away on January 23, 2023. A retired teacher approached Hollis about creating a scholarship in honor of Lansdale after he passed away and Hollis thought it was a great idea.

"I had first thought I would do a one-time larger scholarship, but decided to make it an annual \$500 scholarship for as long as I had the funds," Hollis said. "I set up the account where the proceeds from Glenn's book sales from Amazon are deposited and that is what I will use to fund the scholarship each year."

To be eligible, applicants must fill out a one page scholarship application. They also have to compose a short children's story. While Hollis has the final say in who the winner is, this year she consulted two retired English teachers, who then read the stories and made their choice without knowing the names of applicants. Both picked Ingram's story, titled "Sunshine Friends."

"His story started out well describing the story's characters with colorful adjectives, had a wonderful message about friendship, and was wrapped up with a great ending," Hol-

lis said. "Something else I like about Cameron's story was that it was about a boy with hair like a fire truck and Glen had red hair. That was very special to me."

Before he passed, Lansdale had finished writing another book and with the help of Landale's friend Chad Grashel, Hollis is in the process of publishing the story.

"We are almost finished with the editing process, and then it will be ready for the illustrator," Hollis said. "We are hopeful that it will be available on Amazon before the end of the year."



Courtesy photo

Second annual Hermit Daze Festival a success



Josie Hargis performs to close out Hermit Daze.

Joanna Poole/Eagle Democrat

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The Hermitage City Council met for their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 23 to discuss various issues. Mayor Matt Cathey opened the meeting with a motion to accept the previous month's minutes. All were in favor.

Next, police chief, Ben Poole presented his report to the council. For the month of April citations were as follows: two for terroristic threatening, one for battery in the third degree, and two for fleeing on foot which brought the total to five. A motion was made to accept the police report and all were in favor.

The fire report was presented next and Cathey reported that both of the city's fire trucks were fully functional and ready for

use.

Travis Stanley then gave the City Works report saying that all collected samples passed for water and sewer. A leak was repaired on East Fourth Street in front of Jackson's Garage. The city has also been trimming limbs on Hwy. 160 and Hickory Street. A motion was made to accept the City Works report and all were in favor.

It was reported that one dog had been caught and put in the city pen bringing the total to seven dogs which are all available for adoption.

There were no reports for the Disaster Response Team or city attorney.

Cathey then presented the Mayor's report saying that the second annual Hermit Daze Festival went very well and between donations and money raised on

the day of, the city raised around \$8000.00. Head Bangers Ice Cream, Sirenitas Crab Boil, and Spud Love were just a few of the food trucks that lined Main Street along with vendors. Avery Langford opened for Josie Hargis and each singer entertained festival goers who brought out lawn chairs and enjoyed the music.

The sewer project that was in danger of being shut down was completed. The city would like to create a larger parking area at the community center and is waiting on an estimate from Johnsville Sand and Gravel. A motion was made to accept the mayor's report and all were in favor.

The meeting was then adjourned. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 20.

CHAMBERS SMOKES THE COMPETITION IN 4-H DISTRICT BBQ



Photo courtesy of Penny Vance

Four local 4-H'ers recently competed in Ouachita District Broiler BBQ. Students were given four chicken thighs to BBQ and the thighs were then judged. Jack Chambers won first place in the Junior Division. Participants are (left-right in photo) Axel Martinez, Jack Chambers, Asher Weaver, John Sawyer Murphy.

MCINTYRE EARNS MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD AT BCMC



Photo courtesy of Dennen Cuthbertson

Bradley County Medical Center is proud to announce that Leah McIntyre of the Laboratory Department has earned the May Employee of the Month Award. Her nomination stated: "Leah exemplifies the best of BCMC management. The lab department is consistently recognized for its standard of excellence and Leah works tirelessly to ensure that they receive all the recognition they deserve. She promotes a positive work environment, not just in lab but throughout the hospital. She excels at meaningful collaboration that get the best results for BCMC." "Pictured: Leah McIntyre with BCMC CEO/CFO Leslie Huit

Save lives by donating blood at BCMC blood drive

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Bradley County Medical Center is broadcasting an urgent appeal to the community for blood donations in its upcoming LifeShare Blood Drive scheduled for Thursday, May 30 from 1 p.m.

to 7 p.m. The blood drive will take place in the LifeShare Bus that will be located 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 has hit a 20-year low. If you can donate, please swing by and give blood on May 30. 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. All donors will receive a 40-ounce travel tumbler, while supplies last.

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 boost blood supplies during a crucial time, ensuring that hospitals and medical facilities in our region

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THE BACKSLIDER - HIS MISERY

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A backslider cannot convince himself. He is a fugitive from his own conscience. He must, somehow, get away from himself and shake off the thousand witnesses which he carries about him before he can be alone.

This is the misery of the backslider! His conscience is awakened by the Spirit of God. It is a ceaseless cross-examination. A man who has once lived un-

der the smile of God finds agony when that smile has turned to a frown. You think of the past, the fellowship you enjoyed and the spirit which filled your life. Now you are overwhelmed with misery. The backslider is the unhappiest person in the community.

The backslider knows a loneliness and misery that he wouldn't wish on a dog. He gets to the place where he just keeps on blaming himself. He says it again and again, "I don't blame God. I just blame myself. I don't see how God could ever forgive me and trust me again."

I must bring you a word of encouragement. I speak to you,

backslider. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also, for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:1, 2).

I believe it with all my heart when God says through His word that "now is the accepted time... now is the day of salvation." If God doesn't want to wait until tomorrow, then why should you linger any longer in your backslidden miserable condition. Turn toward Him in open confession of your need right now. You are guaranteed a welcome. What more can you ask.

CASTLEBERRY RECEIVES SCOTT TRACTOR 4-H SCHOLARSHIP



Photo courtesy of Robin Hollis
Mayli Castleberry, a home schooled senior, is the recipient of this year's Bradley County Scott Tractor 4-H scholarship. The Scott Tractor scholarship is awarded each year to a senior 4-H'er who has excelled in 4-H activities. Mayli will be attending Southern Arkansas University Tech in the fall. Pictured presenting the award to Mayli is Robin Hollis, Administrative Specialist for Bradley County Extension.

LEGLALS

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)
USDA – Farm Service Agency
Notice of Availability
Construction of a Large CAFO, Arkansas
Draft Environmental Assessment**
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. The primary objective of the activity is to construct (2) broiler houses.

FSA is accepting written comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through 07/21/2024. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the following USDA Service Center: Farm Service Agency, 419 West Gaines St. Monticello, AR 71655 and can be found online at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Arkansas/index>. Comments should be submitted in writing to Adam Kaufman at Farm Service Agency, 419 West Gaines Street, Monticello, AR 71655.

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. All who provide written comments will be informed of the decision when it is made. The Final Environmental Assessment will be made available and underlying documentation may be examined upon request.

5/22, 5/29

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PATRICIA ANN WILLIAMS, DECEASED**

NOTICE NO. 06PR-24-402

Last known address of decedent:
559 Hwy 63 North
Warren, AR 71671
Date of Death: April 1, 2024

An instrument captioned "Last Will and Testament of Patricia Ann Williams" dated November 22, 2022, was on the 20th day of May, 2024, admitted to probate as the last will of the above-named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed Executrix thereunder. A contest of the probate of this will can be effected out by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published on the 20th day of May, 2024.
/s/ Kristel Diane Ashcraft
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P.O. Box 507
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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.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. Provided that claims for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of the notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in such estate.

This notice first published the 22nd day of May, 2024.
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Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards nearly \$145,000 to Arkansas

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Recently, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) announced the award of nearly \$145,000 in literacy grants to Arkansas nonprofit organizations, libraries, and schools. The funds are part of the foundation's more than \$10.6 million donated to support adult, family, and summer literacy programs in the 48 states in which Dollar General operates. With today's grants, the DGLF also surpasses helping more than 20 million individuals achieve their educational dreams since its inception in 1993.

"We believe individuals of all ages deserve access to a quality education, and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation is thrilled to support thousands of learners across the country as they enrich their lives with literacy and education," shared Denine Torr, executive director of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. "This year's spring grant cycle is equally exciting as we surpass impacting more than 20 million individuals. We hope these funds provide the resources needed to positively change students' lives, helping them to build a brighter future for themselves and generations to come."

Arkansas recipients are listed below, and a comprehensive list of grant recipients may be found online at www.dgliteracy.org. The grants awarded to Arkansas organizations are expected

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4-H MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY ORHAMA



Photo courtesy of Penny Vance

The following 4-H'ers recently competed in County ORhama. The students participated in Public Speaking, Illustrated Talk, and Vocal Demonstration. Pictured are: Asher Weaver, Ben Green, Addilee Murphy, Olivia Roberson, Arielle Weaver, Judson Green, and Elianna Green. Asher, Ben, Addilee, and Olivia will advance to district competition.

AWARD

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to positively impact the lives of nearly 17,000 individuals.

These grants support schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center in implementing new literacy initiatives or expanding existing ones. Funding may be used to purchase new technology, books, materials, or software to enhance literacy programs. Learn more about the Foundation's literacy grant programs online

at <http://www.dgliteracy.org>. Arkansas recipients include: Batesville-Ozark Foot-hills Literacy Project \$8,000, Batesville-Sulphur Rock Elementary School \$3,000, Bentonville-Literacy Council of Benton County \$9,000, Clinton-Van Buren County Friends of the Library \$3,000, Clinton-Van Buren County Literacy Council, Inc. \$3,000, Conway-Arkansas Kids After School Network \$3,000, Dardanelle-River Valley Adult Learning Alliance \$8,000, El Dorado-Literacy Coalition South Central Arkansas \$8,000, El Dorado-Literacy Council of

Union County \$8,000, Fayetteville-Fayetteville Public Library \$3,000, Forrest City-Literacy Council of St. Francis County \$8,700, Fort Smith-Literacy Council of Western Arkansas \$7,000, Greenwood-South Sebastian County Literacy League (Friends of the Library) \$1,250, Hampton-Hampton School District \$6,000, Little Rock-Literacy Action of Central Arkansas \$7,000, Magazine-Magazine School District \$3,000, Magnolia-Columbia County Library \$1,500, Malvern-Literacy Council of Hot Spring County \$8,000, Manila-Mississippi County Lit-

eracy Council, Inc. \$7,250, Maumelle-Academics Plus Charter School Inc. \$1,500, Mayflower-YARN, Inc. \$3,000, Mountain View-Mountain View School District \$2,500, North Little Rock-University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College Foundation \$9,000, Pocahontas-Randolph County Library \$1,000, Rector-Amy Ward \$1,250, Searcy-Literacy Council of White County \$8,000, Siloam Springs-Dogwood Literacy Council \$8,000, Van Buren-Volunteers for Literacy of Crawford County \$2,000, Warren-Warren Branch Library \$3,000

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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Memorial Day signifies more than just the unofficial commencement of summer. It is a day to pause, reflect, and honor the countless individuals who have laid down their lives in defense of our freedoms. Their selflessness and courage epitomize the very essence of patriotism, reminding us of the extraordinary debt we owe to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Within our state lies a profound legacy of patriotism and sacrifice. The Gold Star Family Memorial Monument is positioned directly behind our State Capitol. On the Capitol's front lawn, stands a memorial commemorating the Arkansans who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

These memorials serve as a constant reminder of the Arkansas families who have borne extraordinary burdens. The Arkansas General Assembly strives to not only honor their legacy on Memorial Day, but to acknowledge their sacrifice by tending every day to their fellow comrades who served.

The Arkansas General Assembly has diligently worked to support military families and veterans throughout the year. In 2017, the General Assembly exempted military retirement benefits from state income tax. In 2023, we broadened educational options for military families and passed legislation aimed at streamlining the occupational licensing process for military personnel and their families.

Furthermore, we've taken steps to ensure that veteran disability benefits are not considered as income for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility. Moreover, we've designated June 12 as Women's Veterans Day in Arkansas.

Our commitment to enhancing the lives of our military families and veterans remains steadfast, and our efforts will persist. While the extended weekend offers a chance for relaxation, let us never lose sight of the true essence of this day. In honoring the past, we are reminded of the principles that bind us together and the perpetual obligation to uphold them.

Let them decorate their hats

By JOANNA POOLE
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I have always been a rule follower. I didn't like getting in trouble as a child and I still don't. I wasn't a rebellious child and most of the time, my parents only ever had to tell me one time to do anything, and I didn't ask questions. Throughout my school journey, just the thought of getting in trouble made my heart palpitate. Even now, I'm a stickler for doing what I'm told when I'm told. Unless...unless the rule has no good reason behind it. I know that opinions differ when it comes to the definition of a "good" reason, but at some point, common sense must come into play.

Two weeks ago, I had the privilege of walking in UAM's spring graduation with my Bachelor of Arts in English. All of my hard work paid off and I can proudly say I graduated Magna Cum Laude. A few weeks before the ceremony, I decided that I wanted to decorate my cap as a way to show how excited I was. I put a lot of thought into what I wanted to put on the top of my cap. However, in the end, I didn't do anything because honestly, I just didn't have the energy. But that wasn't the case for everyone. As I sat among my fellow graduates, I saw caps decorated for education, accounting, and business majors. At that moment, I had a small amount of regret because I didn't decorate mine. If I ever decide to get my master's degree, I'll decorate it.

But one thing that did not catch my eye was what everyone was wearing. Were men wearing jeans or dress pants? Did the women have on dresses that came past the hem of their gowns? I have no idea. The number one reason was that we all had graduation gowns over our clothes. Number two was because I didn't care. I would bet money that not a single person, graduate or otherwise, cared as to what anyone was wearing under their gown, as long as they had clothes on.

However, when it comes to high school graduations, it's quite the opposite. School districts heavily focus on what they deem proper for graduates to wear during their ceremony. When did our concerns about what our graduates are wearing under their graduation gowns get so out of control? But Joanna, there have always been rules about what they wear. Maybe so, but that doesn't mean it needs to affect whether or not they walk. Students have worked for 13 years to meet all of the requirements. But because their pants or shoes aren't the right color, or their dress hangs an inch or two below the hem of their gown, they can't be recognized publicly? In what world does that make any sense? Elementary school is where we are first taught not to treat others differ-

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Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



One of the giants of Arkansas History, John McClellan towered over the Senate like no other Arkansan before or since. Working with fellow Arkansas Senator J. William Fulbright and an influential contingent of Arkansas congressmen, McClellan brought many accomplishments to the state and the nation. His rise to power began with a modest law firm in Sheridan.

John Little McClellan was born on his parents' farm just outside Sheridan in February 1896. His father, Isaac McClellan, was an outspoken Democrat and named him for John S. Little of Sebastian County, a popular congressman and a future governor.

Though his father was a farmer, his real passion was with the law. He had opened a small law firm in Sheridan some years before, and the younger McClellan often accompanied his father on his trips into town and learned the law at his father's feet. As McClellan grew, he attended Sheridan public schools and was an intelligent and successful pupil. He was so inspired by his father's work that he learned as much as he could about the law when not in school or helping out on the farm.

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Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

Four election laws passed by the legislature in 2021 will continue to be enforced, thanks to an Arkansas Supreme Court ruling that upholds their constitutionality.

The four laws were immediately challenged after the 2021 regular session, during which the legislature enacted a long series of election integrity laws.

Last year a Pulaski County judge ruled that the four laws were unconstitutional. The lower court decision was reversed by the Supreme Court, which determined that the Pulaski County judge had made an error in law.

The four laws are Acts 249, 728, 736 and 973 of 2021.

Act 249 reaffirms the requirement that a voter bring a government-issued photo ID to the polling place. It repeals a provision in previous law that used to allow voters to sign an affidavit at their polling place if they didn't have a photo ID with them.

Under Act 249, in order for their provisional ballots to be counted, voters must bring their ID to the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners by the Monday following Election Day.

Act 249 does not allow for a signature at the polling place, with or without an affidavit.

Act 728 prohibits people from entering or remaining in an area within 100 feet of the entrance to a voting site while voting is taking place, except for a person entering or leaving the building for lawful purposes.

Supporters of Act 728 say it prevents intimidation and electioneering within 100 feet of voting places. Opponents say it will

prevent people from passing out water, and the lower court ruling was that it violated free speech rights embodied in the First Amendment.

However, the Arkansas Supreme Court cited U.S. Supreme Court decisions that have allowed restrictions on speech within 100 feet of a polling place. Therefore Act 728 easily satisfies First Amendment challenges, the state Supreme Court ruled.

Act 736 states that possession of more than four absentee ballots is presumed to be election fraud. It requires county clerks to provide the county board of election commissioners with a daily count of absentee ballot applications.

A contested provision of Act 736 directs county clerks to compare signatures on applications for absentee ballots with the original signatures on the applicant's voter registration document. If the signatures don't match, the clerk will not send an absentee

ballot to the applicant. Opponents of the act argued that a person's signatures change over time, and that the law would burden elderly voters.

Act 973 moves the deadline when absentee ballots must be turned in to the county clerk, from the Monday immediately before Election Day to the preceding Friday.

The Supreme Court ruled that the four laws did not threaten citizens' fundamental right to vote. The justice who wrote the majority opinion said that "while the right to vote has been held to be fundamental, the right to vote in a particular manner is not guaranteed."

In 2021 the legislature enacted a long series of election integrity laws clarifying the powers of county boards of election commissioners in relation to county clerks.



I am honored to serve Arkansans in the United States Senate. A critical part of that responsibility is casting votes on the Senate floor, but another key component that often falls below the radar is helping bridge gaps between Natural State residents and the federal government. Interacting with federal officials can be overwhelming and time consuming, but my staff and I are here to help make that process easier for constituents in need of answers regarding critical benefits and services.

From the IRS to Social Security, Medicare, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), international adoption, visas and many other issues, our office has successfully helped navigate the roadblocks with government agencies and we continue working on behalf of Arkansans all across our state with our time and resources.

In the first quarter of 2024, we received more than 700 requests for assistance with federal matters. Annually, the top issues Arkansans seek our support on are veteran-related, with frequent inquiries about Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability, benefits claims and health care.

One veteran's spouse reached

out when her husband needed urgent medical care. My staff alerted the proper Little Rock VA officials about this emergency and medical center employees worked with the family to deliver the care and treatment he needed.

Already, 342 requests have been made this year for help with military records and service medals.

The daughter of a Korean War veteran ran into dead ends trying to get her father's military records and learn if he was eligible for the Purple Heart. My office was honored to help obtain his records and get the Purple Heart verified in time to honor his service and sacrifice as part of his 95th birthday celebration.

I'm pleased we were able to cut through that red tape for this Arkansan and thousands of others who have served in our nation's uniform, and I look forward to helping many more.

But our assistance extends beyond the VA. We recently aided a constituent experiencing a social security problem when, even after filing the correct paperwork, the result was an unreasonably long processing time. My team contacted the agency and asked employees to look into the delay, which gen-

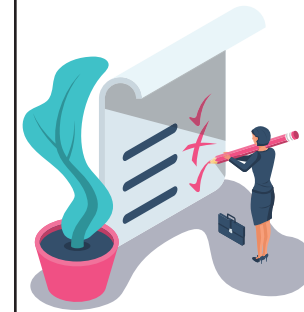
erated quick action to resolve the problem. This is hardly an isolated incident, as this year we've received 90 requests for assistance with Social Security issues.

These and numerous other examples of constituent service don't make headlines, but they do make a real difference in the lives of individual Arkansans. In the coming days I'll be sharing on social media testimonials of how our outreach has helped facilitate, expedite or correct veteran's benefits, emergency passports, Social Security Disability Insurance, military ser-

vice medals and many others.

My highest priority is making sure the federal government is working for Arkansans. That means providing the best possible constituent service and helping get answers for Natural State residents. I'm proud of the work of my staff as they use their years of experience in these matters to advocate for the people of our state. Can we help you? Consider reaching out to us if there is a matter you're trying to resolve involving the federal government.

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ently because of how they look or what they wear. Students not being allowed to walk because of what they're wearing (underneath a graduation gown) is the perfect definition of a double standard. Positive reinforcement is one way that children are encouraged to do their best in their daily school routines.

But in the end, keeping them from walking due to what their wearing is anything but positive. Yes, the student still receives their diploma and finishes high school, but it's also a way of saying, "Everything you did over the last 13 years doesn't matter because your clothes aren't the right ones." Walking across the stage at my graduation was one of the proudest moments of my life. I

worked hard and I was able to show just how hard I worked when my name was called.

Instead of focusing on what graduates are wearing underneath a gown that we can't see through, let's focus on the event that's happening. Let's focus on the good instead of concentrating on the pants, shoes, or colors of the ties. And for crying out loud, let them decorate their hats!

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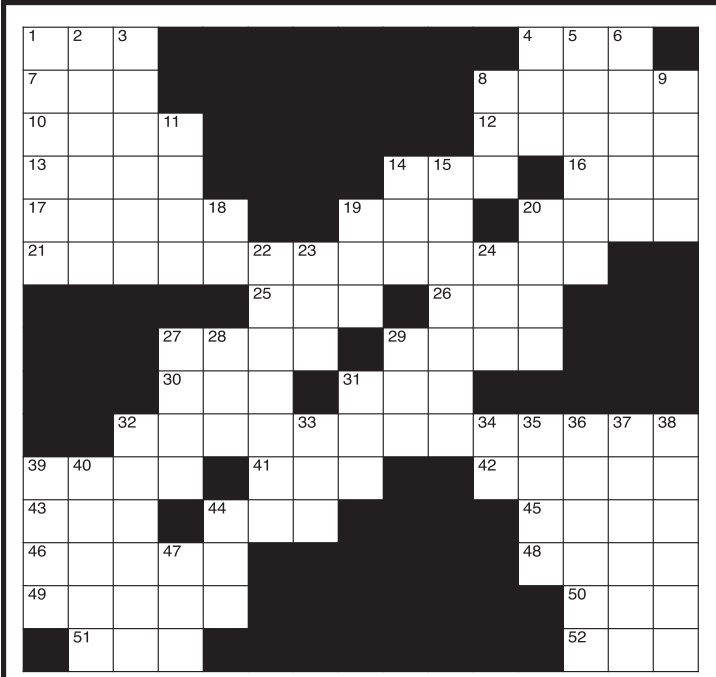
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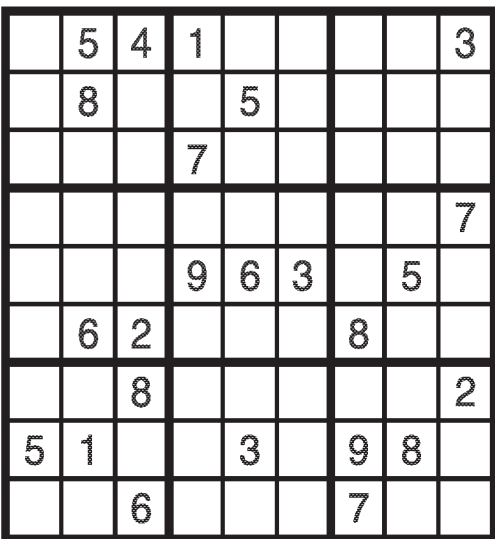
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Fashion accessory
- 4. Engine additive
- 7. Small, faint constellation
- 8. Gives a job
- 10. Self-righteous person
- 12. Caucasian language
- 13. Surinam toad
- 14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 16. Former French coin
- 17. Levels the score
- 19. What stage performers do
- 20. Egyptian Sun god
- 21. Localities
- 25. Spherical body
- 26. Licensed for Wall Street
- 27. Perfect
- 29. It's on many people's heads
- 30. Boxing's GOAT
- 31. Photo
- 32. Popular HBO show
- 39. Popular music awards show
- 41. Pouch
- 42. Lake in Botswana
- 43. Unruly group
- 44. One-fourth
- 45. Very eager
- 46. Edward __, author and writer
- 48. Flying insect
- 49. Dragged forcibly
- 50. Thus far
- 51. Not just "play"
- 52. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Occur
- 2. Show up
- 3. Capital of Taiwan
- 4. Brother or sister
- 5. Secret get-togethers
- 6. Type of tea
- 8. Where the action is
- 9. Cast out
- 11. Crime group
- 14. Type of vessel (abbr.)
- 15. Accept and handle
- 18. Sacrifice hit
- 19. One who buys and sells securities simultaneously
- 20. Month
- 22. Most thin
- 23. Naturally occurring material
- 24. Luke's mentor __-Wan
- 27. Postmodernist Austrian "House"
- 28. Aquatic salamander
- 29. Baseball stat
- 31. Beginning military rank
- 32. Talk rapidly and unintelligibly
- 33. Paddle
- 34. Caregiver (abbr.)
- 35. Old Irish alphabet
- 36. Japanese city
- 37. In a way, acted
- 38. Things to see
- 39. Nursemaid
- 40. Type of tooth
- 44. To be demonstrated
- 47. Defunct European group

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Answers can be found on Page 9

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in London on May 26, 1966. I used money I earned in a writing contest to pay for a spot in the actors' directory Spotlight. Since then, I've become a versatile actress that can do humorous, quirky and dramatic roles. I was once married to a popular and eccentric film director.

Answer: Helena Bonham Carter

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- ANEMONE
- ASTER
- AZALEA
- BEGONIA
- BLOOM
- CARNATION
- CHRYSANTHEMUM
- DAFFODIL
- DAHLIA
- DAISY
- DANDELION
- HYDRANGEA
- IRIS
- LAVENDER
- LILY
- MARIGOLD
- ORCHID
- PEONY
- POPPY
- ROSE
- SNAPDRAGON
- SUNFLOWER
- TULIP
- ZINNIA

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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By the time he was 17 in 1913, McClellan went before a judge to prove his legal skills and was admitted to the state bar. At that time in Arkansas, attorneys could still be trained by being apprenticed to other attorneys instead of going to law school. At an age when many youngsters McClellan's age were struggling to finish high school, preparing for college, or entering the workforce, McClellan had become an attorney and beginning a career with the law that would last the next 64 years. Being only 17, he was the youngest lawyer in the nation.

He joined his father as a partner in his law firm. That fall, he married Eula Hicks, also a Sheridan native, and the couple would eventually have two children together.

In 1917, the United States entered World War I. McClellan decided to enlist to serve his country. He entered as a lieutenant in a unique new branch of the U. S. Army Signal Corps, the Air Corps. Though airplanes had only been invented 14 years earlier, McClellan was one of the first Americans to serve as a pilot in combat. After the end of the war and after 18 months in the service, McClellan was honorably discharged and returned to Arkansas.

After his return, he left his father's firm and started his own

practice in nearby Malvern. He was popular and successful, and city leaders chose him to be city attorney in 1920. During that time, his marriage broke down, resulting in a divorce in 1921. The next year, he married Lucille Smith of Malvern, with whom he had three children. In 1926, his political fortunes continued to improve with his election as Prosecuting Attorney for the Seventh Judicial District, which included Hot Spring and

Grant County.

After two terms as Prosecuting Attorney, McClellan decided to run for Congress in 1934. He defeated incumbent Rep. David D. Glover, also of Sheridan, in the Democratic Primary. McClellan was a strong supporter of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs and helped to establish such programs as Social Security and ensured that Works Progress Administration

work relief projects came to Arkansas. However, this triumph was mixed with tragedy as his second wife died after a sudden illness in 1935.

After two terms, McClellan ran for the U. S. Senate. The 1938 Democratic Primary pitted McClellan and against U. S. Sen. Hattie Caraway. McClellan put all he had into the race against the popular incumbent.

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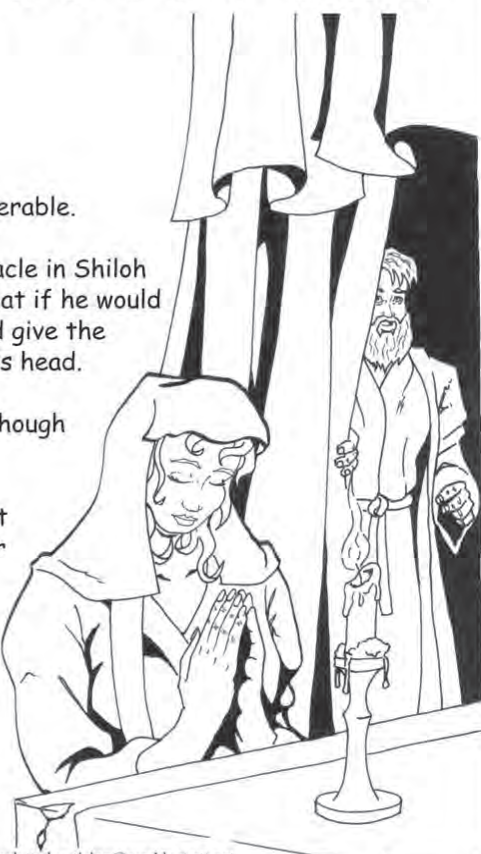
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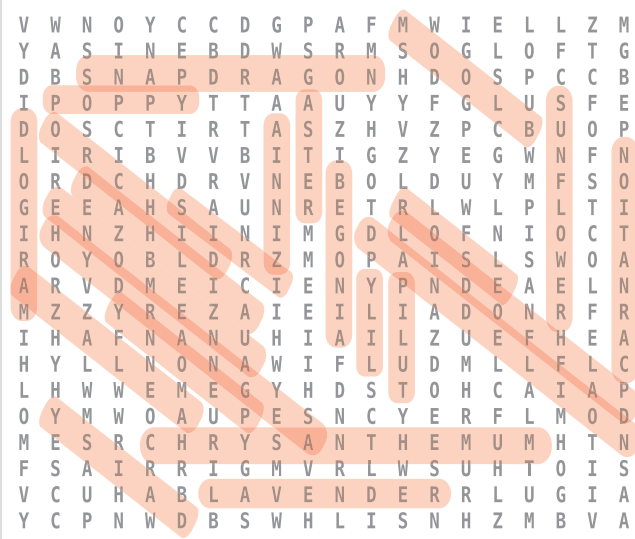
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Yepes and Stanley among Williams Baptist University graduates

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Williams Baptist University awarded degrees to 140 graduates during its 2024 Spring commencement exercises on Saturday, May 4. Anne Yepes and Ethan Stanley, both graduates of Warren High School, were among WBU's graduating class. Stanley,

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ARDOT awards UAM-CTM \$175,000 for CDL Fleet Upgrade Program

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The \$40,000 allocated to tuition will support scholarships for twenty CDL students.

"Enhancing the number of safe CDL drivers on the road will lead to improved delivery systems and allow for well-paying careers for people, leading to a better standard of living and increased participation in the job force. In short, this benefits the entire region as well as the state," Bob Ware, vice chancellor of UAM-CTM, said.

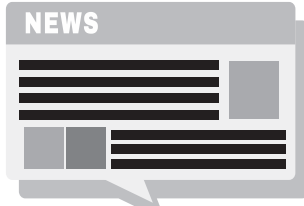
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the CDL program at the UAM College of Technology-McGehee. The grant will significantly enhance the quality of hands-on training offered in the CDL program," Dr. Peggy Doss said.

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bent. In the end, he came up short, scoring only 47 percent of the vote.

He set up a new law firm in Camden and re-evaluated his career. Sen. John Elvis Miller

died in 1941, and Gov. Homer Adkins appointed Lloyd Spencer in the interim. In 1942, Sen. Spencer declined to run for another term in order to serve in the military for World War II. McClellan jumped into a crowded field of four candidates in the Democratic Primary. He finished 400 votes

behind Jack Holt in the first primary, but since Holt did not have a majority, the race went to a runoff. He rallied and surged to a win with 61 percent. He faced no opposition in the general election.

McClellan would go on to serve for 35 years in the Senate and led many important proj-

ects and reforms, including the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System in 1963 and the federal anti-racketeering law (RICO) in 1973. He died in office at age 81 in 1977. The Veterans Administration hospital in Little Rock was later named for him.

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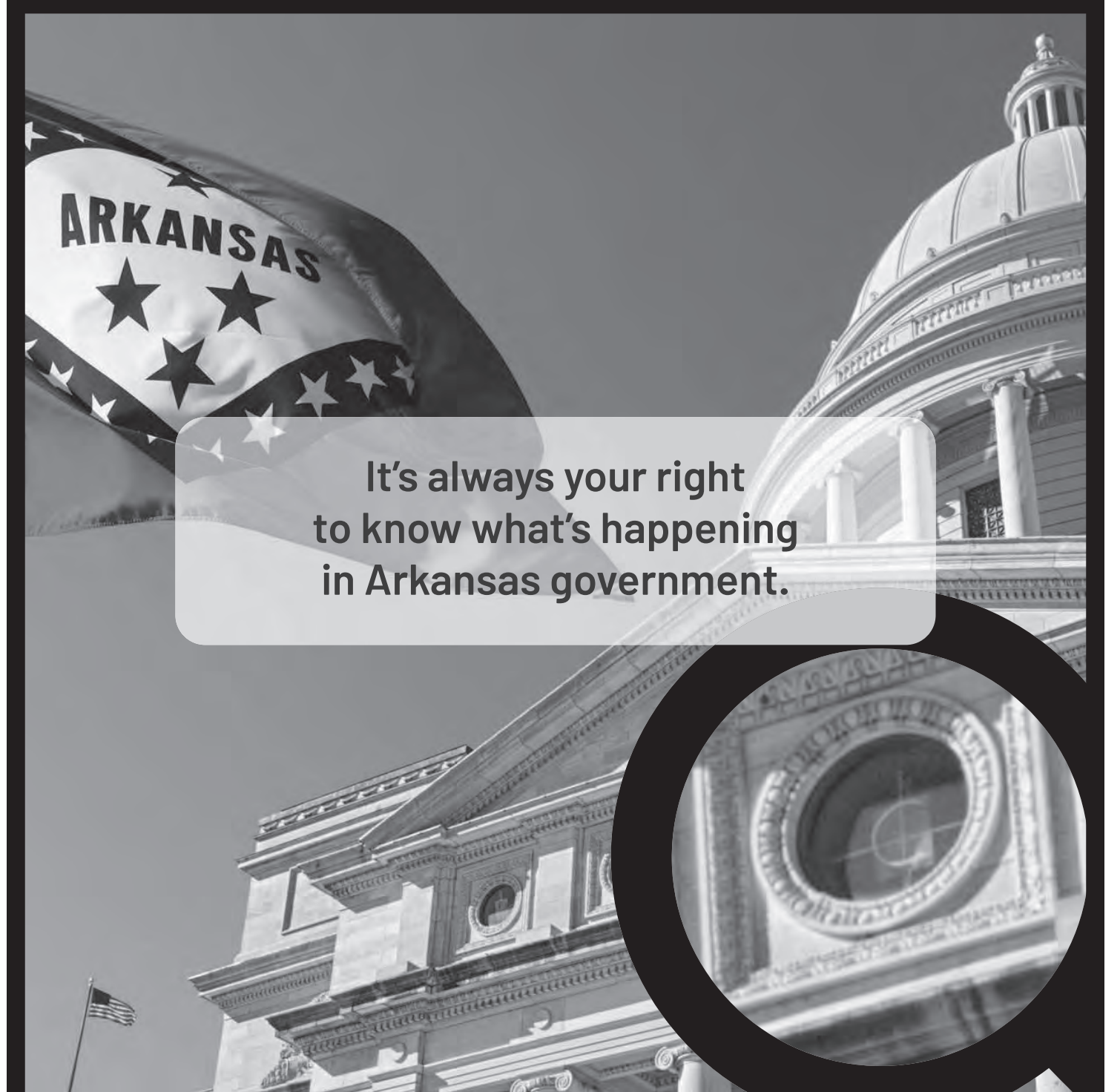
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Hometown hero: Ben Poole

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When you think of a police officer, the words that should come to mind are honest, kind, and helpful. While that may not always be the case with every police officer, it is with our next Hometown Hero, Ben Poole.

Ben was born in Onawa, Iowa. He lived in Moorehead, Iowa until age 13, when he and his family moved to Johnsville, Arkansas to be closer to his maternal grandparents. He attended school at Hermitage and in 2001, he graduated from Hermitage High School.

But Ben didn't grow up with ambitions of becoming a police officer. As a child, he wanted to be a Navy SEAL and then, at 10, a basketball player. He played basketball in high school and would ride his bike five miles to the closest court to practice. However, he didn't pursue a career as a basketball player.

In 2001, not long after graduating, he met his wife, and the two got married in April of 2002. They have been married for 22 years and have four children together.

Ben's career as a police officer didn't start until 2005 when he applied for a patrolman position at the Hermitage Police Department.

When I sat down to interview

Ben, I asked him why he wanted to become a police officer.

"I wanted to help people and I thought I'd be well suited for the job," Poole said.

Poole also said that he settled into the role of patrolman easily, and spent two and a half years in that position. During part of his time as a patrolman, he worked under former Hermitage Police Chief, Steve Young.

"Ben was always willing to listen and learn," Young said. "He was always honest and had his family on his mind. He's even-tempered, and I don't recall ever seeing him get mad about anything."

When Young took a job at another department, that left the position of chief open and Poole decided to apply for it. He wasn't certain if he would get it but he wanted to try.

The switch from patrolman to chief was a little tougher, but he gives credit to other local departments for helping him transition to chief.

"I had a lot of help from officers at the Warren PD, and the Bradley County Sheriff's Department, concerning my duties as chief and investigations. They were all happy to help," Poole said.

Hermitage is a small town, and the police department is on the smaller side. That makes the work schedule for Ben a little dif-

ferent than most departments. Every other week, Poole works four 24-hour shifts in a row and then three 12-hour shifts. Being a police officer is challenging, and that kind of demanding schedule can lead to burnout. But Ben is patient and knows that there is a job to be done. He does his job well, he listens, and he is fair. He has a good heart, a great work ethic, and he loves his community. He is committed to ensuring that the right thing is done, and the law is followed.

Ben is still the police chief of Hermitage and now works under Mayor, Matt Cathey.

"Ben is dependable and knowledgeable of his job," Cathey said. "He goes above and beyond his job duties being Chief. He's willing in any way to help the community and fellow citizens here. I appreciate what he does for the city."

Ben Poole often goes above and beyond the duties of the job. The citizens of Hermitage can rest assured knowing that he is there to make sure they are safe. His willingness and integrity shine through every day and that's why he's Bradley County's Hometown Hero for May.



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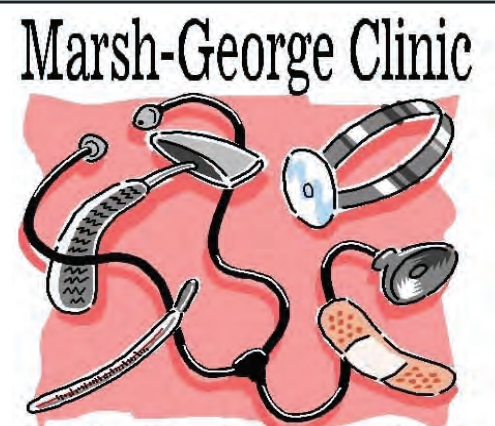


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