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Londyn Rose Wiggins will crown winner

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Londyn Rose Wiggins was crowned Little Miss Pink Tomato 2024 during the sixty-seventh Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival and will be on hand this Saturday afternoon to crown this year's winner.

Londyn is the six year old daughter of Shane and Lindsey Wiggins of Warren. Her grandparents are Randy and Kami riding in the Pink Tomato Festi-Wiggins of Warren.

She attends Warren Elementary School and enjoys playing t-ball, shopping, doing nails, and being a big sister. When Londyn grows up she wants to own her very own nail salon.

Her favorite thing about the Pink Tomato Festival is all the yummy snacks and the carnival rides. She is looking forward to val Parade on Saturday morning.



Courtesy photo

2024 Pink Tomato Festival schedule

Thursday, June 13

6 p.m.- Warren Lions Club 45th Annual Gospel Music Jamboree – Immanuel **Baptist Church Sanctuary**

6 p.m.-Cornhole Tournament (registration at 5:30pm)

Friday & Saturday - June 14 & 15 ~ All Day

Information Booth and T-shirt sales sponsored by Bradley County Medical

Main Street merchants are OPEN Food Vendors

Obstacle Course/Bouncy House on the

Arts & Crafts on Myrtle Street & Cedar Street Emergency Services Building Quilt Show at YMCA

Veterans Museum – 210 N. Main

Local Talent on the Square Friday, June 14

9 a.m. to 6p.m. – Information Booth at Chamber sponsored by Bradley County

Medical Center 9 a.m. to 6p.m.-Arts & Crafts on Myrtle Street & Cedar Street Emergency Ser-

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.- Quilt Show at **YMCA**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Open House at local

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Local Talent on the

4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.– Tomato Pack- town Warren ing Contest on AHF small stage

5 p.m.—Cutest Baby Contest* at Warren Elementary Auditorium

5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.-Comedy & Magic by Derrick Rose on Square

6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.—"Great Bowls of Fire" Salsa Contest sponsored by Warren Bank & Trust on AHF small stage

8 p.m. to 10 p.m.- DJ Jam-a-Lot on West Cypress Street

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Midnight South on Ryburn Motors Main Stage

Saturday, June 15

7:30 a.m. Pink Tomato Festival 5k Run/Walk* sponsored by Emrich & Scroggins, LLP

7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. - Pie Contest at First Methodist Fellowship Hall

8 a.m. – Steak Cook-off begins

8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. – Bike Decorating Contest sponsored by Judge Bruce & Lou Anne Anderson

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Information Booth at Chamber sponsored by Bradley County Medical Center 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Arts & Crafts on Myr-

tle Street & Cedar Street Emergency Services Building

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.- Quilt Show at

9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.-Comedy & Magic by Derrick Rose on Square

10 a.m. - Festival Parade in down-

10:45 a.m.- Tomato Eating Contest sponsored by Union Bank on AHF small

11:30 a.m. – Local Talent on the Square 12:30 p.m.- All-Tomato Luncheon* at First Baptist Church Activities Center

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.—Comedy & Magic by Derrick Rose on Square

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Local Talent on the

2:30 p.m.- Little Miss Pink Tomato Pageant* at Warren Elementary Audito-

5 p.m. – Steak Cook-off Awards

7 p.m. to 10 p.m.- Distingui2 sponsored by Thomas Frazer on West Cypress

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.- Ward Davis on Ryburn Motors Main Stage

8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.- Tyler Farr on Ryburn Motors Main Stage

TO BE FOLLOWED BY

Grand Finale Fireworks Show sponsored by First State Bank of Warren, Hermitage, & Hampton

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday evenings June 13, 14, & 15

Carnival Downtown Warren* - Armband Nights Thursday & Saturday

*Indicates fee required

Taylor receives latest BCMC DAISY Award

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Belinda "Lee" Taylor, RN, was named the recipient of The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses® in a recent ceremony at a strong patient advocate, and Bradley County Medical Center. This award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize the extraordinary, compas- tion, Taylor was the head of BCsionate nursing care they pro- MC's Med-Surg Unit, but she is vide patients and families every

Taylor's nomination stated that she exemplifies servant leadership evidenced by her willingness to support and serve both her patients and staff. The nomination continued by explaining that although she fulfills a charge nurse role, she strives to meet our needs by providing bedside care, answering call lights, administrating meds, managing admissions, or discharges. Her demeanor is always professional, pleasant, and

cooperative and no matter how busy it gets, Taylor has a "we got this" attitude. The nomination concluded by saying that she is the nominator appreciates her as a colleague and leader.

At the time of this nominanow overseeing Social Services and Utilization Review. She received a certificate commending her for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." Additionally, she was given a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called "A Healer's Touch," hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa.

The other finalists included Celia Oehlerich, Ashley Grider, Kelly Adair, Sommer Johnson, and Jessica Jones. Each nominee received an honorary DAI-SY pin. The award ceremony featured all six candidates receiving a pin and Taylor being honored as the winner. Cinnamon rolls, fruit, and punch were served to all who attended the ceremony.

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. (DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.) The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for

making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Nurses were nominated by patients, families, and colleagues. The nominations were blinded and voted on by the DAISY Committee led by ER Nurse Manager Cheryl Wells, RN, who serves as BCMC's DAI-SY coordinator. The nominations were graded based on set criteria, a numeric value was assigned based on these criteria, and awards were determined based on score. The committee members voted. The process was overseen by the DAISY coordinator.

The Award at Bradley County Medical Center is co-sponsored by generous donations. Initial funding was provided by the facility. The program is maintained through generous

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UAM awarded \$934,269 for restoration projects on three historic properties

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) will continue restoration efforts on two historic properties and begin work on a third project thanks to a \$934,269 grant awarded to the university from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC).

In May, the ANCRC approved the FY2025 grant funding for

The Visual and Performing Arts Center, built in 1954 and previously used as the Student Union on UAM's Monticello campus, received \$855,012 in funding for the first of a twophase renovation process. The first phase will address exterior renovations, including roof repairs, restoration of stone veneer, concrete elements and steel windows, and new roof-

top HVAC units and exterior painting. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

UAM also received \$45,115 for the Trotter House and \$34,142 for the 1937 Faculty House. Both projects will enter the final phase of a three-phase renovation.

The Trotter House, in Monticello, Arkansas, operates as a bed and breakfast and provides learning opportunities for UAM students in the hospitality program. Built in 1896, the Eastlake-style house was owned by prominent banker V.J. Trotter and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The ANCRC's grant funds will support the renovation of the interior wood trim.

The interior restoration of the 1937 Faculty House, located



McAninch, is an early exam-

ple of the Art Moderne style

in southeast Arkansas and is largely unchanged from its original construction. It is the last remaining structure from the original faculty village and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "We are extremely grateful

to the ANCRC for its continued support of UAM's historic properties," Dr. Peggy Doss,

chancellor of UAM, stated. "The Visual and Performing Arts Center, Trotter House and 1937 Faculty House are all on the National Register of Historic Places, and we greatly value the history they represent at UAM. The grant funds provided are essential to support necessary restorations and ensure these buildings continue

to play a significant role in the future of the university. This year marks the first grant funds received for the Visual and Performing Arts Center. We are excited to have this building, which is prominently featured on campus, undergo improvements that will create a better space for our music program."

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Passin' the Faith **Along**

By REV. JIM BALES Pastor - First Assembly of God

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman, in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much; he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle is so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help rest her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown

that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade stand set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

Pryor Center to collect oral histories at upcoming **Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival**

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The David and Barbara Pryor Center of Arkansas Oral and Visual History, in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas, will collect oral histories at the upcoming Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival. As part of the Pryor Center's Arkansas Traditions collection, Pryor Center staff will be on the Bradley County Courthouse lawn to record stories from festival attendees on Saturday, June 15.

"What better way to collect oral histories than to set up a tent on the Bradley County Courthouse lawn and document the stories people have about the time-honored tradition that is the Pink Tomato Festival," John Davis, executive director of the Pryor Center said. "The Pink Tomato Festival is a perfect opportunity to learn about a wonderful Arkansas community and its people-through the lens of this annual event. We are seeking stories from anyone who appreciates the value and history of the festival and who is willing to share their Pink Tomato stories for our archives.'

The David and Barbara Pryor Center for Arkansas Oral and Visual History is an oral history program with the mission to document the history of Arkansas through the collection of spoken memories and visual records, preserve the collection in perpetuity, and connect Arkansans and the world to the collection through the Internet, TV broadcasts, educational programs, and other means.

The Pryor Center records audio and video interviews about Arkansas history and culture, collects other organizations' recordings, organizes these recordings into an archive, and provides public access to the archive, primarily through the website at pryorcenter.uark.edu.

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LEGALS

REZONING NOTICE

Name of Owner(s): Wayne White

Request has been made for a change of zoning classification from Residential to Commercial of the following property: 1110 Fox St. **Property Description**

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Reason for Change: To Store Materials

Meeting 6/24 at 5:30

6/12, 6/19

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 6-24-24 to consider a request for a special use permit for a mobile home at 117 Cook St. Warren, AR. Being more fully described as:

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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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Warren School District Milk Invitation for Bid SY 2024-2025

To whom it may concern:

The Warren School District will be accepting bids on milk products for the 2024-2025 school year.

Sealed bids will be accepted at the below date, time, and place.

Date: Wednesday, June 26th Time: 2:00pm

Place: Warren School District ATTN: Child Nutrition

408 Cherry St Warren, AR 71671

Please write "MILK BID" on the outside of your envelope. Sealed bids may be dropped off at the Warren School District administrative office:

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Or emailed to: Kenna White at kenna.white@warrensd.org

Bids will be opened on Thursday, June 27th at 10:00am, and the bid

winner will be announced on Monday, July 22nd. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call

or email the Child Nutrition Director, Kenna White, at 870-226-8532 or kenna.white@warrensd.org

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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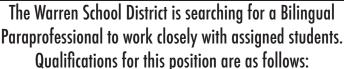
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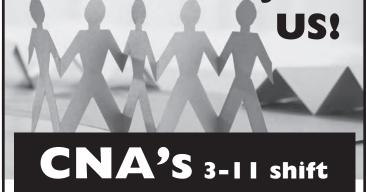
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NPC and UAM announce four-year nursing degree in Hot Springs

Special to the Eagle

National Park College (NPC) and the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) announced a new bachelor's degree partnership Tuesday. The institutions will collaborate to bring a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree to Hot Springs beginning in July

All four years of the new bachelor's degree will be offered on the NPC campus. Students will complete the Associate of Science in Nursing degree enrolled as an NPC students and the remainder of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree enrolled as UAM students.

While completing the associate degree coursework, students NPC with a minimum of a 2.5 cuwill be charged NPC tuition rates.

UAM tuition rates will apply for students to finish the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Participants will have access to the full range of services and resources provided by both NPC and UAM. Upon completion, students will receive an associate degree diploma from NPC and a bachelor's degree diploma from UAM.

All NPC students who apply to UAM will automatically be considered for UAM's Nighthawk Transfer Scholarship, which offers a \$3,000 award per semester for a maximum of four academic terms of continuous enrollment. Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at NPC with 55 hours completed at mulative grade point average will

be eligible for the scholarship.

"This has been quite a long iourney, and I am glad we have found a partner in UAM that will work with us in the spirit of meeting our students' needs," Dr. John Hogan, president of NPC, said. "Health care is the top industry in our community, and nursing is the most significant need of our employers. It has been a frustrating and arduous effort to provide students with this degree option, so I am grateful for the patience of our students, the support our community and UAM's willingness to stand beside us and take on this important responsibility."

"Adding the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to our campus within a campus partnership with National Park College

will effectively address another crucial need in the Arkansas workforce," Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, said. "Ensuring the availability of highly skilled nurses in every part of the state is fundamental to meeting the health care needs of our communities. We are enthusiastic about the opportunity to once again collaborate with NPC, demonstrating the strength of cooperation between two Arkansas higher education institutions. As a result, NPC students will have a pathway to pursue an affordable four-year nursing degree from the University of Arkansas at Monticello, supported by the Nighthawk Transfer Scholarship."

A press conference for media was held on the NPC camDierks Center for Nursing and Health Sciences. Speakers included Dr. Hogan, Dr. Doss, Dr. Doug Ross, president of CHI St. Vincent Hospital Hot Springs and chief medical officer for the

pus Tuesday in the Frederick M. health system, Chris Thomason, vice president for planning and development for the University of Arkansas System, and Dr. Ken Warden, commissioner of the Arkansas Division of Higher Educa-



DAISY

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support from donors, including anonymous donors, committee members, the BCMC Employee Appreciation Council, and other fundraisers.

Expressing gratitude to the nursing profession is one of a few initiatives of The DAI-SY Foundation. Additionally, DAISY offers J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects, The DAISY Faculty Award to honor inspiring facul-

ty members in schools and colleges of nursing, and The DAISY in Training Award for nursing students. More information is available at http://DAISYfoundation.org.

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Colonel Charleston Edward Alexander, III, MD

Charleston Edward Alexander, Jr and Travestine H. Feaster Alexander. Charleston (Charles) grew up in Warren, AR and attended Bradley County High (HS) School. Charles graduated in 1960 as the salutatorian of his class. After his HS graduation, Charles

went to the University of Arkansas - Arkansas Agricultural & Mechanical and Normal College (AM&N) in Pine Bluff, AR where he received a B.S. in Biology-Chemistry in 1964. Charles went from the New Mexico State University from 1964-66 where he received a M.S. in Ecological Physiology. Charles married his college sweetheart, Ora Lee (Gay) Alexander on September 5, 1966 in Marianna, AR. They were happily married for 57 years. Later that same month, Charles entered the University of Arkansas Medical School where he received his Doctorate of Medicine (MD) degree in 1970. His residency training (Obstetrics and Gynecology- OB/GYN) was completed in 1974 at the University of Cincinnati (Ohio). Charles joined the U.S. Army Reserve in 1971 in Cincinnati, OH and in 1974 became a member of the 325th General Hospital in Independence, MO. For 32 years, he served in various roles

and capacities including Commander of the 340th Medical Detachment from 1986-1990 and the Chief of Professional Services for the 325th General Field Hospital from 1992-1995. He received many awards, commendations and ribbons during his tenure and retired in 2003 with the rank of Colonel

In 1974, Dr. Alexander began his private practice career with OB/GYN Medical Services in Kansas City, KS. For 27 years, Charles divided his work between the office, Bethany Medical Center, Providence Hospital and the Wyandotte County Health Department with his colleagues - Clarence Gilmore, MD, Dannie Thompson, MD, and Charles Quinn, MD. In 2001, he joined the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City as an Assistant Professor and physician. He retired from his medical career in 2012 from the University of Kansas Medical Center - Kansas City celebrating a total of 38 years in medical practice. Charles has delivered countless little miracles' and shared the same amount of '1st' birthdays with families.

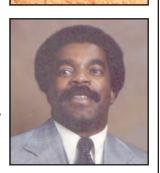
Charles gave his life to Christ at an early age. He valued his family and serving in the community that he worked. He was a devout member of the First A.M.E. Church where he served on the Trustee Board and Finance Committee, sang in the male chorus and loved Sunday School. He also was a Friends of Yates Board member for the Yates Branch Y.W.C.A. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Jack and Jill, Inc., UAPB Alumni Association, Theta Boule Fraternity, Jayhawk Frontier Club, and the Midwesterners Club of Greater Kansas City. He was a member of the National Medical Association (NMA) and American Medical Association (AMA), KAW Valley and KCMO Medical Associations. Charles enjoyed music, dancing, traveling, sports, reading, historical research, and working in his yard and garden. Charles was preceded in death by his mother and father. Charles is survived by his spouse, Ora of Kansas City, KS. His children - Tara Alexander of Dallas, TX, Cory (Lora) Alexander of

Silver Spring MD, Brett (Veronica) Alexander of Keller, TX and His Siblings - Ethel Grace (Alex) Washington of Brighton, MI and George (Barbara) Alexander of Warren, AR. His five grandchildren

- Joshua Aaron Alexander, Charleston Frank Alexander, Emma Grace Alexander, Noble Orion Alexander, Landon Syre Alexander, His Aunts - Marion Margaret (Alexander) Poindexter and Sarah

Ruby Mae (Alexander) Haynes. His Uncles - John Feaster, Herbert Feaster, Thomas Feaster. Brother-in-Laws, Sister-in-Laws, God-children (Terry Adams, Kenyatta Stepps), Karen Delos Reyes, cousins. extended family, other relatives, and friends Your life was a blessing.

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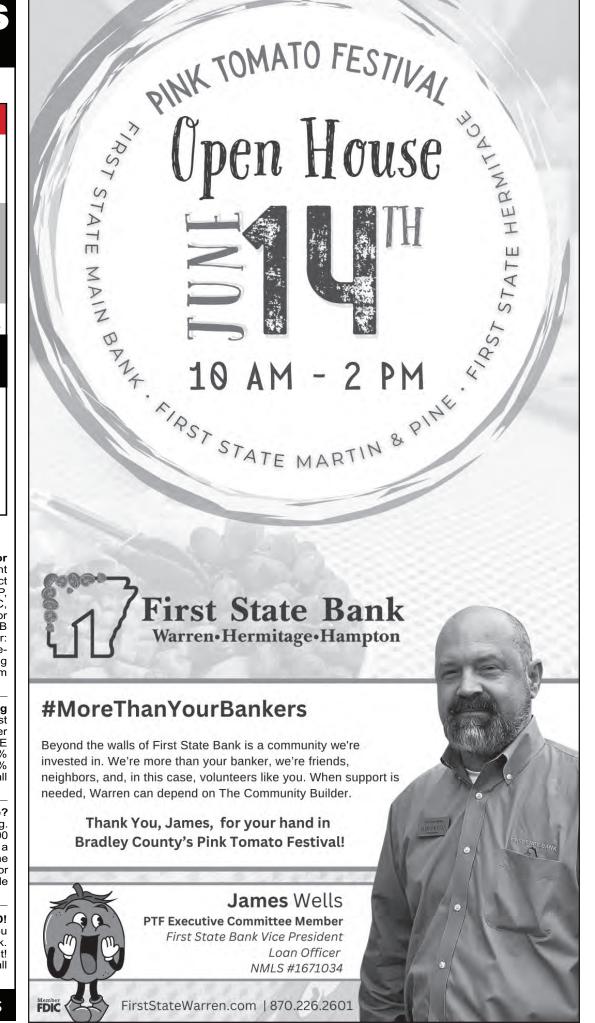
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Editorial

Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw Ark. State Representative



Women have been part of the American military narrative since the Revolutionary War, initially serving as nurses, spies, and support staff. Today, they are integral to every branch of the armed forces, serving in roles that span from combat pilots to intelligence analysts.

One of the pieces of legislation signed into law during the 2023 Regular Session created Women Veterans Day as a state memorial day to be celebrated on June 12 each year. Act 115 states Women Veterans Day is acknowledged as an effort to honor the work of women in the United States Armed Forces and recognizes the unique challenges women have faced.

On June 12, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed into law the $\,$ Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, allowing women the right to serve as permanent, regular members of the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States Air Force.

There are nearly 2 million living women veterans in the United States. Women currently make up approximately 10 percent of the overall veteran population. Arkansas is home to over 220,000 veterans. Of those, close to 19,000 are women.

Honoring women veterans means celebrating their stories and contributions. From the trailblazing nurses of World War II to the combat officers of today, each woman veteran's story adds a unique thread to the fabric of our history. Their resilience, bravery, and dedication have paved the way for future generations, and recognizing their sacrifices enriches our state.

The Arkansas General Assembly is committed to improving the lives of all of our veterans. If you are a veteran or a family member of a veteran in need of assistance, visit veterans.arkansas.gov.

A reflection on Juneteenth: celebrating freedom and commemorating history

By JOANNA POOLE

If you drive through Wilmar in the month of June, you'll see a sign that says, "June Dinner Day." I grew up seeing that same sign, year after year, tied to the chain-linked fence that surrounds the building that used to be the high-school. I always wondered what it was, but I never asked. Then as a teenager, I heard the term "Juneteenth" for the first time and I thought someone made up a word. I had no idea that it actually represented something and I didn't ask. Finally, as an adult I heard it again and decided to do research and what I found surprised me.

Juneteenth is a holiday that marks the end of slavery in the United States and commemorates African-American freedom. Another name for it is Freedom Day. President Abraham Lincoln issued the proclamation declaring the abolishment of slavery on January 1, 1863, also known as the Emancipation Proclamation. At that point, the nation had been at war for three years. Do you remember from high school what the Emancipation Proclamation says? No? Me either, so I looked it up. Basically, it says that all men (and women) shall be "forever free." But in 1863, there were no telephones. That wouldn't happen until 1890. But I digress.

The news of freedom didn't reach every state right away. In fact, the slaves in Texas continued to work as if nothing had changed until June 19, 1865. That's over two years of deplorable conditions, beatings, and other unspeakable acts!

There are a couple of different accounts of why it took so long for the news to reach Texas. One says the messenger bearing the news was assassinated on his journey. But some historians believe that the news of freedom was withheld by slave owners to keep their labor force.

However, on June 19, General Gordon Granger visited Texas, and along with him came the news of freedom. General Granger read Order Number Three which stated: 'The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United Stated, all slaves are free.' Over 250,000 slaves finally learned of their freedom.

But it wasn't until June 17, 2021 that Juneteenth was declared a federal holiday. In my opinion, that took way too long.

I also learned that each year, thousands of people travel to Galveston to stand where those that first learned of their freedom stood.

But as much as I've learned lately about Juneteenth, I sit with the fact that I didn't learn it in school. Sure, I was educated about Independence Day, Memorial Day, and Veteran's Day, but not a single word was spoken about June 19, 1865. If it hasn't already, that needs to change right away.

But I didn't want Google to be my only source, so I asked a friend of mine if she grew up celebrating. This was her response:

"Oh yes, because for my family, Juneteenth was always a time for our reunions and community barbecues/picnics. We celebrate our heritage and the hard-won freedom of our ancestors. Gatherings and cookouts were filled with laughter, music, and a lot of storytelling from older generations passing down the history and significance of the day, and staying connected with our roots by enriching ourselves within our history. Juneteenth taught me the importance of remembering and honoring my history while looking forward to the future."

So this year, when I drive past the June Dinner Day sign, I'll see it differently. I'll actually think about what I've learned and why it's celebrated. I'll remember that it isn't just a sign or a day. It's a true reason to celebrate.

Due to the Juneteenth holiday, the Eagle will have early deadlines for the Wednesday, June 19 paper. The deadline for the June 19 paper will be Friday, June 14 at noon.



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

Arkansas teacher salaries went up 3.2 percent last year, to an average of \$54,309.

That ranked Arkansas 45th in the country. However, when the cost of living is factored in, salaries in Arkansas ranked 33rd in the country. It costs more to live in California, New York and other states with higher teacher salaries.

Nationwide, the average teacher salary was \$69,544 in 2023. That was a 4.1 percent increase over 2022.

Compared to the other 15 southern states that belong to the Southern Regional Education Board, teacher salaries in Arkansas ranked 12th last year. After adjusting for the cost of living, Arkansas ranked 11th.

Legislative staff presented statistics on teacher salaries to the Senate and House Education Committees during a recent meeting in which lawmakers worked on an adequacy study for next school year.

Adequacy is the term used by Arkansas educators and policy makers to determine funding amounts for public schools, in order to meet the constitutional mandate to provide an education to all children in the state.

Teacher salaries are one of numerous factors studied by legislators before they set school funding levels. Other factors include the number of special education students in a district, the population density within a school district and the cost of operating school buses, how many students live in poverty and whether facilities and equipment need to be upgrad-

The Education Committees explored methods of lessenArkansas. The highest average salary in Arkansas was \$68,421 in Fayetteville and the lowest average salary of \$43,895 was in the Bradford School District in White County.

Generally, larger districts in urban areas pay higher salaries than smaller districts in rural areas. According to legislative researchers, salaries tend to be lower in school districts with high percentages of poor students, which can be measured by the number of free lunches provided.

Also, salaries are lower on average at schools that receive lower letter grades on school report cards.

In broad strokes, the average teacher salary of \$49,391 in the lower delta of southeast Arkansas is the lowest in the state. The second lowest average is in a 10-county area in the mountains of north central Arkansas, where the average is \$49,935.

Next is a 12-county region in

ing the pay disparities within the northeast corner of Arkansas, where the average teacher salary is \$50,782. The southwest quadrant of the state had average teacher pay of \$50,876 last year.

In eight counties of central Arkansas the average salary was \$54,792. In northwest Arkansas and the river valley the average was \$55,318.

However, even within a single county there are disparities in pay. Small, rural districts in northwest Arkansas don't pay as much as schools in Fayetteville, Bentonville, Springdale, Rogers, Fort Smith, Ozark, Russellville and Dardanelle. The differences in average salaries can be several thousand dollars a year.

The Education Committee studied salary figures from 2023. The legislature passed the LEARNS Act last year, which set a minimum salary of \$50,000. It will dramatically affect teacher salary figures in coming years.

JOHN BOOZMAN

World War II was a generation-defining event. Perhaps no aspect was more significant than the invasion of Normandy, also known as D-Day, on June 6, 1944.

Eighty years since the massive undertaking codenamed Operation Overlord - which saw five naval assault divisions descend on the beaches of France including 7,000 ships and landing craft manned by over 195,000 naval personnel to transport 133,000 Allied troops – we still marvel at the scope and scale of this surprise attack that marked a turning point for the war's European theater.

As time marches forward and more of the heroes who served in this assault pass on, there are fewer and fewer opportunities to hear firsthand what it was like to be part of such a tragic yet triumphant and strategically key moment. That's why I firmly believe in highlighting this occasion and helping teach new generations of Americans about the sacrifices it required.

I was proud to author and lead passage of a resolution commemorating the historic

operation and expressing the Senate's gratitude and appreciation to the members of the U.S. Armed Forces and Allied troops responsible for carrying out this unprecedented maneuver that proved decisive in securing victory against Nazi Germany.

Every year brings an opportunity to reflect on and honor this hallowed anniversary, recommit to educate our children and grandchildren about its importance and acknowledge the individuals who played their part in the epic battle for the future of freedom.

As Arkansans, we can be incredibly proud of the connections our state has to the courage and heroism that characterized so many stories from that day. Private First Class Harold Eugene Sellers of Jonesboro, a star athlete who passed up a football scholar ship to the University of Arkansas to serve in the 101st Army Airborne, is one such example.

He was among the first casualties on D-Day when, while serving as a pathfinder marking the drop zone for his fellow paratroopers, he landed in a tree and was targeted by German machine guns. Sellers was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and a Bronze

William Toombs of North Little Rock was a flight engineer and gunner aboard a B-24 aircraft who also took part in the operation. In fact, it was his first mission, and he still remembers the sight of the massive invading force below on the sea and alongside him in the skies.

They and thousands of other American and Allied soldiers played a significant role in liberating France and the wider European continent, which these citizens and their descendants still acknowledge today. I have been fortunate to witness the eternal gratitude on display for our World War II veterans when they return to the shores and villages they reclaimed from German occupation. Those special and moving scenes will never fade.

It has been a true privilege to participate in ceremonies at Normandy for the 75th and 80th anniversaries of D-Day, meeting these members of the Greatest Generation who defended freedom and changed the course of history, with many then returning home to lead normal, quiet lives and rebuild our own country.

This group of ordinary people who did extraordinary things must never be forgotten. Who they were, what they did and the sacrifices they made are all worth our deepest reverence. It is our duty to remember and honor their legacies, but also to live and serve in a manner worthy of their example.

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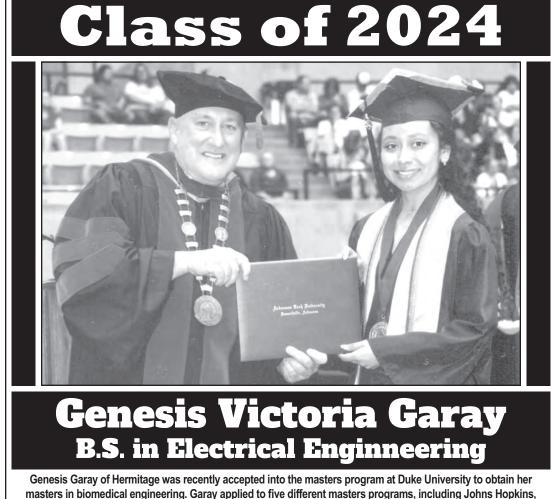
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The people asked Samuel to keep on praying for them. He offered a lamb as a burnt offering to the Lord and cried out to the Lord on Israel's behalf and the Lord answered.

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Obituaries

Joy Ross

Joy Ross, age 79 of the Woodlawn Community passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at



The Greenhouse Cottages in Rison, Ark. She was born on April 1, 1945 in Hermitage, Ark. to the late Erman Carroll

Kinard and Rachel Leona Booker Kinard. She was a member of Center Missionary Baptist

Other than her parents she is preceded in death by her husband, Gary Lee Ross whom she married on April 3, 1965 and he passed away on October 15,

Survivors include her daughter, Carolyn Stover (Jerry Don) of Woodlawn, Ark.; brother, Carroll Kinard (Betty) of Crossett, Ark.; grandchildren, Amanda Henley (Matt), and Alec Stover; great-grandchildren, Henley and Zeke Henley.

Funeral service was Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Center Missionary Baptist Church. Burial in Rowell Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Billy Mack White

Billy Mack White, age 85, of Warren, Ark. went to be with the Lord on June 7, 2024. He was



born November 30, 1938 to the late Wiley White and Ruby Williams White in the Willoughby Community in Bradley Coun-

ty. He was a 1957 graduate of Warren High School. He eventually formed his own building and

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Other than his parents he is preceded in death by one son Timothy White, one brother Charles White and one great granddaughter.

Graveside service was Sunday, June 9, 2024 at Willoughby Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral

(Paid obituary)

Brenda Drake

Brenda Drake age 70 of Warren died May 29, 2024. Born March 27, 1954, in Warren to parents Marguaret Galloway Ragar and James Berry Ragar.

She is survived by son Troy Drake, Jr., brother Michael Ragar and a host of extended family members and friends.

Arrangements by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Yulonda Thomas

Yulonda Thomas, 52, of Warren, died May 25, 2024. Born November 24, 1971, to Kenneth Lewings and Phyllis Thomas. Survivors: Children - Aviva, LaKrystal, Donald, Darcarus, Jemmerio. Sisters - Natasha, Monica. Aunt – Vernita. Uncle - Roy. Eleven grandchildren. Funeral service was June 8, Weary Rest Baptist Church, Marsden. Hammons Funeral Home.

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Wargo speaks on mental health at rotary meeting

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Rotary Club of Warren met Tuesday, June 4 inside the fellowship hall at First Methodist Church for its weekly gathering. Rotarian Mark Wargo had the honor of presenting the program for the day and introduced his wife Tiffany Wargo of the BCMC Rural Health Clinic. Wargo just recently started full-time at the clinic in May

and is dual certified in Adult Gerontology Primary Care and is a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Her main focus at the clinic will be in mental health and she spoke about the subject during the meeting. She touched on a number of topics concerning mental health and erasing the stigma around it, especially for older people where it wasn't talked

about as much growing up. She also mentioned the importance of having mental health providers in rural areas because it's so underserved. She continued by talking about how convenient it is to have this service at a clinic that isn't mental health specific. Some people are hesitant to go to mental health facilities, especially in small towns, out of fear of being spotted by some-

one they know. She touched on how difficult it can be because not all insurances cover mental health and there are a lot of patient cancellations, but she is very eager to see patients and help people in Warren and surrounding areas. She concluded her presentation by answering a few questions and handing out informational materials.



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