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COURTHOUSE SQUARE SHINES BRIGHT WITH PATRIOTIC DISPLAY OF AMERICAN FLAGS



Joanna Poole/Eagle Democrat

American flags proudly wave on the Bradley County Courthouse square, celebrating our nation's spirit. Every year, the flags serve as a reminder that our freedom wasn't free. As Irving Berlin wrote in 1938, "God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her." On this Independence Day, remember the price that was paid for our freedom and say a little thank you.

Harris recognized as BCMC employee of the month



Photo courtesy of Dennen Cuthbertson

Congratulations to Jane Harris for winning the BCMC June Employee of the Month Award. Jane's nomination said she is one of the many reasons why Bradley County Medical Center is an awesome place to work. She is a fierce advocate for BCMC and its employees. She goes above and beyond to take care of employees' professional and personal needs. She guards the finances of the hospital as if they were her own. She dedicates a considerable amount of her free time to volunteering for the foundation, employee council, and many other organizations. She has a heart for her community and for the patients and staff of BCMC.

HERMITAGE BRINGS ON NEW PART-TIME OFFICER



Photo courtesy of Ben Poole

Mike Thomas was officially hired and sworn in as the newest part-time police officer for the town of Hermitage on Monday, July 1, 2024. His first day on the job will be Tuesday, July 2. "I've known Mike from Moro Bay State Park for a while now, and we're honored to have him," said Ben Poole, Hermitage Police Chief.

Arkansas Community Foundation establishes Fordyce Survivors Fund

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Arkansas Community Foundation (ARCF) has established the Fordyce Survivors Fund in response to the devastating mass shooting event on June 21, 2024 in Fordyce, Arkansas. One-hundred percent of donations to the fund will provide financial support for survivors of the shooting.

"Like so many, we are shocked and saddened by this terrible tragedy," said Heather Larkin, president and CEO of Arkansas Community Foundation. "A shooting isn't something you want to plan for, but

we have gained experience in helping rebuild communities following other disasters over the years, and we work with partners that have vast experience in mass shootings. The death of four Arkansans and the recovery needs of the survivors gives us an unfortunate reason to put some of the lessons we've learned to use."

More information can be found by visiting www.arcf.org/fordyce.

"We are heartbroken at this senseless violence, right here at home," said Sen. Matt Stone, District 2. "None of us ever imagined we would have to

respond in the aftermath of a shooting in a peaceful town like Fordyce. But we're determined to rally around this community to help it recover and heal. Working with the Community Foundation is an important step in that recovery."

Donations may be made to victims and survivors at arcf.org/fordycefund or by mail to: Arkansas Community Foundation

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sonal declaration to you: "And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans. What can we ever say to such wonderful things as these? If God is on our side, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son for but gave him up for us all, won't he also sur-

ly give us everything else? "Who then can ever keep Christ's love from us? When we have trouble or calamity, when we are hunted down or destroyed, is it because he doesn't love us anymore? And if we are hungry, or penniless, or in danger, or threatened with death, has God deserted us? "No, for the Scriptures tells us that for his sake we must be ready to face death at every moment of the day—we are like sheep awaiting slaughter; but despite all this, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ who loved us enough to die for us. For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels won't, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God's love away. Our

fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are—high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean—nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us" (Romans 8:38, 31, 32, 35-39; Living Bible). One of the great secrets of life is to finally understand that God is working out your good! It's a personal concern of the Heavenly Father. Peace and joy come in direct proportion to our understanding this truth, to believing in reconciliation to the will of God for our lives. How do we know that all things are working together for our good? Here is the answer: God himself is good! He cannot do anything inconsistent with what He is!

You say, "What's the catch?" Good question, because there is a catch, of course. The issue is: Have you put yourself in a position to receive God's loving care? You see, you cannot continue living for yourself, dabbling in sin, flaunting God's laws, and expect to be blessed by him. You'll never find peace and fulfillment in sin, in rebelling against God. Things will not work out for the good if there is sin in your life—conscious, unconfessed sin. You will never learn of the goodness of God as long as you allow malice, bitterness, and hostility within your heart. You will never find God's best as long as you absent yourself from God's house, because in so doing you break God's law about not neglecting the assembling of be-

lievers together for purposes of worship and instruction. Spiritual spectators will never know the reality of this message today. As long as you are in rebellion against God, not heeding His commands to get your life in order, to serve Him and those around you, to tithe and witness, you will never find the good available to you. You will find it only when you move into the center of God's will, when you say, "Today, to the best of my capacity and ability, I will surrender to the will of God for my life." Make that surrender today. Then you will begin to learn of the extraordinary care of your Heavenly Father.

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Contributions to the Fordyce Survivors Fund will be distributed with guidance from the Community Foundation and a community-led steering committee of Fordyce residents and local leadership.

The Community Foundation will be partnering with Victim's First, a volunteer-led nonprofit helping with immediate needs, along with the Mass Violence Survivor's Fund led by Jeff Dion, both national entities with experience serving commu-

nities following more than 50 mass shootings nationwide. The Community Foundation and these two organizations will ensure that the funds are managed in a way that is transparent, victim-centered, and trauma informed. The Foundation's normal administrative fees will be waived and 100% of the donations will go to support victims. *A credit card company fee of approximately 3% will be applied to donations made by credit card. For more information, visit arcf.org/Fordyce or contact Jessica Ford at 501-372-1116 or jford@arcf.org

Three suspects caught and charged for home invasion

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE


On June 19 2024, at approximately 12:09 a.m., Warren Police Officers dispatched to a residence on Cherry Street in reference to an armed home invasion. Upon their arrival they were told by a resident that individuals entered their home with guns. The individuals were gone upon officers' arrival. Three sus-

pects from Warren have been arrested, a 15 year old male juvenile and two adults, Travois Jones, age 28, and Jayzhon McCoy, age 20. All three have been charged with aggravated assault, aggravated residential burglary, kidnapping, and endangering the welfare of minors. Probable cause was found, and their bond was set at \$250,000 by District Court

Judge, Bruce Anderson. This is an ongoing investigation. If you have any information about this incident, please contact the War-

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SEEKING BIDS:

The City of Hermitage is seeking bids for the 2024 mowing. A copy of the bid specifications and requirements may be obtained at Hermitage City Hall, 186 US Hwy 63 S. Bypass, or you may request the specifications via email at hermitagecityhall@gmail.com

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The Warren School District is searching for a Bilingual Paraprofessional to work closely with assigned students. Qualifications for this position are as follows: Associate Degree or 60 college credit hours, must pass the Paraprofessional Praxis, and if hired, complete a background check \$38.25 and Child Maltreatment Check \$11.00, Total Cost \$49.25.

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Editorial

Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw
Ark. State Representative



This week, the Joint Performance Review Committee received testimony from state and county election officials about the use of paper ballots and voting machines. The 94th General Assembly has been diligently working to pass legislation that ensures the security of our elections.

During the 2023 Regular Session, we enacted several important laws to safeguard our electoral process:

Act 329 - The Ballot Security Act of 2023: This act enables the tracking of ballots and proper delivery, and establishes a process for preserving spoiled ballots.

Act 350 - This act mandates that counties opting for paper ballots instead of approved voting machines will bear the cost of the paper ballots and any necessary printing and tabulation devices. It also requires that each paper ballot be compatible with the electronic vote tabulation devices chosen by the Secretary of State.

Act 620 - This act introduces an election integrity review audit process, which will be conducted by the State Board of Election Commissioners to evaluate county elections and processes.

Act 460 - This act outlines the process for duplicating and counting damaged ballots during an election.

Act 353 - This act prohibits the use of absentee ballot drop boxes.

Act 444 - This act directs the State Board of Election Commissioners to create an online training program for poll watchers.

Act 308 - This act outlines the process for county boards of election commissioners to correct ballot errors.

Act 321 - This act establishes a procedure for the recount of ballots.

Act 544 - This act creates the Election Integrity Unit within the Attorney General's Office, which is tasked with maintaining the Arkansas Election Integrity Database, tracking alleged election law violations, responding to complaints, investigating alleged violations, and instituting civil proceedings to enforce election laws.

Act 246 - This act sets forth procedures for transferring equipment and materials between polling sites if needed.

Act 441 - This act requires the Secretary of State to ensure the security and accuracy of the statewide voter registration list by cross-referencing it with other states, verification services, and information from the Social Security Administration.

As we approach the November 5 General Election, we want to remind you that early voting begins on October 21. The last day to register to vote is October 7. You can find a voter registration application at sos.arkansas.gov.

Your participation in the electoral process is vital, and we are committed to ensuring that every vote is secure and counted accurately.

Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



Reconstruction was a time of chaos, violence, corruption, and confusion in Arkansas. Politicians plotted against each other while lynchings and assassinations bloodied the landscape. In the midst of the intrigue, one man rose from relative obscurity in the legislature to catapult himself into the governor's office, Ozro Hadley.

Ozro Amander Hadley was born into a farming family in Chautauqua County, New York, in 1826, in the southwestern corner of the state. As his father's health declined, he took on more responsibilities of running the farm. Eventually, he started an insurance business. In 1855, he moved to Rochester, a small community in the southeastern portion of the Minnesota Territory to again sell insurance. He was elected as a Republican as Olmsted County auditor and re-elected several times.

Consumed with ambition, he saw an opportunity with the close of the Civil War and moved to Arkansas in 1865. He attempted to start a business, but the deep economic depression of postwar Arkansas, coupled with the embittered and disfranchised former Confederate population determined to boycott Reconstruction supporters like Hadley, doomed his enterprise from the start.

Hadley, like many other northern Republicans settling in the South, turned to politics. In 1868, with a new state constitution supporting Radical Reconstruction in place, Hadley ran for the state senate in a district that included Pulaski and White counties. He won easily and quietly rose to become president pro tempore of the Senate.

The new Radical Reconstruction government was beset by numerous problems. Though the government supported civil rights for the freedmen, it faced intense hostility from Confederate veterans who had lost their right to vote for taking up arms against the Union. Though Hadley and his fellow Radicals supported building

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Letter to the Editor

Quotations from our leaders following the Revolutionary war Benjamin Franklin: at the close of 1787 Constitutional Convention, "I have often in the course of this session looked at the sun behind the president without being able to tell whether it was a rising or setting sun. But now at length I have the happiness to know it is a rising and not a setting sun."

"You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve YOUR freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." John Adams, second president.

"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." Thomas Jefferson, third president of our new country.

We will do well to remember what the first Americans said and did for us.

"Humanity has won its battle. Liberty now has a country," said Marquis de Lafayette, friend of Thomas Jefferson at the close of the same 1787 Constitutional Convention. Lafayette was a French hero of the American Revolution who came to the rescue of the colonist. There has been some doubt that the Americans could have won without the aid of Lafayette and the French.

Our time has come to preserve freedom and liberty in this country.

Submitted by Jeanne C. Claycomb



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

The state Attorney General has sued two pharmacy benefit managers, alleging that they contributed to the dramatic rise in the abuse of painkillers that has ravaged Arkansas.

Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) are companies that act as the middleman in transactions between wholesale manufacturers and the people who pay for prescription drugs, such as drug store chains, health insurance companies and government health care agencies.

The intent is for PBMs to use the enormous purchasing power of their clients as leverage to negotiate discounts and rebates. The attorney general alleges that the two PBMs neglected the interests of Arkansas people, and instead

enriched themselves by negotiating rebates from drug manufacturers.

The lawsuit contends that the two PBMs increased profits by participating in transactions that flooded Arkansas with millions of prescriptions for opioids like oxycodone, hydrocodone and fentanyl.

PBMs were in a perfect position to curb the excessive growth in prescriptions for opioids, but instead of prioritizing the health of consumers they focused on getting rebates from drug companies, the attorney general alleges.

"As a result, PBMs benefitted financially from the opioid crisis by negotiating favorable deals with opioid manufacturers and by not taking sufficient action to curb excessive opioid prescriptions..." the attorney general alleges.

The lawsuit states that the PBMs, along with some manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies, created the opioid crisis that has caused thousands of deaths and addictions, and which still plagues Arkansas today.

Nationwide, "the death toll has been staggering," the attorney general said. In 2020 93,000 Americans died from an opioid overdose. In each of the following two years more than 100,000 Americans died from overdoses of painkillers.

In Arkansas the tragedy was even more acute. For several consecutive years the prescription rate for opioids was second in the nation. The number of people who died from overdosing rose to more than 600 a year. In a 12-month period more than 1,600 children were placed in foster care in Arkansas because their parents abused drugs or alcohol.

Last year there were 4,270 emergency calls to first responders to deliver Naloxone, the antidote to overdoses.

Many of those tragic consequences could have been prevented if the PBMs had done its duty to Arkansas citizens by exercising oversight over excessive prescriptions of opioids, the attorney general alleges.

The Arkansas legislature passed

Act 900 of 2015 to require fairness and accountability in reimbursements that PBMs paid to local pharmacies. That law was challenged by the trade group representing PBMs. The legal battle went all the way to the United States Supreme Court, which upheld Act 900.

During a special session in 2018 the legislature passed a law that authorized the state Insurance Department to regulate PBMs. Legislators acted in response to pharmacists who were concerned reimbursements were falling so low they were in jeopardy of going out of business.

According to the attorney general PBMs are massive businesses at the center of the prescription drug industry. They contract with manufacturers who make drugs and with pharmacies that dispense them at retail. They also contract with third party payers, such as health insurance companies and state health care agencies.



The service and sacrifice of Arkansans called to wear our nation's uniform are woven into the fabric of our communities. Long after men and women leave active duty, their commitment to others continues. I'm proud to share the stories of these individuals and their desire to serve for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project (VHP).

In 1974, Debra Holmes enlisted in the U.S. Army to serve as an air traffic controller during the tumultuous years following the Vietnam War. A decade later, Ken Griffin was training to become a fighter pilot in U.S. Air Force and 30 years after Holmes' first day, Chris Traxson joined the U.S. Marine Corps to become a heavy weapons specialist and serve in Iraq.

Their experiences will be soon be part of the VHP, a collection of oral histories of the men and women who served our nation in every branch of the military.

While their jobs, locations and personal experiences were completely different, each veteran made many of the same observations and shared similar feelings about their commitment to serving others, their love for our country and the satisfaction of knowing they made a difference.

They also spoke about the skills they learned through military service that helped shape their lives. These included the value of discipline, the ability to work as a team for a common goal and how to be a leader in whatever role you are given.

As we approach Independence Day, these stories are on my mind. They speak to the desire to make a difference and the best of the human spirit that citizen-soldiers have demonstrated long before the founding of our country. I am grateful for the service of these Arkansans and the important work of the Library of Congress to preserve their experiences for future generations. The VHP is the largest repository of oral histories by American veterans and, as many Arkansans know from my monthly Salute to Veterans feature, the project is important to me and my staff. In addition to regularly traveling across the state to interview veterans from every branch of the military and every era of service, we've trained others to join this initiative.

In recent months, we have interviewed veterans who served in the Vietnam War-era to the War on Terror. Each one of them told a unique story about where they

came from, how they ended up in the military, how they served and what happened next.

Threads of patriotism and sacrifice are united through each of their stories as they described their lives both before and after their military service. In most cases, they took what they learned and found new ways to make a difference in their communities. Whether working in a government agency, as a chaplain or in roles directly helping other veterans, they continue their mission of service.

If you are a veteran or have a veteran in your life who would like to participate, please reach out to my office. We are happy to provide more information. The Library of Congress has more details about this important national project at www.loc.gov. Learn more about the Arkansans we've highlighted in our Salute to Veterans feature on my website to see examples of interviews we've been honored to conduct and share.

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new railroads and new schools and even a proposed new state university that would become the University of Arkansas, these propositions were expensive for a war-torn population that had lost everything. As political and economic pressures increased, the Radicals increasingly turned on

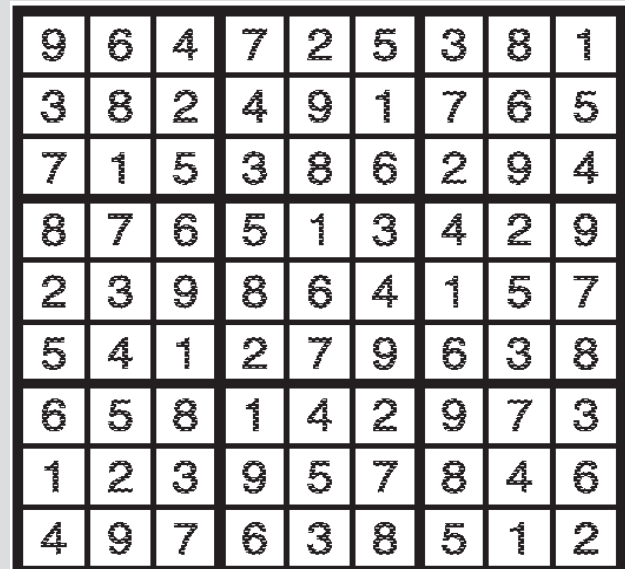
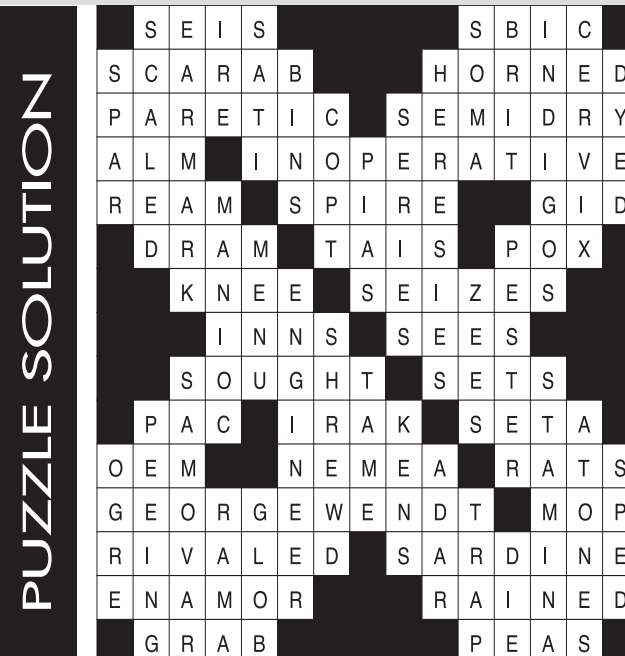
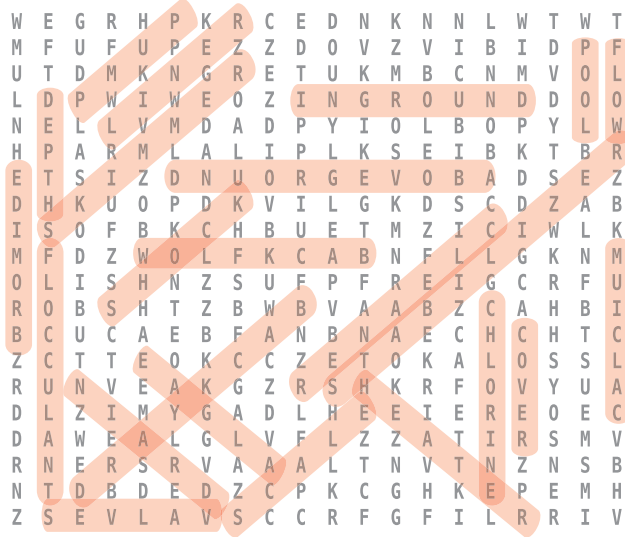
each other. They hurled insults and threats of impeachment at each other often. Gov. Powell Clayton became a particular target, and anti-Clayton forces schemed to get rid of him. The Arkansas legislature elected Gov. Powell Clayton to the U. S. Senate after Sen. Alexander McDonald had only served two years. He resigned as governor on March 4, 1871, to assume what would be his only term in the Senate.

At this point, the lieutenant governor, James M. Johnson, would have become governor. But he had fallen out with many of his fellow Radical Republicans as well. Hadley and his allies saw a valuable opening and schemed to keep Johnson out of the governor's office. All it took was a bribe. Secretary of State Robert White was encouraged

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Puzzle answers



Local students named to Spring 2024 Dean's List in University of Arkansas' Fulbright College

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Local students were named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas. To qualify for the Dean's List, the following local students achieved at least a 3.75 grade-point average for the semester while completing at least 12 credit hours.

Cherish Poole and India Young, both of Warren were named to the Dean's List.

"We are delighted to honor our outstanding students who have achieved placement on the Dean's List this semester," said Kathryn Sloan, interim dean of Fulbright College at The University of Arkansas. "Their academic excellence and

dedication to our mission of advancing peace through education are truly commendable. We also extend heartfelt appreciation to the families, friends, and Fulbright College faculty and staff whose steadfast support makes higher education a reality for our students," added Sloan. "Their encouragement is instrumental in our students'

success, and we are grateful for their contributions to our community."

More than 7,000 students call Fulbright College home with areas of study and research across the fine arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. Learn more about Fulbright College at fulbright.uark.edu.

Recipe: Impress July Fourth guests with smoked short ribs

Smoked foods are wildly popular. The unique flavor that smoking imparts to anything from beef to poultry to seafood to vegetables is impossible to replicate with other cooking methods, which perhaps contributes to its popularity. As hosts prepare to welcome friends and family for a July Fourth barbecue, they can cook to impress with this recipe for "Smoked Beef Short Ribs" courtesy of Allen Kiezel of Fatty Butts BBQ and KamadoJoe.com.

the short ribs. You can remove all of the fat, but I keep a thin layer for protection and added flavor. Slather the mayonnaise evenly over the entire surface of the beef ribs. Mix dry rub ingredients in a bowl and sprinkle evenly over the ribs. You'll want a heavy coating of the rub to help build a nice bark on the outside of the beef short ribs. The ribs are thick, so even a lot of rub won't overpower them.



Smoked Beef Short Ribs

Ingredients (Serves 3)

- Spritz**
1/4 cup beef broth
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 spray bottle
1/2 cup water

- Main**
5 pounds beef short ribs
2 sheets butcher paper
1 1/2 tablespoons mayo

- Dry Rub**
3 tablespoons black pepper
1 1/2 tablespoons garlic powder
3 tablespoons seasoned salt

Directions:

1. Remove the beef ribs 1 hour prior to smoking. This will give the meat time to reach room temperature for more even cooking and allow the rub to adhere better. Trim off any extra thick fat and silver skin from the top of

2. Preheat the grill to 250 F.
3. Place short ribs on the grill and smoke at 250 F until it hits an internal temperature of around 175 F in the thickest part of the meat, approximately 5 to 6 hours depending on the size. I recommend using a good leave-in meat thermometer so you don't have to constantly check the short ribs. We're looking for a nice bark to have formed before we wrap the short ribs. If your bark isn't where you'd like it to be yet, keep smoking for an additional hour or so to help the bark form.
4. Combine the spritz ingredients and place in spray bottle. Each hour after the first 3 hours or once the bark starts looking dry, open up the smoker and spritz the beef short ribs. Make sure your spray bottle is set to spray in a light, even mist and not a direct blast of the liquid. You just want to moisten the short ribs, not soak them.
5. When the bark has formed and the smoked short ribs hit our target temperature of at least 175 F, remove them from the smoker, lay them in the center of 2 pieces of partially overlapped butcher paper (lengthwise), and then wrap

6. Return to the grill, insert the meat probe again, and smoke at 250 F for approximately 4 more hours. The smoked beef short ribs are done when the internal temperature is around 205 F to 208 F and the meat thermometer slides in and out like a knife slicing through room temperature

7. Remove the smoked beef short ribs from grill and keep wrapped while it rests for a minimum of 1 hour. If you need to keep the meat warmer even longer, place them inside of a good cooler for up to 4 hours.
8. Slice the short ribs between each bone and serve with the bone or slice into smaller portions and share. Enjoy!

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to resign, and the lucrative, appointed position was offered to Johnson, who resigned the higher office with lower pay for the lower office with higher pay. With both the positions of governor and lieutenant governor vacant, Hadley was next in line of succession and became governor on March 17.

As governor, he had to deal with continuing riots, lynchings, and uprisings against the Radicals. A series of assaults against law officers and a posse in Pope County nearly resulted in an assault by state militia troops and the imposition of martial law in summer 1871. Working with local officials, Hadley appointed an interim sheriff while investigations continued, defusing the situation. Corruption and violence simmered during Hadley's administration. The appointment of a state geologist, William F. Roberts, at the high salary of \$15,000, caused an uproar among legislators, especially after Roberts continually wandered through the streets of Little Rock drunk.

The situation was compounded by the disastrous 1872 election in which the two main Republican factions fought tooth-and-nail across the state, stuffing ballot boxes, intimidating voters and destroying opposition ballots. Hadley did nothing to stop the electoral fraud, which resulted in an election in which there was no clear legal winner. After Elisha Baxter assumed the governorship in January 1873, Hadley quietly

left the state to spend a year in Europe, avoiding the violent clashes between the Republican factions fighting over the governor's mansion. When Hadley returned, he received a lucrative federal appointment as postmaster of Little Rock in 1874. As his appointment wound down, Hadley attempted to make a living as a farmer, buying plots in eastern Arkansas. Demoralized from his lackluster success and declining political fortunes, he left for the New Mexico Territory in 1879 to become a cattle rancher. At the age of 84, in 1910, Hadley left for Los Angeles to be near family. He died in California in 1915.

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NOTICE FOR AMENDMENT REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 94th General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 5, 2024, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 1. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2023 Session by Representative Lundstrum and filed as HJR 1006.

ISSUE NO. 1
Popular Name
A Constitutional Amendment to Provide that Lottery Proceeds May Be Used to Fund or Provide Scholarships and Grants to Arkansas Citizens Enrolled in Vocational-Technical Schools and Technical Institutes.

Ballot Title
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT LOTTERY PROCEEDS MAY BE USED TO FUND

OR PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO ARKANSAS CITIZENS ENROLLED IN VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 14(b), concerning the use of lottery proceeds, is amended to read as follows:
(b)(1) Lottery proceeds shall be used solely to pay the operating expenses of lotteries, including all prizes, and to fund or provide for scholarships and grants to citizens of this State enrolled in public and private non-prof-

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- (C) A public or private technical institute.

(2) The General Assembly shall establish criteria to determine who is eligible to receive the scholarships and grants pursuant to this Amendment.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.
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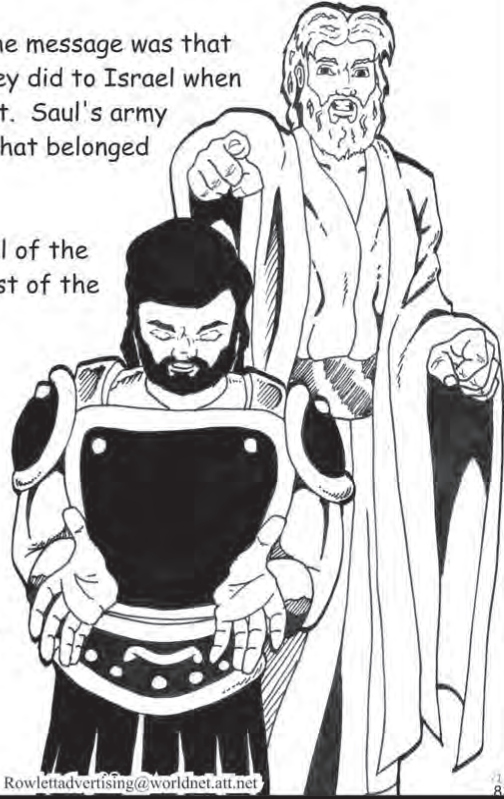
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 1 Samuel 15

Samuel gave Saul a message from the Lord. The message was that Saul was to punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid Israel as they came up from Egypt. Saul's army was to attack and totally destroy everything that belonged to the Amalekites.

Saul attacked the Amalekites and destroyed all of the people of king Agag and spared him and the best of the sheep and cattle, everything that was good.

The Lord told Samuel that He was grieved because He had made Saul king, "because he has turned away from me and has not carried out My instructions."

When Samuel approached Saul, Saul tried to explain why he had not obeyed. But Saul's reign was over. Samuel told him, "because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has rejected you as king."



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Sister – Mary Hampton; Son-in-law – Shelton Webb Jr.

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Lightning bugs: The story behind summer's tiny fireworks show

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

A little chemistry, a little coding and a whole lot of mating are just part of the story behind summer's tiny fireworks show: the lightning bug.

"Fireflies have adapted the ability to glow and flash light patterns from their abdomens primarily for one reason, to communicate with other fireflies," said Austin Jones, entomology extension instructor for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture and the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Science.

"The vast majority of this communication is in order to find a date," Jones said. "Different species use different patterns to discern who is who, and males and females often flash different patterns."

Fireflies thrive in areas where there is damp or boggy soils, tall grasses and forbs, tree canopy cover and leaf litter. When those are eliminated, so are firefly friendly environments.

"One form of pollution impacts fireflies more than most

arthropods – light," Jones said. "Since these animals have adapted to communicate with light, artificial lights can effectively drown out the communication efforts of fireflies and disrupt mating, or meals for the femme fatales."

Males do most of the communicating, and Jones said it is probably "because the flash-flies," said Austin Jones, entomology extension instructor for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture and the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Science.

Lightning bug signals can vary from species to species or location to location, differentiated by color, length of flash, brightness, frequency and grouping of flashes or the shape the light makes as the insect flashes and flies. For example, Photinus pyralis males fly upwards while making a sustained flash, resulting in a J shape, according to the National Park Service.

"Bioluminescence is the light produced by living things via chemical reactions," Jones said. "Many marine organisms are bioluminescent and fireflies are the most common ex-

ample of terrestrial organisms that can bioluminesce."

The light is created from a chemical reaction within a clear portion of the exoskeleton. These chemicals include the light-emitting compound luciferin, the enzyme luciferase; adenosine triphosphate, a molecule that helps living organism manage energy, and magnesium.

"The on/off switch for the reactions is thought to be exposure to oxygen via the insect respiratory system, which is an intricate network of air passageways that exist throughout insect bodies," Jones said.

Other examples of bioluminescence, Jones added, include fungus gnats, click beetles that have glowing eyespots, and some centipedes and millipedes.

A family of beetles, Phengodidae, known as the glow worms, have larvae and larviform females, which don't metamorphose into winged beetles.

Some species use the glow for nefarious purposes.

"One group of fireflies in

the genus Photuris, known by some as femme fatale fireflies, have mastered the art of responding to the flashes of males of other firefly species," Jones said. "Once an amorous male suitor arrives at what he believes to be a receptive mate, the femme fatale firefly will instead eat him."

With that meal, the femme fatale takes on the unsavory chemicals that previously protected the insect for her own use.

Jones said lightning bugs, or fireflies, are part of a beetle family Lampyridae.

"It's a pretty fitting family name considering that most are known to light up like a lamp," Jones said. "However, not all fireflies have the ability to make light and are known as the dark fireflies. These species are active during the daytime and communicate with each other using chemical cues as opposed to light signals."

There are about 170 described species of lampyrids in North America, and more than 2,000 species globally.

"With fireflies being of lit-

tle economic importance, they have been historically understudied and some say that there may be just as many species yet to be discovered and/or properly identified," Jones said.

However, they can be beneficial in the garden, with some feeding on garden pests such as slugs and snails.

The term "bug" can mean lots of different things to different people but there is a definition.

"To most, any small creature with an exoskeleton could be called a bug and would include things that are more appropriately called arthropods, which means 'jointed foot,'" Jones said. This group has features like exoskeletons, segmented bodies and multiple jointed appendages.

However, "true bugs" belong to an order known as Hemiptera, which includes about 60,000 species of insects that

use mouthparts that resemble a drinking straw to pierce and suck, Jones said.

"Things like cicadas, stink bugs, assassin bugs and bed bugs are true bugs, but other insects like ladybugs and June bugs are beetles that have chewing mouth parts and are technically not true bugs, even though bug is in their common name," Jones said.

Jones said that fireflies, as with all beetles, have a complete metamorphosis that includes egg, larva, pupa and adult stages.

"There are many different life histories among the wide array of species, but generally the larvae can be considered predators that live on and in damp soils and decaying leaf matter," he said.

"Lifecycles can range from a few months to several years with adults only living a few weeks and sometimes not even long enough to feed at all."

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