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City Council honors Cameron as Employee of the Quarter

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The Warren City Council gathered for its monthly meeting on Monday, July 9 to discuss various issues. The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for the previous meeting. A motion was made to approve and all voted in favor.

The City Clerk's report was next on the agenda. The following expenses are year-to-date:

- Administrative- \$205,063.61.
- Law enforcement- \$1,022,023.86
- Fire- \$523,243.82
- Sanitation- \$500,696.07
- Building codes- \$12,051.69
- District court- \$53,373.57
- Municipal building- \$400,508.15
- Recreational- \$118,347.73
- Cultural Center- \$1,844.60
- Armory- \$5,919.18
- Shooting range- \$24,659.27
- Senior Citizen Center- \$4,628.28
- Other- \$10,122.00
- Airport- \$19,491.81
- Economic development- \$17,752.89
- Street- \$359,072.35

A motion was made to approve the city's expenditures. All voted in favor.

The next item on the agenda was recognition of a city employee for Employee of the Quarter. The council recognized Adam Cameron who is a full-time firefighter for the city of Warren.

"We want to thank you for everything you do," Mayor Gregg Reep said. "You work hard for this department and I hear good things from the public."

Cameron and his family, who were present, were then presented with a gift card.

"We appreciate everything that Adam does for us," Reep also said.

Reep then moved on to talk about industrial development. Final approval was



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Adam Cameron stands with his family and city council members at Monday's City Council meeting. Cameron was honored as Employee of the Quarter for the City of Warren.

made with MaxSum Environmental to purchase property for \$150,000 at the Warren Industrial Park. County Judge Klay McKinney who was also present at the meeting told the Council that MaxSum is ready to start investing in the property.

Next, District Prosecuting Attorney, Frank Spain spoke to the Council about the homeless issues that Warren is currently having. There have been complaints of homeless individuals sleeping on public property around the city. Spain spoke on the Supreme Court ruling of

Grants Pass vs Johnson which has made it possible for cities to make it illegal for individuals to sleep in public places. He also talked about the benefits of community policing, but did not fail to mention that there can be complexities when dealing with this problem.

Next, Rob Johnson who is the sanitation manager gave an update on Warren's sanitation services. He told the Council that the city will receive a new boom loader on Tuesday. Monty Hearnberger then presented the street report. Reep then presented an up-

date on the Solar Bonds issue. The closing date was on Tuesday, July 9. The city will have approximately \$625,000 in their construction account which is held at Union Bank. The meeting was then adjourned.

COSL announces tax auction for regional counties: Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Lincoln

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Commissioner of State Lands Tommy Land announced that his office will auction tax-delinquent parcels located in Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew and Lincoln Counties on July 23.

The regional auction begins at 10 a.m. and will be held at the UA Monticello Fine Arts Center, 371 University Drive in Monticello. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

"Regional auctions proved popular among our buyers last year, and we are continuing that process this year," Commissioner of State Lands Tommy Land said. "This allows bidders to attend the auction for multiple counties with the convenience of a single event.

Auctions are conducted alphabetically by county. Prospective bidders can find the Public Auction Catalog on the Commissioner's website at www.cosl.org. The catalog includes auction date, time and locations and a complete listing of parcels offered. Bidders should review the buyer's guide and statutes governing

sales before coming to auctions.

The website also includes an instructional video demonstrating how to research information about each parcel available for sale.

"We are reminding owners of tax-delinquent parcels that the redemption period changed in 2023," Land said. "Parcels must be redeemed by 4 p.m. on the last business day before the sale date. We must receive the petition to redeem and the payment by that time."

Auction sales are final, he emphasized. "Parcels sold at auction cannot be redeemed."

Bidders must register for the auction before placing a bid. Purchases may be paid for with a business or personal check, or a credit or debit card. Cash is not accepted for purchase of tax-delinquent parcels.

"Property taxes help fund schools, roads, libraries and public services including ambulances," Land said. "Everyone benefits from paying those taxes — and the property owner benefits from paying on time, by

avoiding interest and penalties on delinquent taxes."

Properties that do not sell at auction will appear on the COSL's post-auction sales list 30 days after the auction date. From there, they can be purchased through an online auction system. Another instructional video on the COSL website demonstrates that process to bidders.

Owners of delinquent parcels may redeem those delinquent taxes online at www.cosl.org using a credit or debit card. Those who prefer to pay by check or money order can print a Petition to Redeem from the website or call the office at 501-324-9422 to request the petition, which must accompany their payment.

Owners seeking to redeem within 30 days before an auction must use certified funds or may redeem with cash in our office at 1020 W. 4th Street in Little Rock. Cash is only accepted for redemption, and only for in-person payments at 1020 W. 4th Street.

Dates set for Market on Main

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Market on Main will once again happen in Warren on September 21. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature different food trucks which will offer a choice of different kinds of foods to try. Those

in attendance will also be able to shop from various vendors who will sell items like handmade goods and baked goods. There will also be a car and truck show where participants can show off their polished vehicles. There is an entry fee of \$25 and registra-

tion will begin at 9 a.m. Those that participate in the car and truck show are allowed more than one entry and the awards ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Nancy at 870-818-9065 or Estephany at 870-820-8743.



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THE BOTTOM LINE

"Here is my final conclusion: fear God and obey his commandments, for this is the entire duty of man. For God will judge us for everything we do, including every hidden thing, good or bad (Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14; Living Bible). Those words may sound quite strange to you. Very strange, in fact. Ask yourself why? Why should that short paragraph sound like some-

thing from a different world? Let me tell you. Those two sentences are packed with absolutes. The term absolute means without restriction or qualification. It stands on its own. It is independent of anyone's arbitrary standard of measurement. Let me point out the absolutes in this Biblical text:
1) Here is my final conclusion. (What a powerful state-

ment that is!)
2) Fear God.
3) Obey His commandments.
4) This is the entire duty of man.
5) God will judge us for everything we do... good or bad.
Five absolutes in a row. They hit us with devastating impact. All five of them have divine origin. They are not open to debate. Oh, man can argue with them if he wants to, but that won't change a single statement.
We are not dealing with relative values here, but absolute values. They are not debatable any more than gravity is. Or centrifugal force. Oh yes, you can debate gravity if you wish. But you are not going to fly without an airplane. And even then you're not going very far

after the fuel runs out. You may feel ever so cocky in that plane until the prop stops turning or the jet engine sputters out.
Gravity is an absolute. And so are the commandments of God.
Today we have "situational ethics." Two generations now have accepted this illogical concept that absolutes can be relative.
For example, God says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14). Many today say that is nonsense, for while such abstinence might be well and good. It is not possible in today's world to live in chastity. So God's commandment becomes (according to the situational ethics followers), "Thou shalt not commit adultery unless in your situation it

is necessary or desirable."
We say that adultery is no longer an intolerable situation. Couples live together without the benefit of marriage, not willing to make a commitment for life despite their flowery description of love and romance. To them nothing is really good, and nothing is really bad.
Everything exists in the gray realm of the existentialist. So killers are often called the victims, and terrorists are declared freedom fighters. Everything is relative, subject to the situation at the present moment.
This is a denial of reality. God's absolutes remain in force despite the most vehement of man's denials. "God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also

reap" (Galatians 6:7).
There is a payday coming, friend. And God is the paymaster. It won't be your cronies at the tavern who make out the final check. It won't be the business community, who holds you in awe, who does the final audit. Media star, it won't be Arbitron who makes out the final ratings. God will be the One you face.
Your relationship with God is everything. Your salvation is everything. Eternity is everything.
Heaven or hell, God or Satan, righteousness or sin. That's the bottom line. Everything else is the fluff, the whipped cream on the sundae of life.

Sanders announces Chris Caldwell as newest Arkansas Game and Fish Commissioner

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders recently announced that Chris Caldwell will serve as the newest Arkansas Game and Fish Commissioner. Caldwell's seven-year term will last until 2031. He is replacing outgoing Commission Chairman Stan Jones, and John David "J.D." Neeley will become the Commission Chairman.
"Chris is a great friend and trusted advisor. I know how much he loves Arkansas, how much he adores hunting and fishing and the Arkansas way of life, and how hard he will work every single day in this role," Gov. Sanders said.
"Hunting and fishing have always been a big part of my life, and I'm proud to join the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and help provide the same opportunities I enjoyed to every kid and family in Arkansas," Caldwell said. "I'm grateful that the Governor has selected me for this role and look forward to

working with her and every Commissioner to help make Arkansas the best state in the nation to hunt, fish, live and raise a family."
Caldwell is a Saline County native who lives in Little Rock and leads Caldwell Consulting, a full-service lobbying, government relations and political consulting firm. He previously managed the Sarah for Governor campaign and served as a special advisor to the Governor-elect's transition team. During the Trump administration, Caldwell was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as the Federal Co-Chairman of the Delta Regional Authority. He also served on Senator John Boozman's official staff and held senior leadership roles on several campaigns in Arkansas and around the country.
Caldwell is a University of Arkansas graduate. He and his wife, Ashley, have two children, Harley and Amelia.

Arkansas students honored at annual SkillsUSA workforce development event

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Career and technical students in Arkansas were recognized at the 2024 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Atlanta, on June 26-27. More than 6,000 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.79 million square feet, equivalent to 31 football fields or 41 acres.
Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills, and personal skills in 115 hands-on occupational and leadership competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance, and public speaking. Industry leaders from 850 business-

es, corporations, trade associations, and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$36 million in donated time, equipment, cash, and material. More than 1,200 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year.
All SkillsUSA Championships competitors were honored on Friday night, June 28 at the closing SkillsUSA Awards Session at State Farm Arena. As an indicator of proficiency, Skill Point Certificates were awarded to all national contestants who met a predetermined threshold contest score for their SkillsUSA event, demonstrating workplace readiness. Students can add this certificate to an em-

ployment portfolio.
The following students are Skill Point Certificate recipients:
Team AJ, which consisted of Griselda Herrera, Jimmy Luster, and Ariya Williams from SEACBEC (Warren), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Crime Scene Investigation.
"More than 6,000 students from every state in the nation participated in the 2024 SkillsUSA Championships," said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis. "This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates SkillsUSA at its finest. Our students, in-

structors, and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members."
The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school, or college/postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap.



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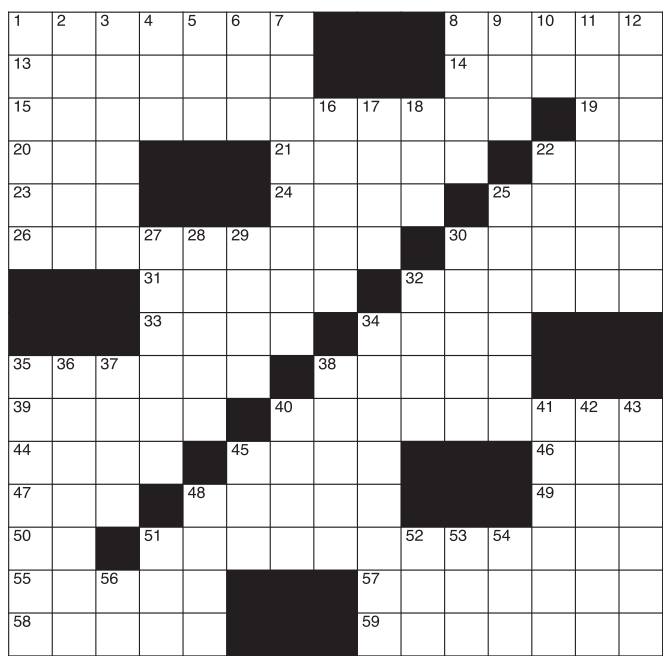
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Book size
- 8. Indonesian Island
- 13. "The Sopranos" character
- 14. Plants often found in stews
- 15. Stern
- 19. Atomic #52
- 20. Often seen after a company name
- 21. Silk garments
- 22. Inhibiting hormone (abbr.)
- 23. Type of beer
- 24. Margarine
- 25. Throw lightly
- 26. Explains again
- 30. Raccoon-like animal
- 31. Sneaker parts
- 32. Platforms
- 33. Scored perfectly
- 34. One's essence
- 35. Strikes with a firm blow
- 38. Makes tractors
- 39. Music term
- 40. Lack of energy
- 44. Vestments
- 45. ___ and feathers
- 46. Total
- 47. Gobbler
- 48. One with Japanese immigrant parents
- 49. Type of braking system (abbr.)
- 50. Home of Rudy Flyer
- 51. Manageable
- 55. Lugged
- 57. Irritated
- 58. Sea eagles
- 59. Warm seasons

CLUES DOWN

- 1. About visual sense
- 2. Part of a horse's saddle
- 3. In a way, interchanged
- 4. Rocker's accessory
- 5. Very important person
- 6. It precedes two
- 7. Flavored
- 8. Musical notes
- 9. String instrument (slang)
- 10. Mister
- 11. Fine, light linen fabric
- 12. Absence of bacteria
- 16. Discounts
- 17. Area units
- 18. A description of one's life
- 22. Gazelles
- 25. Plumbing fixture
- 27. Makes especially happy
- 28. One side of something many-sided
- 29. Frosts
- 30. Defunct monetary unit of Guinea
- 32. Female animal species
- 34. School terms
- 35. Written law
- 36. Unpleasant aroma
- 37. Nuclear weapon
- 38. One who challenges
- 40. Opposite of first
- 41. Able to be utilized
- 42. Less interesting
- 43. Implants
- 45. Canister
- 48. Gestures
- 51. After B
- 52. Romanian monetary unit
- 53. Long-term memory
- 54. Cash machine
- 56. The Volunteer State

BACKYARD BASH WORD SEARCH

F M M S D P E L S D T A O T F A W M K L
 M B T Y Y F A S O T E M P E R A T U R E
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 N B L P C R W A L G W D B U F F E T E K
 P N D C T P P T H E M W S S M O K E D N
 A E N M U M D E C N L O L S W T P Y Y T

WORDS

- BACKYARD
- BARBECUE
- BARK
- BUFFET
- BUNS
- CHARCOAL
- CHICKEN
- ENTERTAIN
- FLIP
- GRILL
- GUESTS
- HAMBURGER
- INFORMAL
- MARINATE
- MEAL
- OUTDOORS
- PARTY
- PATIO
- SALADS
- SAUSAGE
- SMOKED
- STEAK
- TEMPERATURE
- WOOD

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

Answers can be found on Page 6

SUDOKU

6			9	4				5
		3				8		
			8					4
		7	6				1	
					3			
5	9		1					
	6							1
2		4						8
	3				8	7	2	6

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Intermediate

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to swimming pools. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 23 = E)

- A. 20 10 1 23 19**
Clue: Wet stuff
- B. 11 3 6 15 19 13 9 23**
Clue: Pool chemical
- C. 6 10 7 7 23 19**
Clue: Climbing device
- D. 17 20 13 26 17**
Clue: Moves through water

Answers: A. water B. chlorine C. ladder D. swims

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As July rolls around, so does National Parks and Recreation Month, a time to recognize the importance of parks and recreation in establishing and maintaining the well-being of communities.

We invite you to celebrate this month by visiting one of Arkansas's 52 state parks. The parks include about 55,000 acres with 1,800 campsites, 208 cabins, and five lodges serving more than 8 million visitors annually.

Each state park offers unique scenery and experiences. For example, Petit Jean State Park features breathtaking views from its mountaintop vistas, cascading waterfalls, and extensive hiking trails. Meanwhile, Crater of Diamonds State Park is the only diamond-producing site in the world open to the public, where visitors can search for their own gems.

Many Arkansas state parks preserve significant historical sites and cultural landmarks. Historic Washington State Park provides a window into 19th-century life, with well-preserved buildings and reenactments that bring history to life. The Ozark Folk Center State Park celebrates the region's cultural heritage through traditional music, crafts, and folklore. Visiting these parks offers a deeper understanding of Arkansas's rich history and the people who shaped it.

Arkansas State Park interpreters routinely schedule fun, family-friendly programs that are designed to help you have a more meaningful park experience and make memories of a lifetime. They offer more than 50,000 activities each year, including guided hikes, lake tours on park boats, birding adventures, kayak tours, living history demonstrations, nature games, campfires, and much more.

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No matter where you live in Arkansas, a state park is nearby. Visit arkansasstateparks.com to find a complete list of parks, activities, and accommodations.

Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



How Little Rock became the state capital

On March 2, 1819, the Arkansas Territory was created, with the capital at the small outpost at Arkansas Post. Arkansas Post was the first European city founded in what would become Arkansas, but by 1820, the members of the new territorial legislature realized that a new capital would be needed. The decision where to base the government for Arkansas would have profound effects upon the future economic and political development of Arkansas.

Arkansas Post had been founded by Henri de Tonti, a French soldier and fur trader, in 1686 and had served as a trading post for the various French, Spanish, and Native American fur trappers in the area. It served as the administrative center for the region while the French and Spanish controlled the region, and Spain would maintain a small garrison at the settlement for many years. Located in what is now Arkansas County where the Arkansas and White Rivers meet just west of the Mississippi River, it was conveniently located for the river traffic of the day, but flooding plagued the post almost from its founding.

Flooding forced Arkansas Post to move three times. The population never rose above 500 residents, and by 1820, overland trade was moving steadily west of the Mississippi River.

Some states would move their capitals repeatedly. Georgia would move its capital ten times between its founding as a colony in 1733 and 1807. It would be moved several more times before settling on Atlanta in 1868. Tennessee similarly would move its capital eight times between 1790 and 1826. After Louisiana gained statehood in 1812, it would move its capital seven times by 1880. And probably the strangest of all: between 1776 and 1853, Rhode Island would rotate its capital annually among the county seats of each of its five counties.

Territorial legislators decided on two possible sites further up the Arkansas River: Cadron, in what is now Faulkner County, and a site called "Petit Roche" further downstream. John McElmurry and a group of investors had planned a community on sixty-four acres on Cadron Creek in 1818 to entice settlers and furiously lobbied legislators for the capital. In February 1820, Territorial Gov. James Miller signed a law naming Cadron as the county seat for Pulaski County, whose original borders would take up most of Central Arkansas. Legislators appropriated some \$1,400 to fund a jail and county courthouse at Cadron.

"La Petit Roche," some 30 miles to the southeast, had been discovered by French explorer Bernard de la Harpe in 1722, noting the small outcropping of rock on the Arkansas River as a geographical reference. By 1820, a ferry across the river had found success but attracted few settlers. However, land speculators led by William Russell of St. Louis, pushed for a town to be founded on the site and for it to be the new capital for Arkansas, named Little Rock.

When legislators met again in October, several prominent politicians had acquired property in Little Rock, including legislators, judges, and Gov. Miller. Some, like Miller, hedged their bets and had property at both settlements. By October 10, 1820, the bill to name Little Rock the new capital passed, reluctantly signed by Miller, and the government moved into the newly founded town the next year.

Little Rock would be incorporated in 1831 and grew to become a thriving city of 195,000. Cadron, however, would fade from history, with the settlement all but abandoned by 1830. While Cadron Township exists on paper in Faulkner County, it has been all but eclipsed by its booming neighbor just to the east, Conway.



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

The Arkansas Agriculture Department has completed a series of public hearings on updates to the statewide water plan, which hasn't been modified in 10 years.

For the first time, the water plan developed this year will include ways to prepare for floods and to mitigate as much damage as possible caused by flooding.

In an executive order last year the governor directed the department to update the statewide water plan to account for population growth and the demands that growth has imposed on area water systems.

The goal is to guarantee long-term supplies of clean drinking water, while also ensuring that agriculture and industry have the water resources they need.

The new water plan must factor in aging infrastructure, an issue throughout Arkansas whether the area is densely or sparsely populated.

State officials are working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which has vast experience in flood control, navigation and irrigation projects. The plan is not limited to the use of surface water in rivers, streams and lakes. It includes ground water pumped by wells, which accounts for 71 percent of the water use in Arkansas.

Legislators on the Senate and House Committees on City, County and Local Affairs heard a progress report on the new water plan at a recent meeting. Crop irrigation accounts for 80 percent of the demand for ground water, while 3.5 percent of ground water is for municipal drinking water. Manufacturing and power plants use the

rest.

In a 10-year period ending last December, Arkansas farmers drilled more than 9,700 wells. Livestock and poultry growers drilled another 1,055 wells. In that period homeowners drilled more than 6,400 wells and 58 wells were drilled for public water supplies. Commercial entities drilled 104.

Arkansas has legally binding, multi-state compacts with neighboring states that govern our use of rivers and waterways. For example, we are in a compact with Oklahoma that protects the quality of the Arkansas River. A multi-state compact with Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico protects the quality of the Canadian River before it flows into waterways that enter Arkansas from the west.

Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas are in a similar compact to protect the Red River before it flows into Louisiana.

It is costly and time consum-

ing to build systems that deliver clean water and that safely process waste water. Act 605 of 2021 addresses the challenge of requiring water systems to plan for future needs by conducting rate studies, to determine whether water bills are sufficient to pay for needed, and expected, long term repairs.

Act 605 requires eight hours of training for everyone on the boards that oversee water systems. The individuals in charge need to know what it takes to operate a utility.

Under the act, state authorities will be notified if a system falls into financial distress, and the state will recommend measures to make it solvent.

Arkansas is blessed with an abundance of water, especially when compared to western states. Even so, it can be politically controversial to set priorities over the use of water because it affects so many people's health and their livelihoods.



The Transportation Security Administration screened nearly three million air travelers on Sunday, June 23, breaking the single day record. Seven of the top 10 busiest travel days ever at our nation's airports have been since late May. The agency predicts it will continue to hit new highs as we're in the middle of the busy summer travel season.

As more people fly and air travel continues to grow, there is a need for modernization to boost confidence in the industry and the aviation workforce. In May, Congress passed crucial reforms to accomplish these goals in the bipartisan Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2024 the president signed into law.

This win for Arkansas and all Americans improves passenger safety, invests in aviation infrastructure and personnel in addition to advancing technology and innovation to get travelers to their destinations safely.

The FAA invests in facility upgrades and expansion of airports through its Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

In our state, 76 airports are eligible for AIP awards and many have received funding to improve safety, rehabilitate runways and widen taxiways through this initiative. The FAA reauthorization increases money available for the program so our airports can continue making upgrades.

The law also helps surge the hiring of air traffic controllers so we can ensure an ample pipeline of personnel are in place to meet the demands of the industry.

An expansion of this workforce is critical because last year the Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General found the FAA didn't have adequate staffing at 77 percent of critical facilities.

I'm pleased the measure included a provision I championed to improve FAA hiring practices so we can ease this shortfall and get more individuals trained and on the job to enhance safety and efficiency.

This law also promotes the integration of new and emerging technology. Arkansas is already successfully leading in

this area, implementing the use of drones to augment human inspectors and spot flaws and structural issues on bridges, railways and other infrastructure projects.

After the shutdown of the I-40 bridge over the Mississippi River, ARDOT increased its drone capabilities and now boasts one of the most expansive programs in the country. This newly passed federal policy will allow state and local governments to follow Arkansas's example.

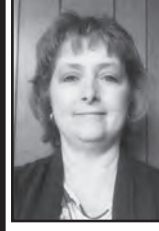
Drone deployment improves safety and saves taxpayer dollars. That's why I backed legislation to empower communities to use these tools as well as invest in American-made drones and the next generation workforce in drone aviation.

This language was included in the FAA reauthorization.

It authorizes \$200 million in grants for two years to purchase drones and foster development of programs to prepare future employees in the field.


I am hopeful this will benefit communities across the country and spurs further investments in drone capabilities that provide cost-effective solutions to improve our infrastructure.

Reauthorization of the FAA is a great example of what we can accomplish when we work together. This was the result of bipartisan input in committee hearings and debates in the Senate and House of Representatives, with ultimate goal of making meaningful updates to strengthen our aviation system and improve air travel. Arkansas and our neighbors throughout the country will reap the benefits of this achievement.



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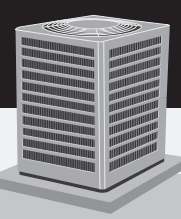
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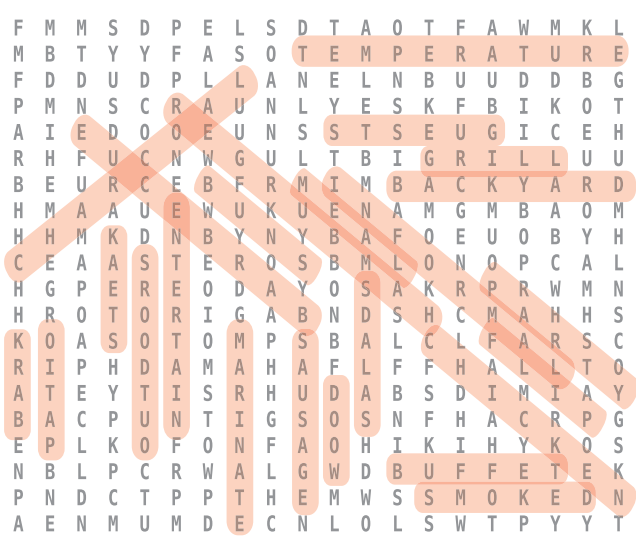
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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to barbecue. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 19 = O)

- A. 1 19 19 16**
Clue: Sustenance
- B. 1 20 14 12 15**
Clue: Fire
- C. 5 21 14 25**
Clue: Burn outside
- D. 24 12 19 4 15**
Clue: Product of burning

Answers: A. food B. flame C. char D. smoke

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I am an actor born in New York on July 12, 1978. I grew up in Connecticut and attended the University of Southern California before dropping out to start my career in TV. I am known for my role on a show about a certain bell-bottom era.

Answer: Topher Grace

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to summer food.

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Answer: Hot dogs

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HILDA THORNTON, DECEASED

NO. 06PR-24-57-2

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 420 East Central Street, Warren, AR 71671
Date of Death: March 14, 2024
On June 25, 2024, an Affidavit For Collection of Small Estate by Distributees was filed with respect to the Estate of Hilda Thornton, Deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Bradley County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101. The Legal description of real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows:
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This notice first published July 10, 2024.

/s/ Debbie Hairston
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Last known address of decedent: 300 North Walnut, Warren, AR 71671
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An instrument dated May 18, 2023, was on June 19, 2024, admitted to probate as the Last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executor thereunder. A contest of the probate of the will can be effected only 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. Provided, that claims for injury or death caused by 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.
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Recipe: Sweet potatoes add substance to potato salad



When warm temperatures arrive, few people want to spend extra hours in the kitchen whipping up elaborate meals. Many would rather be outside enjoying the great weather. That is why sandwiches, barbecues and picnic fare are so popular this time of year. What accompanies these outdoor foods? If you guessed

salads, you'd be correct. Potato salad, three-bean salad, coleslaw, and macaroni salad are go-to side dishes, which can be picked up at many grocery store deli counters. Yet, it is just as easy to make popular salads at home and have them chilled and ready for the next barbecue. Plus, homecooking makes it possible for recipes to

be customized. This recipe for "Sweet and Savory Sweet Potato Salad" from "Vegan Cooking for Beginners" (Publications International, Ltd.) from the PIL editors proves that russet, red or yellow potatoes are not the only ones that make delicious potato salads. Change the flavor profile and even the nutritional benefits with this sweet potato version.

Sweet and Savory Sweet Potato Salad

Makes 6 servings

- 4 cups cubed, peeled, cooked sweet potatoes (about 4 to 6)
- 3/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup dried tart cherries
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons coarse mustard
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

1. Combine sweet potatoes, green onions, parsley, and cherries in a large bowl; gently mix.
2. Whisk vinegar, mustard, oil, garlic, salt, and pepper in a small bowl until well blended. Pour over sweet potato mixture; gently toss to coat. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.
Note: You can cook the sweet potatoes in boiling water or in the oven.

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David Anointed as King
 1 Samuel 16

The Lord instructed Samuel to go to Jesse of Bethlehem because He had chosen one of Jesse's sons to be king of Israel.


Upon his arrival at Bethlehem Samuel saw Eliab and thought that he was the one he would anoint. But the Lord had rejected Eliab and told Samuel not to consider his appearance or height. "Man looks on the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart," the Lord told Samuel.

Jesse called Abinadab, but Samuel rejected him also. Next came Shammah, but the Lord had not chosen him. In all seven sons passed by Samuel but he said, "the Lord has not chosen these."

Samuel asked Jesse if these were all the sons he had. Jesse told him that the youngest was tending the sheep. "Send for him," Samuel said to Jesse. When David arrived the Lord told Samuel, "arise and anoint him. He is the one."

So Samuel anointed David and from that day ON THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME UPON DAVID IN POWER.

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Dixianna Clayton

Dixianna Clayton died June 28. Born April 17, 1934 to Louis and Mable Joyner. Survivors: children, Michael Clayton, Joyce Hammons; grandchildren, Jeremy,

Kelly, Phillip, Sarah, Rachel; great-grandchildren, Jordan, Beauregard, Abigail, Gavin, Austen, Aiden, Graham; three great-great-grandchildren. Service 10 a.m. July 19, at Westside Baptist Church. Arrangements by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Daise Gardener
Daise Gardener born August 2, 1931. Daisy departed this life June 23, 2024. She leaves to cherish her memory sister, Stella Colon; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; dear or close friends.

Funeral was held July 7, at the Hermitage Community Center. Burial in Hall Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Edward McMillan
Edward McMillan, New Edinburg, AR, passed away July 4, 2024. He was born on September 18, 1962. He is survived by his wife Paige Whitten McMillan; children, Michael McMillan, Maurice Spears, Jaden Lawson, Jaye Lenzi McMillan and Kinsley McMillan; brothers; sister; and grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our deep appreciation to everyone who brought food, sent flowers and other gifts during the loss of our loved one. We also want to give a special thank you to Dr. George, Dr. Biggers and Dr. Masood and all the staff at BCMC and JRMC for the wonderful care of our loved one. Also, a special thank you to Bro. David Inzer and Bro. Rocky Goodwin for the beautiful service.

The Family of Bill White

Bradley County Medical Center releases statement explaining billing statement mistake



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