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## Attorney General's Special Investigations Division and law enforcement partners arrest five for illegal gambling

### SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Attorney General Tim Griffin announced the arrest five people in Bradley County on charges of illegal gambling, and issued the following statement after the arrests were made:

"Agents in my Special Investigations Division worked with the Bradley County Sheriff's Office and the Warren Police Department in a joint investigation of multiple illegal gambling operations in and near the city of Warren. The investigation led to the arrest of five individuals and the confiscation of nearly \$40,000 in illegal funds.

"I have long said that my office serves as a resource for law enforcement agencies across Arkansas, so I am proud to see my Special Investigations team help shut down these operations and bring these criminals to justice. I appreciate Bradley County Sheriff Herschel Tillman and Warren Police Chief Shaun Hildreth for inviting us to be part of this investigation, and I congratulate them on their good work."

After a months-long investigation during which probable cause was established that illegal gambling was taking place inside Que Lindo Michoacan in Warren and Spanky's in Bradley County,

warrants were executed at both locations Monday by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office, the Warren Police Department, the Office of the Attorney General, Arkansas State Police, and the 10th Judicial Drug Task Force.

At Que Lindo Michoacan, Pablo Ceja, 32, of Warren was arrested and charged with one count of Keeping a Gambling House, a Class D felony, and one count of Gaming Devices-Prohibition, an unclassified misdemeanor. Authorities seized \$15,000 and confiscated five electronic gambling machines.

At Spanky's, Kaysie Miskell, 44, of Pine Bluff, Sandra Hunt-

ley, 41, of Kingsland, and Shony Penister, 36, of Warren, were all arrested and each charged with one count of Keeping a Gambling House. Keithron Gibbs, 39, of Warren, was arrested and charged with one count of Gaming Devices-Betting, a violation classified as neither a felony nor a misdemeanor. Authorities seized \$24,150 and confiscated 41 electronic gambling machines. The two illegal gambling operations are not related.

However, this is not Sandra "Leann" Huntley's first offense. In 2019 Huntley was arrested with three felony counts in Cleveland County where she

served as Kingsland city treasurer from July 2013 until she resigned in August of 2018. Kingsland Water Department office manager Betty Graham discovered charges had been made to the city's credit card that were not associated to the city. Graham then informed the mayor, after which the Cleveland County Deputy Prosecutor Tom Wynne was contacted. After Wynne recused himself, Chief Deputy Gary Young of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department interviewed Huntley and reported that Huntley made purchases with the city credit card that were not for city business.

State auditors discovered \$12,846.10 in unauthorized personal purchases and payments that were made on the city's credit card between November 27, 2014 and June 17, 2018. As a result, Huntley was charged with theft of property valued between \$5,000 and \$25,000, abuse of office, both Class C felonies, and fraudulent use of a credit card or debit card, which is a Class D felony. Huntley was sentenced to five years probation and ordered to pay \$12,000 in restitution plus your costs after pleading guilty to misusing a city-issued credit card.

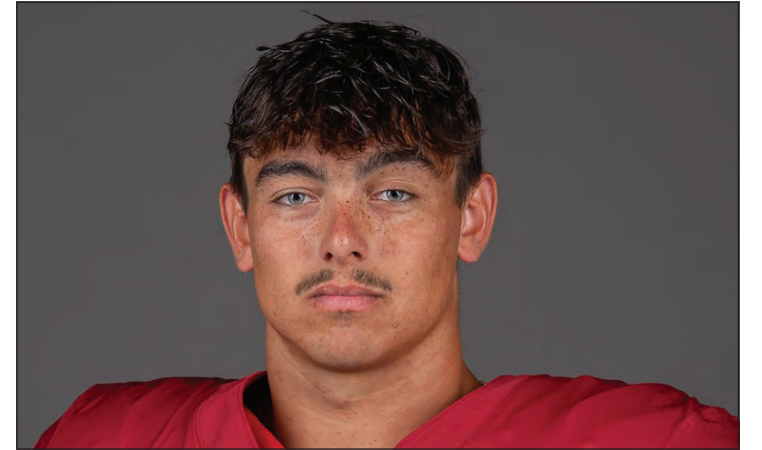
### BRADLEY COUNTY 4-H SHOTS THEIR WAY TO THE TOP



Photo courtesy of Penny Vance

Seven Bradley County 4-H member competed at the 4-H Shooting Sports Competition. Landon Duncan, Jake Castleberry, and Axel Martinez won second place in the Compound Archery Team event. Landon Duncan won third place in the Individual Compound Archery event. Mason Simpson, and Ben and Judson Green won third in the Genesis Archery Team event. Congratulations to all participants. If you would like to be a part of 4-H, contact the Bradley County Extension Office at 870-226-8412.

### Lassiter placed on SEC academic honor roll



Courtesy photo

Warren High School graduate, Maddox Lassiter has earned a spot on the 2023-2024 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll. The First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll is based on grades from the 2023-24 academic calendar. Among the 1,459 SEC student-athletes, Lassiter is one of the 74 Razorbacks. This achievement is proof of Lassiter's determination and dedication to both academics and sports, proving that both can be done well at the same time. To be considered for this honor, the student-athlete must have a grade point average of 3.00 or above for either the preceding academic year (two semesters or three quarters) or have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above at the nominating institution.

### WARREN WAVES ARE STATE CHAMPS



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The Warren Waves competed in Monticello at the South Arkansas Swim Association competition on July 13. This is the third year in a row that the team has walked away with the title of State Champions. Competitors range in ages from five to seventeen.

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**THE ROAD TO OBLIVION**

More and more I am being nagged by this question: Is the gospel of Jesus Christ just another effort to make man more comfortable on this earth? Is that the job of a preacher? Just to soothe you, make you feel better, somehow cause these 70 years or so of

sojourn to be as outstanding as possible? Is that what you want from your church? Your Bible? Your preacher? Is the minister just another in a series of counselors and psychiatrists? Let me quickly say that Spir-

it-led counselors and doctors of psychology and psychiatry have often done fabulous work in restoration. I would not minimize their impact for a moment. But note that I qualified that statement with the phrase "Spirit-led."  
 But when it is all said and done, is that it? Is that all that will have been done? Just to make it easier for you to get through this strange series of adventures called life? And then the grave, and that's it?  
 Or do we still believe in eternity? There's a good question for you. I ask you point-blank: Do you believe in eternity? Do you believe in the Biblical teachings

on heaven and hell? If so, then is it not the work of the church of Jesus Christ to prepare people for eternity?  
 I believe that is exactly our work. This world is not our home; we're just passing through. It is the work of the Church and the ministry not only to assist the weary pilgrims on their journey—to bring delight and joy into their lives through the saving life of Christ, but most of all it is our work to prepare men and women for eternity.  
 There is a road that leads to heaven and glory. And there is still another road that leads to despair, futility, and eternal damnation. It is a road that leads

to oblivion. You don't have to stay on the discouraging road. There is an exit ramp.  
 It is called the blood of Jesus. The word of God tells us about being justified freely by His grace, about redemption, about new beginnings. Salvation.  
 This is what the gospel is all about—not trying to make you comfortable in your sinning way. What kind of doctor, knowing your cancer could be cured, would simply try to make you fairly comfortable and peaceful until you died?  
 A minister of the gospel knows that the soul that sins will surely die. Death is inevitable. But it doesn't have to stay that way, be-

cause there is a cure. The cure is Jesus Christ. No cure is effective until you take it. Until you allow it to work in your body. And it is exactly that way with Christ.  
 This is the gospel. This is the good news. You can get off the road to oblivion. You don't have to follow it to its logical conclusion.  
 This can be your priceless opportunity to meet Jesus and get off that nerve-racking and senseless road to oblivion. Friend, you only have one life. This is it! And this is therefore the most serious deliberation of your entire existence!

**P.J. BYES SAYS GOODBYE TO CITY AND HELLO TO RETIREMENT**



Photo courtesy of Malisa Kennedy

The City of Warren threw a retirement party for Sanitation Department employee Purley "P.J." Byes after 25 years of service. The event took place in the lobby of the Municipal Building. Congrats to P.J. on his retirement!

**FEMA assistance for Arkansans tops \$5 Million**

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

In a little more than one month, more than 5,250 Arkansans have applied for assistance from FEMA following the severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding from May 24-27, 2024, and have been approved for more than \$5 million to assist in their recovery.  
 To ensure all survivors in Baxter, Benton, Boone, Fulton, Greene, Madison, Marion, and Randolph counties have time to apply for federal assistance, FEMA, at the request of the state, has extended the application deadline to August 28.  
 FEMA assistance for individuals affected by the severe storms can help with rental assistance, temporary housing, home repairs, personal property losses and other disaster-related needs not covered by insurance. FEMA grants do not have to be repaid. FEMA assistance is nontaxable and will

not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid, or other federal benefits.  
 To apply for FEMA disaster assistance you can: visit a Disaster Recovery Center (to find an open center visit [fema.gov/drc](http://fema.gov/drc)), call toll-free 800-621-3362, go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov), or download the FEMA App. The phone line is open daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. CT, and help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service such as VRS, captioned telephone service, or others, give FEMA your number for that service. Again, the deadline for applications is August 28.  
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**Four tips for improving social wellness**

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

July is Social Wellness Month, and good social health can play a part in improving mental health. However, forming and maintaining relationships can be challenging for those with who struggle with social anxiety and mental illnesses like depression.  
 The National Institutes of Health (NIH) underscores the importance of having deep, genuine friendships, stating "positive social habits can help you build support systems and stay healthier mentally and physically." Use these four tips to work on improving your social wellness this month.  
**1. Make connections and build healthy relationships.**  
 Actively look for ways to connect with others, and focus time spent with others on activ-

ities or hobbies you collectively enjoy, like participating in a yoga class or going to a sporting event. For relationships that are well-established, look for ways to deepen those connections. Sharing feelings honestly, learning how to disagree respectfully and being caring and empathetic will help strengthen your bonds with friends, family members, romantic partners and other loved ones.  
**2. Get active together.**  
 It may be a struggle to work out or be active consistently, but having a social support group can make it a bit less difficult. Gather some friends and play pickleball or set aside time to play outside with your kids after work. Go on a walk with coworkers during your lunch break or form a recreational sports team with your office. Social support groups can pro-

vide motivation to help achieve fitness goals and improve overall social well-being.  
**3. Take care of yourself.**  
 Caregivers can often experience burnout if they do not adequately care for themselves, which negatively impacts social wellness. Everyone handles self-care differently, and not all self-care methods work for everyone. Find the best ways to care for yourself and stick with them. Make sure you eat healthy, balanced meals and take breaks as you need them. Exercise as often as possible, and get seven to nine hours of sleep each night. Reach out to others for help or join a support

group. If you need more serious support, you can call the Arkansas Crisis Center's hotline by dialing 988 to find mental health resources in your area.  
**4. Create a healthy atmosphere at home.**  
 Parents are responsible for their own social wellness, as well as their kids', so it's important to make your home a safe space for your family. Make requests and give instructions in a positive, kind tone of voice, and incorporate positive, loving interactions with kids and other family members throughout the day. Limiting screen time for the whole family can help everyone connect with

each other and promote spending time together that isn't centered around technology.  
 Honesty is the key to social connection. Be genuine in connecting with others


around you, and look for ways to deepen those connections. Find more of the NIH's social wellness strategies at [nih.gov/health-information/social-wellness-toolkit](http://nih.gov/health-information/social-wellness-toolkit).


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 The housing Authority of the City of Warren will accept resumes for the position of Maintenance Utility Laborer until noon July 26, 2024 or until position is filled, at the Office of the Executive Director of the Housing Authority. The successful applicant must have a good working knowledge of plumbing, electrical equipment, painting, roofing, carpentry and possess the skill of meeting and dealing with people. The successful applicant must possess good writing skills and be able to communicate in writing certain reports and requests. The maintenance utility laborer will work normal hours during the week, but will be on call and subject to call out seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. Also, must have a valid driver's license with a clean record. The Housing Authority of the City of Warren is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate because of Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Handicap, Familial Status, or National Origin. Resumes and Applications may be delivered to the Housing Authority Office or mailed to 801 W. Central St., Warren AR.

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# Rotary installs new president at July 9 meeting



Outgoing president, Dennen Cuthbertson stands beside new president, Dana Harvey.

Photo courtesy of Dennen Cuthbertson

**SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE**

The Rotary Club of Warren met Tuesday, July 9 inside the First Methodist Church for its Installation Banquet to install the club's new president Dana Harvey. The club had its meal and went through normal procedures with outgoing president Dennen Cuthbertson before Rotarian Andrew Tolbert performed the installation ceremony with Harvey. Cuthbertson said a few words about his three-year tenure as president, while Harvey expressed optimism for the club and is excited to lead for the 2024-25 Rotary Year. The Rotary Club of Warren is now meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and will meet again on Tuesday, July 23 at Noon. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Rotary, please reach out to a current member or come to a meeting to see what our club is all about.

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# Editorial

## Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw  
Ark. State Representative



This week, the House Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs Committee received updates on the ongoing efforts by state agencies to enhance accessibility in their facilities for individuals with disabilities.

In 2022, Arkansas State Parks initiated a collaboration with the non-profit organization Accessibility Across Arkansas to enhance access to state parks for individuals with disabilities. This partnership marked the beginning of a series of significant steps to make outdoor experiences more inclusive.

By 2024, Arkansas State Parks had acquired its first Action Trackchair for Logoly State Park in Columbia County. The initiative didn't stop there. Accessibility Across Arkansas secured a grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation to purchase an additional Trackchair. Concurrently, Arkansas State Parks obtained a Trackchair from the National Association of State Park Directors-Bronco Wild Fund. These efforts underscore a strong commitment to improving mobility in natural settings.

Furthermore, in 2024, Arkansas State Parks became the first U.S. state park system to partner with Becoming rentALBE, certifying accessible lodging accommodations.

To sustain these improvements, the Division of State Parks has established an accessibility working group. This group is dedicated to exploring best practices to meet the needs of all guests, ensuring that progress continues in the right direction.

Additionally, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission offers mobility-impaired access permits. Permit holders can use ATVs on Commission-owned wildlife management areas along designated mobility-impaired access trails, enhancing access to Arkansas's diverse wildlife and natural habitats.

In the realm of education, the General Assembly passed Act 987 in 2021, mandating public school districts to include specific accessibility measures in their facilities master plans by February 1, 2024. These requirements include:

- Performing an assessment of public school facilities for ADA compliance, focusing on buildings constructed before 2004.
- Develop a transition plan outlining the necessary steps to ensure ADA compliance.

Open-enrollment public charter schools are also required to submit the same assessment and transition plan by the same deadline. An online professional learning course has been created to assist public school districts and charter schools in conducting these assessments.

These comprehensive efforts by various state agencies reflect a robust commitment to making Arkansas more accessible for all its residents and visitors. You can review the committee meeting presentations at arkansashouse.org.

## Egg-citing adventures with backyard chickens

By JOANNA POOLE  
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Every morning when I wake up, the first thing I do is peek out of my window and look at my chickens. I want to make sure they're okay and honestly, I just like to watch them. I'm on my second flock of birds because unfortunately, my original flock was taken out by a dog. That's a whole other story, but just know that my heart was broken. But my best friend came to the rescue and helped me start over with the chickens I have now.

Why am I writing about chickens? Because I think they're very interesting animals. I didn't grow up with chickens and I can't say that I ever wanted any. We always bought our eggs from the grocery store. But when I hit a certain age, (no, I'm not going to say what age it was) I started thinking about having a flock of my own. But that's all I did for five or six years. For some reason, I thought they were hard to take care of. I kept making excuses like, "I don't have anyone to take care of them when I'm out of town" or, "I just don't have the time." But all of that was put to rest when another friend told me she was moving and needed to find new homes for her birds. She and I had talked about how I wanted some. She looked at me and asked how many I wanted. I was only half-way serious when I said seven or eight and the rest is history. Now I'm a full-fledged chicken lady.

I've learned many things about chickens since then. Chickens are what I like to call a "monkey see, monkey do" kind of animal. What do I mean by that? Well, if you have chickens, you know exactly what I mean. But if not, I'll explain it. If one chicken sees another chicken doing something, the first chicken is going to do that same thing. I can't count the amount of times I watched one of my birds jump up onto a perch and then three or four other birds follow.

Have you ever heard anyone use the term pecking order? After I got chickens, I learned it's a real thing. Usually, one or two hens will let the other hens know that they are in charge by giving the others a sharp peck or bite if they get out of line. I've seen it happen too many times. A younger hen gets too close to the feeder or maybe a piece of watermelon and the top hen puts her in her place.

Don't even get me started on different breeds. I always thought a chicken was a chicken. I had no idea that they came in different sizes and could look as different as they do. When I got my first flock, I started hearing words like easter egger, frizzle, fancy (this only made me think of a chicken in a dress), pullet, and heavies. I've learned that Bantam roosters, which are small, have big attitudes. This I know from experience because I had one who made the poor decision to run after me.

Often, when I've had a bad day, I find myself in a lawn chair, out by the chicken pen. My flock is peaceful and at times, funny. When they hear me walking, they run to the fence and sit there as if to say, "Hey, sorry you had a bad day." In reality, they're waiting for me to give them treats.

If you're reading this and you're on the fence about whether or not you should get your own flock, my advice is to go for it! You'll probably find yourself watching your birds and learning from them. Oh, and one more thing...chicken math is real. What is chicken math you ask? Well, it goes something like this: I wanted six chickens, but if God wants me to have 10, then 25 it is. Don't believe me? Ask anyone who has them, and they'll confirm that it's true.

If you have chickens, I would love to hear about how many you have and what kind they are! You can email me all of the lovely chicken details at reporter@theeagledemocrat.com



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

More than 870,000 Arkansas residents receive some type of health care through Medicaid, which is operated by the state Department of Human Services.

The department has made public a variety of cost-cutting ideas and has been gathering input from people who would be affected by them. Stakeholders include physicians and clinics, hospitals, pharmacies, therapists, rehabilitation and long-term care facilities.

Last year the department trimmed the number of Medicaid recipients in Arkansas, after the expiration of the national public health emergency caused by the Covid epidemic. During the pandemic Arkansas Medicaid

rolls reached a high of more than 1,151,000 people.

After a six-month period of redetermining eligibility of recipients, the program now serves about 245,000 adults, 394,000 children and 250,000 adults in ARHOME. That is a health care program for adults who earn up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. The department uses Medicaid dollars to subsidize their private health insurance.

Many people drop off the rolls and get back on again, depending on their financial circumstances. On a particular day the number of Medicaid enrollees is about 870,000 people, but over the course of last year more than a million Arkansas residents received some type of health care through the program.

The steady growth in the cost of the program is a concern for legislators. Last year the state and federal governments combined to spend \$9 billion on the Arkansas Medicaid program. Federal funding accounts for 72

percent of the total, but in October that will go down to 71.14 percent. If Medicaid spending stays the same, this change will shift \$55 million in costs from the federal government to the state.

State spending on Medicaid has been dramatically increasing, both in total dollars and as a percentage of the overall state budget. From Fiscal Year 2018 to 2023 state funding of Medicaid rose by 41 percent. As a percentage of state general revenue spending it increased from 20 percent to about 23 percent.

According to an analysis recently published by the department, there are several factors driving up the cost of Medicaid that state officials cannot control. For example, during the pandemic more people became eligible because they lost their jobs. Also, the federal government required states to keep people enrolled during the pandemic, which was a major reason that Arkansas Medicaid reached an overall high

of 1.15 million people.

States have flexibility to determine eligibility for some medical procedures, but are required to pay for numerous mandatory benefits, such as inpatient and outpatient hospital services, home health and the cost of transportation to clinics and physicians' offices.

In 2019 Medicaid spent an average of \$6,046 per beneficiary. In 2023 that amount had gone up to \$7,280.

The department's 128-page analysis provides a list of options to lower costs, but does not make any recommendations. The legislature, the governor and the department will gather input from health care providers and beneficiaries before making any final decisions on which options, if any, the state will choose.

Those decisions will require lengthy study because they will affect so many people's access to medical care, and will influence how hundreds of millions of dollars are spent.



Growing up, I always looked forward to the end of the school-year. I spent many summers playing church league baseball and as I got older, I found opportunities to use this time to make a difference in the lives of others by teaching kids to swim. It was a rewarding experience. I've met with many young Arkansans who use summer break to explore new interests and gain public service experience to help put them on a path to a meaningful and purpose-driven future.

We are blessed in Arkansas to have a variety of programs that invest in our youth and help foster a passion for lifelong civic participation. Many of these initiatives also include a trip to our nation's capital where I've been honored to welcome students and share more about my role representing them and their families.

For more than 30 years, Arkansas's electric cooperatives have sponsored a trip to Washington to help shape future leaders. This prestigious program brings together some of the best and brightest students with the aim of expanding their understanding of how policies and legislation support the needs of electric cooperative members at the state and federal levels.

I was pleased to visit with these students who were great representatives of our state. They used this opportunity to learn more about the role of members of Congress and how elected officials support Natural State families, communities and businesses.

One parent commented on social media that the experience would impact her daughter for "the rest of her life."

In recent weeks I hosted students from Gosnell High School who traveled to Washington, D.C. to see the landmarks and monuments dedicated to individuals who shaped our country. The high schoolers were enthusiastic about history coming alive as they visited the sites and interacted with the additional context surrounding the figures they have learned about in school.

Exposing youth to opportunities that demonstrate the importance of civic engagement is an investment in our future. These programs serve to motivate stu-

dent leaders and encourage an interest in public service.

A new or deeper passion for public service is something I'm confident Senate interns take away from their experience in my office. We are blessed to have dedicated individuals who use their summer to give back to Arkansans and serve their needs. Students from all across the state get a front row seat to the debates on Capitol Hill and learn how these policies impact the lives of Natural State residents.

My office also helps young Arkansans explore civics and public policy through the Congressional Youth Cabinet and Senate Page programs that each offer a unique, hands-on experience.

Bentonville High School senior and Miss Arkansas' Teen

Peyton Bolling served as a Senate Page on Capitol Hill for a semester last school year. She launched an Instagram show to inform her peers about the importance of giving back to the community. I was honored to be a recent guest on 'Glimpses in Government' to talk about civic engagement and finding purpose in helping others.

This is a lesson my college football coach Frank Broyles instilled in me that I continue to follow as I serve Arkansans. He shared how "there are two types of people in the world, givers and takers - live your life as a giver." I'm proud to help continue to pass along this message to the next generation of leaders.

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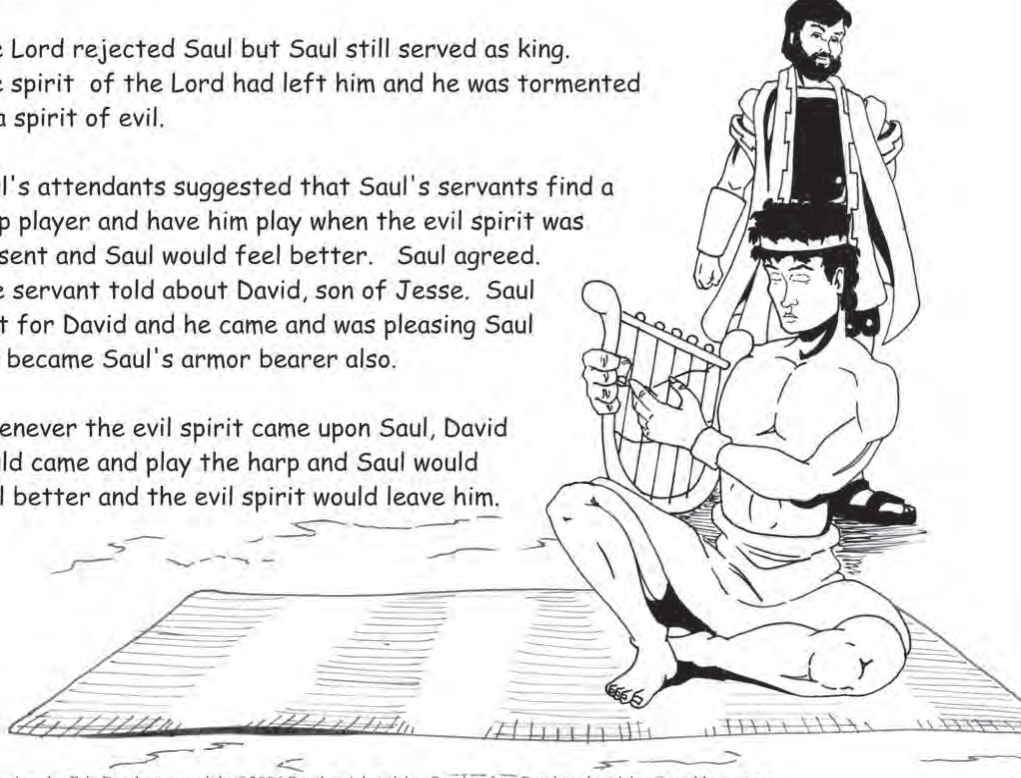
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Whenever the evil spirit came upon Saul, David would come and play the harp and Saul would feel better and the evil spirit would leave him.



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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BOBBY C. WHEELER, DECEASED  
No. 06PR-24-60-2

### NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:  
409 Watts Street, Warren, AR 71671

Date of Death: November 16, 2023

On July 2, 2024, an Affidavit For Collections Of Small Estate By Distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Bobby C. Wheeler, 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:

Lot 13 and Lot 14 in Block 5 of the Lincoln Park Addition to the City of Warren as per plat of said Addition recorded in the Office of the Recorder in and for said country.

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

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

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

This notice first published July 17, 2024.

/s/ Guinna F. Wheeler  
Guinna F. Wheeler  
7/17, 7/24

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY SUE WHEELER, DECEASED

No. 06PR-24-61-2

### NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:  
409 Watts Street, Warren, AR 71671

Date of Death: May 23, 2019

On July 2, 2024, an Affidavit For Collections Of Small Estate By Distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Mary Sue Wheeler, 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:

Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Five (5), Lincoln Park Addition to Warren, Arkansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.

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

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

Richard L. Roper  
Bar Identification No. 79246  
Attorney At Law  
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This notice first published July 17, 2024.

/s/ Guinna F. Wheeler  
Guinna F. Wheeler  
7/17, 7/24

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE LEPHIEW, DECEASED

No. 06PR-24-62-2

### NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:  
2188 Bradley 32 Road, Warren, AR 71671

Date of Death: March 12, 2023

On July 3, 2024, an Affidavit For Collections Of Small Estate By Distributees was filed with respect to the Estate of Charlotte Lephiew, 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:

The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 14 South, Range 11 West.

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

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

Richard L. Roper  
Bar Identification No. 79246  
Attorney At Law  
Barton & Roper, PLLC  
Post Office Box 1236  
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Attorney for the Estate

This notice first published July 17, 2024.

/s/ Tasha Hill  
Tasha Hill  
7/17, 7/24

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH THOMPSON, DECEASED

No. 06PR-24-53-2

### NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:  
300 North Walnut, Warren, AR 71671

Date of Death: April 24, 2024

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.

This Notice first published on the 10th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Karen Thompson Jones  
Karen Thompson Jones, Executrix  
c/o Richard L. Roper  
Bar Identification No. 79246  
Attorney At Law  
Barton & Roper, PLLC  
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Warren, Arkansas 71671  
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7/10, 7/17

## 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:

A tract of land described as beginning 255 feet East of the Northeast Corner of Block No. 4 of the Hillcrest Addition to the City of Warren, Arkansas, and running from thence South 81 degrees and 45 minutes East 166 feet, thence South 34 1/2 degrees West 135 feet, thence South 22 1/2 degrees East 155 1/2 feet, thence West 141 feet, thence North 279 feet to point of beginning; and

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The South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 10 West, containing 60 acres, more or less; and

All that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 16 South, Range 9 West, lying and being on the West side of Snake Creek, containing 13 acres, more or less.

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

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

Richard L. Roper  
Bar Identification No. 79246  
Attorney At Law  
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Post Office Box 1236  
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This notice first published July 10, 2024.

/s/ Debbie Hairston  
Debbie Hairston  
/s/ Doug Thornton  
Doug Thornton  
7/10, 7/17

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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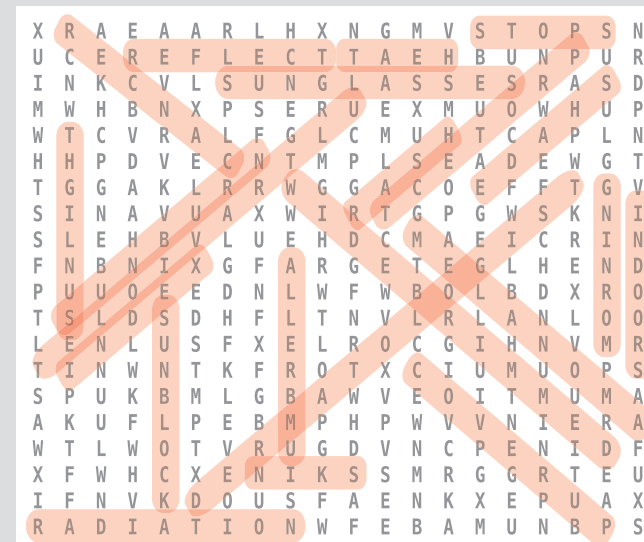
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# Obituaries

## Erma Lee Foster

Erma Lee Foster, 72, of Warren died July 12. Born July 13, 1951 to the late Fred Maness and LaVerne Dawkins Holloman. Survivors: grandson; Anthony Gallegos (Autumn); daughters, Angela Usry Davis and Allison Usry and sister, Linda Fuller. Memorial service was July 17, 2024 at Frazer's Funeral Home.

## James Ray Weeks

James Ray Weeks, age 77, of New Edinburg died July 5. Born August 17, 1946 to the late Margaret and Grady Weeks. Survivors: sisters, Betty and Patsy; sons, Jamie Weeks, Mark (Kristin) Weeks, and Terry Weeks; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Memorial service 2 p.m. July 24 at Frazer's Chapel.

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# Food safety tips for college students

### SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Does your college student know what they need to know about food safety so they don't end up with the dreaded food-borne illness? The hustle and bustle of packing up for college is about to begin. Most college students are now entering a new world of responsibility. There is no longer someone there to ensure they are up and out the door for classes, helping with laundry, or even making sure they have a home-cooked meal. They will now be making all those decisions on their own. Chances are, you have purchased what you thought were the essentials: a laptop, a television, a cell phone, and chargers. Depending upon dorm or apartment rules, they may have packed a microwave oven, tabletop grill, mini-fridge, and toaster oven. All of these appli-

ances are great for a late-night snack, but it's important to remember the food safety concerns when using them. College students have busy schedules; many times they eat whenever and whatever is convenient. Food safety in the kitchen is not a concern for them until they get the dreaded food-borne illness. What does your college student need to know so they don't end up in the health services office on campus with a food-borne illness? Here are some tips you may want to pass along to them. Pizza isn't meant to be left out all night and eaten the next morning for breakfast. I enjoyed my fair share of pizza for breakfast in college but learned that it had to be refrigerated and not left out in the box all night. Leaving it out on the counter gives harmful bac-

teria the green light to grow and multiply. Perishable food should never be left out of the refrigerator for more than two hours, or one hour in very hot temperatures. This is true even if there are no meat products on the pizza. Foodborne bacteria that may be present in these foods grow fastest at temperatures between 40 and 140 °F and can double in number every 20 minutes. One favorite activity of college students, and alumni too, is tailgating. If the tailgate includes hamburgers, the only way to ensure that the hamburger is done, regardless of color, is to use a food thermometer. Color is not an indicator of doneness. Ground beef may turn brown before it has reached a temperature at which bacteria are destroyed. A hamburger cooked to 160 °F, measured with a food thermometer

throughout the patty, is safe, regardless of color. Those living in the dorm may have trouble getting their food hot enough when using a microwave. In a large building like a dorm, electrical equipment such as computers, toaster ovens, and hair dryers compete for current and reduce the electrical wattage of a microwave. Make sure to adjust the microwave to the highest time as stated in the instructions as compensation. Also, avoid using an extension cord with the microwave because power is reduced as it flows down the cord. Cover foods during cooking. Remember to stir or rearrange food and rotate the dish. Use a food thermometer to ensure the food reaches the appropriate internal temperature. Care packages from home were always a treat as a college student. Today with all the

shelf-stable food products, it is easier to mail these packages and include more than just cookies, crackers, and candy. Some great choices to include in your care package might include shelf-stable, microwavable entrees. These foods are not frozen and will stay fresh without refrigeration for about 18 months. Canned meats and fish as well as dried meat and poultry, such as beef and turkey jerky, are safe to mail. Bacteria can't grow in foods preserved by removing moisture. Preparing healthy, safe food requires just four basic principles to remember when cooking and preparing food. These include: Wash hands and surfaces often both before you begin to cook or reheat something, and after you handle any raw foods. Also, clean the surfaces often where you are preparing the food. Bleach-based wipes are convenient and will do the trick. Separate raw meat, poultry, and egg products from cooked

foods to avoid cross-contamination. Never place your cooked hamburgers on the same plate or container that you carried them to the grill on. Use a food thermometer. Raw meat, poultry, and egg products need to be cooked thoroughly. Use a food thermometer to ensure foods have reached a high enough temperature to kill any harmful bacteria that might be present. And lastly, refrigerate everything promptly. Don't leave that pizza on the counter with the plan to come back later and put it away, because you could easily get distracted and hours later discover that it is still sitting out. Going away to college is a huge step for students and parents alike. The last thing you want is to get food-borne illness while away from home. For more information, or to receive a chart with temperatures using a meat thermometer, contact the Bradley County Extension Office.

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Peach Cobbler Bake-Off	Horseshoe Pitching
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