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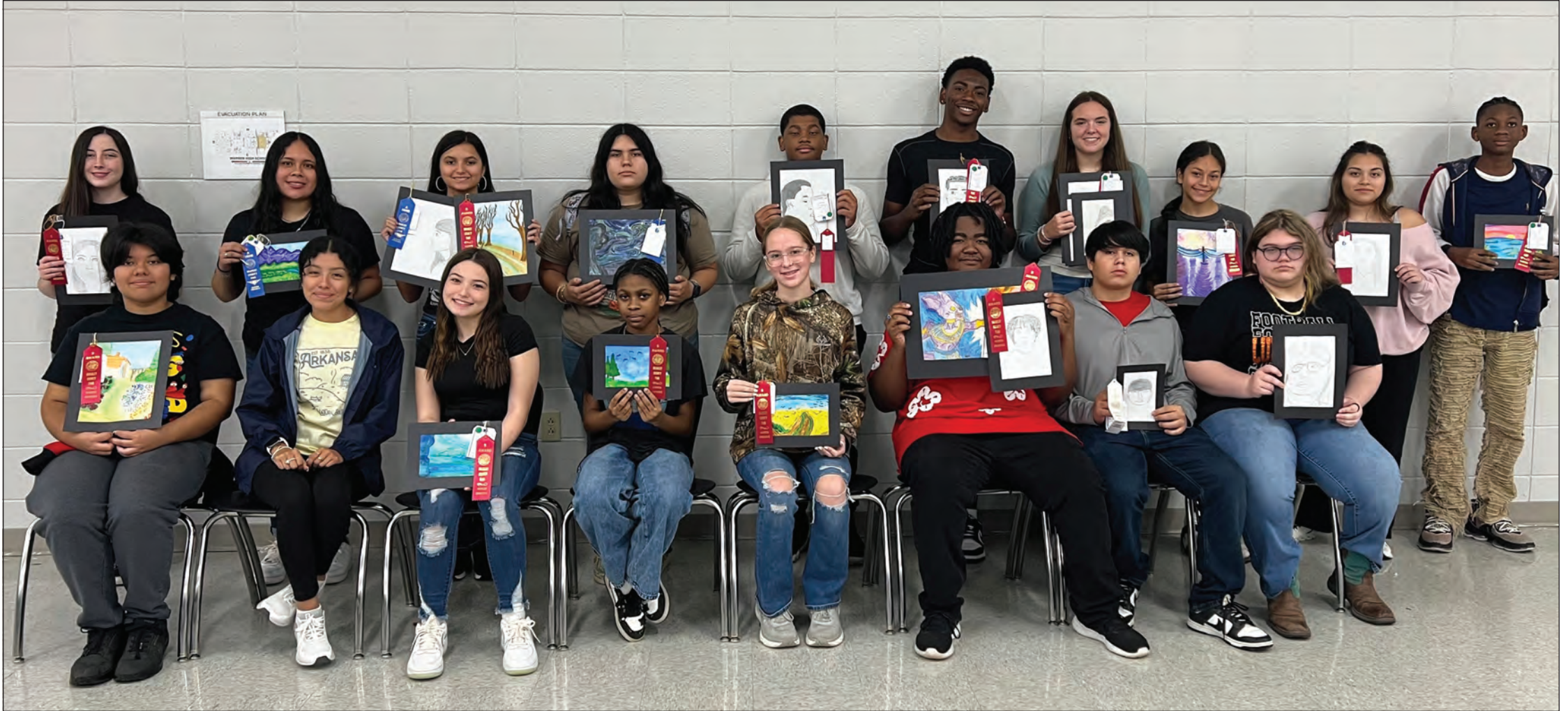
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ART STUDENTS WIN AT COUNTY FAIR



Courtesy photo

WHS art students entered and placed in the Bradley County Fair Art Show. Pictured from left to right - Carleigh Jo Thornton, Amy Domingues, Alliana Ayala, Mary Hill, Jordan Davis, Braylen Watson, Allie Adair, Allison Mondragon, Esperanza Vera, Zion Leaverson, Ghianna Ortiz, Allison Torres, Briana Stanfill, Zy'Kira Smiley, Karley Reep, Aaron Farmer, Brandon Garcia, and Mallory Wilson.

WARREN GOLF HAS TEE-RIFFIC VICTORY

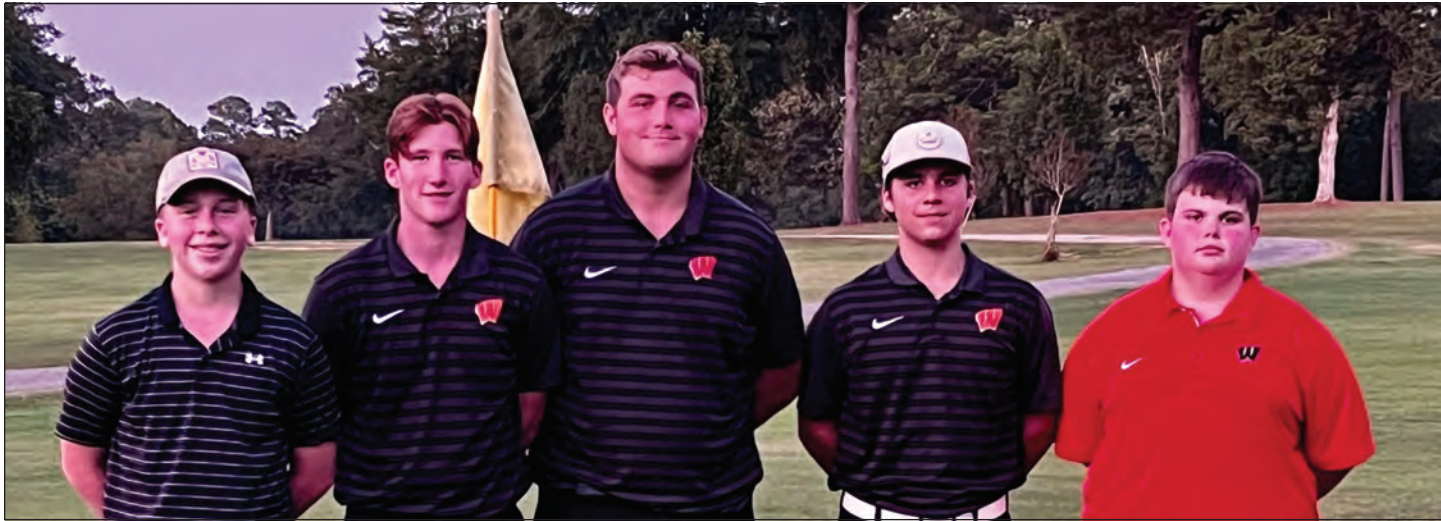


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Warren golf won overall at the 8-4A match held at Warren Country Club. Rhett Clanton placed first individually by shooting a 64. Rett McGaha shot a 69 to place second and Nash Crawford shot a 74 to place third.

BCMC sends out updated account statements

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Updated patient account statements were mailed last week. We recognize that some statements with a service date on or after January 23, 2024, with accounts that begin with BM, BC, and BH may have past due or bad debts language. Please disregard any language associated with past due or potential bad debt notices on these accounts as we are still in the process of working through the changeover in our collection cycle. Accounts in our new system have not been

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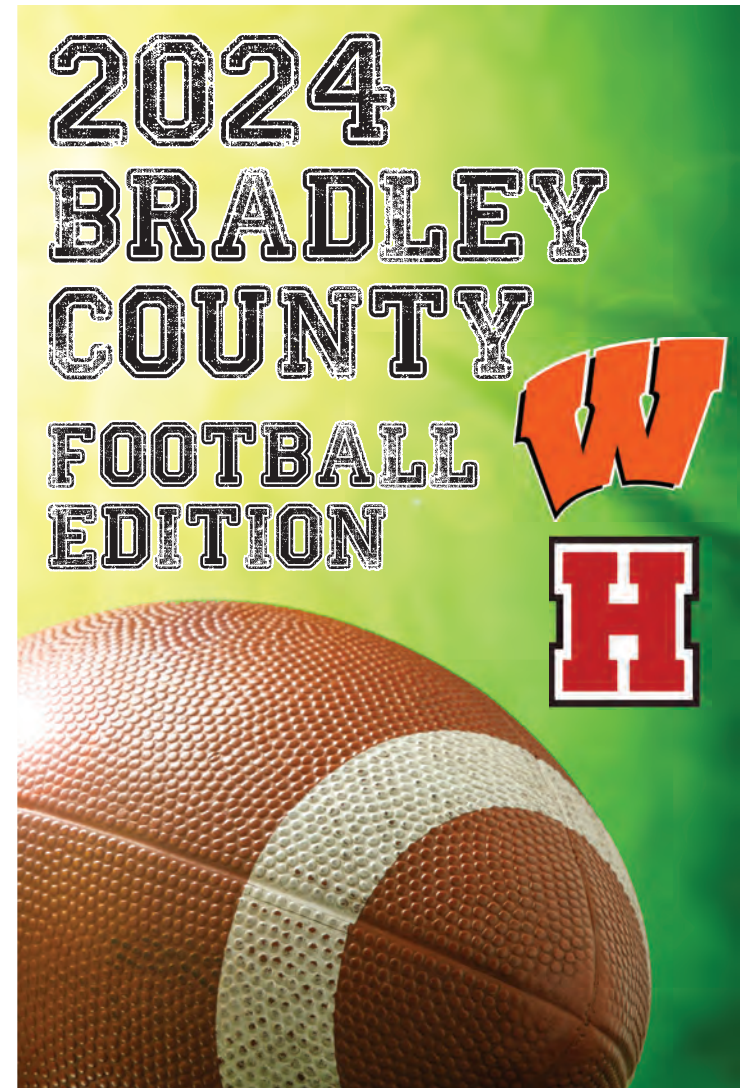
GAME, SET, MATCH: WHS TENNIS SEES WINS



Photo courtesy of Heidi Lassiter

The WHS tennis team played Drew Central for senior night. Singles Girls wins-Presley Reep(6-4), Jaycee Courtney(6-3). Doubles Girls Wins-Anna Arroyo/Ava Denton(6-2)(6-1).

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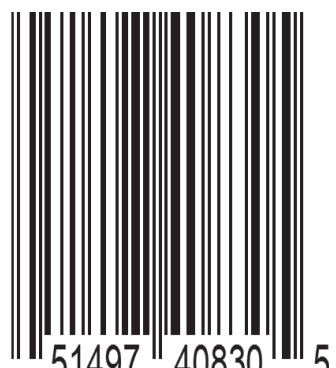
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Passin' the Faith Along

By REV. JIM BALES
 Pastor - First Assembly of God
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DIVORCE IS CLEARLY AN ENEMY

This generation has tried to glamorize divorce and make it acceptable. Divorce brings the same tragedy as war or plague. Divorce is an enemy, not a blessing. Let's treat it that way.

broken faith, social and economic losses to this nation. We need to go after divorce prevention like we go after fire prevention.

But how?
 The answer is to start early!

First, realize the Bible sets forth full instruction on how to live a life successfully and happily. No question in human life is unanswered. You and I are responsible to that book.

The Bible sets forth marriage. This institution belongs to God. It is the building block of society. God said "it was not good for man to be alone." So God made a lovely partner for man and the first home was formed. This is the teaching of the word of God. All other teaching about cohabitation is false.

Second, respect the fact that a great experience like

marriage must not be entered into lightly or in haste.

Infatuation is one thing, but love is quite another. That which infatuates you today can insult you tomorrow. Be sure you want it!

Marriage isn't made out of pulp-paper romance. Somethings must grow on you. Marriage must have elements in it that are divine and eternal. There must be elements such as purity, nobility, patience, temperance and kindness. Don't marry until you love.

Third, resolve to think the thing through. There are important check points. Analyze

all the factors relating to marriage. Christians must marry only Christians. The Bible says so. Religious faiths are important. Difference in denomination can be a big barrier. Divided church allegiance means divided homes. Use common sense. Your likes and dislikes are not going to change suddenly after marriage/ Look at his dad! Look at her mother! He will soon be bald like his father. She will soon be plump like her mother. Will it annoy you or will you love each other in the autumn as you did in the spring? Think it through before you sign the contract.

Fourth, go to Sunday School and church together. Do you want her to go fishing with you? Then go to church with her. This is where the devil will start you on separate ways quicker than anything else.

I have given you just a few deterrents to divorce. They will work for you because they have been tried and proven. They have been road tested. When God started the human race, He solemnly commanded the permanent institution of marriage. His plan for men and women is and has always been, marriage - marriage for life.

Oldtimer's Notebook

The publishers of The Eagle Democrat have chosen to publish articles from the past Oldtimer's Notebook in memory of Robert L. Newton. This article was first published August 11, 1999.

Judge Stark Ligon of Little Rock called to straighten me out on congressmen from Arkansas (believe it or not, we once had SEVEN!).

The Judge is doing well in Little Rock, as is his wife, an educator; their beautiful daughter, Sarah, starts Hendrix next month. Her grandmother was a freshman there earlier: Mrs. Matilda Wynne, of course.

The name I couldn't pull up was that of Brooks Hays, that fine Baptist gentleman who was turned out of office because he was on the "wrong side" in the 1957-58 Little Rock Central desegregation controversy. The "wrong side" was really the right side, of course, but the electorate, at that time, was not of that view.

The late Mayor Jim Hurley of Warren was a great booster and believer in Brooks Hays.

Then our valued old friend, professor Travis Martin Adams of Russellville, sends us a little needed history lesson.

Adams is a retired vice-president of Arkansas Tech, a onetime Rotary District Governor, and an all-around achiever from the Warren High School's Class of '51.

He's quite a practical historian, too, as the following richly-illustrates:

Arkansas first had six U.S. representatives in 1893-95, fifty-third

congress, thru 1901-03, fifty-seventh congress.

Arkansas had seven U.S. representatives from 1903-05, fifty-eighth congress, through 1951-53, eighty-second congress.

Arkansas had six U.S. representatives from 1953-55, eighty-third congress, through 1961-63, eighty-seventh congress. Since then, we have had only four, with no real chance to "grow" another one in the near future.

The U.S. Representative you were trying to remember was probably David Terry, U.S. Representative from 1934 till 1943. He was elected in 1937 to fill the term of Heartsill Ragon who resigned.

One of our "most colorful" Congressional groups was in the seventy-third congress (1933-35): Joe T. Robinson and Hattie Caraway as Senators and Reps. Wm. J. Driver (1), John E. Miller (2), Claud A. Fuller - nicknamed "Barell," Steve Fuller, "an interesting story" (3), Wm. B. Cravens (4), Heartsill Ragon (5), and David D. Terry (5), David D. Glover (6), Tilman B. Parks (7).

From Warren, I find only William S. Goodwin to have been in Congress - from 1911 to 1921 when he was replaced by Tilman B. Parks of Hope.

Arkansas' delegation was probably more powerful and influential from 1945 into the early 70s when McClellan and Fulbright were Senators and the House held Arkansans like Wilburn Mills, James W. Trimble, Ezekiel C. ("Toole" - wonder where that nickname came from?) Gathings, Brooks Hays, Oren Harris, Wm. F. Norrell (Mon-

ticello).

Joseph T. Robinson was our most powerful Congressional leader, ever, as Senate Majority Leader, followed. Closely by Wilbur Mills when he headed Ways & Means!

That's more than you wanted I'm afraid.

Take care and keep your column going; otherwise we old-timers find little we are familiar with in our Eagle.

Best Wishes,
 Travis

Adams was the "printer's devil" at Eagle Publishing in the late 'forties and early 'fifties, following his older brother, Charles Ross Adams, who had performed the same sort of tasks for W. L. Love, Oscar Littlefield, and James Robertson Moseley after they bought The Eagle Democrat for \$35,000 from Judge DuVal L. Purkins in 1946.

Adams was deemed one of the best of the printer's devils by James

Moseley, a great workman and the owner of an imperious streak.

Travis was a smart kid, Mr. Moseley used to insist, but he would always add, "But he'd argue with a fence post."

Ross Adams is a retired public relations official and leader in the Southern Baptist Church in Los Angeles.

Their brother, Lewis, is a retired official with the City of Vernon, California.

Our small black German sedan, still buzzes along faithfully, despite running over pulpwood and having over 180 thousand miles on the speedometer. "Not to worry," says another of our sons of the spirit, Eddie West: "Sometimes those engines last for 400 thousand miles."

Fuel is of the diesel variety; they provide it at the Day and Night with an old friend, Margaret Piper, usually at the cash register. "Here's our retired Eagle man," she greets us.

Stealing a line from another old friend, Royce Poole, I tell her I started enjoying retirement at five the day I gave'em the Eagle keys and bade'em farewell (not permanently, just removed to in-and-out status.)

Ran into still another face from our active years at the Eagle-Beagle (as one of the office kids deemed the place back there 20 years ago). This was Al, the UPS man.

Kept looking at this guy in the discount store trying to figure out who he was. He wasn't in uniform; that was the difference. Al, like all the UPS men, was hard-workin' and speedy.

They demand that, you know.

Hope Steve Rand and the water company people will be kind and not think we have a major leak; we're hittin' the sprinklers hard

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Warren School District Job Opening

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Puzzle answers

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NOTEBOOK

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these August days trying to keep yard plants alive.

It's so hot the little plants will just die if you look at 'em.

Steve, once with Potlatch, replaced the retiring manager, Don Copeland.

Dora Watts, also retired from the water company, started working at the Simmons Bank in Pine Bluff back there in '52; she started work the same day as the special lady who shares my lot down here on Shields.

Dora worked for the water company for years; now she's takin' a major role in raising grand-kids. Good ladies, like Dora and my lady, do that.

Dora's elder son, Jerry Watts, might have been Warren High's finest athlete of the half-century; all state both in football and basketball and with ease...

All of us remember where we were when certain events took place.

I remember our valued neigh-

bor Mrs. Derby calling my mother and telling her President Roosevelt had succumbed.

We all thought the country would collapse back there in 1945; we didn't remember another president, save Roosevelt, who was more profoundly-crippled than any of us realized.

I can remember when they called in the fall of 1963 and said shots had been fired into President Kennedy's motorcade in Dallas. I was in the back shop of The Eagle stitching together programs for the Warren-Lake Village football game (contest was put off one night; a moving prayer was offered prior to the kickoff by the Rev. Dr. David Shepperson who, intriguingly, now resides in retirement at Lake Village).

I can remember Dennis Hendrix coming to the office and telling us the Challenger spacecraft had exploded.

Once again, I was in the back shop of the publication, "makin' up" pages.

Mileposts in life.

But you remember some, too. I sure do...

JR. JACKS EXCITED ABOUT SEASON



Joanna Poole/Eagle Democrat

Under the leadership of coach Jacob Roberts, the Jr. Jacks are excited about the current football season and love to show off their skills on the field. Make sure you catch the next game at Lumberjack Field on September 26, starting at 5:30, as they take on the Dewitt Dragons.

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NO. 60PR-23-592

Name of Decedent: Dyann McMaster

Last Known Address: 1201 Carolyn St. Jacksonville, AR 72076

Date of Death: August 5, 2022

NOTICE

On March 20, 2023, an affidavit for collection of small estate by distributee was filed with respect to the estate of Dyann McMaster, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the circuit court of Pulaski County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101. The legal description of the real property listed in the affidavit is as follows: 1701 Carolyn St. Jacksonville, AR 72076, Lot 8 Block 4 Sub-Keaton WW Addn. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her 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 or distributee's attorney is: Hollie McMaster, 42 Byrd Ln Cabot, AR 72023. This notice first published the 28TH day of March, 2023. DR2T-3/28,4/4/23



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Editorial

Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw
Ark. State Representative



The deadline to register to vote for the November General Election is fast approaching. If you are not already registered, you have until Monday, October 7 to turn in your registration form. The General Election and Nonpartisan Run-off Election will be held on November 5.

Early voting begins on October 21. Polls for early voting will be open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday. Early voting ends at 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to the election.

Voting is a cornerstone of democracy, a fundamental right that empowers citizens to influence the direction of their government and society. It gives Arkansans a voice in the decision-making processes that affect their daily lives. When Arkansans participate in elections, they express their opinions on critical issues, ensuring that their values and priorities are represented.

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We encourage you to verify your registration and make plans now to cast your ballot.

Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



"Within my lifetime, we have gone from cranking telephones to interplanetary communications," John Wesley Snyder marveled at his own life. His own life was a marvel, moving from delivering the Jonesboro Evening Sun as a youngster to eventually serving in the cabinet of President Harry S. Truman.

Snyder was born in Jonesboro in 1895. His father was a pharmacist and inventor and active in the community. He encouraged his son from a young age to seek an education and expand his imagination. He delivered newspapers in his youth and eventually saved up to buy a set of encyclopedias. In a 1967 interview, he recalled that his visit to the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri, changed his life. He was amazed by the inventions and displays all around him, which he said was like "a fairyland opening up the eyes of a country boy."

He graduated from Jonesboro High School in 1914 and enrolled at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, hoping to become an engineer. However, a collapse in cotton prices deeply affected Northeast Arkansas and his family's own finances, forcing Snyder to drop out. He returned to Arkansas, taking a series of jobs in St. Francis County. For a time, he served as a school teacher. He also worked at his uncle's lumber company for a time.

With World War I approaching, Snyder enlisted in the army. He was made a lieutenant in the artillery. After his arrival in France later in 1917, he served as a general's aide and Brigade Operations Officer. After Germany's surrender, he served as part of the occupational force.

Snyder's uncle, Judge E. A. Rolfe, was part owner or owner of several businesses, including a bank, for which he convinced Snyder to work after his return from Europe. Though Snyder had little formal training in the area, his sharp mind and willingness to work hard allowed him to learn quickly. He often said that his most profitable hours were "learning how things should not be done."

He soon moved to Missouri and worked with several different banks, often trying to sort out the finances of faltering or bankrupt institutions. Snyder continued to serve in the army reserves after the war, rising to colonel, which led him to meet Harry S. Truman in a training exercise in 1928.

His experience sorting through the finances of wrecked banks serve the nation and his career well in the 1930s. When the Great Depression hit, Snyder began working for the federal government to work with the finances of insolvent banks. This led him to become manager of the Reconstruction Finance Office in St. Louis in 1937 and was soon promoted to special assistant to the RFC chairman.

In 1945, Truman, now president, asked Snyder to direct the Office of War Mobilization and Reconstruction, to help with the problems of veterans returning home and reintegrating into the workplace as well as the transition of the national economy back to peacetime production. As part of this work, he helped lobby passage of a new GI Bill to help veterans with housing and employment.

In 1946, Truman nominated then-Treasury Secretary Fred Vinson to become Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court. Truman nominated Snyder to be the new Secretary of the Treasury. Truman's many critics argued that Snyder was either not qualified for the position or too close to his friend Truman, but he was confirmed to the position easily and took up his new assignment on June 25, 1946.

Though Snyder was the first native-born Arkansan to hold a presidential cabinet position, he was not the first Arkansan in a cabinet. Augustus Garland, who was born in Tennessee and had served as Arkansas governor between 1874 and 1877, served as the United States Attorney General under President Grover Cleveland between 1885 and 1889.

One of his greatest responsibilities was the financing of the Marshall Plan to help Europe recover from World War II. The finances of Europe were a mess, and the Marshall Plan gave



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

Most of the universities in Arkansas reported increases in enrollment for the fall semester.

The state's funding formula for higher education no longer emphasizes enrollment, due to passage of Act 148 of 2017. It changed the focus of state funding to a model based on productivity. One measure is retention of students and graduation rates. Another factor is the university's mission, and how much it emphasizes research.

For their official count of students, universities take a snapshot on the 11th day of class. At the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, enrollment continued to increase for the fourth consecutive year, going up 4.6 percent more than enrollment

during the fall of 2023.

Total enrollment was a record 22,600 students. Of those, 28,859 are undergraduates and 16,519 are from Arkansas.

Arkansas State University at Jonesboro also set enrollment records this fall. On the 11th day of the semester enrollment was 16,687 students, which is 12 percent higher than last year.

The graduate school at ASU is the largest in Arkansas. Its enrollment increased by 9 percent, to 5,741 students. Of the overall student population, 72 percent are from Arkansas.

ASU operates a campus in Mexico with 961 students. Although their degrees are considered to be from ASU, the university doesn't request state funding to subsidize their educations, according to an ASU spokesman.

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock reported enrollment of 5,434 undergraduates, up 3.7 percent from a year ago. However, the number of graduate students declined from 1,535 to 1,479 to make the overall in-

crease about two percent.

The University of Central Arkansas at Conway reported a strong increase in enrollment, thanks in large part to a surge in its freshman class this year. Overall enrollment is 10,123 students, up 3.4 percent from 2023. This year's incoming freshman class, with 2,183 students, is up 26 percent over last year.

Arkansas Tech at Russellville reported mixed results on the 11th day of class. Its campus at Ozark had an increase of 7.4 percent over last year, to 2,115 students. On the other hand its main campus at Russellville saw a decreased headcount of 9,062 compared to 9,487 last year. University officials attributed the decrease to a change in scholarship procedures that were necessary to keep the program within budget.

Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia also reported a decrease in enrollment of eight percent, to 4,733 students, from last year's record enrollment of 5,126.

SAU officials expected the decline, based on lower birth rates that resulted in lower numbers of high school graduates within the region. Also, the university saw a drop in international students because of unpredictable visa approvals. On the bright side, applications for business degrees and in the education department are both up dramatically.

The University of Arkansas at Monticello reported an increase of 92 students, from 2761 last year to 2853 this year.

Henderson State in Arkansas reported enrollment of 2,061 students, a decrease of 3.5 percent from last fall.

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff reported an overall decrease on two percent, top 2,049 students. Enrollment at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith remained virtually unchanged from last year. UAFS has 5,512 students, just two fewer than last year.



Arkansas agriculture producers recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to urge Congress to pass a strong farmer-focused farm bill before the end of this year. I was grateful to meet with the men and women who feed and clothe the world, especially during such a busy time as harvesting season. Their visits clearly articulated the anxiety gripping farmers across country at this crucial moment.

For the past few months, voices from across the industry—farmers, their advocacy organizations and the agricultural banking sector—have all warned of an impending crisis in rural America as a result of consecutive years of losses. The financial stress borne, particularly, by our row crop farmers is now evident.

In order to support these operations Congress must respond, or there will be fewer farmers next year.

Producers are struggling to make ends meet in an environment where costs for farm inputs have ballooned from inflation, interest rates have doubled and market prices are far below the cost of production. The outdated farm safety net they are operat-

ing under is doing nothing to address these realities.

Congress must provide emergency assistance to address the economic losses that farmers are facing associated with the 2024 crop.

While many farmers are realizing record yields, they are still not breaking even. This is not a crisis they can produce, insure or conserve their way out of.

We've seen previous ad-hoc assistance programs established in a period of weeks, as demonstrated by then Secretary Perdue when the COVID-19 pandemic created disruptions for producers. That level of timely and urgent response by Congress and the administration is once again warranted.

In southern states like Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas, many producers have harvested their 2024 crop and are losing hundreds of dollars per acre of ground they farm. Losses of this magnitude mean producers are not able to pay their bills, secure an operating loan for next year's crop and have income to survive on.

This has devastating ripple effects on rural businesses and

communities.

Let me be clear, emergency assistance does not reduce the need to make meaningful investments to the commodity and crop insurance titles of the next farm bill.

Congress must redouble its efforts to pass a farm bill, before the end of 2024, that meets this moment and delivers the support our farmers desperately need to stay in business.

I know my colleagues want to make sure our farmers can continue to produce the safest, most affordable and most abundant supply of food, fuel and fiber in

the world.

Republican members of the Senate Agriculture Committee have been sounding the alarm on this brewing crisis for months. It is the very reason we have been adamant about the need for more farm in the farm bill.

I'm proud to be a voice for Arkansas farmers and ranchers. Their calls for help have been heard and I'm committed to working with my colleagues to pass an emergency relief package that helps them survive this immediate crisis and a farm bill that provides a real safety net for years to come.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Free Flu Clinic

There will be a free flu clinic hosted by the Bradley County Health Unit located at 208 North Bragg Street in Warren. The event will take place from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. The flu shot is available at no cost. Please bring your insurance card if you have one. For more information, call 870-226-8440

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Applications may also be picked up from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Warren school District Administration Office located at 408 Cherry Street in Warren, Arkansas. Application and supporting documents may be emailed, faxed, mailed, or delivered to: Warren School District, Office of the Superintendent, P.O. Box 1210, Warren, AR 71671, ph. 870-226-6738, fax 870-226-8531.

HISTORY

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these nations the resources they needed to rebuild. Within a few years, Europe had mostly recovered from the devastation thanks to American aid.

In spite of the difficult post-war economy and the Korean War, Snyder was able to help the federal government produce budget surpluses for 1947, 1948, 1949, and 1951. By the

time he left the position in 1953, the overall national debt had been reduced by \$5 billion (\$59 billion in 2024 dollars) from its wartime peak of \$270 billion.

Snyder's term ended with the end of President Truman's administration on January 20, 1953. He spent the next few years in various positions in the private sector. Between 1955 and 1976, he served as an advisor to the Department of the Treasury. He died quietly at his home in South Carolina in 1985 at the age of 90.

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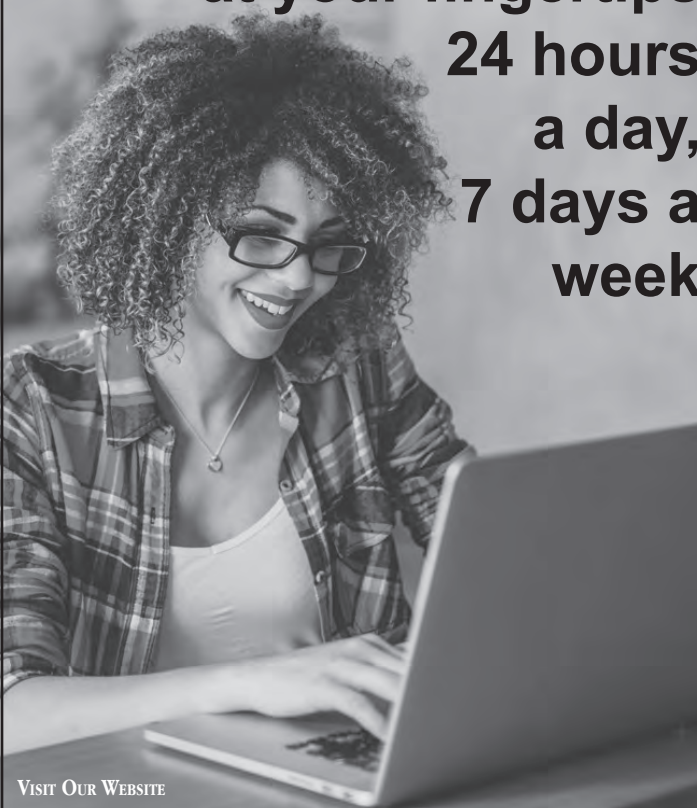
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Obituaries

Bill Baggett Sr.

Rufus Billy "Bill" Baggett, Sr. age 76 of Warren, Ark. died Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at the Arkansas Heart Hospital in Little Rock, Ark.

He was born May 20, 1948 in Little Rock, Ark., a son of the late Samuel Bruce Baggett, Sr. and Willie Mae Edwards Baggett. Bill was owner and operator of Baggett Transport for decades, where he hauled mostly cattle and later wood products. He was a 1967 graduate of Warren public schools and a Christian. Also preceding him in death was a brother Samuel Bruce Baggett Jr., and a sister infant Mary Jane Baggett.

Surviving is his wife, Cathey Gorman Baggett whom he married in 1968; sons, Billy Baggett Jr, Hermitage, Ark. and Shane Baggett (Sarah), Hermitage, Ark., Sallie Estrada (Filo), El Paso, Ark. and Lucy Helton (Kip), Warren, Ark. A brother Robert



BAGGETT

Baggett, Warren, Ark. and a sister Sadie Cherry, Chicota, Texas; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was Monday, September 16, 2024 at Frazer's Chapel. Burial was in Union Hill Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Marnelle Clement

Marnelle Norton Clement, age 85, of Pine Bluff, passed away Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Born May 22, 1939 at New Edinburg, Ark., She was a daughter of the late Voy Russell Norton and Lula Mae Berry Norton. She graduated from New Edinburg High School in 1957. She married V. M. "Big" Clement on August 15, 1969 and he preceded her in death on September 13, 1996. Also predeceasing her are a son, Manson Clement; siblings, Loyd Norton, Travis Norton, Voy Ray Norton, Dorothy Wright (Jim), and Joyce Mullins (Tom); a nephew, Chuck Wright; a great-niece, Haley Addison; and a great-grandchild, Caleb Davis.

Survivors include a daughter,

LuAnne Davis (Herbie); a daughter-in-law, Marcia Clement; sisters-in-law, Chris Norton, Pat Norton, and Anna Mae Spears; nephews, Voy Ray Norton (Donna), T. A. Norton (Kim), Kelly Norton, and Mike Mullins (Melinda); nieces, Candy Norton, Camille Norton, Chrystal Corcoran (Brandt), Sandy Trott (Dan), LuAnn Bussey (Richard), Linda Cotter (Jim), and Terri Pennington; grandchildren, Taylor Clement (Katy), Payton Beltson (Zane), and Trey Davis; four great-grandchildren; along with numerous great-grandnieces and nephews all of whom affectionately called her "Aunt Marnie". She is also survived by many close friends and cousins.

Mrs. Clement worked for Pine Bluff National Bank (now Relyance Bank) for many years prior to her retirement.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff. A diehard Razorback fan, she and her late husband and others made many trips following the football and basketball teams. She loved playing Bunco and line dancing. Mrs. Clement also enjoyed going on trips with the Relyance Bank Crown Club and was a volunteer at Jefferson Regional Medical Center and a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 25, 2024 beginning

at 10 a.m. in the Chapel of Ralph Robinson & Son. Her funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. with Brother Dalton Adger and Mr. Taylor Clement officiating. Interment will be in Clement Cemetery at Grapevine.

Memorials may be made to Wesley Chapel Cemetery Association, c/o Barbara Allred, 2290 Highway 63, Rison, Ark. 71665; or the Clement Cemetery Association, c/o Robert Clement, 1816 Grant 192, Grapevine, Ark. 72057.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Trinity Village for their care of Mrs. Clement.

For online condolences, please visit RobinsonFuller.com (Paid obituary)

Sigrid Beich

Sigrid Beich, 86 of Warren died September 13; born October 3, 1937 in Frankfurt, Germany to the late Wilhelm and Margaret Beich.

Survivors include her brother, Uwe Beich; nieces and nephews, Rosemary, Alicia, Mike, and Sasha and many great nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Phyllis Burns

Phyllis Burns died September 13, 2024.

Preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Amy Adams, and

siblings.

Survived by husband Larry Burns. Children Jeff Lucas, Bryan Burns, Janzy McKinney, Stephanie Ellis. Grandchildren Cameron Cobb, Cade Cobb, Cruz Cobb, Cooper Cobb, and Cohen Ellis.

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Regina Huddleston

Regina Huddleston, 56 of New

Edinburg passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on September 20, 2024. Born October 15, 1967.

Survivors: husband, Barry; daughters, Shana Henderson and Sara McDougald.

Funeral September 22, at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial in Reaves Cemetery in New Edinburg by Frazer's Funeral Home.

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In addition to be shed by infected animals, CWD prions also can be deposited from the carcasses and tissues of infected animals. CWD prions are highly stable and remain in the environment for years.

The most effective management tool for CWD is to prevent its spread. Avoiding the introduction of infected deer, either live or dead, as well as other potentially infectious materials prevents disease introduction through human activities. Reducing population

densities and harvesting young bucks from CWD affected areas can help slow the natural spread of the disease through dispersal. Targeted removal of deer from areas immediately surrounding known positive cases is another effective tool to manage disease transmission and slow spread. Activities that artificially congregate deer and elk can increase disease transmission and hinder other management efforts.

To prevent the spread of CWD, here are a few steps that you can take.

Properly dispose of carcass parts. Limit the movement of carcass parts and dispose of them in a landfill or near where the animal was harvested.

Don't feed deer. Avoid feeding deer, which can congregate them and increase the risk of spreading CWD.

Use synthetic scent products. Avoid using deer urine lure products, which can contain CWD-causing prions that can remain in the environment for years.

Report suspected cases. If you suspect an animal disease, contact your veterinarian.

Follow carcass transportation regulations. Out-of-state deer hunters should follow the carcass transportation regulations for both their home state and the state where they are hunting.

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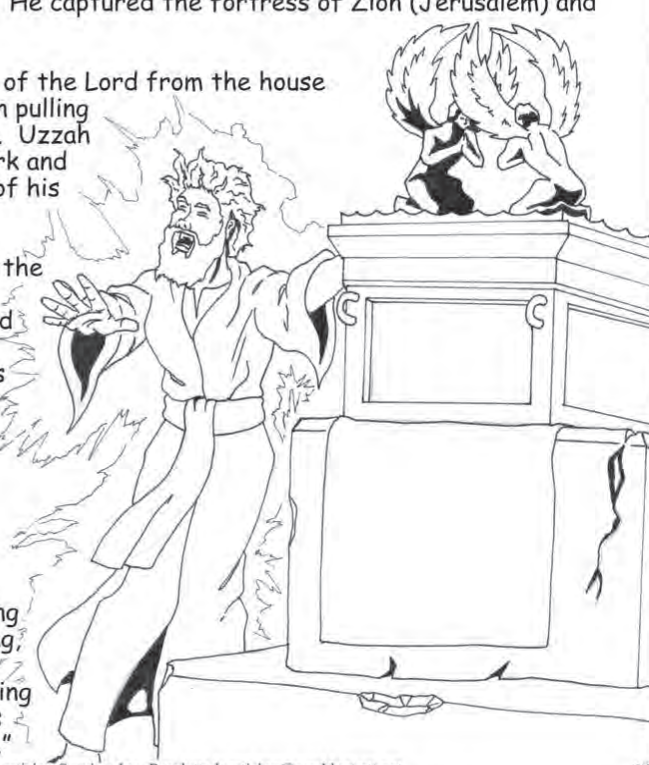
David was now king of all of Israel. He captured the fortress of Zion (Jerusalem) and called it The City Of David.

As they were transporting the Ark of the Lord from the house of Abinadab to Jerusalem, the oxen pulling the cart carrying the ark stumbled. Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark and the Lord struck him dead because of his irreverent act.

Being afraid, David took the ark to the house of Obed-Edom, the Gittite, where it remained three months and the Lord blessed Obed-Edom and his household. Seeing the blessings of the Lord upon the household of Obed-Edom, David went to move the ark of the Lord to the city.

As the ark was being carried to the city of David, David danced before the Lord with all his might. David's wife, Michal, daughter of Saul, criticized David for his dancing in the street and accused him saying, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would."

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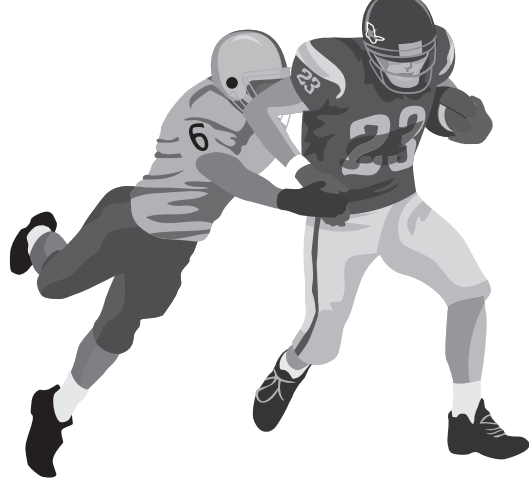
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9/18

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/s/ Klay McKinney
Bradley County Judge

9/18, 9/25

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS, 3rd DIVISION

PARCEL STRATEGIES, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS. CASE NUMBER 06CV-24-58-3
SHANE HALL, ET AL DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF TAX SALE AND QUIET TITLE ACTION

Notice is hereby given that a Complaint has been filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Bradley County, Arkansas, to confirm the tax sale(s) and quiet title in and to the following described property/properties in Bradley County, Arkansas:

COUNT ONE
LOT 9, EARL REYNOLDS LONGVIEW #1, BEING PT SW1/4 SW1/4 SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 15S, RANGE 8W, BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS. #100-00009-000

COUNT TWO
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All persons, firms, corporations, or improvement districts that can establish any right to the real property conveyed and forfeited is hereby notified to appear herein, asserting his/her/its title or interest in said property/properties and to show cause why the tax sale(s) of the real property/properties should not be confirmed, and title(s) quieted in the name of Plaintiff, in fee simple.

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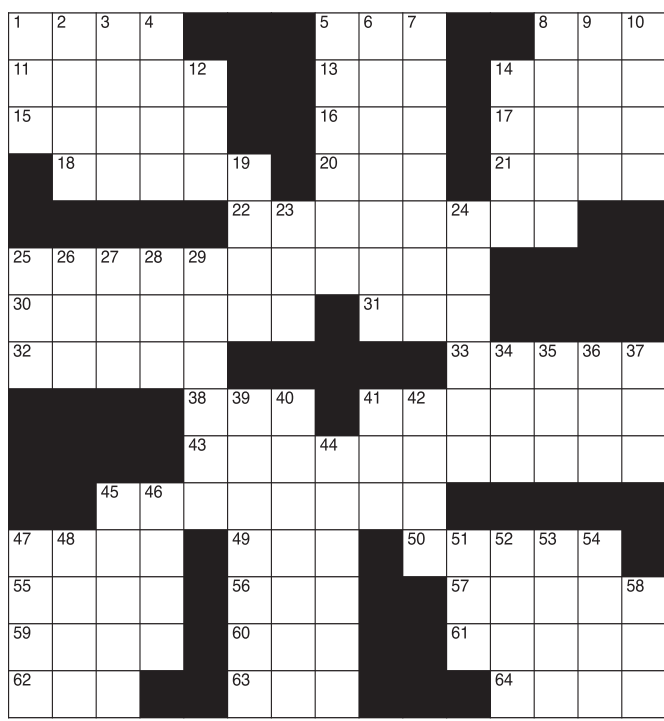
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Unequaled
- 5. ___-fi (slang)
- 8. Synthetic resin
- 11. Chadic language Bura-__
- 13. Influential come Election Day
- 14. Bucket
- 15. European river
- 16. Earn a perfect score
- 17. Horizontal passage
- 18. Barely sufficient
- 20. Dekaliter
- 21. Goo Goo Dolls hit
- 22. Australian city
- 25. Female servants
- 30. Plumbing fixtures
- 31. Tooth caregiver
- 32. Book of Esther antagonist
- 33. Say aloud
- 38. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 41. Absolute
- 43. Untimely
- 45. Area or neighborhood
- 47. Juicy fruit
- 49. Expresses distaste, disapproval
- 50. S. American rodents
- 55. Swedish rock group
- 56. Influential American president
- 57. Volume
- 59. Begged
- 60. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Good friend
- 63. Body part
- 64. Tableland

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 2. Body parts
- 3. Invests in little enterprises
- 4. Rock legend Turner
- 5. Dug into
- 6. Laughed
- 7. Northern European nation
- 8. San Diego ballplayer
- 9. Eight
- 10. Substitutes (abbr.)
- 12. Moved swiftly on foot
- 14. Compensated
- 19. Volcano in the Philippines
- 23. Speak ill of
- 24. One who publishes
- 25. Expression of bafflement
- 26. Macaws
- 27. Matchstick game
- 28. We all have our own
- 29. Divinatory
- 34. Explosive
- 35. Follows sigma
- 36. Sea eagle
- 37. Type of bread
- 39. Bit used with a set of reins
- 40. Time away from work
- 41. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 42. Lots on your plate (abbr.)
- 44. Actor Brosnan
- 45. It's part of packaging
- 46. Towards the oral region
- 47. Public Theater creator Joseph
- 48. Ancient Syrian city
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Mollusk
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. Hoagies
- 58. Not present (slang)

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WORD SEARCH

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

Recipe: Chicken gets spicy and smoky

Everyone should have a go-to whole chicken recipe in their culinary repertoire. While roasting a chicken certainly gets the job done, it's hard to beat the flavor profile of a chicken cooked low and slow on a smoker. The chicken can be enjoyed right off the bone, and leftovers can be pulled or chopped to use in enchiladas, tacos, salads, and more.

Directions:

Combine the water, pepper, garlic powder, salt, and honey in a pot and heat over the stove until completely dissolved together; let cool in the fridge.

Place the chicken in a 2-gallon zip-top freezer bag and pour in the brine. Force out as much air as possible, then seal the bag. Allow the chicken to soak in the refrigerator overnight, turning several times to ensure the brine reaches the entire bird. Remove the chicken from the bag the following day, drain off all of the brine and pat the bird dry with paper towels. Rub the bird well with the Southwestern Blend, even the inside of the cavity. Truss the bird with kitchen twine, pulling the legs and wings in tight to ensure it cooks evenly. Place the bird in a smoker with pecan chips and cook at 250 F until done, about 2 hours.



Fire up the smoker or grill for this "Pecan-Smoked Spicy Chicken" from "Jon Bonnell's Texas Favorites" (Gibbs Smith).

Pecan-Smoked Spicy Chicken

Ingredients (Serves 4)

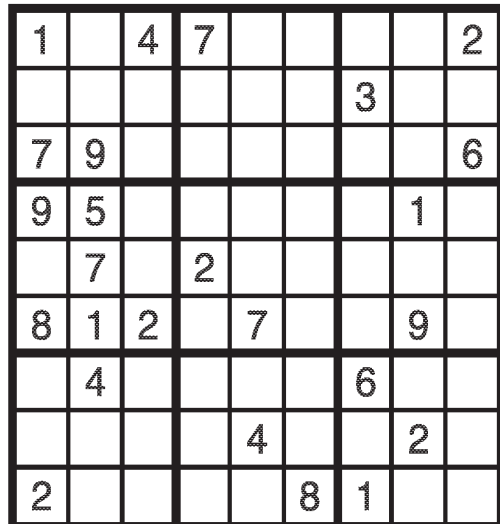
- 2 cups water
- 2 1/2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 whole all-natural chicken, roughly 5 to 5 1/2 pounds
- 2 tablespoons Texas Red Dirt Rub Southwestern Blend, or similar Southwestern seasonings

Gas grill alternative: Turn one burner on high and leave one burner off. Place a foil package of pecan wood chips over the hot side until they begin to smoke.

Place the bird on the cool side, pull down the lid and allow to smoke. Turn the bird once in a while to ensure even cooking, and refresh the chips as needed to maintain a smoky environment inside your gas grill.

Answers can be found on Page 2

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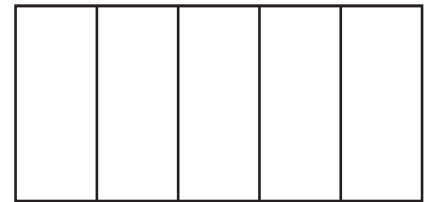
I am an actor born in California on September 26, 1983. I briefly played college football, but I am best known for roles on two television shows, including one where I played a thug who ropes two women into a money laundering scheme.

Answer: Manny Montana

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cats.

W L S A C



Answer: Claws

CRYPTO FUN



Solve the code to discover words related to cats. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 14 = E)

- A.** 21 14 16 12
Clue: Sound a cat makes
- B.** 6 22 19 19
Clue: Cat's vibration
- C.** 12 26 23 2 11 14 19 2
Clue: Sensory hairs
- D.** 6 16 22 7 5 14
Clue: Jump on suddenly

Answers: A. meow B. purr C. whiskers D. pounce

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Heroes 2024

Hometown hero: Bettye Mann

By JOANNA POOLE
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Here in the South, it's not uncommon to get asked where you're from. Usually, the answer is either where you were born, or where you currently live. But this month's Hometown Hero can honestly say she is a Hermitage native. Bettye Mann is one of those rare people who has spent 95 percent of her life in essentially one location. She grew up down the road from the Hermitage city limits sign in the small community of Gravel Ridge. She attended school and graduated from Hermitage High School in 1963. Except for three years teaching in Hampton, her 25-year teaching career was spent in Hermitage. Two of her grandchildren graduated from Hermitage. Her daughter-in-law is a faculty member, and now her granddaughter, Madison teaches kindergarten there. To say that Mann is deeply rooted in the little community that sits 12 miles south of Warren is an understatement.

After high school, she opted to stay local to attend the University of Arkansas Monticello and graduated in 1969. However, soon after, she and her late husband, Bobby, decided that it was the right time to have children. That's when Mann chose to be a stay-at-home mother until her children were old enough to attend school. When her youngest, Leah, started kindergarten, Mann decided to go back to teaching and got a job in the

Hampton school district. After three years, a position opened at Hermitage, and she returned to her home district.

For 25 years, Mann taught business education, or keyboarding, as some call it. In 1985, typewriters turned into computers and the course title shifted to Word Processing.

In 2003, Mann stepped into retirement.

Mann and her husband, Wayman, attend Hermitage Baptist Church. Church is a big part of both of their lives.

"My church is important," said Mann. "We are members of Hermitage Baptist Church."

Wayman teaches a Sunday school class on Sunday mornings at Hermitage Baptist and then at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoons, he preaches at Antioch Baptist Church in Gravel Ridge where a small congregation gathers.

Another thing that is important to Mann is the town of Hermitage. As many people know, Hermitage is a small town.

According to the last census, the population sits at 523 people. It isn't uncommon for small towns to become rundown and uncared for. Mann cares about her little town, and she wants others to see its beauty. She is a part of a small organization that calls itself Revitalize Hermitage.

If you drive through Hermitage, you'll see an old tractor sitting on the corner that is always decorated to match the current season.

"The idea is to keep some-

thing up there that people will notice when they drive down the highway," said Mann.

"Right now, we're trying to get ready for fall and then ease into Christmas."

Mann said there are about four or five people who work to keep the group going.

"I like it because I think it's important to keep our town looking good," said Mann.

She then explained a little about a current project.

"One of the projects we're working on is better lighting for our town," explained Mann. "We also want to get more Christmas lighting."

Mann went on to tell me about how she also keeps the books for the Gravel Ridge Cemetery.

"They call me anytime they're going to have a funeral," said Mann. "They call me to go mark the grave. I've been doing that for many years."

But Mann said that her biggest job is organizing the Hermit Huddle.

The Hermit Huddle is an annual multi-year class reunion where past Hermit graduates gather to reminisce and talk about what's going on in their lives. There is no age limit on who can attend. Mann mentioned that individuals in their 80s and 90s participate in the event.

"People like it because it's very informal," said Mann. "We just go up there and visit. We wear nametags. We have a caterer from Abe's Feed House



that feeds us well."

The doors open at 10 o'clock, and people generally stay until everyone leaves. Last year, the attendance was around 200 people.

Mann also clerks for Her-

mitage Baptist Church when business meetings happen.

I've heard people say that they love the towns where they're from. Bettye Mann acts on it. She takes pride in her town and wants others to feel the same

way about the place where she grew up. When she talks about Hermitage, you can see the love for her town in her eyes. She wants others to love it as much as she does. She is truly a hero to her hometown.



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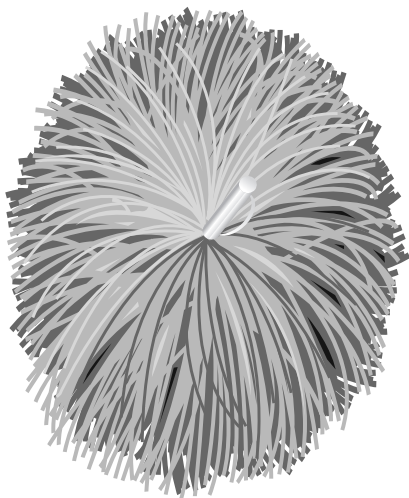
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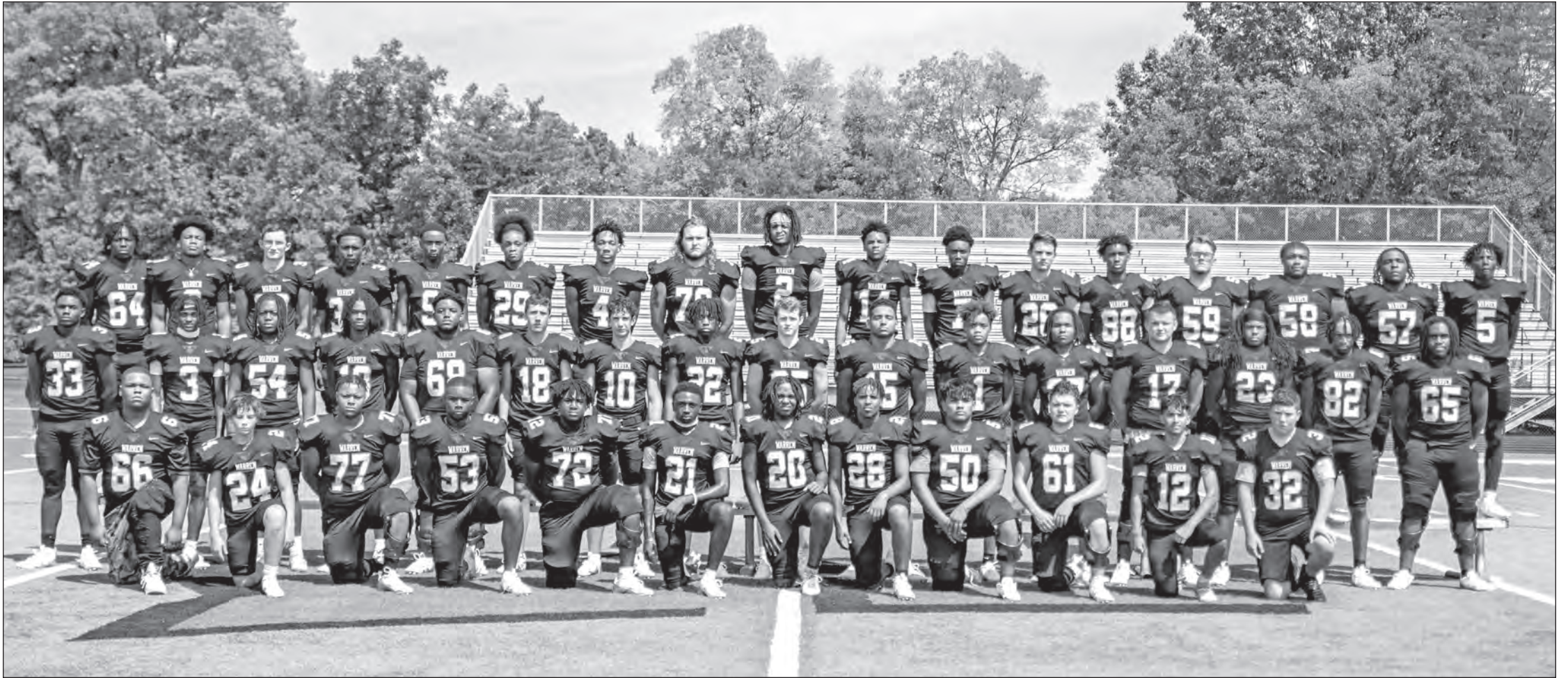
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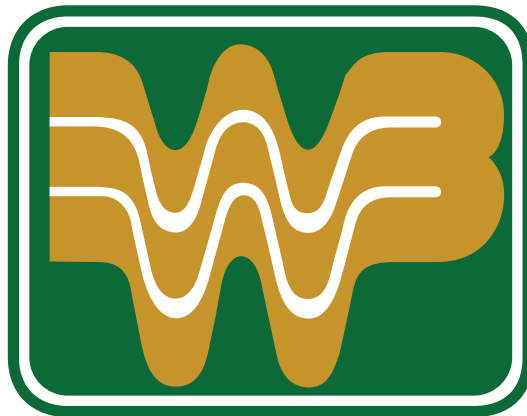


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Lumberjacks looking ahead to new season

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The Lumberjack football season has begun and the fans couldn't be more excited. In preparation for the season, the Lumberjacks began their training weeks before school started. If you wondered what players did during part of the summer, you could find them on the practice field with Lumberjack head coach, Bo Hembree. The Eagle Democrat sat down with Hembree to talk about expectations for the current football season.

"We felt pretty good going in," said Hembree. "Obviously we lost our quarterback, first game, second quarter. But at the same time, our backup is not bad. He's a senior and he's been through the program a couple of years. He's got really

good football players around him."

Hembree said that the Lumberjack offensive line is a work in progress.

"The offensive line is a work in progress. They've gotten better from scrimmage to week one," said Hembree. "They have to keep improving. That will be a strength for us as we keep going. But, right now it's hard to say because we just kind of started back over a little this week. Right now, we don't know what we've got. It's like starting back over offensively."

In week one, the Lumberjacks had an unfortunate loss to Greenbriar.

"Defensively, we knew that Greenbriar was going to be tough up front," said Hembree, referring to game one where the Lumberjacks took on the Greenbriar Panthers. "Our kids

played hard. They kept competing and never gave up. It was tough on us because of their size."

Hembree wholeheartedly believes that despite the loss to the Panthers, the Lumberjacks became stronger.

"Playing games like that will make you better," said Hembree.

There are 43 players on the roster this year.

Seniors Antonio Jordan, Neondre Thomas, and Tramond Miller had great years last year and Hembree expects the same this year.

"We expect a lot from them," said Hembree. "The expectations are high. Probably a little more now since Jackson is out. We're going to put a lot on their plate and hopefully, they can handle it."

Jordan is committed to the

University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Miller has an offer from Arkansas State university.

There is also Bryson Harris who is a three-year starter and a senior.

"There's a lot of pressure on Bryson," said Hembree. "Our seniors have got to step up and be great leaders. That's the key point of having a good football team."

Hembree was asked about his feelings on Stuttgart entering the conference.

"I think it's a step up from what it's been," said Hembree. It's not a big deal here because we've played them every year. We've always played them in non-conference games. We're really familiar with Stuttgart where other teams in our conference might not be. We've always played them in week zero instead of Greenbriar. That's

why we had to pick up Greenbriar.

There are currently eight teams in the conference.

When asked who Hembree thought the Lumberjacks' toughest opponent was, he laughed and then said that he hoped it was Greenbriar.

"You know, Greenbriar was tough," said Hembree. "We have Elkins who is a really good football team. They made the semi-finals in 4A last year. There's White Hall who is a 5A school. In our conference, you've got Dewitt who had a really good year last year. There's Hamburg and Monticello, and then Stuttgart who is traditionally really good. We lost McGehee and Dumas. But since picking up Stuttgart and Dewitt being much improved, our conference is going to be much tougher."

Due to Denton's injury in the first game, Hembree said that in a way, the team has had to start over.

"We kind of started over," said Hembree. "We're going to do whatever Kam does well. For us to find out what that is, it's going to be a work in progress. It'll be game-to-game. I guess really though, it's not starting over. It's learning what he [Kam Davis] does well. Everyone is going to see it for the first time when I see it for the first time. We saw a little bit in the Greenbriar game, but that wasn't fair to Kam because he didn't get to practice it very much. He was practicing in the running back position. He still played really well."

The Lumberjacks will face obstacles this year due to unexpected changes, but they will persevere and overcome.

Caruthers looks forward to Hermit football future

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While the Hermit junior high football team may be small, that doesn't mean they lack spirit and drive. Hermitage's head football coach, Tyler Caruthers had nothing but praise for the team. He talked about their willingness to work hard and how they aim to win.

"The Hermitage Junior High football team has 22 players this season," said Caruthers as he started talking about his teams. "We have a good mixture of old and young players."

Caruthers then went on to talk about individual players and the positions that they will play.

"The offense will be young in some positions this year," explained Caruthers. "At Quarterback we have two seventh graders, Landon Knapp and Frank Colhoun, who have been sharing reps in practice for us. At running back, we have two

ninth graders, AJ Thomas and Blaine Howard. Both are physical kids who aren't afraid of contact."

"Our offensive line and tight end positions are full of eighth and ninth graders," said Caruthers. "We have Samuel Ramos and Jose Morales playing tight end. Our line is made up of Alex Martinez, Hunter Richardson, and Cason Hargis. We expect to use our size up front to move the ball down the field."

While Caruthers plans to use different players in all of this season's games, he has key players in mind for specific plays.

"Our defense will feature different players throughout the game but our key guys that are up from the defensive line will be Cooper McKinney, Travis Grice, and Jair Ramos," said Caruthers. "We will also use Samuel and Jose to help on the outside. We will be able to change guys out and get different kids in at different times of

the game. Cason, Charlie Griffin, Hunter, Alex, and Yoster Mejia will also play a key role for us in keeping guys fresh on defense."

"Blaine Howard and Aiden Ivey will be playing middle linebacker for us and calling our defense. Both are well-built and physical kids," said Caruthers, referring to the team's defense. "AJ Thomas will be playing safety for us. I look to use his athletic ability to move him around on the field on defense."

"Thomas O'Neill and Ethan Morales will be playing cornerback for us," explained Caruthers. "Both are physical kids who I think will be able to help us in the run game as well. The secondary will also see Aiden Smith, Connor Stuard, Dalton Hales, Landon Knapp, and Juan Dominguez who will all help us tremendously on defense this season."

Before switching to the topic of the senior high football team, Coach Caruthers ended on a

positive note.

"I am very excited for our numbers in junior high and the direction our program is headed," said Caruthers. "I look forward to coaching these young men. Go Hermits!"

Caruthers then moved on to talk about the senior high Hermit football team and its strengths.

The senior high football team is led by four seniors this season and each of them will play key roles for the Hermits.

"Carter Curtis will play running back and middle linebacker for us," said Caruthers. "He is very physical and fast. Carter plays the game hard. Trai Rowell will be playing tight end and help us out on defense. Trai has very good hands and route-running ability. Oscar Martinez is new to football but a great athlete. He will play wide receiver and defensive back. Oscar has very good hands and can adjust his body to any ball thrown his way. Drelen Marshall will be

playing Offensive Guard and Outside Linebacker for us. We will use Drelen's athletic ability to open up running lanes for us on offense and contain the other team's backfield on defense."

Caruthers then moved on to other players on the senior high team.

"Carson Curtis, who is a sophomore, will play quarterback and defensive back for us," explained Caruthers. "We will use Carson's arm and athletic ability to open up the offense this season. Evan Etue and Aiden Thornton who are both juniors will round out the offensive line for us. Both are physical kids, who are smart. We are able to do some different things in our offense this season with them being on the line. Both will also help us on the defensive side of the ball as well."

"Jake Clay, Eric Hernandez, and Jeremy Keller will all see time at receiver and tight end," said Caruthers. "They are all very smart route runners and

can catch the football well. All three will play key roles on the defensive side for us as well."

Caruthers explained more about his defensive strategy for the season.

"Connor Knuckles and James Ates will be mainly on defense for us, and they will be physical and do a great job at shutting the other team's run game down."

Caruthers ended on a note of excitement.

"We have 12 players this season which is the most we have had in a few years," said Caruthers. "I am excited to be taking over the head job this year. We have a great group of young men, who work really hard and are very tough. I am excited to get our season started soon. Go Hermits!"

The Hermits will play nine games this season, with four of those games taking place at Hermit Field.

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