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Warren mayor questions city council's dedication to economic development

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The Warren City Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. The Municipal Building meeting room was filled with individuals who wished to speak to the council.

Mayor Gregg Reep opened the meeting with the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made to accept, and all voted in favor. The council also voted to accept the City Clerk's report.

The next item on the agenda was the recognition of Warren's Employee of the Quarter. Mike Miller, who works for the sanitation department was honored and presented a gift card. Miller has worked for the sanitation department for three years.

The council voted to approve street closures for the Fall Festival which is sponsored by the Bradley County Chamber of Commerce.

Following was the appointment of Boy Brown to the Board of Adjustment of Appeals.

The council then moved on to discuss the placement of the city's new solar farm. The issue of the Warren School District possibly purchasing part of the land where they city will place their solar panels was discussed but the council opted for more discussion on the matter.

Next the discussion of a possible \$2 increase in the city's garbage pick-up fee. Before the item was reached on the agen-

da, members of the community spoke to the council and voiced their displeasure at the price increase. Reep then explained that the increase will save money and possibly keep the city from having to lay off employees. The council did not reach a decision on the issue.

The council then voted to start the process of condemning four separate properties. Those properties are as follows: 110 Penister Street, No. 7 Southern Court, 504 Rock Street, and 1007 Phillips Street. The council also voted in favor of Abernathy Street being dedicated in memory of Alice J. Henderson.

The next item on the agenda was the perspective purchase of 112 acres of land that would be used for industrial and economic development. Despite the issue being brought before the council multiples times, a final decision has yet to be made. In possible hopes of helping the council decide, Reep laid out a plan that involved the Bradley County Economic Development Commission borrowing money for a 25-year loan at an interest rate of only three percent. The city would renew the lease yearly.

Warren City Council member Joel Tolefree made a motion to move forward, which was seconded, but only Tolefree and councilmember Emily Moseley voted in favor.

Following the announcement that the motion failed 4-2, Reep spoke directly to the council



Warren City Council honors Mike Miller as Warren's Employee of the Quarter.

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with frustration.

"I am extremely disappointed," said Reep. "You've chucked our economic development program. Apparently y'all want out of economic development. I don't care anymore. You're not going to do what's needed to push the town forward. I've got

a big problem. This is wrong... Y'all have punted on the city of Warren."

Reep then said he was done and intended to "make an issue out of it."

"What do y'all suggest we do," asked Reep of the council. "You have all of the answers,

tell me."

Following the question, council member Latanza Atkins responded.

"We haven't looked at the budget," said Atkins

"If we don't do some things to grow the economy in Warren, then you are not going to

have to worry about the rest of it," responded Reep referring to the budget, then explaining to the council areas where the budget would be cut, and lay-off would possibly have to be made. "That means street paving, that means police depart-

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Warren Lumberjacks dominate Star City Bulldogs in historic matchup

By EAGLE STAFF

The Warren Lumberjacks continued their impressive run in the 8-4A conference, defeating the Star City Bulldogs 41-7 in a game that featured a historic coaching matchup. Head coach Bo Hembree faced off against his former player, Star City coach Nelson, for the first time, adding an extra layer of excitement to an already significant contest.

With both teams entering the game with 4-2 overall records,

Warren stood undefeated at 3-0 in conference play, while Star City sought to improve its 1-2 conference standing. The anticipation was palpable as the Lumberjacks kicked off at 7 p.m. under the lights at Bulldog Stadium.

The Bulldogs started strong, recovering a pooch kick after a muffed reception, but their early drive stalled, and they turned the ball over on a fumble. Warren capitalized on the turnover, with quarterback Cam Burks connect-

ing with Antonio Jordan for a 37-yard touchdown pass, putting the Lumberjacks ahead 7-0 in the first quarter.

Star City struggled to find its rhythm, facing penalties and turnovers that hindered their offense. A missed opportunity in the second quarter saw them throw an interception in the end zone, further sealing their fate. Despite their efforts, the Bulldogs couldn't penetrate the Lumberjacks' strong defense.

Warren extended its lead to 13-0 just before halftime with Burks rushing for a one-yard touchdown, following a crucial 66-yard reception from Jordan that set up the score. The Lumberjacks went into the break with momentum and confidence.

The second half proved to be a showcase for Warren's explosive offense. Just a minute into the third quarter, Burks threw a stunning 56-yard touchdown pass to Miller, bringing the score to 20-

0. The Bulldogs' night turned disastrous when they fumbled the ensuing kickoff, allowing Warren to recover at the Star City 37-yard line. Burks quickly struck again, finding Miller for another score, making it 27-0.

As the "mercy rule" came into effect due to the Lumberjacks' dominant performance, they continued to pile on the points. Running back Aaron Davis capped off a series of strong runs with a 23-yard touchdown, extending

the lead to 35-0. Star City finally broke through with a touchdown late in the third quarter, but it was too little, too late.

Warren concluded the game with a final touchdown from Davis, securing the 41-7 victory. With this win, the Lumberjacks improved to 5-2 overall and remained undefeated in conference play, showcasing their strength as they head into next week's matchup against the Stuttgart Ricebirds.

Quorum court discusses bridge replacements

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The Bradley County Quorum Court met for its monthly meeting on Monday, October 21. The meeting opened with Leeanna Williams from Bradley County Medical Center. She updated the court on Medicare enrollment. Williams told the court that the hospital is offering appointments on Tuesdays or Thursdays to help community members pick the option that is best for them, especially when it's in relation to prescription drug plans.

"What's good for you may not be good to the next person," said Williams. "It just depends on what prescriptions you're on."

Williams also said that she is hopeful that the hospital will be able to provide updates on other

projects in the near future.

Next, the court moved on to the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made to approve, and all voted in favor.

The court then approved the financial and sheriff's reports.

Following those reports, Bradley County Judge Klay McKinney then presented his report. He stated that two wooden bridges were located close to Union Hill. So far, one has been replaced, and the county is working on replacing the second bridge. McKinney said that most of the dirt work has been done and that this will be the final wooden bridge in Bradley County to be replaced.

McKinney also updated the court on the new entertainment/recreational venue that is set to be built. The Property Planning

Committee collaborated with students from the Warren High School EAST lab to survey Bradley County residents on what they would like to see the property become. The information was then shared with architect Ken King of Lockeby and Associates. Boards with the final vision for the venue have been distributed to the local banks and other communal settings, as well as the courthouse, for public viewing.

The court then discussed issues about the upkeep of Bradley 10 and whether the county should continue patching holes that form in the blacktop or turn the road into gravel.

The court then adjourned. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on November 18.

BCHM Christmas Gala to be held Nov. 18

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The 2024 Christmas Gala, presented by the board of the Bradley County Historical Museum, will be held on Monday, November 18. This annual event is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Activity Center, located on Main Street in Warren.

Tickets for the event are \$15 and are being pre-sold by museum board members: Kim Cathey, Mark Deal, Deborah Gannaway, Bridgette, Harding, Mike Jolley, JeNelle Lipton, LaDonna Marsh, Hugh Quimby, Marlin Raines, Misty Reynolds, Andrew Tolbert, Missy Wardlaw, and Judy Wynne. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Bradley County Historical Museum.

Tables for the Gala will be decorated by some of Bradley County's most talented individuals and are always a special attraction for those attending. Guests will have the opportunity



Photo courtesy of Janelle Lipton

to choose their favorite table after viewing the 24 beautifully decorated tablescapes.

A wonderful array of live and silent auction items will be available. There will be special entertainment, delicious refreshments, and an evening filled with

fun and fellowship. Make plans to join your friends and welcome the Christmas season on this special night.

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civilization in history. The Internet provides endless facts about almost anything. In fact, we have to be careful that we don't get more than the facts.

So how do you determine what kind of knowledge is worthwhile and where to go to obtain it? A beginning place for valid instruction

comes from the time you spend alone with God in the Word.

The Scriptures may be read in different ways. Some read the Bible for devotional thoughts upon which to meditate. Some read to mine out timeless truths upon which to base their value system. Some

read for the historical benefit. Others read out of duty. And some read only select portions of Scripture, such as the Psalms, to assist in their prayers and worship.

Those who discover the vast amount of insight and wisdom that come from Scripture are those who read the Word as a source

of inspiration and instruction. They have found the Spirit of the Lord to be an amazing teacher and counselor.

Your relationship with God will find new depth and dimension when you listen to Him and begin the learning.

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 Sept. 24, 2003.

One can tell fall's here by a number of signs. For one thing, the sun doesn't come up like it used to. For another, the yard doesn't need mowin' as often as it did. Some of the Warren fall sounds of yore are no longer here, like the sounds of the one-cylinder engine running S. B. Meek's cotton gin behind John Lipton's house here in town. Yep, they used to grow cotton in Bradley County.

I remember checks from Mr. Louis Ederington's Warren Bank that used to bear the legend, "Down in the Land of Cotton." Those days are far back in the rear-view mirror.

Mr. Louis used to buy cotton. Cotton wagons were lined up on Cypress between where Ederington's store was situated and where Warren Bank and Trust is now located.

Mr. Luis would have a cut made in the bale of cotton he was about to buy and he would carefully check the length of its fiber before telling the farmer what he could pay.

Many of the farmers had been "furnished" by the Ederington concern, that is, Ederington's had given the farmer credit for seed, perhaps a barrel of flour and some other things to get the family through the growing season. When the crop was brought to town, there was "settling-up" time.

Small town merchants all over the south provided this service. In Conway, this was done by Jo Frauenthal and his brother-in-law, Schwartz. They "furnished" my grandfather, William Newton, as he tried to grow cotton out of rocky ground on the border between Faulkner and Van Buren counties near Damascus.

My father, who came to Warren as principal of the junior high ere World War I (he led the YMCA 1922-42) recalled riding the cotton wagon from Damascus to Conway, the "settling-up" with Frauenthal and Schwartz,

and the fact that there was enough money left over for his father to buy him his first suit.

There must be about 12,000 people in Bradley County now. Back in the cotton-growing days, there were over 20,000. Most of them were involved in what you could call, at best, subsistence-farming.

Times were hard. Seems like they would never, ever get better. They finally did, but only with advent of World War II and the exodus of many to California.

Death of the respected educator Bobbie Montgomery the other day reminded many of her father, T. F. Key. Mr. Key came to Warren after his graduation from Henderson-Brown College of Arkadelphia to serve as the Warren High football coach. Mrs. Key had come to town as what they used to call the "domestic science teacher." The two married, produced two daughters, Amy Ruth and Bobbie. Mr. and Mrs. Key moved to Banks 70 years ago or so where he served as superintendent of schools. He was also president of the chamber of commerce in what then

was a thriving community.

But the Depression changed things in education in Banks and everywhere. The Keys faced near-destitution until Mr. Key used his soldier's bonus from World War I to establish a Western Auto Store in Warren. Wasn't it the first store on the north side of the parking lot of First State Bank, facing the Pastime Theatre?

Later, Mr. Key moved the store to the South Main Street location where it flourished for years. But things changed in the retail business. Western Auto Stores and their competitor, OTASCO, just sort of faded away.

Western Auto was the big, going thing in the middle 30s. I can remember my parents talking about buying such a store in Monticello, using my father's soldier's bonus. That didn't happen.

As for Mr. Key, he was a fine man. His real name was Tandy Freeman Key. Hardly anybody knew that. Now you know it.

Speaking of educators like the much-praised Bobbie Montgomery, one recalls teachers like

Elton Gray, who labored over us at Warren High, trying to teach us higher math and physics. The late Lona Cook Pennington was a top teacher in the math subjects, too. Folks in a later generation still brag on Kenneth Wolfe and his labors teaching math to their crowd.

There are certain teachers who light a fire in you, who inspire.

Surely one of those in WHS life was Mrs. Joe Reaves, III, who came to Warren in the late 30s, fresh out of Henderson State, maybe two or three years older than the kids she was assigned to teach.

Mary Louise Holland Reaves ran a Tight Ship. You had fun, but within her boundaries. She's still here with us, may the Almighty be Richly-Praised.

Real Oldtimers remember when O. C. Landers, the superintendent of schools, routinely taught math classes at Warren High. Mr. Landers, they said, was a Marvelous Teacher. But the school board forced him out, ere World War II, and he ended his career at Altheimer in Jefferson County.

Two fine ladies of the city flew to Vancouver the other day and boarded a cruise ship for a trip to Alaska. They told us they had signed up for "first seating" which meant they would have supper at six every night rather than at 8:15. Both are good-lookin' widows; ah that some fine old widower man or two might spot them! These are classy ladies we've known for, well, 60 years. They deserve the very best.

Gentlemen at Bobby and Son, the car detail place next door to the former location of Bobbie Hedger's Floral Shop, undertook the task of polishin' off several years of gunk from our 13-year-old Teutonic vehicle the other day. Son of Bobby turns out to be James Hampton, a guard at one of the Eastern Arkansas penal facilities, and a classmate of our daughter, Hope, in the WHS Class of 1985. Folks at Bobby and Son are attentive, helpful, and they undertake massive tasks, like gettin' off all the plop that I have managed to put on this rather-ancient vehicle.

PPC reveals final design for new venue



Photo courtesy of Dana Harvey

PPC members pictured (left to right): Jennifer Rodriguez, Cathy Richardson, Dana Harvey, Jimmy Sledge, Denisa Pennington, and Gwen Bullard.

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Property Planning Committee (PPC) charged with the task of determining purpose and infrastructure for the property across from the south lawn of the Bradley County Courthouse is proud to reveal the fruits of its labor. The PPC collaborated with students from the EAST lab at Warren High School to survey Bradley County residents on what they would like to see the property become. With most respondents expressing the desire for

an entertainment/recreational venue, the task then turned to determining what features the citizens would like to see in the structure. The PPC desired to create a space that could be used throughout the year for various purposes, including farmer's markets, gospel singings, band concerts, etc. This information was shared with architect Ken King of Lockby and Associates, and after several meetings for input and feedback, the final vision for the venue has been created and presentation boards distrib-

ed to share the final product drawings. These boards have been distributed to the local banks and other communal settings, as well as in the courthouse, for public viewing. The committee members encourage citizens to take a glimpse into the future of Bradley County.

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ment, that means everything."

Councilmember Memory Burks-Frazer then told Reep that due to the discussion of possible budget cuts that it wouldn't be wise to spend the money at the moment.

"You won't have the land left," responded Reep in frustration. "The owner says either he's ready to move or they're going to pull it...You've said where you stand. You're not going to work for economic development in Warren."

"That is not what the council is saying," responded Atkins. "Well then give me another solution," exclaimed Reep.

"We have to have meeting so we can discuss it logically and sensibly," said Atkins

"You have discussed it and discussed it, and you have all the information," said Reep. "I guess you don't trust me."

Councilmember Henderson called for the "order of the day," closing the heated debate.

"So, you want to shut it down," said Reep in further frustration. "I'm disappointed in where this city is headed,

and y'all will answer for it." The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12.

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Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw
Ark. State Representative



It is almost time to make your voice heard in the upcoming General Election. Early voting starts next week on Oct. 21, 2024.

Election Day is November 5. This is your chance to vote for local, state, and federal offices, as well as participate in annual school board elections for districts that vote in the fall. Additionally, there will be local ballot issues and a runoff election for the Arkansas Supreme Court.

In 2023, the General Assembly passed Act 300, which requires that special issues, such as sales tax proposals and bond issues, be included on the same ballot as candidate elections. This means that your vote could have an even greater impact on the future of your community.

When you go to the polls, an election official will ask you to state your name, address, and date of birth. The election official will also request that you provide an approved form of I.D.

If you are unable to vote in person on Election Day, you can apply for an absentee ballot by the appropriate deadline. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail or electronic means is October 29. If applying in person, the deadline is November 1. If you have questions about absentee voting, contact your county clerk.

To help you prepare for the upcoming election, you can view an example of your ballot ahead of time. Sample ballots can be found on the Secretary of State's Voter View website at www.voterview.ar-nova.org/VoterView. If you don't see your sample ballot listed, reach out to your county clerk's office for more information.

Your vote matters! Make plans now to cast your ballot.

Mended but not yet healed

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There is a quote that states, "A wife who loses a husband is called a widow. A husband who loses a wife is called a widower. A child who loses parents is called an orphan. There is no word for a parent who loses a child. That's how awful the loss is."

October is the month in which we are made aware of many things. Breast Cancer Awareness, National Domestic Violence Awareness, and National Down Syndrome Awareness are a few. However, there is one that is particularly close to my heart.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan declared October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

Many people don't like to talk about pregnancy and infant loss, but the fact is that it happens often. Around one in every four pregnancies ends in miscarriage. Stillbirth affects one in 160 births. Now that I've given you the facts, I'm going to tell you a little of my story.

I was the one in 160. On June 6, 2012, I walked into the hospital with one less heartbeat, and then the next day, June 7, I walked back out of the hospital 20 weeks too early. My heart was empty, and my arms felt like they weighed a thousand pounds even though they, too, were empty. Twenty-four hours earlier, I received the news that the sweet baby boy that I carried had no heartbeat. I was only 20 weeks pregnant. Twelve hours later, I gave birth, and my world stopped. My heart shattered like a window does when a rock goes through it. The days and months that followed were some of the hardest I ever faced. I avoided the baby section at Walmart like it was the plague. I lay in bed and sobbed until I had no more tears. But just when I thought I was done crying, it would start all over again. It was a vicious roller-coaster ride on which I was stuck.

If you're wondering why I'm sharing my experience with you, my lovely reader, it's because other women are the one in 160. You, yes, you, the one who is reading these very words, may be the one. Or maybe you know someone who is the one. I want you to know that you are not alone.

There are resources geared specifically towards parents who

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Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



Halloween is a day filled with excitement, charged with the imagination and the spirit of adventure that makes childhood such a memorable time. Many children never outgrow their love for the day and pass on the joy of trick-or-treating to their children and grandchildren or enjoy Halloween parties as adults. Halloween has a history dating back centuries.

The roots of Halloween lay deep in old Christian traditions. Halloween is separate from the old harvest festivals common in Europe before the arrival of Christianity, but elements of these traditions would continue in celebrations in the British Isles.

Pope Gregory III established All Saints' Day on November 1 as a day of remembrance in the 730s. From its earliest days, the night of October 31 was marked as the beginning of the observance. All Saints' Day was considered to be a day to remember the deceased, particularly the saints and martyrs of the church. The English began referring to All Saints' Day as Allhallowtide or Hallowmas by 1471. The word came from older, more archaic words "hallow," which meant "holy" while "tide" meant "time." On the night before, All Hallow's Eve, many Roman Catholics at the time would visit cemeteries and pray for the dead. Over time, "All Hallow's Eve" or "All Hallow's Evening" was whittled down to "Halloween."

Elements of trick-or-treating began in the Middle Ages as the poor would go to the wealthy and ask for special treats for the day, soul cakes, in exchange for praying for their deceased loved ones. By the 1800s in Scotland and Ireland, trick-or-treating had evolved into dressing into costumes and going door-to-door for treats and moved away from the religious observance.

In Poland, the tradition for Halloween night has long been that people would pray out loud as they walked through forests in or-

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Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

During budget hearings and continuing through the regular session that begins in January, legislators will tackle the difficult issue of controlling Medicaid costs.

They have an extensive analysis to use. It was completed by a private consultant in March after a year of identifying possible methods to hold down the steadily rising costs of the program.

The state Department of Human Services administers Medicaid, and according to department officials from 2018 through 2023 the annual cost of operating the program increased by 41 percent.

The increase matters to all other state agencies because over that same period of time Medicaid spending grew from 20 percent of the overall state budget to 23 percent. The increase represents tax dollars that no longer can be spent for education, prisons or economic development.

Medicaid provides health coverage for more than 850,000 Arkansas citizens. It is paid for by a combination of federal and state funds. Until October 1, the federal government paid 72 percent of the costs and the state paid the rest. On October 1 the federal matching rate fell to 71.14 percent, which means that state government will have to pay an additional \$55 million a year to maintain Medicaid services at their current level.

About 38 percent of Medicaid beneficiaries are children, 29 percent are adults, 6 percent are elderly people and 15 percent are people with disabilities. The remaining 11 to 12 percent are in

ARHOME, a category of expanded Medicaid for people whose incomes are below 138 percent of the poverty level.

The elderly people who make up 6 percent of Arkansas Medicaid beneficiaries account for 12 percent of Medicaid spending. The people with disabilities, who make up 15 percent of the program's population, account for 28 percent of Medicaid spending.

The cost of paying for prescription drugs was \$509 million last year, representing 6 percent of total Medicaid spending in Arkansas. That amount has increased 22 percent since 2017.

One option for saving about \$1.9 million a year would be to allow 90-day refills. Currently, refills are limited to 30 days. Another option would be for Arkansas to approve value-based payments to drug companies for the most expensive new drugs. Under this system, the drug companies would pay rebates

back to the Medicaid program if the drugs did not produce agreed-upon results.

Thousands of Medicaid beneficiaries receive long term care and support. They are elderly or have disabilities or serious, chronic diseases. They generally have two options. One is to enter a long-term care facility. The other is to get care at home or in a community setting.

In Arkansas roughly half the beneficiaries of long term services receive care in an institution, and about half receive care at home or in the community. Institutional facilities account for 49.8 of expenditures for long-term care and 50.2 percent of spending is for home-based or community-based services.

Nationwide, 62.5 percent of long-term services are in community and home-based programs, which are more affordable alternatives to nursing homes, according to past Medicaid studies.



The digital age has benefits and disadvantages that we are perpetually balancing, but one clear downside is the opportunity for bad actors to access, steal and even hold hostage individual and collective data. This a lesson we continue to learn and why our practices should always adapt to better protect sensitive information or critical networks and systems.

October is designated as Cybersecurity Awareness Month to promote the importance of taking action to safeguard against these threats.

Right here in Arkansas, we have seen the impact cyberattacks can have in the public and private sectors. Unfortunately, hackers and scammers have exploited certain vulnerabilities with great effect.

A recent presentation to the Arkansas Joint Legislative Auditing Committee revealed that, over the last two years, there have been more than 250 cases of cyberattacks against state and local governments across our state. That includes a data breach of a major third-party software provider that exposed files on students and retirees as well as ransomware strikes against higher learning institutions, state and

local agencies as well as a local school district.

These incidents can pose serious challenges not just for individuals whose sensitive, identifying information is compromised. They also have the potential to jeopardize the delivery of essential services unless the criminals behind this digital sabotage have their demands met.

Not only does that fallout sow uncertainty – it can also be costly and demoralizing.

The good news is that in addition to taking simple steps like using strong passwords, regularly backing up data and constantly being vigilant against impersonators seeking to steal information or infiltrate networks, the level of alertness to defend against cyber threats in The Natural State is rising.

That was evident most recently in the Cybersecurity Summit convened by Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin this month. The event brought experts, stakeholders and policymakers together to discuss the current landscape and highlight efforts to enhance preparedness against risks posed by foreign adversaries and domestic criminals.

One key takeaway was to take cyber defense seriously, because

failing to do so could have major implications personally, disrupt broader economic activity and even threaten national security. As Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director Jen Easterly warned, anything connected to the internet is capable of being compromised.

Attacks targeting pipelines, food suppliers and water treatment facilities have demonstrated the crucial need to invest in capabilities and resources to improve our ability to prevent them.

I have been proud to support the growing push to develop the tools and workforce aimed at countering cyber crime. Higher education curriculums at UA Little Rock, the University of Central Arkansas, UA Pine Bluff and through the University of Arkansas System Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) are all expanding cyber instruction and helping train more professionals to fortify critical infrastructure, protect

networks and systems, and better prepare individuals to avoid falling prey to this evolving phenomenon.

Last fiscal year, I secured federal funding for the Forge Institute – an initiative based in Arkansas – to seed a pre-accelerator program that will foster innovation and entrepreneurship to develop business models and products geared toward cyber resilience. I also continue supporting investment in the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, which partners with CJI to deliver research-based cybersecurity training to local jurisdictions, counties and the private sector across Arkansas and the nation.

These efforts and others all indicate how serious this issue is, as well as the commitment in Arkansas to defend against it. I will continue working with partners in government, education and private industry to ensure we are protected now and into the future.

Warren School District Job Opening

The Warren School District is searching for a Bilingual Paraprofessional to work closely with assigned students. Qualifications for this position are as follows:
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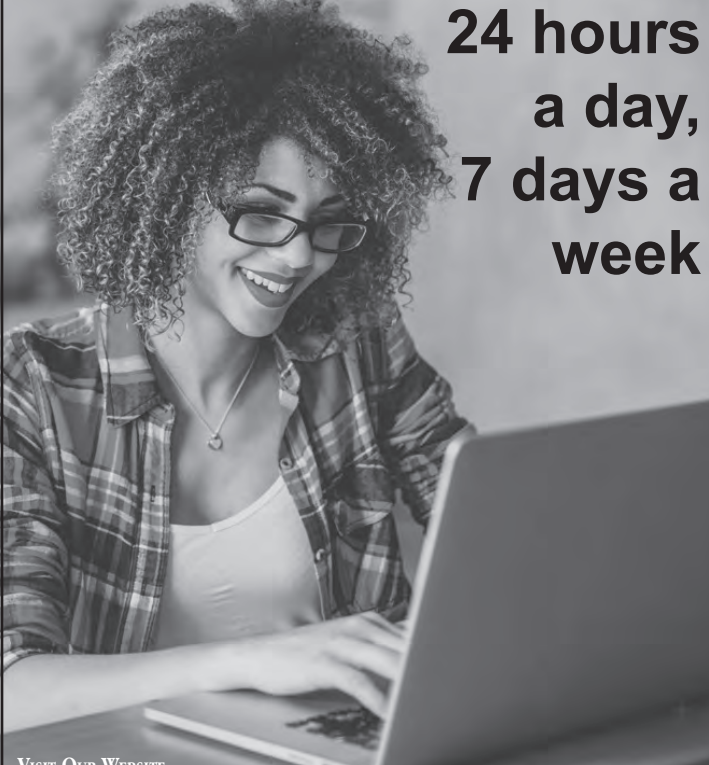
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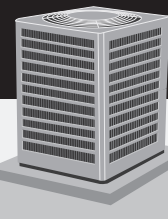
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Shelby Bryant Reep

Shelby Bryant Reep, age 77, affectionately known as GG to her grandkids and great-grandkids, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on October 19, 2024 at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. She was born on October 23, 1946 in Warren to the late James Gordon Bryant and Mary Ellen Rivers Bryant. She graduated from New Ed-

inburg High School. She was a member of First Free Will Baptist Church. Shelby enjoyed singing with her Bryant sisters. She loved dancing, running the roads, and shopping with her life-long friend, Linda



REEP

Hollingsworth.

Other than her parents she is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Ragar Reep, Jr. whom she married on August 26, 1963. He passed away on August 26, 2017.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories, her two beloved daughters, Angela Wyatt (Steven) of Clarksville and Teresa Sandine (Ricky) of Rison; two sisters, Jonalyn Reep (Garry) of Warren and Felicia Doster (Greg) of Warren; three grandchildren, Taylor Wyatt (Suzanne) of Fayetteville, Jayson Sandine (Mere-

dith) of McGehee, and Brock Wyatt (Taylor) of Clarksville; four great-grandchildren, William Sandine, Birdie Wyatt, Walker Sandine, and Rayland Wyatt; brother-in-law, Aubert "Auddy" Doss (Peggy) of Monticello, along with a host of extended family members and friends.

Funeral service 23held 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial in Ebenezer Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

EDITORIAL

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have lost babies in the same way that I did or in other ways. International Stillbirth Alliance and Share Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support are just a couple of online resources.

Someone is waiting to help you.

It's been 12 years since I held Oliver Finn Poole, and some days are still a punch to the gut. He weighed a little under nine ounces and was around eight inches long. I have his tiny hand print tattooed on the inside of my right wrist. I take

every opportunity to talk about him. Although he was small, he left an impression on my heart that is huge.

Is the pain gone? Not even a little. Is it better? Somewhat. Is my shattered heart healed? Not completely. The evidence of the brokenness is still there. But after the storm comes the

rainbow. My Rainbow made his appearance on September 16, 2013. That's the day when Liam Huck Poole made his way into this world. That's the day when my heart began to heal.

If you have experienced pregnancy or infant loss, I am here for you. You are not alone.

HISTORY

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der to comfort the souls of the deceased. In Spain, church bells ring through the night to remind the faithful to pray for the dead. In Eastern Orthodox countries of East Europe, however, prayer vigils are still sometimes held on the night of October 31. As more Scottish and Irish immigrants moved to the United States, the trick-or-treating tradition came with them. Many American children began making their own costumes for Halloween by the late 1800s. The term "trick-or-treating" began to appear in the early twentieth century, and the famed Halloween tradition had fully established itself across the nation by the 1920s. Today,

various estimates have stated that as many as 40 million American children participate in trick-or-treating each year.

Many other features of Halloween are centuries old. In Ireland, the jack-o-lantern was carved from turnips and carried on All Hallow's Eve to scare off evil spirits, a tradition dating back centuries. By the time this tradition arrived in the United States by the nineteenth century, the native pumpkin began to be used instead. Bobbing for apples, a popular Halloween game, dates to the 1700s.

Unlike Christmas, Halloween, particularly as it is practiced in the United States, is not as widely celebrated around the world. Many of the traditions observed in America are practiced in Canada, Scotland, and Ireland. Hal-

loween is slowly catching on in Japan and in areas of Germany and India, mostly in the forms of costumes and Halloween parties. Across Mexico and Latin America, All Saint's Day and Day of the Dead are celebrated back-to-back on successive days. Observances for the Day of the Dead are preferred, taking place each year on November 2 as many will dress up as the dead on a day to remember friends and family who have passed on. A popular legend on the Day of the Dead in Latin America is that the spirits of the deceased will walk the Earth once more on that night. Schools in Ireland will often close on Halloween while in Mexico, schools will often close on the Day of the Dead.

In modern times, Americans buy upwards of 90 million

pounds of candy each year. This amounts to about \$3.6 billion. The most popular candy in 2023 was chocolate, according to the National Confectioners Association. The most popular children's costume was Spiderman, with an estimated 2.6 million children dressing up as Spiderman in some form. Americans spend more than \$8 billion each year on costumes and decorations for the evening's festivities, according to the National Retail Federation. Schools and churches regularly sponsor trunk-or-treat events and Halloween parties.

Halloween has been a special part of childhood for generations. With its continued popularity and mountains of candy, it will continue to be a part of American culture for years to come.

Thirty-eighth annual Buck Fever Festival

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Opening day of deer season is upon us and we all know what that means in south Arkansas. The City of Banks and the Buck Fever Festival Committee are gearing up for the thirty-eighth Annual Buck Fever Festival. The festival falls during the opening weekend of rifle season every year and as exciting as that is, what's even more exciting is getting the youth involved. This year the festival will kick off the weekend of the youth hunt with a venison chili cook-off with a winning prize of \$100 and the baggo tournament with a winning team prize of \$500. The youth hunters will also have their very own biggest buck and doe competition with the biggest doe earning \$100 and the biggest buck \$250. Break The Dawn will be taking the stage at 6:30 p.m. so come eat, play, and have a good time with the kids.

Activities will continue Thursday, November 7 with an

optional pageant practice for all ages 6 p.m.-7 p.m. The traditional Buck Fever pageant will begin for our little one's age 0-4 years old on Friday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Food vendors will be available.

Saturday, November 9, the festival will continue at 10 a.m. with several amazing vendors, a flu shot clinic, and a children's corner hosted by Primetime Riders. The children's corner will include build-a-bear, jump houses, games, and much more. The Cake Walk starts at 10:30 a.m. and the Cutest Dog Contest will take place at 11 a.m., so be sure to walk for tasty prizes and see the cute pups while you wait for the parade. The parade begins at noon with a best overall entry prize of \$200, a best float prize of \$300, and all other parade divisions have a cash prize as well with no entry fees. Be sure to check out the Facebook page for more details.

The fish dinner will follow the

parade at 12:15 p.m. in the big tent and the third Annual Banks All Class Reunion will have their very own table set up in the tent so bring your appetites. Other food vendors will be available, as well as, baked goods, arts and crafts, and more.

This year, not only will there be a talent show with a grand prize of \$250 but the festival is taking the talent competition to a new level with their very first Antler Idol. The winner of the Antler Idol will take home a \$1000 prize. The talent show will kick off at 2 p.m. and is open to all ages. The Antler Idol will follow and competitors must be age 16 and up.

Continuing Saturday night, an award ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. for the daytime events and then the girls ages 5-25 will compete for their crowns. The Miss Buck Fever contestants will be competing again for a \$4000.00 scholarship from the University of Arkansas at

Monticello. The pageant entry deadline is October 26. Entries can be dropped off at Johnny's Radiator Shop in Warren or can be paid via PayPal and sent via email.

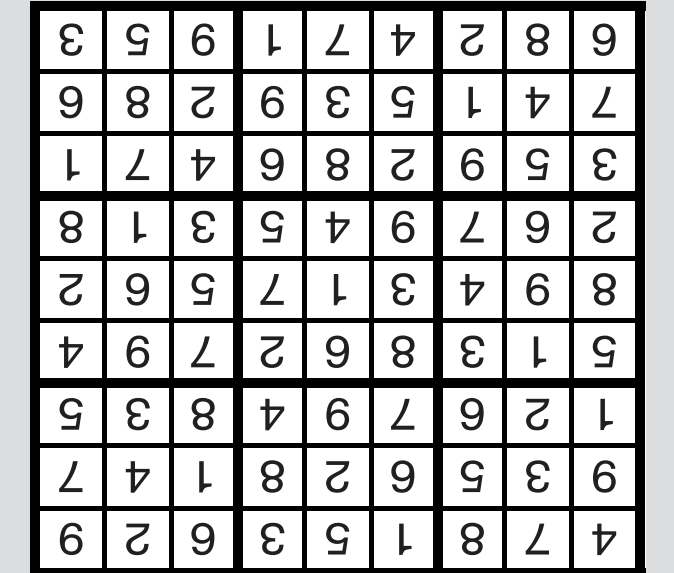
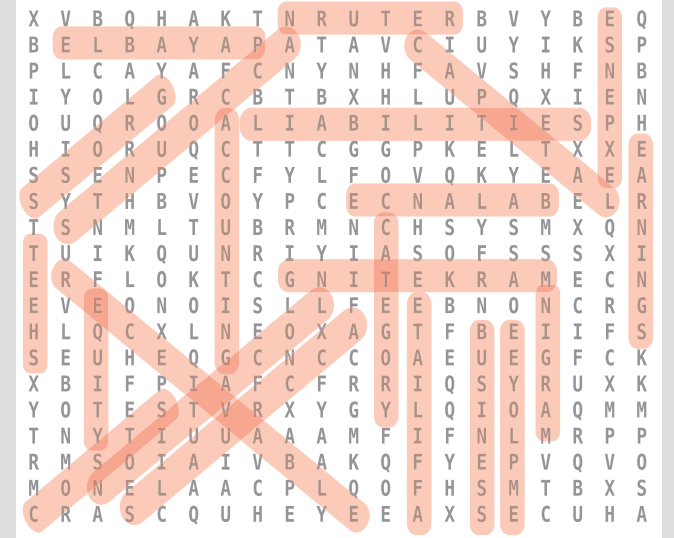
The Biggest Buck contest continues again with a \$250 prize, a \$100 prize for the biggest doe, and a \$50 prize for the youth biggest doe. The big deer contests will be judged Saturday night only from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. and the harvest tag must be dated Nov 9. The winner will be announced after the pageant along with the drawing for the quilt and rice bran. Be sure to buy some tickets for a chance to win.

Sunday, November 10, at 12:30 p.m. lunch will be served in the tent. Bro. Todd West will bless everyone with praise and worship at 1 p.m. Come as you are, come hungry, and enjoy God's blessings on this wonderful opening weekend of deer season.

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Trouble Among David's Children: Amnon, Absalom and Tamar
 II Samuel 13



Amnon, son of David and Ahinoam, fell in love with his half sister, Tamar, daughter of David and Maacah, and sister of Absalom, but he could not get near her.

His cousin devised a plan of how Amnon could pretend to be sick and ask for Tamar to be permitted to bring him food and feed him. David permitted Tamar to take food to Amnon who was in bed pretending to be sick.

While Tamar was with Amnon, he ignored her pleas that he not disgrace her and he raped her. After the rape, Amnon began to hate Tamar and he sent her away disgraced.

Absalom hated Amnon for he had disgraced his sister.


Absalom devised a plan to kill Amnon. He invited all of David's sons to a sheep shearing at Baal Hazor. While they were there and Amnon was in high spirits from drinking wine, Absalom's men struck down Amnon. The rest of David's son's fled and Absalom fled to Geshur where he stayed for three years, but David longed to see him.



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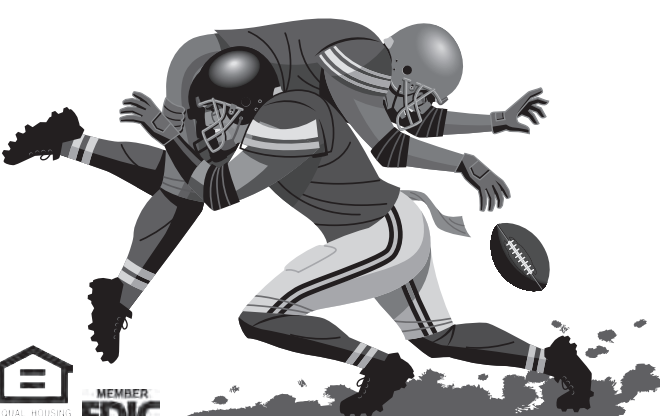


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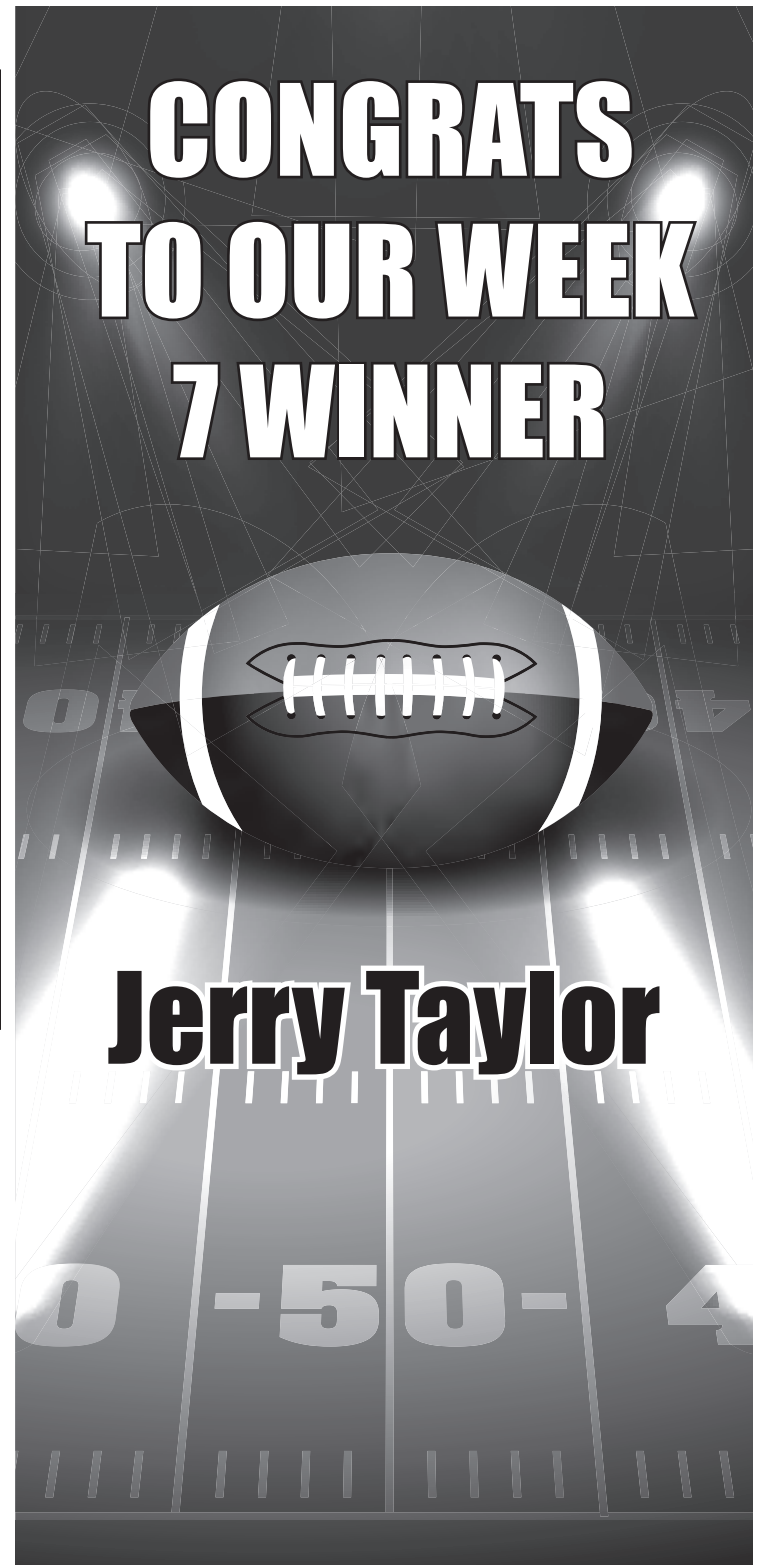
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VS.

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WARNING ORDER

The Defendants as named above and the names and whereabouts of all unknown spouses, heirs, successors, trustees, assigns, stockholders and receivers, if any, being unknown to the Plaintiff, and TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, are hereby warned to appear in the Circuit Court of Bradley County, Arkansas, within thirty (30) days and answer the Complaint of ATLANTA OIL COMPANY, concerning the following described properties in Bradley County, Arkansas:

TRACT 28-16-12-1

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/s/ Cindy Wagnon
Bradley County Circuit Clerk
10/23, 10/30

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Recipe: A magical dessert for Halloween gatherings



Sweet treats are on display come Halloween. People hosting Halloween parties or bringing items over to others' homes for the holiday may need to scare up some new ideas for dessert.

Chocolate never goes out of style and is right at home on Halloween. This recipe for "Black Magic Cake," courtesy of The Food Network, is decadently rich. Don't let all that chocolate frighten you. Drizzle as much melted marshmallow as necessary to brighten up the flavor. Turn into a mummy face or transform the top of the cake into a spiderweb instead.

Black Magic Cake 8 to 10 servings

- 2/3 cup vegetable oil, plus more for greasing the baking pans
- 1 cup Dutch-process cocoa powder (or any cocoa powder if on hand)
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour (see cook's note)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon fine salt
- 1 cup whole milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

- powder, sifted
- 8 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 1 teaspoon espresso powder
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Pinch fine salt
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/3 cup confectioners' sugar, sifted

Decoration:

- 2 cups mini marshmallows (about 4 ounces)
- Cooking spray
- 1 or more candy spiders or two candy eyes for decorating

Directions:

For the cake: Position an oven rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 350 F. Line the bottom of two 9-inch round cake pans with parchment and grease the parchment and the sides of the pans with oil.

Stir together the cocoa powder and boiling water in a small bowl and let sit to bloom for 5 minutes (this step intensifies the chocolate flavor in the cake).

Whisk together the granulated sugar, flour, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Whisk together the bloomed cocoa, oil, milk, eggs, and vanilla in a medium bowl. Pour the cocoa

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mixture into the sugar mixture and stir until smooth (the batter will be thin). Divide the batter evenly between the prepared cake pans. Bake until the cakes bounce back when pressed in the middle and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 30 to 40 minutes. Let cool completely in the pans on a rack.

For the filling and frosting: Heat the cream in a double boiler over low heat, whisking occasionally, until it begins to steam. Whisk in the cocoa powder, chocolate, espresso powder, vanilla, and salt until the mixture is smooth, about 2 minutes. Whisk in the butter until melted. Whisk in the confectioners' sugar until incorporated. Let the frosting cool completely.

To assemble: Put one cake, bottom-side up, on a serving plate or cake stand. Spread about 1 cup of the frosting over the top but not all the way down the side. Top with the other cake, bottom-side up, and frost the top and sides with the remaining frosting.

For the spider web or mummy decoration: Microwave

the marshmallows in a microwave-safe medium bowl until they swell and are soft enough to stir, about 1 minute. Let sit a few minutes until cool enough to touch. Spray your hands with cooking spray. For a spider web, pick up a tablespoon-sized blob of the melted marshmallow and stretch it over and around the cake; repeat so that the strings of marshmallow crisscross one another in many directions. Continue until you have what looks like a spiderweb. For a mummy, stretch the marshmallow so that all the strings on the top of the cake run in the same direction, leaving a small gap between strings for the mummy's eyes to peak out. Garnish with a candy spider or several candy spiders for the web cake or candy eyes for the mummy cake.

Cook's note: The candy directions are a nice touch, but the cake will be fun and delicious without them as well. When measuring flour, spoon it into a dry measuring cup and level off the excess.

Semi-homemade tip: Purchase a premade chocolate cake and use the decoration to make the mummy or spiderweb only.



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ONGOING

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Sweater Drive

The Warren library will be taking donations of gently used sweaters for the Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Sweater Drive. Drop off dates are from Nov 1 through Nov 30 2024.

With wildfire danger up, hunters, campers should forego outdoor burning

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

With most of Arkansas at high risk of wildfires, state officials are asking the public to avoid outdoor burning.

On Thursday, the Arkansas wildfire map showed 64 counties at high risk, with 11 counties, all in northeastern Arkansas, at moderate risk. County judges have imposed burn bans in most of the high-risk counties.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's Oct 17 map, almost two-thirds of the state's 75 counties are experiencing moderate to extreme drought. The most intense drought is in five north-west Arkansas counties.

"This weekend kicks off the traditional gun deer season

across Arkansas and many people will be traveling to deer camp," Jaret Rushing, extension forestry instructor for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said Wednesday. "Deer camp usually consists of campfires, so it's important that people keep in mind the danger."

Among the outdoor burning activities to avoid include:

- Burning trash
- Open flame grilling
- Prescribed burns
- Campfires.

Sparks from lawn mower blades, trailer safety chains, hot exhaust pipes and driving on a flat tire can also start a wildfire.

The Arkansas Department of

Agriculture, which oversees protection of more than 15 million acres of forestland in Arkansas, said that since Oct. 1, it has suppressed more than 100 wildfires on 1,116 acres. Since the beginning of the year, more than 700 wildfires have burned 15,000 acres in Arkansas.

The department urged anyone involved in outdoor activities to carry water and extinguish sparks from muzzleloader guns or machinery.

Jacob Hackman, extension forestry specialist for the Division of Agriculture, said starting a fire could be expensive.

"You may be liable for damages caused by an escaped forest fire," he said.

Triple Trophy award gives reason to keep Ol' Betsy handy

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

With the new alternative firearms season upon us, some hunters have switched to the newly allowed rifles that shoot straight-walled cartridges, but many still plan to take this year's deer with the same muzzleloader they've relied on for the last decade or so. Even if you've made the switch, don't pitch the old front-stuffer just yet. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Triple Trophy Award still celebrates those who take at least one of their deer with black powder and a cloud of gray smoke.

The Triple Trophy Award is given to anyone who harvests a deer using the three historical methods of harvest: archery equipment, muzzleloader and modern gun. The intent was to promote archery and muzzleloader use in the state and begin to shift public perception toward harvesting female deer. With only two bucks in the seasonal bag limit, hunters had to harvest at least one doe to achieve the award.

Now that hunters are accustomed to taking female deer to help balance Arkansas's deer

herd, the award primarily serves as a celebration for hunters who challenge themselves to hunting with various weapon types.

"Rifles shooting straight-walled cartridges being allowed in alternative firearms is a great way to maybe get a few more hunters in the woods who were intimidated by learning how to shoot a muzzleloader, but we still want to recognize hunters who enjoy that added challenge" Jeremy Brown, AGFC Deer Management Assistance Program Coordinator, said. "We have many hunters who have really worked hard over the years to achieve this goal, and we do want to protect the integrity of their accomplishments."

AGFC Deer Program Coordinator Ralph Meeker says retaining the muzzleloader requirement also avoids confusion over which weapon type was used for which deer.

"Many of the firearms allowed during the alternative firearms season are technically considered modern guns. The award is based on the weapon type, not the season when it is harvested, so maintaining the three distinct weapon

categories for the award makes it easier for the hunter to fulfill the challenge without confusion," Meeker said.

Applications for the Triple Trophy Award must be received by April 10, 2025, at www.agfc.com/tripletrophy. If your application is approved, you'll receive a special patch and certificate to commemorate your achievement.

Visit www.agfc.com/tripletrophy for more information about the Triple Trophy Award and how to apply this deer season.

ARHP has become the state's new AmeriCorps Program site

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

In August 2024, the Arkansas Rural Health Partnership (ARHP) was awarded a competitive formula grant from Engage Arkansas. This funding supports the launch of the new AmeriCorps Program while expanding local service engagement opportunities for individuals (typically young persons, age 18-24) across rural Arkansas.

The 2024-2025 Rural Health Corps will focus on two key areas: 1) Promote the health and well-being of rural Arkansas residents to achieve better outcomes and foster a more equitable health system, and 2) Address social determinants of health needs in rural residents through assessment, navigation, enrollment & assistance services, advocacy, education, and care coordination. In the inaugural year, the local ARHP AmeriCorps Program (Rural Health Corps) will recruit, train, and mobilize 20 individuals to serve as AmeriCorps Members at hospital and health center partners spanning rural Arkansas.

Rural Arkansas residents experience decreased access to needed health and health-social supports, negatively impacting access to care, quality of care, and health outcomes. AmeriCorps Members serving as trained community health workers will link rural patients with high need to health and health-social resources, support, and services.

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The AmeriCorps Program is a national service movement that mobilizes over 200,000 members and volunteers across 35,000 locations each year to positively impact their communities. The mission of AmeriCorps is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

"For decades, young people spanning the United States have served their communities while gaining valuable skills and experience through the AmeriCorps Program. We are thrilled to become an official AmeriCorps Program site and expand opportunities for young people to serve and actively engage in our rural Arkansas communities. We see this new program as a win-win for our rural young people, community members, and healthcare organizations alike," noted Mellie Boagni, ARHP Founder, President, and CEO.

The Arkansas Rural Health Partnership is still actively recruiting AmeriCorps members. Slots are first come, first serve, and only 10 slots remain. For more information about the new Rural Health Corps, visit <https://www.arruralhealth.org/program-initiatives/rural-health-corps>. To apply as a Rural Health Corps Member, contact Danielle Gibson at danielle@arruralhealth.org or 337.207.4543. For media inquiries, contact Mellie Boagni, ARHP Founder, President & CEO at mellie@arruralhealth.org.

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