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Williams completes tobacco treatment program



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SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Sharee Williams, Director of Respiratory for Bradley County Medical Center, has successfully completed the Tobacco Treatment Training Program presented by the prestigious MD Anderson Cancer Center and is now credentialed as a Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS). This intense comprehensive program equips healthcare professionals with the necessary skills to effectively help individuals quit tobacco use and promote healthier lifestyles.

As a dedicated advocate for public health, Williams has committed to making a positive impact on the community by addressing the challenges associated with tobacco addiction. The MD Anderson program emphasizes evidence-based strategies and the latest research, enabling specialists to provide tailored support for those seeking to quit.

BIGGEST BUCK AND DOE WINNERS TAKE HOME PRIZES



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Saturday, November 1 marked the opening of the 2024-25 youth deer season. In true Southeast Arkansas fashion, youth of all ages headed to deer stands to see if they could find that dream deer. In Banks, Buck Fever kicked off with a day of fun and activities. The evening ended with the youth Biggest Buck and Biggest Doe competition. Grant Case won the Biggest Buck contest and a \$250 prize after he entered an 11 point buck. Dominic Parks won the Biggest Doe contest taking home \$100. Festival activities will continue on Saturday, November 9 at 10 a.m.

JROTC will hold annual Veteran's Day program

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Warren High School JROTC invites the community to attend their annual Veterans Day Program in the Warren Elementary School auditorium on Monday, November 11. It will begin at 10 a.m. and they ask that everyone be seated no later than 10 a.m. Warren ABC Preschool and Warren Elementary kindergarten students will take part in the program.

Each year on November 11, we honor and express our deep gratitude to the brave men and women who have served in the U.S. military. Their sacrifices and dedication protect our freedoms and ensure our safety.

Those attending should turn on Lumberjack Drive from Martin Street to enter the school parking areas. Members of the JROTC will serve as guides for parking.

VETERANS DAY



BUCK FEVER BAGGO TOURNAMENT SEES WINNERS



Courtesy photo

A baggo tournament also took place at the Buck Fever festival part one. First place went to Korbin McAuliffe and Kolby Pope. Triston Woodall and Josh Nichols took second place, and Erin Danley and Taylor Danley came in at third. The first place prize was \$500.

Bradley County Chamber announces Christmas parade date

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Bradley County Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Christmas parade and Christmas Market on Main December 7. Market on Main will open to the public at 2 p.m. The Christmas parade will begin at 6 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on-hand for pictures times TBA.

The theme this year is simply "It's Christmas!". Get your floats ready for the contest! First prize \$100, second prize \$50, and third prize \$25. Prize sponsored by Commercial Bank & Trust. There is no cost to enter the parade or participate in the contest. Parade forms are available in front of the Chamber office in the Municipal building or register online at www.bradleychamber.com/christmas-parade/. For more information or for questions about the parade contact Nancy Arnold at 870-818-9065. Market on Main vendor applications available online at www.bradleychamber.com/market-on-main/. For more information or for questions about Market on Main contact Estephany Roman at 870-820-8743.

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PRAY. Second Chronicles

7:14 instructs us: "...if my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

PROCESS. Within the God-given wisdom of our founding documents, we have been granted clear and certain processes for bringing about

change concerning things we perceive as wrong in our land.

PARTICIPATE. Participating within the process for change is the ultimate key to its success. It is futile to gripe and complain about what one considers "wrong" or "unjust" in our land and not participate in the process of changing it for the better.

PERSEVERE. Our Lord taught us that when we put our

hands to the plow of a righteous cause, we are never to look back, but to persevere and prevail (Luke 9:62).

Let us bend our knees and humble our hearts and pray. Let us be willing to be used of God. Let us stand in the gap and be salt and light. God wants to come and bless us, forgive our sins and heal our nation.

First Financial Bank names Williams and Mobley to roles of CEO and President

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

First Financial Bank announced today that its Board of Directors has appointed Sean Williams to succeed Chris Hegi as the company's Chief Executive Officer effective January 1, 2025. Mr. Williams currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Retail Officer.

In addition, Craig Mobley has been named President of First Financial Bank effective January

1, 2025. Mobley currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Hegi, who has served as FFB's President and Chief Executive Officer since 2015, will continue to serve on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee where he will lead a newly formed board level finance and strategy committee. In addition, Hegi will remain with the bank as a non-executive advisor through



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National Bank of Wynne where he served as CEO. He has been instrumental in the growth of FFB's retail and agriculture

markets and has helped lead the bank's ongoing technology advancement focus.

Mobley joined FFB in 2013 bringing extensive regulatory, retail, and operational experience to the bank. In addition to credit administration, Mobley leads the bank's niche lending divisions which have all experienced considerable growth in recent years.

"On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to thank Chris Hegi for his many years of leadership at FFB and continuing our longstanding history of growth and success," said Jeff Nolan, Chairman of the Board of Directors. "We look forward to Chris' continued service as director and value his guidance during the leadership transition. We are also very excited about our new leadership team. Sean Williams brings many years of experience

as a successful bank leader and has helped FFB continue to grow its retail and lending operations. Craig Mobley has been an integral part of FFB's success over the past decade with responsibility for a significant part of the bank's operations and administrative functions. We look forward to Sean and Craig leading the bank into our next era of growth and success in their new positions."

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 January 6, 1998.

Last Sunday, January 3 was bright, cold, and breezy. It marked the fiftieth anniversary of the great Warren tornado of 1949. Buddy McCaskill, retired manager of the chamber of commerce here, called attention to the date. He was then a pharmacy student at what's now the University of the Ozarks, Clarksville, as were S. S. (Buddy) Anders, Jr., plus indeed, Capt. Baker L. Peebles (USN-Ret.) of Hermitage.

Buddy came right to Warren that frightening night, as did G.C. Morgan of Warren. Morgan was listening to a radio broadcast of Kentucky playing basketball when the program was interrupted by an announcer saying a small town in South Arkansas had been completely destroyed by a tornado. Warren, he divulged.

Morgan caught a ride to Warren to check on his parents with Ernest Hankins, Jr., later to become the father of the TV personality, Craig O'Neill (real name: "Randy Hankins") and the Rev. Sam Auslam, a ministerial student who owned one of the four automobiles on the Hendrix College campus back in those days. Morgan, newly married to the former Miss Lucy Wilkins Word of Marianna, was residing in a trailer house on the Hendrix College campus. He was a star guard on the school basketball team.

Speaking of basketball, the Rev. Dr. Basil E. Hicks, retired

Presbyterian minister, preached here Sunday. Dr. Hicks recalls entering Arkansas College, Batesville, now Lyon College, in the 30s and coming out for the basketball team. He had played at the School of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Mo. Dr. Hicks says he warmed the bench that season while the team's star was a 6'5" string bean from Warren they called "high pockets." This was the late Ken Crowell, who later a little was an All-America player (then Marine Colonel) for St. Mary's of Texas. Crowell rests at Oakland Cemetery. Dr. Hicks, retired pastor of a Monticello church, resides in Little Rock.

The cast of characters ever changes in Warren town. One of those recently leaving the stage was Mr. Leroy Lyon, a longtime friend, who was at Wagon Place. Mr. Leroy was one of a number of children left to Mrs. Ora Hargis Lyon when her husband died suddenly. Odys Lyon, of Warren, was the youngest of those kids. Wasn't the late Glynn Lyon, the Buick dealer, the eldest?

Mr. Leroy worked for his uncle, the late Will Hargis, at the Plymouth place when we first knew him. Mr. Leroy married Maxine Campbell, daughter of Mr. Frank Campbell. They had only one child, a son, who was a brilliant attorney. Phillip Lyon worked in Nashville and Little Rock.

Funny how you remember things. My first memory of Phillip was watching him hurry on foot along North Main Street as a kid around eight or ten, to First Baptist Church. There was always something of urgent hurry in Lyon. You'd assume that trait is still there.

Mr. Leroy was a valued

friend at The Eagle Democrat. He'd come in every Wednesday morning to buy a paper and to kid around about how much the newspapers sold for. At the time it was fifty cents; up from a dime when I went to work for the late Wilmer Leonard Love in the year of our Lord 1953. Mr. Leroy's wife, Maxine, who predeceased him, was always very kind to a young onetime widow who came to Warren to join the onetime country editor's lot in 1980.

Attorney Lyon owns a goodly heritage. He knows that and he values it.

We all sat around all fall wondering about when we could turn off the air conditioners. We have now found that out, although we still have not had a fire in our fireplace. We had some new light-colored carpet put in. Now I'm worried about tracking in stuff when wood is brought in. Daniel Herring, successor to the late James Owen Young as the TV authority around here, always takes off his shoes when he comes to work on our TV, which is situated on that light-colored carpet.

We closed out the holiday season last night with a small gathering at our house to celebrate twelfth night ("12 Days of Christmas," you know). Friends came from all over the place, including a couple from Hot Springs Village that we met on a cruise. The man is from Henrietta, Oklahoma. His high school passing records were broken 15 years ago by a young man who had moved in from California.

His mama was a typesetter for the Henrietta newspaper. The young feller's name was Troy Aikman.

Now we've got Nolan Richardson's basketball team and the races at Hot Springs to get us through to springtime. That and all sorts of other rich blessings.

One of our own, Frank Anthony, has taken the challenging job of serving as superintendent of the embattled schools at Pine Bluff (6,000 enrollment). Frank is a Wilmot native who was assistant superintendent here under Dr. Ernest Huff. Later he was superintendent at Eudora ere joining the State Department of Education.

Frank and his attractive wife Betty had one child, a son, Satrik, who worked for the Lumberjacks in football. Last I heard, he was in Fayetteville studying something like chemical engineering. Frank is a good guy who is married to a good lady. We wish him well. That Pine Bluff thing'll be an uphill battle.

Our daughter, Tricia, stays busy in Little Rock defending doctors and hospitals in malpractice cases. She is with a giant law firm on top of one of those Little Rock skyscrapers. She gave me a nice Yule present. It's a rig made in China that'll broadcast music from one room in your house to another. Along with it came two speakers; two rooms more of sound. Now we've got music all around.

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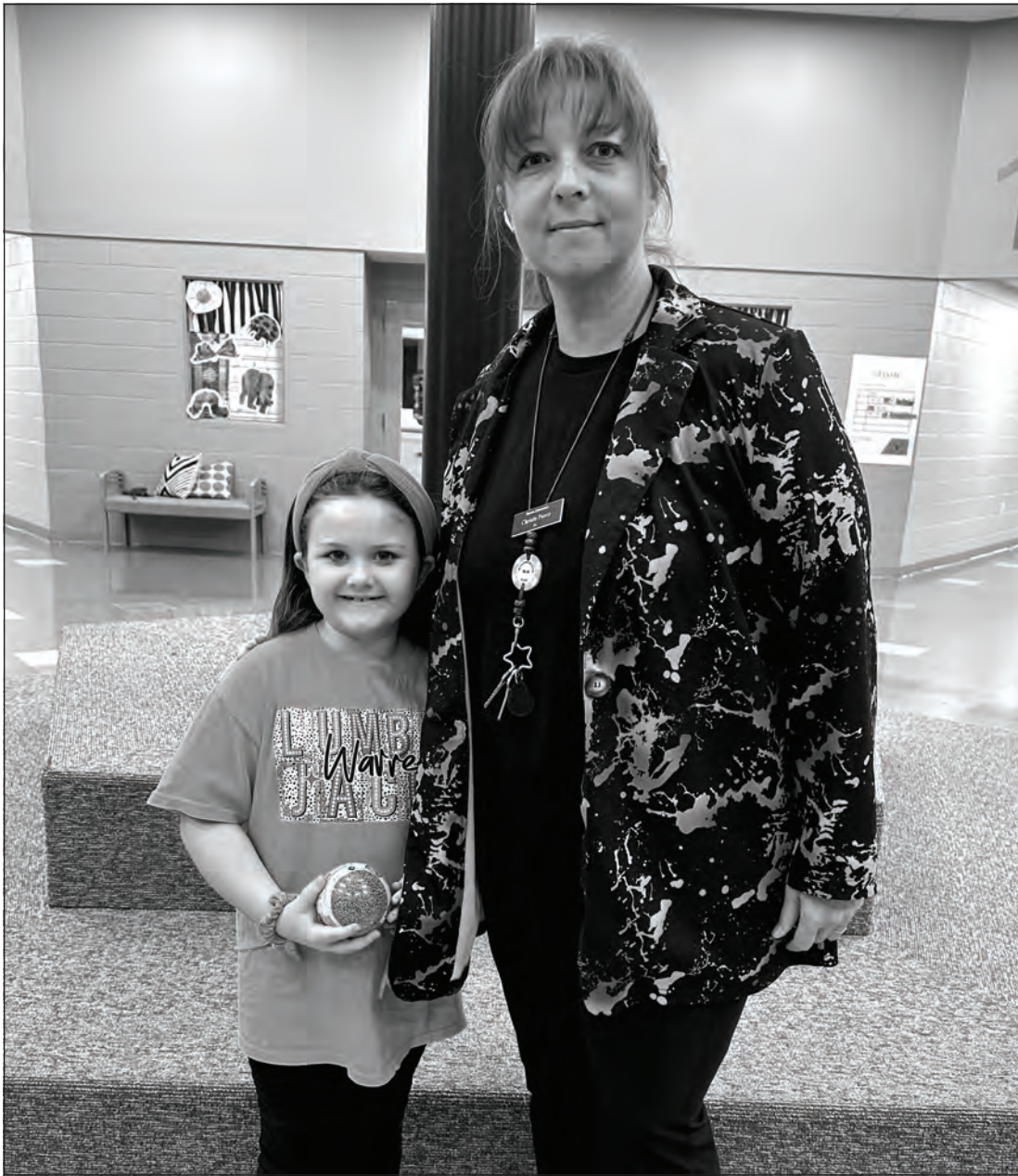


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Warren School District third grader Kinsley Robinson is the first place winner in the C&L Holiday Card Contest! Kinsley will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card and 30 Holiday Cards to spread the cheer! Kinsley is pictured above with her amazing art teacher, Christle Pierce. Congratulations, Kinsley! Your creativity shines bright! Annaleigh Bryant and Abigail Lian were Honorable Mention winners in the C&L card art contest.

NOTEBOOK

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ren ever changes, others have left us of late; one of them is Bobby Creed, who started the first grade with us back here in Miss Dot's School when it was on the current site of the new post office, in 1935. Bobby was one of two sons of the Warner Creeds. My mother, the author of reflections, used to say Bobby

was "one of God's little people." He was surely that, but unpossessed of a lazy bone. Oldtimers remember when he used to run Wayne's poolhall. They also remember when he had a little peanut stand behind Cunningham Grocery, later Weiss' jewelry north of Gannaway Drugstore.

Bobby was, in modern language, limited.

He finally graduated from WHS and was universally loved

everywhere in general and in particular in his church, First Baptist.

Bobby "did the best he could with what he had to do with," as the late Judge Alvin Doggett put it once.

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Editorial

Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw
Ark. State Representative



Arkansas is home to more than 182,000 veterans. As we approach Veterans Day, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank every one of them for their selflessness and bravery. We are also grateful to families of service members and veterans who also serve this nation with their support and sacrifice.

Whether they served in times of war or peace, our veterans all share an unwavering belief in the cause of freedom.

The Arkansas General Assembly continually reviews ways to ensure our veterans and their families are well cared for and that our policies make life a little easier for those who call Arkansas home.

In 2017, we passed Act 141 which exempts military retirement benefits from state income tax.

In the 2023 Regular Session, we passed several pieces of legislation aimed at improving benefits for veterans including Act 395. This act amends the definition of "homestead" for purposes of the property tax exemption for disabled veterans, surviving spouses, and minor dependent children of disabled veterans.

Act 201 seeks to have veteran disability benefits excluded as income for eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by directing DHS to seek a federal waiver.

ACT 137 adds consideration of national certifications toward initial occupational licensure and extends the application of the Arkansas Occupational Licensing of Uniformed Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses Act of 2021 to spouses. The act also eliminates the one-year limit for veterans to apply service education, training, or certifications toward initial occupational licensure.

ACT 649 repeals the deadline by which students must apply for school transfers under the Public School Choice Act of 2015 for children of uniformed services families and allows a child to be eligible for enrollment in the public school of his or her choice if certain conditions are met.

We will continue to study policies that support our veterans and their families.

We encourage Arkansans to consider ways they can support our veterans this Veterans Day and throughout the year. There are numerous volunteer opportunities across the state. Medical facilities, VA hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics need volunteers to perform a wide range of duties.

You can find links to resources for our veterans at veterans.arkansas.gov.

Gobble, gobble, nope: fast-tracking to Christmas

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As the leaves turn and the air cools down, the age-old debate emerges: should we savor Thanksgiving, or can we skip straight to Christmas? There are those who opt to put up the tree as soon as the clock strikes 12:01 a.m. on October 31. They watch the clock with palpable anticipation. We all see the posts on social media. While Thanksgiving holds a special place in our hearts, many find themselves yearning for the twinkling lights and festive cheer of the holiday season that follows.

Thanksgiving, with its emphasis on gratitude and togetherness, is undoubtedly valuable. Yet, in recent years, it seems to be overshadowed by the all-encompassing anticipation of Christmas. I feel like retailers roll out holiday decorations earlier each year, and social media feeds brim with holiday spirit long before the turkey is carved. This cultural shift raises an intriguing question: is it time to embrace the idea of jumping straight into Christmas?

For some, the idea of putting out decorations early is a slap in the face of Thanksgiving. They feel like it's overlooking the "being thankful" aspect of the holiday. Someone recently told me that they don't like overlooking Thanksgiving because it takes away from the idea of gathering together to simply sit and have a meal. Gifts aren't expected. It's the simple act of gathering together and enjoying your family.

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Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



One decision can change someone's life entirely. And those decisions can change the course of entire communities or even states. The life of one of Arkansas's earliest judges is one example. Robert Letcher was one of the first government officials for what would become Arkansas. Though he helped lay the groundwork for the future state, he would end up making his mark in Kentucky instead.

Robert Perkins Letcher was born in eastern Virginia in February 1788, in the years just after the American Revolution. He was the seventh of twelve children, and his father was a bricklayer. The family moved to eastern Kentucky when Letcher still very young, just a few years after Kentucky itself was admitted to the Union.

His father insisted on the importance of educating his children and sent them all to local schools. However, Letcher was wild and mischievous as a youth and did not do well in school. His father sent him to work with him at his brickyard, but he did not appreciate that work, either. However, his father had the contract to help build the first Kentucky governor's mansion, construction that Letcher participated in. As he matured, the family found a new school for him, and Letcher grew to appreciate his studies.

He eventually became a lawyer after studying under another local attorney. He served in the state militia during the War of 1812 and won election to the state house of representatives in 1813. He skipped re-election in 1815 and was elected for a second time in 1817. During political campaigns, he was known to play a fiddle while his opponents gave speeches. This was a light-hearted prank compared to the duels and fistfights that exploded with some campaigns of the day.

Shortly after the creation of the creation of the Arkansas Territory
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Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

Direct care nurses who work at long-term facilities operated by the state are eligible for a bonus of \$5,000. Newly hired nurses are also eligible for bonuses, but the \$5,000 would be paid in installments over several months.

The goal is to reduce the state's use of "travelling" nurses, who are hired through agencies temporarily. Last fiscal year the state paid for about 173,000 hours of contract nursing.

The state Department of Human Services operates the State Hospital in Little Rock for people with mental illness. It also operates the Arkansas Health Center formerly known as the Benton Services Center, a psychiatric nursing home for the elderly and people with disabilities.

The department also operates five Human Development Centers for people with severe intellectual and developmental disabilities. They are in Arkadelphia, Booneville, Bradley County, Conway and Jonesboro.

Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses will be eligible for bonuses, but certified nurse assistants will not.

The department proposed the bonuses, which were approved by the Personnel Subcommittee of the Legislative Council. The joint Committees on Public Health, Welfare and Labor also reviewed details of the bonus program before it took effect on November 1.

Legislators and DHS officials acknowledged that one-time bonuses would not be an adequate long-term fix for staffing shortages. Higher salaries for nurses at state facilities will be addressed during the 2025 regular session, when legislators consider a new state employee pay plan. The session begins in January.

The state's top personnel director told lawmakers that nurses' salaries would be a priority in the pay plan.

In Fiscal Year 2024, which ended on June 30, the state paid contract nurses \$4.8 million to work about 70,000 hours at the State Hospital. The state paid \$3.2 million for 50,000 hours of nursing at the Arkansas Health Center and \$3.24 million for 53,000 hours at human development centers. However, the center at Booneville did not require the use of any contract nurses. In comparison, the cost of bonuses to full-time nurses will total \$1.26 million, department officials said.

Legislators have heard from family members of clients at the human development centers about the use of contract nurses. No legislator voiced concerns about the quality of care provided by travelling nurses, but several said that full-time nurses could get to know better the long-term needs of clients. Thus, permanent nurses could provide

better care simply by providing continuity of care.

In trying to make salaries of full-time state nurses competitive with travelling nurses, the department doesn't have to match salaries dollar for dollar. That's because the state doesn't have to pay for fringe benefits for travelling nurses. The value of fringe benefits provides an additional 30 to 32 percent to the compensation paid to state nurses, a department official said.

The fringe benefits brings state nurse salaries closer to a competitive level. Recently, the department re-hired seven nurses who had gone to work for contract nursing agencies.

State facilities will probably continue to rely on contract nurses, if at reduced levels, in order to maintain staffing levels. Long-term care facilities must have available a certain number of nurses per client, to be licensed and to qualify for federal funding.



This year the Arkansas Children's Nutrition Center (ACNC) is celebrating thirty years of its efforts to expand access to innovative pediatric research and promote healthy development for children here in our state and beyond. We are extremely fortunate to have this world-class research institution in Arkansas and benefit from the exceptional support it has offered over the last three decades.

Before entering public office, I was part of the medical community and personally understood the value of research programs to elevate the quality of treatment available to those seeking care. That is especially important in promoting the healthy development of our youngest patients who come from different backgrounds.

There is a strong partnership between the ACNC and the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Research Service, which has allowed it to focus on studying the biology of the childhood brain and how diet can impact its development. However, we know that many

Arkansans lack access to partake in innovative research studies because of the rural nature of our state.

By collaborating to offer kids and families from both urban and rural communities the opportunity to participate in these studies, the Center, USDA and Arkansas Children's have provided a wonderful example of working together to better serve the well-being of all patients.

Investing in research on the healthy development of our nation's children is critical to the future success of our country. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Ranking Member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I remain committed to championing federal support and critical funding for these initiatives.

As a former public school board member and now as the co-chair of the Senate Hunger caucus, I have long made it a priority to support children's access to nutritious food. In Congress, I have worked in a bipartisan way to modernize the USDA summer meals pro-

grams and permanently allow states flexibilities to reach more food-insecure children in need.

ACNC has also made significant progress fighting food insecurity. It is encouraging to hear about the success of expanded summer meal options as well as the ACNC's efforts to confirm our federal nutrition guidance is rooted in science through Associate Director Dr. Aline Andres' participation on the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee.

Better pediatric and maternal nutrition can also help us achieve improved outcomes for families in Arkansas. ACNC's team of skilled and knowledgeable clinicians are conducting ongoing studies that continue to provide data on the importance of a healthy maternal diet for infants to meet

key developmental milestones and achieve future success. As Arkansas works to improve the health and wellness of mothers and infants, research like this ensures we are on the right path.

We are privileged to have this tremendous resource right here in The Natural State. This elite institution is transferring research findings from the lab to make a real difference in communities, helping win the battle against some chronic diseases and exploring new approaches to overcome others.

We must continue to support ACNC's efforts to champion human nutrition research and accessibility in delivering sound guidance and care. Its efforts and consistent successes are a blessing that we cannot and do not take for granted.

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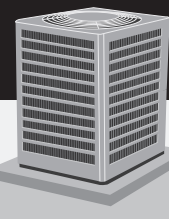

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Obituaries

Rita Louise Burks Holder

Rita Louise Burks Holder of Kingsland passed away at her home in Kingsland, on Saturday October 26, 2024, after a lengthy illness.

She was born January 15, 1934, to the late Joe Elbert and Elsie Lee Grice Burks. Her husband, Douglas Holder of Houston, Texas, died in 1992.

She graduated from Kingsland High School in 1951 and moved to Houston, Texas, where she worked for Gulf Publishing Company, for whom she traveled to many foreign places, including England, France, and Holland. She worked for Gulf until her retirement.

In 1984, Rita and Doug moved to Marshall and built a home after they purchased the top of a mountain, where they lived happily until Doug's death. In 2002, Rita moved back to Kingsland, where she lived until her death.

She was a devoted member of Hebron Methodist Church and counted everyone there as her family. Rita loved music and enjoyed singing every Tuesday with a group of close friends.

Also preceding Rita in death were a stillborn child, her sister, Anne Burks Dabney, her husband George and their daughter Julie Anne Dabney Guthrie, and a brother, Curtis Dean Burks.

Survivors include the following: a brother, Joe Elbert Burks, Jr., (Glenetta) of Warren and their children, Joe Burks, III (Stephanie) of Warren, Memory Hope Burks Frazer of Warren, and Rockland Rivers Burks of Monroe, La; a niece Jessica Dawn Burks Kelsey (Phil) of Alexander, and Dawn's children, Hayslee and Hunter Johnson, of Kingsland, whom she considered her grandchildren and who called her "Mimi"; a nephew, George Evan Dabney, Jr. (Susan) of Richardson, Texas; and many Burks and Grice cousins, and friends.

Pallbearers are Brandon Burks, Rocky Burks, Mastin Frazer, Race Frazer, Randy Grice, Phil Kelsey, and Hunter Johnson. Honorary pallbearers are Joe Elbert Burks, Jr., Jimmy Childress, George Dabney, Jr., Hubert Grice, Calton Hall, Dr. Kerry Pennington, Jimmy Ray Stringfellow, Virgil Grice, Joe Burks, III.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday October 29, 2024 at Hebron Methodist Church. Funeral services followed. Dusty Rhodes and Justin Childress officiated. Burial followed at Graves Cemetery. Arrangements were by Benton Funeral Home of Fordyce. To sign the online register visit www.bentonfuneralhome.net.

(Paid obituary) **Bruce Wayne Nicholson** Bruce Wayne Nicholson, age 69, of Monticello, passed away at home on October 31, 2024. Born January 1, 1955 in Centuria, Ill. to the late Thomas and Carlyn Nicholson. He was a veteran of the United States Army, a member and deacon of Ark of Faith Church in Monticello, and retired from Potlatch after 27 years and from UAM College of Technology where he worked for 6 years. He was a loving husband, father, Pap, and Uncle Batman.

Although he often pretended to be a curmudgeon, Wayne was blessed with a kind and generous heart, leaving a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. This is exemplified by the long list of men, women, and children who considered him a second dad, an additional grandparent, or a great friend.

Wayne was preceded in death by the love of his life, Jamie West Nicholson, and daughters, Rikki Jo and Vikki Lynn Nicholson. He is survived by one daughter, Rachel Nicholson Ashcraft (Allen); three sons, Brandon Nicholson (Jenn), Travis Nicholson (Sara), and Michael Nicholson (Suezy); granddaughters, Jayden, Allie, Hannah, Katelyn, Jaci, Allison, Mary, Maddie, Ric-

ki, Ava, and Kylie; grandsons, Oliver, Drake and Grayson; as well as nieces, nephews, and bonus children he held special in his heart.

A Memorial service will be held Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 3 p.m. at Ark of Faith in Monticello. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations for final expenses.

Arrangements by Roselawn Funeral Service and Crematory. Online guestbook at www.griffinfuneralservice.net. (Paid obituary) **Debbie Dunlap** Debbie Dunlap, 57, of Wilmar, died October 28, 2024. Born November 12, 1966, to Wardell Sr. and Rosa Wright.

Survivors: Parents, Wardell Sr. and Rosa Wright Siblings, Vicki, Bryant, Wardell Jr. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Graveside service was November 1 at Wilmar Cemetery, Wil-

mar. Hammons Funeral Home. **Regina O'Neill** Regina O'Neill died on October 28, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gary O'Neill, and parents Jimmy Lee Bryant and Mary Adams Summers.

Survived by her sons, stepson, siblings, grandchildren, and great-children. Funeral was held November 1, 2024 at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial in Oakland Cemetery. **Dorothy Taylor** A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Dorothy Taylor passed away peacefully October 31. She was born on March 7, 1936.

She leaves behind two sons that cherished their sweet Mother, Jerry Taylor (Sonya) and Jimmy Taylor. Graveside was November 2, at Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

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EDITORIAL

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But I've also talked to people who love the season with so much passion that they want it to last as long as possible. They aren't overlooking Thanksgiving. They're just getting a jump on Christmas.

For many, the joy of Christmas transcends mere festivities. It symbolizes hope, renewal, and the warmth of shared traditions. In a world often weighed down

by stress and uncertainty, the early arrival of Christmas cheer can be a welcome reprieve. The cozy nights spent by the fire, the sound of carols, and the spirit of giving can foster a sense of unity and happiness that some may find lacking during Thanksgiving.

Moreover, the logistics of holiday planning can be overwhelming. With the rush of Thanksgiving preparations, some may feel too stretched to enjoy either holiday fully. By shifting focus to

Christmas, we could allow ourselves to savor the season without the pressure of juggling two major celebrations back-to-back.

Of course, this isn't to diminish the significance of Thanksgiving. Gratitude should always have its place. Perhaps the solution lies not in skipping Thanksgiving entirely, but in blending the two celebrations. Why not take a moment to express gratitude as we decorate the tree or sip hot cocoa? In doing so, we can honor the spirit of both hol-

idays, creating a richer experience that celebrates both thankfulness and joy.

So, as we navigate the busy holiday season, let's consider this: can we embrace the magic of Christmas while still acknowledging the importance of giving thanks? In the end, it's not about choosing one over the other, but about finding a way to blend the best of both worlds, allowing gratitude to lay the foundation for the joy to come.

HISTORY

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in March 1819, President James Monroe appointed Letcher as one of three territorial judges. He would join Charles Jouett of Michigan and Andrew Scott of the Missouri Territory in this role while Gen. James Miller of New Hampshire served as territorial governor and fellow Kentuckian Robert Crittenden

served as territorial secretary.

As the steps to statehood unfolded, once Congress created a territory, the president would appoint the territorial governor as the chief executive of the territory, a territorial secretary to act as a combination treasurer and records keeper and deputy to the governor, and three judges to act as magistrates and land claims commissioners as well as help set up the initial govern-

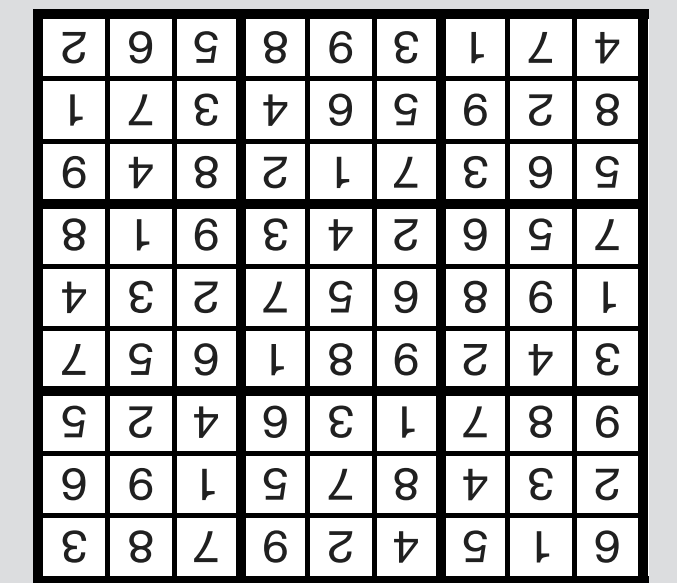
ing procedures for the territory. When the population became large enough, a territorial legislature would be established by voters. This system would continue until the territory was large enough to apply to Congress for statehood. This is substantially the same process nearly every new state went through to join the Union after the United States won independence.

Letcher received his

appointment and left for Arkansas in July. Though the Arkansas Territory was new, it was already dominated by Robert Crittenden, a fellow Kentuckian. Crittenden's brother, John J. Crittenden, was a future Kentucky governor and U. S. Senator and a close friend and political ally of Letcher. He traveled down the Ohio River to the Mississippi River before reaching the iso-

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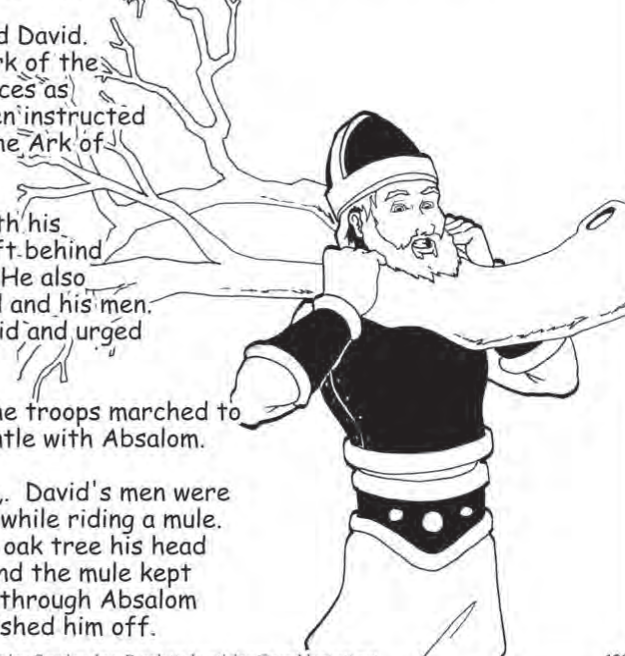

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 Ittai the Gittite and his people joined David. Zadok and the Levites carried the Ark of the Covenant of God and offered sacrifices as the people left Jerusalem. David then instructed them to go back to Jerusalem with the Ark of the Covenant of God.
 Ahithophel advised Absalom to lie with his father's concubines who had been left behind in Jerusalem to care for the palace. He also urged him to pursue and attack David and his men. Hushai advised against attacking David and urged Absalom to wait.
 As Absalom planned his attack and the troops marched to battle, David urged his men to be gentle with Absalom.
 The fighting took place in the forest. David's men were victorious. Absalom met David's men while riding a mule. As he rode under the branches of an oak tree his head was caught and he was left hanging and the mule kept on going. Joab plunged three spears through Absalom and ten of Joab's armor-bearers finished him off.
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NOTICE OF REQUEST TO CHANGE ZONING CLASSIFICATION

NAME OF OWNER(S): Lucy McWilliams

Request has been made for a change of zoning classification from residential to commercial for the following property: 513 W. Central St., Warren, AR 71671

Property description as follows: Lot 11 & P6 9 - Block 50 - Lat/Long original town - School dist. 010 - Nhd code Warren1 - Market BRA_CO - Acres 0.00 - Timber 0.00

REASON FOR CHANGE: Commercial Property

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Rural Health Partnership receives \$2 million to expand recovery services to support adult treatment in Southeast Arkansas

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Arkansas Rural Health Partnership (ARHP) is proud to announce new funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to broaden peer recovery initiatives in collaboration with Adult Treatment Drug Courts in rural Arkansas. The ARHP's new five-year, \$2 million project goes beyond recovery services- addressing key areas that impact daily life and health. It offers training and resources to help clients, healthcare workers, and community partners understand SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery. Additionally, it supports clients with job assistance, health insurance, housing, and financial resources to promote stability. Providing transportation for healthcare appointments and advocating for better local infrastructure helps overcome access barriers. Notably, this project aims to build strong community support by reducing stigma, engaging families, and offering support groups and mentorship for sustained recovery.

Since 2021, the ARHP has partnered with drug courts in

Monticello and Dewitt- offering recovery-focused alternatives to incarceration for individuals with substance use charges. Over 3,000 individuals have received essential peer support and therapeutic services through this initiative, emphasizing the impact of collaborative efforts.

"This grant provides an excellent opportunity to partner with the Drew County Adult Drug Court and Arkansas County Southern District Adult Specialty Court to incorporate Peer Recovery Specialists into both court programs," said Lynn Hawkins, Chief Operating Officer of ARHP and the project director for this initiative. "With the five-year grant span for this project, ARHP and its partners will have data to reflect the impact this project will make in the lives of those affected."

"Peer Recovery Specialists bring invaluable lived experience and understanding to the courtroom when working with those struggling with substance use disorder," said Judge Robert Gibson of Ashley County commending the role of Peer Recovery Specialists. "Their unique perspective helps connect indi-

viduals with resources essential to sustained recovery. This five-year grant is a significant step towards establishing a sustainable and impactful program, and it gives us the leverage to advocate for ongoing funding and further expand these services."

"The District Court of South Arkansas is honored to partner with ARHP to combat addiction in rural communities," added Judge Park Eldridge of Arkansas County. "Our specialty court program could not operate and provide Peer Recovery Support services without ARHP. Having Peer Recovery Support Specialists in the courtroom provides a vital support system, aiding individuals in navigating both recovery and the court system."

"Since 2008, the Arkansas Rural Health Partnership has led initiatives to improve health access and provide services for residents in rural Arkansas. While ARHP continues to provide direct services for our twenty-one healthcare organizations, we will continue to support our community organizations and partners," stated Mellie Boagni, CEO, President, & Founder of ARHP.

For more information about

the organization's substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts, visit <https://www.arruralhealth.org/arhp-initiatives/living-free-substance-use>. For media inquiries, contact Mellie Boagni, ARHP Founder, President & CEO at mellie@arruralhealth.org.

About the Arkansas Rural Health Partnership:

Arkansas Rural Health Partnership (ARHP) is a non-profit healthcare organization, which currently includes 19 rural hospitals, two federally qualified health centers, and three medical teaching institutions. Initiatives aim to improve the health and wellness of rural residents, build a health workforce pipeline, sustain rural hospitals, and strengthen rural economies. The organization is the largest healthcare service provider in South Arkansas, serves as a hub for economic growth and development across the region, and is a voice for rural health entities across Arkansas and beyond. Visit <https://www.arruralhealth.org/> for more information about the organization.

HISTORY

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lated port at Arkansas Post, the territorial capital, at the edge of the Mississippi and White rivers. It was a small community of less than 500 residents in a low, marshy area subject to swarms of mosquitoes and the heat and humidity of Arkansas swamplands in summer. Letcher and his fellow judges were not impressed.

Nevertheless, he arrived in the Arkansas Territory already a political veteran at the age of 31. Miller would not arrive for months, so Letcher and the other judges worked with Crittenden to begin crafting an initial government for the Arkansas Territory. For about three weeks in July and August, a few basic laws were established such as salaries for government officials,

financial plans for funding the Arkansas government were established, and a steady number of land titles were granted. He presided over very few legal cases.

Letcher's time in Arkansas was short. He, like Judge Jouett, grew tired of Arkansas Post in summertime and left quickly. He resigned his federal appointment and returned to what he believed was the more fertile political climate of Kentucky.

Redistricting offered Letcher a valuable opportunity with an open seat in a new district, and he won election to Congress in 1823. As a congressman, he was an active supporter of road construction and the development of the nation's infrastructure and worked to keep the peace between North and South as sectional tensions intensified. From 1840 until 1844, he

served one term as Kentucky's governor.

He would later serve as an ambassador to Mexico from 1849 until 1852. He ran for Congress again in 1852 but lost and never again sought elective office. He

continued to try to keep the peace between North and South up until his death in January 1861. In part because of his work, Kentucky never seceded from the Union during the Civil War.

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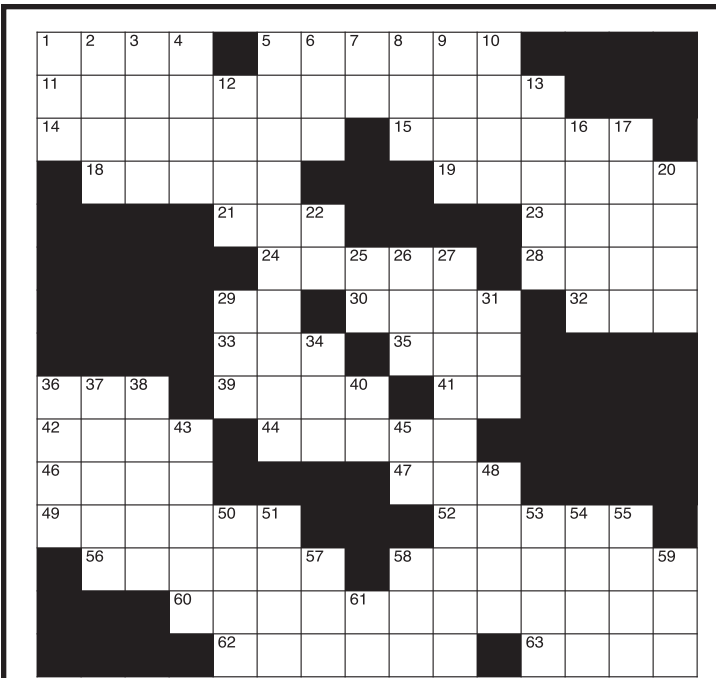
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- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. Simpler
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. Former CIA agent and critic
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. "Hammer" is one
- 30. Senses of self-importance
- 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 33. Not around
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Licenses and passports are two types
- 39. Snake-like fish
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular computers
- 44. Of a withered nature
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jeweled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. ___ Falls
- 60. Assertions made again
- 62. Periods of history
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel large quantities rapidly
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. A type of subdivision
- 6. Variety of Chinese
- 7. Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees with creeping roots
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Impressionable persons
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. Instinctive part of the mind
- 25. "The First State"
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Fraternities
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Beer
- 36. Spiritual leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 43. Ray-finned fishes
- 45. Morning
- 48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. A small bundle of straw or hay
- 53. Got older
- 54. Crater on Mars
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Relating to the ears
- 58. "To the ___ degree..."
- 59. Residue of a burned product
- 61. It cools a home

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer-songwriter born in Canada on November 5, 1959. As a child, I traveled to different places with my father, who was a diplomat. I've had many hit songs, but my work on the soundtrack for a Robin Hood movie really set my career ablaze.

Answer: Bryan Adams

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- VACATION

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

Answers can be found on Page 6

SUDOKU

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4				8				

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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Level: Intermediate

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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to the holiday season. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11=A)

- A. 12 11 16 1 22 19**
Clue: Come together
- B. 8 11 9 23 26 4**
Clue: Related people
- C. 15 23 25 25 22 19**
Clue: Evening meal
- D. 1 13 26 23 15 11 4**
Clue: Festive event

Answers: A. gather B. family C. dinner D. holiday

Recipe: No-bake cookies make dessert a breeze

Thanks to their portability and diverse flavor profiles, cookies remain a favorite treat to enjoy at home or bring to parties at others' homes. Cookies also frequently are go-to offerings at bake sales and school functions.

Although cookies are relatively easy to make, people sometimes find the end products does not turn out as expected. No-bake cookies, including this recipe for "Peanut Butter No-Bake Cookies" courtesy of "Live Well, Bake Cookies" (Rock Point) by Danielle Rye, are a perfect workaround for those who have previously had mixed results when baking cookies.



Peanut Butter No-Bake Cookies

Makes 32 to 34 cookies

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, cut into tablespoon-size pieces
- 1 3/4 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 3/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 3 1/4 cups quick-cooking oats

Directions:

1. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside.
2. Place the unsalted butter, granulated sugar and milk in a

saucepan and heat over medium heat, making sure to stir often until the butter is melted and the ingredients are well combined. Bring the mixture to a rolling boil and allow to boil for 1 minute without stirring.

3. Remove from the heat, and stir in the peanut butter and vanilla extract until fully combined. Stir in the quick oats and mix until all the oats are coated with the mixture.

4. Using a 1 1/2-tablespoon cookie scoop, drop scoops of the mixture onto the prepared baking sheets, and gently press them down to flatten them slightly. Allow to cool for 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until the cookies have firmed up. The cookies will continue to firm up the longer they cool.

5. Store the cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 1 week.

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