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Simple Simon's return to Warren

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Simple Simon's has made a joyful return to Warren! On Monday, January 6, they hosted a preview night. From 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., everyone who went through the drive-through received a free large pepperoni pizza and calzone. Before the event even started, cars waited in line to receive what they knew was going to be very good. Warren Police Department was on site to help direct traffic, prevent accidents, and keep things organized. Inside, the work environment was pleasant and the crew was busy making pizzas and calzones, and learning how to run the restaurant smoothly.

When I walked in, I was greeted by General Manager April Bradley and Cooperate Support

Representative James Cook. Both had smiles and were excited to help. Owners Gayla and Charles McWhorter worked alongside their crew as customers flowed seamlessly through the drive-through. Gayla could be heard chatting and laughing with excited guests as she handed them their food. When I looked back through the kitchen window, I saw employees busy working.

Because Gayla was helping her guests, I spoke with Bradley and Cook first.

"We are open from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday," said Bradley. "Then on Friday and Saturday, we are open from 11 a.m.-10 p.m."

Bradley also added that while there is no delivery option at the

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Bradley County holds ceremony to swear in newly elected officials

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A ceremony to swear in newly elected officials was held on Thursday, January 2 at the Bradley County Courthouse. District Judge, Bruce Anderson was present administer the oath of office to a range of local leaders, marking the beginning of their terms of service. The ceremony began with the swearing in of the Justices of the Peace. The current justices, who will serve the county, include: Dana Harvey, Alton Ray Richard, Jim Anders, Bobby Hargrave, Tony Cathey, Jimmy Sledge, Pat Mormon, Mike Jolley, and Gwendolyn Bullard.

Following the justices, the focus shifted to the members of the Warren City Council. Each council member was sworn in, and they will continue their work to serve the city of Warren. Pictured from left to right are: Joel Tolefree, Emily Moseley, Dorothy Henderson, Latanza Atkins, and Chanel Hooper. Not pictured was Memory Frazer.

The final swearing-in of the evening was for Kenneth Ferguson, who will serve as a Bradley County Constable of Washington Township.

Each of the newly sworn-in officials will serve two-year terms and will be up for reelection in 2026. The ceremony marked a moment of reflection for the officials and their supporters, as well as a new chapter in leadership for the county and city of Warren.

The residents of Bradley County look forward to the dedication and service of these elected officials as they work to represent their constituents over the coming years.



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District Judge Bruce Anderson leads the elected Justices of the Peace in their Oath of Office. Harvey, Richard, Anders, Hargrave, Cathey, Sledge, Bullard, and Mormon are returning Justices. Jolley is newly elected.



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District Judge Bruce Anderson stands before elected members of the Warren City council to lead them in their Oath of Office. Tolfree, Moseley, Henderson, Atkins, and Frazer returning as council members while Hooper is newly elected.



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District Judge Bruce Anderson stands before newly-elected Washington Township Constable, Kenneth Ferguson to lead Ferguson in his Oath of Office. This will be Ferguson's first term as a constable.

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Passin' the Faith Along
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STAY AWAY FROM CHURCH?

Sooner or later we all face the same temptation. The same problems of human life reoccur in every generation. Psalms 73 records the experi-

ences of a good man, who in an evil hour was sorely tempted to call it quits. He felt heaven terribly mistreated the person who was

trying to do the right thing. The "bad guy" seemed to be winning. Church is a necessity. Without it, we will be misled. Without it, our lives can be tied to the wrong answer. Without worship, the unbeliever always seems to have the best of it. The "bad guy" is always the winner. But seen from God's point of view, the interpretation is entirely different. When you see it God's way, you are amazed that you could have ever felt as you did. We cannot afford to have our

thinking twisted. That is what will happen if you give up the church habit. Yes, it will! You will begin to believe that wrong is right, and that losers are winners. The church service gives you an opportunity to think. Yes! Sit in that pew and think. Better to sit there for an hour on Sunday morning and think, than to sit in hell for eternity and think. Think about how much older you are and how much closer to the end you are. Think about what you have done with your

life so far. Think about the record that will be revealed when you face judgment. Think about your influence as a parent. Think about the lies you have told. You are foolish to imagine that these things do not exist in your life just because you keep so busy you have no time to think about them. The church service gives you an opportunity to hear the message on how to get to heaven. Come, now! Use your common sense. You need to know how to get to heaven and what is needed to get you there.

Of course, if you are not interested - if you do not really care what happens to you or where you will spend eternity - that is your own business. Stay away from church! Sleep and lounge all day Sunday. We will tell your neighbors who attend your funeral that you did not know where you were going, and what is more, that you did not care. Perhaps you do care. That is why you have church service scheduled in your community. Get to it!

BRADLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES PARADE FLOAT CONTEST WINNERS



Photo courtesy of Bradley County Chamber of Commerce

The Bradley County Chamber of Commerce wishes to congratulate our 2024 Christmas Parade float contest winners: first place went to First Presbyterian Child Care Center (picture taken during their Christmas party). Second place went to Union Hill Baptist Church. Chad Greenwood accepted the prize on behalf of Union Hill Baptist Church. Third place went to Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Gale Ellis accepted the prize on behalf of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Prize money sponsored by Commercial Bank.

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 April 12, 2000. If you ever want to feel more richly-blessed than usual, have a complicated exam for a possible malignancy and get a GOOD REPORT. The good report comes from the doctors who practice their medical arts at our wonderful Bradley County Medical Center. One of them was good enough (the eldest, come to think of it) to leave a message about the super news on our answerin' machine. This exam undergone by your scribe was one of these things called a "lower GI." Sounds more simple than it turned out to be. First, you fast all the Sabbath day, then have no coffee, no juice, no sweet roll ere y our arrival at the hospital Monday. There they fill your inners with white gunk and take copious pictures with an x-ray machine. X-ray machines remind Bradley County oldtimers of Dr. Lum Gannaway and his x-ray machine. The goodly doctor had one of the pioneer machines set up in the back of his drugstore. They said every time he turned the thing on, lights dimmed all over north Bradley County.

A nice lady from Wilmar did lots of the work, supervised by the radiologist, Dr. Ross, a Memphian who spends weekdays in Warren. He replaced Dr. Pam Coyle, who moved to the east coast with her husband, the photographer Ed. Back to Dr. Gannaway: his real name was Columbus. Was it Charles Columbus or vice-versa? He was the father of Charline Clower and of Lucille Woods, mother of the late and longtime publisher of the newspapers at Hazen, Bill Woods. Dr. Gannaway had a 1927 Chrysler convertible he'd kept in storage for years. On spring evenings, his son-in-law, Harry W. (Jack) Clower would drive it around those beloved brick streets of downtown Warren. Dr. Gannaway's widow was perceptive enough after World War II to hire the engaging Hal Gibbs of McGehee to come to Warren and operate her drugstore. The rest, as they say, is history. Well, it's nice to have a hospital like the medical center and very nice to have physicians and nurses and folk who'll take care of you. They have taken care of the onetime country editor...one more time . . . In 1919, a committee of businessmen in Warren, concerned about juvenile delinquency and other problems, got busy and set

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PIZZA

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moment, Simple Simon's will be adding it. Bradley said that there is going to be a salad bar and a few tables for dining in. Cook said he looks for more call-in business than dine-in. The McWhorters also offer online ordering which wasn't available before. "You can order on the app and acquire loyalty points," said Bradley. "On your birthday, you can get a free apple cinnamon pizza. After you've been a customer for a year, you can get a free large pizza." With the return of Simple Simon's comes the return of their original calzone, which they're

known for. "The original calzone has alpine Sauce, mozzarella, pepperoni, and sausage," said Cook. "That's our signature item. We also have pizza, wings, the Pizzadilla, sandwiches, and stromboli." Everything that Simple Simon's sells is fresh and made-to-order. "Fresh is best," said Cook. When asked how many pizzas they expected to give out during the preview event, Cook thought for a quick second. "Historically, we've given away 150-160 pizzas," explained Cook. "I had the drone out earlier, and the traffic was lined all the way to City Park. We're really excited to be back and Warren is a really good market. It's been really well received."

Simple Simon's is based in Tulsa with stores in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, and Arkansas, giving the franchise a total of 235 locations. When Gayla saw a small break, she made her way over to chat with me and explain why they wanted to bring Simple Simon's back to Warren. "We've always been fans of the franchise," said McWhorter.

"There were several Simple Simon's in Southwest Arkansas where we're from. We believe in the product and in the franchise. We had this lot, and we knew we wanted to invest back in Warren and in Bradley County because this is home now. And we thought, 'Why not?'. We saw a need, and we wanted to put back into the community because we do believe in the food and the

product." I look forward to order pizza from Simple Simon's. Warren will be a better place to eat because of the delicious and fresh menu options that they offer. Welcome back!

JOB OPENING

The City of Warren is accepting applications for a Full Time Dispatcher and Full Time Police Officer. We will be taking applications until the position is filled. Applications may be obtained at the Police Department, 200 Alabama Street Warren, AR 71671. The City of Warren is an equal opportunity employer.

PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING

The Bradley County Cooperative Extension Service will be conducting a Private Applicator Training for agricultural producers on **Thursday, January 9th**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Bradley County Extension Office, located at **201 N. Bragg Street** in Warren. Agricultural producers must be certified by training to be eligible for a Restricted Pesticide License in order to purchase and apply restricted-use pesticides. Please call the Extension Office at 870-226-8410 to register. There is a \$20.00 fee for the pesticide applicator training. You will pay at the door on the night of the training. If paying by check, please make check out to U of A System CES. The training is approximately three hours long, and producers must attend the entire training to be certified. If you have any questions, please contact John Gavin at 870-226-8410. The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in another format, please contact your Bradley County Extension Office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.

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: Associate Degree or 60 college credit hours, must pass the Paraprofessional Praxis, and if hired, complete a background check \$38.25 and Child Maltreatment Check \$11.00, Total Cost \$49.25.

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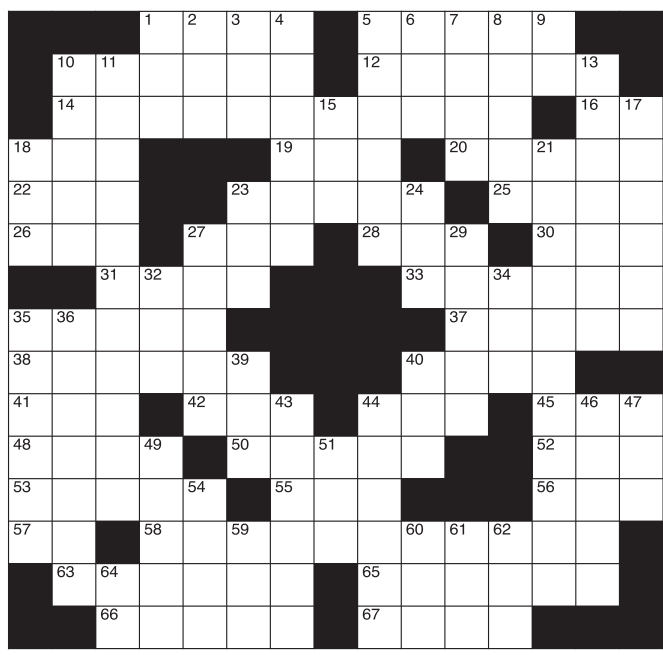
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Hand (Spanish)
- 5. Siskel and __, critics
- 10. Seaman
- 12. Chemical weapon
- 14. One who eliminates
- 16. They precede C
- 18. Baseball stat
- 19. Americans' "uncle"
- 20. Cassia tree
- 22. Surround
- 23. Crisp and Pebbles are two
- 25. A sudden very loud sound
- 26. Affirmative
- 27. Disadvantage
- 28. Corpse count (abbr.)
- 30. OJ trial judge
- 31. New York art district
- 33. Become more bleak
- 35. Upstate NY city
- 37. Clarified butters
- 38. One who witnesses
- 40. Condemn
- 41. __ juris
- 42. Natural
- 44. Prohibit
- 45. Swiss river
- 48. Greek war god
- 50. 5 iron
- 52. New Zealand mountain parrot
- 53. Scandinavian surname
- 55. Follows sigma
- 56. Doctor of Education
- 57. Spanish be
- 58. One that feeds on bugs
- 63. Tooth issue
- 65. Get into
- 66. Lumps of clay
- 67. Overly studious student

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Variety of Chinese
- 2. Boxing's GOAT
- 3. Japanese classical theater
- 4. Prayer
- 5. Inspire with love
- 6. Ballplayers' accessory
- 7. Retailer payment system
- 8. More raw
- 9. Atomic #81
- 10. Fencing sword
- 11. Hostilities
- 13. Sea dweller
- 15. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
- 17. Businessmen
- 18. Rest here please (abbr.)
- 21. Loud devices
- 23. Make a soft murmuring sound
- 24. One point west of due south
- 27. Trout
- 29. Type of grass
- 32. South American plant
- 34. Letter of the Greek alphabet
- 35. Not secure
- 36. Traveler
- 39. Sweet potato
- 40. Period after sunrise and before sunset
- 43. Some are chippy
- 44. Asian country
- 46. Genus of mosquitoes
- 47. Cool!
- 49. Shriill, wailing sound
- 51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 54. Within
- 59. Unhappy
- 60. Decorate a cake with frosting
- 61. Videocassette recorder
- 62. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 64. It cools a home

DOG TRAINING WORD SEARCH



I R E I N F O R C E M E N T K V O E Z G
 A H I N H I B I T I O N B Y T I I N Z E
 D A N X I E T Y P O S I T I V E F V Z R
 A N O I S S E R G G A F O C U S Z I B A
 P C O N D I T I O N I N G Z T B H R I E
 T R U U Q D Y Z T B E H A V I O R O Y F
 A C E D I B E H A V I O R I S T N N M R
 T O I K D U V U M T R E N I A R T M U C
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WORDS

- ACQUIRE
- ADAPTATION
- AGGRESSION
- ALPHA
- ANXIETY
- AROUSAL
- BARKING
- BEHAVIOR
- BEHAVIORIST
- CLICKER
- COLLAR
- CONDITIONING
- DESENSITIZATION
- DISTRESS
- DOMINANCE
- ENVIRONMENT
- FEAR
- FOCUS
- INHIBITION
- LEAD
- MODIFICATION
- POSITIVE
- REINFORCEMENT
- TRAINER

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

Answers can be found on Page 6

SUDOKU

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| 6 | | | 1 | | | 3 | |
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 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Solve the code to discover words related to dog training. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 24 = A)

- A. 20 13 24 12 1**
Clue: Controls pet
- B. 26 19 4 4 24 9 10**
Clue: Give an order
- C. 12 24 7 13 25 2**
Clue: Caution
- D. 19 3 13 2**
Clue: Follow commands

Answers: A. leash B. command C. safety D. obey

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Arkansas House Report

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Maternal health will likely be a key focus of the 2025 Regular Session of the Arkansas General Assembly as lawmakers work to address an ongoing challenge in our state.

Addressing maternal health will not only save lives but will also strengthen Arkansas families and communities. Currently, Arkansas faces one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the nation. More than 60 percent of Arkansas counties have limited maternity care, and many counties have none at all. Limited access to quality health care before, during, and after pregnancy creates serious risks for families.

In March 2024, Governor Sanders signed an Executive Order to Support Moms, Protect Babies, and Improve Maternal Health. The order established the Arkansas Strategic Committee for Maternal Health, which brought together over 100 stakeholders representing organizations from across the state.

The committee's comprehensive report offers several recommendations to address the maternal health crisis, including:

- Creating Medicaid pathways for doulas and community health workers as provider types with reimbursable services.
- Expanding prenatal care services at local health units where care is currently limited or unavailable.
- Establishing a Family Medicine Obstetrics Fellowship and exploring the creation of obstetrics and gynecology residencies and a school of midwifery in Arkansas.
- Considering the establishment of maternal health homes and expanding the Life360 Maternity Care Homes program.

The proposals represent solutions to combat the maternal health disparities affecting our communities and ensure that every Arkansan has access to the support and care they need during one of life's most critical moments. The Governor's budget proposal also includes \$13 million in new Medicaid funding for recommendations made by the committee.

The General Assembly will convene on January 13, 2025. All meetings of the House of Representatives will be streamed live and available for replay at arkansashouse.org.

Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



George Rose Smith was praised as "an example of what a judge ought to be" by one legal scholar. In his 37 years on the Arkansas Supreme Court, he never failed to make an impact or earn the respect of his peers. As a judge, writer, and prankster, Smith certainly had one of the most interesting lives of any state supreme court justice.

Smith was born into a distinguished Arkansas family in Little Rock in 1911. His father was a noted Presbyterian minister. His grandfather, Uriah Rose, was the name behind the prestigious Rose Law Firm and had also served as a judge and a diplomat.

From an early age, Smith demonstrated a remarkable intelligence. He graduated at the top of his class from Little Rock High School in 1928. He later attended Washington and Lee University and the University of Arkansas. In 1933, he was again valedictorian as he graduated from the University of Arkansas Law School.

After his admission to the state bar, he joined the firm his grandfather founded. Smith's uncle, George B. Rose, himself was a prominent member of the firm and spoke six languages and wrote books about Renaissance-era art.

Smith became an able lawyer and quickly earned respect across Little Rock. When World War II erupted, he enlisted in the US Army and served for three years. Upon his honorable discharge, he returned to Arkansas and began planning the next phase of his career.

In 1948, he was elected to the Arkansas Supreme Court, a position he would serve for the rest of his career. In the process, he became known for the special care he took in writing his legal opinions. During his tenure on the state supreme court, he wrote more than 2,000 decisions. These decisions affected such areas as allowing the public easier access to government records to civil liberties and death penalty cases. As he wrote in a 1980 decision overturning a conviction, "A court proceeding should not merely be fair; it should appear to be fair."

He once offered a reward of \$100 to anyone who could find the smallest error in grammar, punctuation, or spelling in his legal writings. Not even the pickiest English teacher in the state could find an error, and the reward went unclaimed. In his spare time, he not only solved but devised crossword puzzles. These puzzles appeared in newspapers across the United States and sometimes stumped the best crossword solvers.

Smith became a beloved figure in the legal community for his sharp sense of humor. On each April Fool's Day, he often issued fake rulings as a practical joke. In 1968, he issued a fake opinion declaring that every law in Arkansas had been repealed. In 1985, he issued another fake opinion about the conviction of two twin brothers he had made up, Kilkenny Catt and Gallico Catt, teasing readers throughout the opinion. But one judge in Delaware did not realize it was a joke and cited Smith's fake Catt v. State opinion in a case.

Smith announced his retirement from the state supreme court in 1986, leaving after the election of his successor the next year. He had served for a record thirty-seven years. He spent his remaining years traveling before his death in 1992. The Arkansas Bar Foundation later established the Judge George Rose Smith Scholarship for law students in memory of a truly unforgettable personality. The Central Arkansas Library in Little Rock also honored him after his passing with a plaque that read, "Wordsmith Extraordinaire, New York Times Crossword Puzzle Author, Arkansas Supreme Court Justice 1949-1987."



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

Anyone who commits a violent felony in 2025 will learn that Arkansas law has become much tougher on serious criminals.

They will serve longer prison sentences, and many serious offenders will not be eligible for early release. If they are eligible, they will have to work harder to earn it. If they satisfy all the conditions for parole and early release, their supervision will be stricter and they will be returned to prison if they continue to flout the law.

The tougher prison sentences are in Act 659, also known as the Protect Arkansas Act. The legislature passed it by an overwhelming

margin in 2023, but several provisions for longer sentences and stricter parole conditions took effect on January 1, 2025.

It's common for significant new laws to be phased in over an extended period, so that officials have time to put new rules in place. That is certainly true of Act 659, which makes dramatic changes in prisons and the criminal justice system.

One goal is to provide juries with more accurate information about the length of the actual prison sentences time that convicted criminals are truly going to serve.

Criminals convicted of rape and capital murder will serve 100 percent of their sentences. This tougher new standard also applies to offenders convicted of aggravated robbery, human trafficking, stalking of a child on the Internet and the more serious categories of aggravated residential

burglary. It also includes a list of sexual offenses against children.

The act creates another category of serious offenders who will have to serve a minimum of 85 percent of their sentence behind bars. This category includes violent felonies such as second degree murder and first degree sexual assault.

Also in the 85 percent category are inmates found guilty of manslaughter, encouraging someone to commit suicide, first degree sexual assault, video voyeurism, patronizing a victim of human trafficking, grooming a minor for sex trafficking, first degree domestic battering, exposing a child to meth, manufacture and delivery of fentanyl and a list of offenses involving explosives.

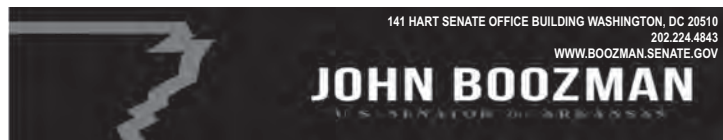
The longer sentences brings Arkansas sentencing guidelines more in line with those used by federal prisons, where inmates convicted of federal crimes serve

almost all of their sentence.

Act 659 restores a measure of credibility to the criminal justice system. When juries and judges sentence a serious offender, they will know that offender will not be released after serving a relatively small fraction of the sentence.

Act 659 requires inmates to work for the opportunity of being considered for early release, either by completing rehabilitation, anger management or skills training. The goal is to improve their chances of being productive in society. They no longer automatically earn "good time" just for being in prison. In order to accumulate credits for early release they must complete rehabilitation programs.

If an inmate is convicted of committing a crime while in prison, for example, for assaulting an officer, the new sentence will be served consecutively and not currently.



There was an unmistakable sound in the skies above Fort Smith last month. The loud boom of two F-35s making the journey from a Lockheed Martin facility in Fort Worth, Texas, to their new home at Ebbing Air National Guard Base echoed around the community and marked an exciting milestone.

That event has been years in the making and signals the opening of the next chapter in Arkansas's contributions to our country's defense.

Since the U.S. Air Force announced its selection of Ebbing as the new home of a pilot training center for our allies in March 2023, we have been looking to the horizon with eager anticipation to witness the first aircraft soar above the River Valley. Now, with the arrival of the pair of F-35A Lightning II fifth-generation fighter aircraft belonging to Poland, we are bringing a manned flying mission back to The Natural State for the first time in a decade.

The Arkansas Congressional Delegation, along with state and local leaders, has worked seamlessly to secure this designation and champion the investments necessary to ensure the installation can successfully host U.S. instructors and allied partners receiving training, as well as many

of their families.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies (MilCon-VA) Appropriations Subcommittee, I have been honored to shepherd legislation through the Senate allocating funds over multiple years to prepare Ebbing to successfully host this program.

In Fiscal Year 2024, we delivered \$83 million to ensure the pilot training center could proceed with the projects required to adapt the airbase for this new role, including construction of a three-bay hanger and other facilities to help train pilots on the next generation aircraft. And we are also poised to bring further funding in FY2025 that will extend its capacity to host pilots from Poland, Finland, Germany, Switzerland and Singapore in the future.

One of the last acts of the 118th Congress was the approval of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2025, which included a key win in that effort. The bill included authorization to fund an Academic Training Center with classrooms, flight simulator spaces, conference rooms and administrative support stations. President Biden quickly signed the bill into law in late December, ensuring progress

on another important step to cement Fort Smith as the home of the pilot training center for many years to come.

While these investments and the new mission will undoubtedly bring positive benefits to the community and our state, it is important to remember that this initiative is also a tremendous asset that will improve America's national security. Developing these capabilities side-by-side with our allies and partners is critical as the world faces increasing conflict and turmoil.

That's why it was so important to pass the FY25 NDAA and the policies it includes to strengthen

our military. The bill also bolsters recruiting and retention efforts through improvements to service members' quality of life – including a historic 14.5 percent pay raise for junior enlisted troops – as well as enhances our readiness and deterrence efforts as rivals like China, Iran, Russia and North Korea continue to test and disrupt the global order.

I am proud to support those efforts, including provisions that directly impact Arkansas and grow our national security footprint, and will continue advocating for a strong defense which our state can help deliver with unique and considerable effect.

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Obituaries

Janet Burkhardt

Janet Burkhardt, age 75 of Herbine died Friday, January 3, 2025 at the Woods Nursing Home in Monticello. She was born Monday, November 14 1949 in Warren a daughter of the late R. B. Rauls and Lucille Stewart Rauls. Janet was retired from Armstrong Flooring Company in Warren with over 35 years of service in the flooring industry. She was a baptist and a graduate of Rison Public Schools. Preceding her in death was her husband, Peter Burkhardt whom she married May 7, 1982. He died March 26, 2009, and son Stephen McKinney.

Surviving is her son, Tony Burkhardt, Warren. A Daughter Stephanie McKinney Bigham (Jon) of Warren; a daughter-in-law Annette McKinney of Rye; a step-son Michael Burkhardt (Shannon) of Belize. Brothers James Rauls (Arlene) of Lake Village, and Jeff Rauls of Bearden; sisters Judy Penny of Clarksville and Jo Ann Long (Larry Don) of

Monticello; five grandchildren, Dalton Bigham, Kerri McKinney, Matthew McKinney, Bella Burkhardt, and Hunter Burkhardt.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 5, 2025 at Frazer's Chapel with Reverend John Hamaker and Reverend Chris Barnes officiating. Burial in Prosperity Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Charles Cauley

Rev. Charles W. Cauley died December 31, 2024. He was preceded in death by parents Loys and Connie Yates Cauley.

Survivors include wife, Margaret Sharp Cauley; daughters Daphne Hargis and Beverly Cauley; son Randy Cauley; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Services were held January 4 at Frazer's Chapel.

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Herman Kitchel

Herman Lester Kitchel, age 80 of Warren died January 1, 2025 at



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The Woods in Monticello. He was born on May 23, 1944 in Bradley County.

Survivors include his son, Allen Kitchel; daughters, Jeannette Nichols, Stephanie Parnell, and Dorothy Ball.

Graveside was January 4, 2025 at Parker-Prospect Cemetery.

Carl Mitchell

Carl Mitchell, of Warren, died December 28, 2024, born to the late Joseph Lafayette and Ida Lillian Mitchell.

Surviving are sons, Barry Brent Mitchell (Elaine) and Joseph Carlton Mitchell (Ben) Bonner.

Funeral services were held

Tuesday, December 31 at Frazer's Chapel. Burial was in Graves Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Judy Savage

Judy Kay Savage 71, of Banks, died December 28, 2024. Born August 7, 1953.

Survivors: husband Terry Savage. Daughter Tracy Nichole Dupre. Daughter-in-law Aubree Gorman (Lance). Sister Linda Harrell (Patrick). Seven grandchildren. Two great-grandchildren.

Graveside was January 1, 2025 at Union Grove Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

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Recipe: Slow-cooked beef stew makes an ideal cold weather comfort food



and Peas" from Lines+Angles.

Crockpot Beef Stew With Potatoes and Peas

Makes 6 servings

- 2 pounds boneless stew beef
- 1 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 celery ribs, rinsed, trimmed and sliced
- 2 cloves of garlic, peeled and pressed
- 2 cups baby carrots, sliced
- 6 small new potatoes, rinsed and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 6 ounces tomato paste
- 4 cups beef broth
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
- 2 cups frozen peas

1. Rinse the beef under cold running water and pat completely dry with paper towels. Using a sharp knife, cut the beef into generous bite-size pieces.
 2. Combine the salt, pepper and flour. Place the cubed beef in a large resealable plastic storage bag. Add the seasoned flour and shake to thoroughly coat the beef with flour.
 3. Heat the oil in a heavy bottomed skillet over medium heat. Add the flour-coated beef and brown on all sides.
 4. Place browned beef in the crock pot. Add onions, celery, garlic, carrots, potatoes, tomato paste, beef broth, Worcestershire sauce, and parsley.
 5. Cook on low for 10 hours or on high for 6 to 7 hours. About 30 minutes before serving, add the frozen peas, cover and continue cooking for an additional 30 minutes.
 6. Ladle stew into individual serving bowls and serve.
- Tip: Cooking time may vary depending on age and size of crockpot.

The term "comfort food" can be used in reference to a host of dishes. Some see Mom's homecooking as the ultimate comfort food, while others may insist hearty dishes that fill the belly are the only true comfort foods.

Regardless of one's definition of comfort food, one characteristic many might agree about is that foods must

provide more than mere sustenance to qualify for entry into this wide-ranging category. Beef stew certainly fits that criteria, as many feel nothing is more comforting on a cold winter day than a warm bowl of slow-cooked stew. As winter settles in, those looking for some slow-cooked comfort can try this recipe for "Crockpot Beef Stew With Potatoes

Warren YMCA was kept warm by steam heat; the steam being generated in a coal-fired furnace on the first floor. This floor was also the home of the swimming pool and dressing rooms and a 2-lane bowling alley which was the only one in town, then. One of the better bowlers was the late H. E. Neeley. Carl J. E. Walsten of Southern Lumber Company, was another good one, as was Dr. Albert Turner Weiss, the optometrist. The Rev. Dr. Bruce C. Boney, Presbyterian pastor, was into this, too, and he loved to shoot pool in the back of Wayne's, a process somewhat shocking to the more-conservative members of the local religious coterie.

The second floor of the old Y had four pool tables, a meeting area, a reading area, a table tennis area, and the gymnasium, in which crack players like the late Deno Nichols learned to

author the fall-away jump shot. The ceiling was so low little arch could be put on the basketball. Garland Bryant, of another generation, used to shoot the same shot.

The third floor had a giant meeting room, kitchen, and a smaller meeting room. Emerson electric fans gently wafted the hot air back and forth as Rotarians and members of the lamented Y's Mens Club met. The Hi-Y and the Girl Reserves had their sessions in the South meeting room. Where did the name "Girl Reserves" come from? All wooden floors in the YMCA were coated with oil, to make sweepin' easier. All that oil could have been one of the reasons why the old building just exploded into flame that November night during World War II.

We learned the doleful news

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LEGALS

NOTICE
 Southeast Bradley County Water District Public Water Authority of the State of Arkansas will be having it's annual meeting for the public on Thursday, January 9, 2025; 6:00 pm in their board room located at 320 South Main Street, Hermitage, AR. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

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NOTICE

To whom it may concern,
 My family and I intend to place a mobile home at address 511 Beavers St. You own property within 200 ft. of this property therefore I am informing you of a Warren Planning Commission meeting to discuss this matter.

The meeting will be at 104 N. Myrtle in the Warren Municipal Building Court Room on January 27th at 5:30 pm.

If you would like to be present with any concerns you may have please be advised of the meeting. If you cannot be present you can send a letter with any comments to the Warren Building Codes Office before the meeting date to 104 N. Myrtle, P.O. Box 352 Warren, AR 71671 and your comments will be taken under advisement of the Planning Commission Meeting.

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NOTEBOOK

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up the Warren YMCA. Southern, Arkansas, and Bradley lumber companies built the original wooden YMCA building. The only metal in the place were braces to hold up the gym floor and to keep it from falling into the ice cold waters of the indoor swimming pool. The old building lasted 25 years until it provided Warren's most spectacular downtown fire, ever, only succeeded later, by the Sutherland Hotel Fire and the one that burned Hurley's plus Gannaway Drug in December of 1979.

My father ran the YMCA most of its life in that wooden building. Elmer C. Lane, retired lumberman now of Hattiesburg, Miss., had a room in the building, slept there, and kept the YMCA open on Friday nights.

Puzzle answers

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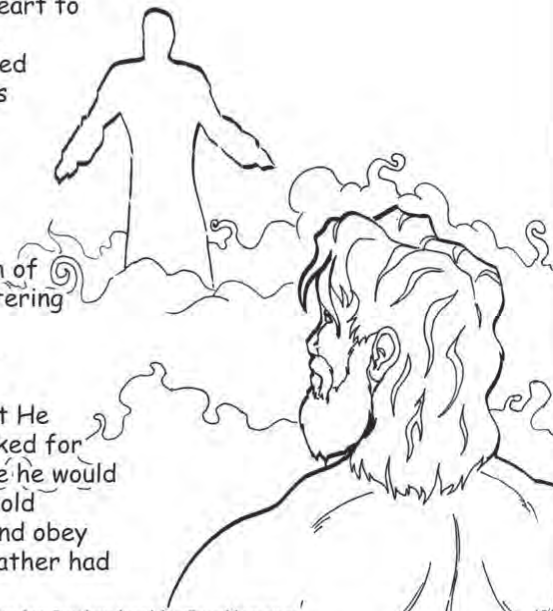
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Solomon: The Wise King
 I Kings 3

King Solomon was at Gibeon, the most important place of worship in the land, offering sacrifices to the Lord. The Lord appeared to him in a dream telling him to ask Him for whatever he wanted Him to give him.

King Solomon responded by asking that the Lord give him, the Lord's servant, a discerning heart to govern the Lord's people and to distinguish between right and wrong. Solomon then posed the question as to who is able to govern this great people of the Lord.

The Lord was pleased with King Solomon's request and told him that since he had asked for this and not for life or wealth for himself, nor had he asked for the death of his enemies but for discernment in administering justice that he would give him a wise and discerning heart so that there would never have been anyone like him, nor will there ever be. The Lord continued by saying that He would also give Solomon what he had not asked for both riches and honor so that in his lifetime he would have no equal among kings. The Lord then told Solomon that if he would walk in His ways and obey His statutes and commands as David your father had done then He would give him a long life.




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of the passing of the Rev. Vernon Colvin the other day. Mr. Colvin was from the Ingalls area. His brother, Tyrone, was killed, oldtimers will recall, in a car wreck long ago as he was en route to classes at Fayetteville. The Rev. Mr. Colvin had coped, for months, years, with The Bad

Disease. He remained cordial, friendly, upbeat, and concerned until the very end.

He was one of that vanishing breed: the visiting preacher. He was concerned about the members of his flock at Lighthouse Church and he went to see'em, faithfully. Vernon Colvin was a mover and shaker in the finest sense of the word.

Our friend, the Rev. Ecclesi-

asticus Nextdooricus has come and moved our firewood. We got gas logs to put in the two fireplaces we'd been using and gave the firewood to our friend/neighbor.

I ran into the Rev. Dr. John Pershing Miles, retired Methodist pastor and onetime friend the other day. Dr. Miles wanted to know how the Warren Methodist congregation was doing.

I was able to tell him, "just fine thanks, and then some." Those peopled called Methodists are fortunate the Bishops or somebody sent the Rev. Bill Leslie in their direction. So are we, his neighbors.

Mr. Leslie is one of those interesting and successful men of the cloth in a second career. We are told Mr. Leslie was in high school coaching when he decid-

ed to enter seminary for studies to become a pastor. The same thing applies to the elder son of Jim Cross, now with the hospital here. His son, in banking, entered seminary and became a full-fledged Methodist pastor this spring.

The Methodists, here, even had a second career man earlier in the Rev. Charles Ramsey, who was a member of the bar before

entering pastoral service. Young Mr. Cross married a Methodist preacher's daughter. They now have 3 little sons and he hopes the Methodist Bishops sends him to his own small church later this spring. His father, a chemical engineer by profession, married the lovely Glenda Powell Rotton, widow of our old friend, Buddy Rotton.

LIHEAP application opened Jan. 6 for winter utilities bill assistance

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Entergy Arkansas customers who need help paying their winter utility bills can apply now for up to \$475 in assistance through the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The program's regular assistance application period runs Jan. 6 through the end of March, officials said, or until funds are expended while crisis assistance applications will be accepted through April 30.

LIHEAP is a critical, life-saving program that targets and serves the most vulnerable households, including older Americans, individuals with disabilities, and families with young children. Many rely on fixed monthly incomes, meaning that their pay does not increase when the cost of heating and cooling their homes increases. LIHEAP recipients make heartbreaking choices every day between food, medicine, or utilities.

LIHEAP is designed to lower the energy burden by paying benefits for home energy bills for low-income households, who pay a higher proportion of

their income for home energy costs. The program is available during summer and winter, as heating and air units work harder and use more energy during extreme temperatures.

An online application is available for most Entergy Arkansas customers at www.get-liheap.com, but applications can also be made in person at local community-based organizations.

"Customers can quickly and easily complete the LIHEAP application and upload the required documents from a computer, tablet or smart phone," said Brandi Hinkle with Entergy Arkansas Corporate Social Responsibility. "We encourage family and friends to help those who might not be as tech-savvy to help expedite their applications when possible."

The Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment manages the LIHEAP program for electricity, natural gas and water, but applications for assistance must be made through a community-based organization. Customers can find their local community action agency online at www.adeq.state

.ar.us/, along with a complete list of eligibility and required documentation to complete the application.

Eligibility in Arkansas is determined by household size and income, which is 60 percent of state median income and 150 percent of Federal Poverty Level. For example, a single individual with a maximum monthly countable income of \$2,054 and a family of four with \$3,949 would both be eligible. Required documentation includes digital copies of a photo ID for the utility account holder, Social Security cards for all household members, proof of income, proof of residency and copies of the most recent utility bills. Once

approved for LIHEAP funding, agencies make a pledge on a customer's account for reconnection or to prevent disconnection.

About 45 percent of Entergy Arkansas customers are considered low-income households, meaning their total income is less than \$40,000 annually. Data also shows that one in five Arkansans faces food insecurity, as well as an inability to pay for other necessities.

"Entergy Arkansas is always seeking ways to help our customers and the LIHEAP program is an excellent resource to help during financial difficulty," Hinkle said. "The online application makes the process

faster to ensure your power stays on or can be reconnected if necessary, which is especially important when temperatures are low."

The most recent data from the National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition indicates that while more than 327,000 households were eligible for LIHEAP funds, only 66,407 received the funding because the \$41M in funding was exhausted. In Arkansas, 75 percent of those who did receive LIHEAP assistance had at least one vulnerable member: an elderly person, disabled individual or a child younger than 6.

Each year, representatives from utility companies includ-

ing Entergy Arkansas and local community action agencies come together as part of LIHEAP Action Days to advocate for those who are most in need and implore congress to adequately fund the program.

For additional ways to help with managing your Entergy Arkansas bill, such as Level Billing or Pick A Date, visit <https://www.entergy-arkansas.com/residential/>, where energy efficiency tips can also be found. A one-stop source for public benefits and other resources can also be found at our Singlestop, which provides recommendations for help with housing, jobs, education, and legal assistance based on location and eligibility.

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