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## Dreams that change history: Martin Luther King Jr.

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I have a dream. We've all heard the words that are associated with one of the most famous speeches in existence. Every January, we are reminded that on August 28, 1963, for 17 minutes, Martin Luther King Jr. spoke to an estimated 250,000 people. For 17 minutes, King expressed his deepest God-given desires to see equality and human rights for African Americans.

On January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, King was born into a world where inequality and infamous Jim Crow laws were a part of daily life. I'm not sure it's even correct to say that Jim Crow was just a PART of life. For King and other African Americans, Jim Crow was life. Just in case you've never heard of Jim Crow laws, I'll fill you in.

On December 6, 1865, the thirteenth Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery. I'm sure that there was a sense of hope in the air as African Americans saw the potential for a free future. However, fear, ignorance, and stupidity being what they are, someone somewhere found a loophole and decided to create Black Codes.

Before I get to Jim Crow, let me quickly elaborate on Black Codes. According to The History Channel, Black Codes were "restrictive laws designed to limit the freedom of African Americans and ensure their availability as a cheap labor force."

In 1896, in the court case Plessy vs. Ferguson, the term "Separate but Equal" was introduced, therefore creating the era of Jim Crow. Once again, instead of giving African Americans their rightful access to equality and human rights, they were given years of separation and barbaric treatment.

In the mid-1950s, King, a Baptist minister, started on his journey of leading the Civil Rights Movement. Many moments in his early life led to King becoming an advocate for equality, but

one that sticks out in my mind is the Montgomery bus boycott.

After Rosa Parks refused to give her seat to a white passenger, she was arrested for violating the city's segregation law. Activists formed the Montgomery Improvement Association to boycott the entire transit system. It was then that King was chosen as the leader.

During his years in the spotlight, King gave many speeches, but of course, the one we all remember is just simply titled the "I Have a Dream" speech.

I have listened to the speech and read the transcript, and let me tell you, it is beautifully written. Stunning adjectives pad the sentences like ornaments on a Christmas tree. Larger words take the place of everyday speech.

"When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men—yes, black men as well as white men—would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

The words above are just one stunning example of the words spoken by King that day.

However, when most people write in the same manner in which King created his speech, it's to make themselves appear smarter. But that wasn't King's intention at all. He wrote the way he did because he meant every word. He knew that change needed to take place, and his desire for peace and equality came through in his speech composition.

As King stood before the multitude of people, you could hear the passion and sincerity of what he was saying. A minute or so later, King said, "America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned," and I cannot help but think that no truer



words have been spoken!

In his speech, King didn't speak those famous words, only referring to one dream. King echoed those words six times, and each time, he spoke of something he hoped would come to pass.

I recently asked three women of color from three different generations what Martin Luther King, Jr. meant to them, and what I got was beautiful and insightful.

"When I think of Martin, I think of a brave young man," Curtisteen Stanley said. "He was determined to see his people be able to experience abundance and equality. I see him as a man who was a selfless person. He was always thinking about other people, especially his people. He wanted us to be able to go in the front door instead of the back

door. He wanted the people of this nation to treat us with kindness and compassion, to treat us the way the Lord wants us to be treated. In spite of having a family and young children, he was willing to put his life on the line for others, and I'll just say it, for black people all across this nation."

I then asked Stanley if she remembered where she was when King was assassinated.

"I was living in Chicago with my husband," Stanley recalled. "There was all kinds of looting and rioting. My husband was out when all of that happened. He got put in jail because they thought he was rioting, but he was just on his way home. He was told to run, but he said, 'If I run, they'll shoot me in the back,' so he stayed where he was, and they arrested him. They took

him to jail, and it was days before they let him out."

LaReina Grundy, who would be considered a Xyennial, was kind enough to talk to me as well.

"Because of what he did and his bravery and leadership, he was able to get people to come together and fight for more than what we had then," Grundy said thoughtfully. "Because of his legacy, I'm able to sit with my best friend every MLK day. I can eat lunch with her. She's white, and I'm black, and she's my longest friend. Because of what he did, we are able to sit down and break bread together and be friends."

Kenyetta Dodds, who is 18 and a senior in high school was the next person I talked to.

"We're not segregated anymore because of him," Dodds said. "We can eat together, go to each other's houses and be

friends. We can go to church together, all because of what Martin did. I feel like it's such an impactful thing that people forget about. Even though he's not alive, what he wanted was accomplished. I feel like if he was alive today, he would be proud because we can all be together."

The impact of King's words still rings true today. Although his life ended prematurely in a senseless act of violence, his actions and words continue to make an impact. Ask anyone in the African-American community what King means to them, and you will receive honest, passionate answers. While the world isn't perfect, and there are many things that we all need to work on, the fact is Martin Luther King Jr. changed the world. He made a difference that won't soon be forgotten.

### BCMC EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



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Beverly Rauls, who handles Payroll for Bradley County Medical Center, has been named the Employee of the Month for January. Her nomination stated, "Beverly has been working day and night, weekdays and weekends, and even while being sick to make sure this UKG transition works out for everyone. I do not believe anyone else in her position would have worked so tirelessly to get other people paid correctly and on time. We are truly blessed to have her at BCMC." Congratulations to Beverly!

## Sixty-ninth annual Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival 2025 T-Shirt design contest

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival Committee is accepting submissions for the 2025 sixty-ninth annual Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival T-shirt design contest. The winning entry will be used as the official design to be printed on the 2025 T-shirt, and/or on souvenirs, posters, brochures, and other media used to publicize the 2025 festival. All sales will go to the Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival and the winner's original artwork remains the property of BCPTF. Incorporation of elements representing the rich heritage of the festival are encouraged.

Judging: three finalists will be selected from all entries. The winner will be selected from the top three finalists. Contest winner will be notified by letter or email.

Award: winning artist will receive: \$200 and the first t-shirt of the 2025 festival.

Entry Deadline: Friday, February 28, 2025 at 4 p.m.


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When I speak of the church, Methodist, Presbyterian, I'm not talking about the Assemblies of God, Baptist, Catholic or Independent. I'm speaking of those who have

accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Heaven is going to be filled with people from every denominational background.

Friends, we need a revival in this hour. I believe revival is God's will for today. When I speak of revival, I'm not talking about a series of meetings or services. I'm speaking of spiritual awakening inside the church. Someone told me

the other day, "You sound a little old fashioned." I admit it, I am. Coca Cola does taste better in a little green glass bottle than it does in an aluminum can.

What's keeping revival out of the church? Sin. Sin separated people from God and keeps revival out of the church. What is sin? (James 4:17) tells us, "Therefore him that knoweth to do good, it

doeth it not, to him it is sin." What will it take to have a revival in this hour? "Hate the evil, and love the good, establish judgement in the gate." (Amos 5:15) It's time to get into the Bible, the word of God, and let the Bible get into us. It's time for God's people to become sin haters.

We need a revival church. God's standard has not changed. Let's get our eyes

open. It's time to turn off the HBO, the MTV and turn back to God. It's time to take God's word and draw a line. It's time we the people of God stand up for what is right.

Revival is not a luxury, but a necessity. I owe my spiritual life to revival. Perhaps you do too. Let's ask God, together to "revive us again." (Psalms 85:6)

**BRUNSON ELEMENTARY GEOGRAPHY BEE**



Photo courtesy of Warren School District

Congrats to the winners of the Brunson Elementary Geography Bee. Brock Morgan took home gold with first place, Maggie Tillman captured the silver with second place, and Bennett Hogue slid in third with the bronze!

**LUMBERJACK BAND STUDENTS PERFORM AT HONOR BAND CLINIC**



Photo courtesy of Warren School District

Five students from the Lumberjack band were selected to perform at the Four States honor band clinic that took place Thursday, January 16-Saturday, January 18. Congratulations to: Jackson Bratton-bari saxophone, Joshua Myers-trumpet, Javier Garcia-clarinete, Damien Vironche-trombone, J'Ciana Strong-trumpet.

**Bradley County Sheriff's Department find drugs and firearms during search**

**SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE**

On January 15, 2025, Bradley County Sheriff's Department and the Tenth District Drug Task Force executed a search warrant in Banks. During the execution of the warrant deputies and agents located bags of cocaine, numerous Adderall pills, suspected Kratom pills, digital scales, numerous bags of

marijuana, over 2500 marijuana seeds/plants with an indoor grow house, suspected ecstasy pills, and two firearms. Located at the residence and arrested was Antonio Collins on the charges of Simultaneous Possession of Drugs and Firearms, Possession of Firearms by Certain Person, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Schedule 1, Possession

of Schedule 2 with Purpose to Deliver, Possession of Schedule 1 with Purpose to Deliver, Possession of Marijuana with Purpose

to Deliver, Manufacturing Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Collins is being held awaiting a first appearance.

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BUSINESSES OF WARREN, ARKANSAS**

Once again it is time for local businesses to pay the Warren City Privilege License. Statements will be coming out soon, but you can come to the City Clerk's office anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. All privilege license fees are due by March 1, 2025. If not paid by due date, a 10% fee will be added for each month not paid. If you have already paid the privilege license fee, thank you, if you receive another statement in the mail and have paid, please ignore but make sure all business info is correct with the City Clerk.

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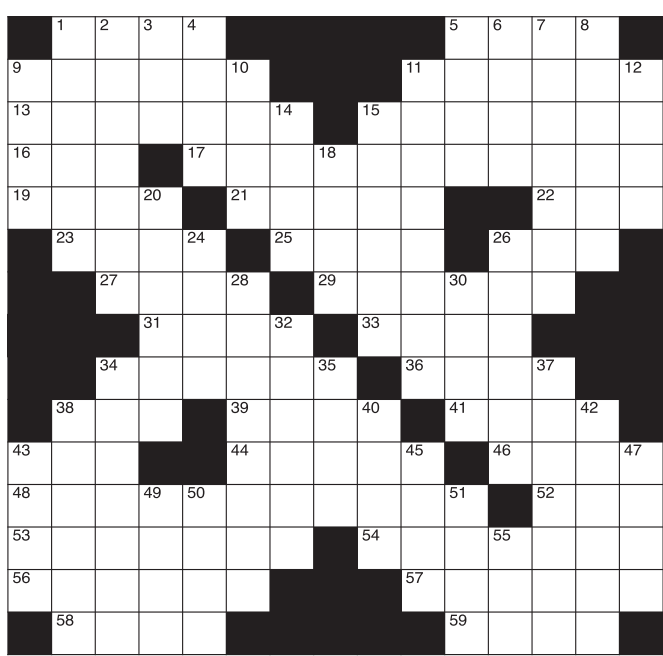
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- 5. Partner to relaxation
- 9. Mixing
- 11. Winged nut
- 13. Expression of blame
- 15. Vast ocean
- 16. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 17. Multiply
- 19. Meat from a pig (French)
- 21. Related
- 22. Rocker Stewart
- 23. Surprise completely
- 25. Loon
- 26. Canister
- 27. Large, deep-bodied fish
- 29. Takes forcefully
- 31. Oil cartel
- 33. Palmer and Hepburn are two
- 34. More than one
- 36. Places down purposefully
- 38. Pitching statistic
- 39. Type of sword
- 41. Witnesses
- 43. Body part
- 44. Mixes slowly
- 46. Satisfy
- 48. Strong belief
- 52. One's physique (slang)
- 53. More frightening
- 54. Soup cracker
- 56. Teaches
- 57. One who carries something
- 58. Actor Sean
- 59. Changes

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. \_\_\_ Aires, city
- 2. Coarse grass
- 3. Type of gene
- 4. Door handle
- 5. Competition
- 6. Muslim ruler title
- 7. Hunting expeditions
- 8. Large mollusk
- 9. Bind securely
- 10. Former U.S. presidential candidate
- 11. 2-point plays in football
- 12. Breezed through
- 14. Type setting
- 15. Felt for
- 18. Codified rules
- 20. Small dome
- 24. Chevrotaian
- 26. Male reproductive gland
- 28. Controversial beliefs
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. One who confines another
- 34. Bishop
- 35. Garlands
- 37. Bird that flies by the coast
- 38. Optical device
- 40. Greek goddess of discord
- 42. Some are "Rolling"
- 43. Formerly (archaic)
- 45. Thrust a knife into
- 47. German river
- 49. Atomic #26
- 50. Make a grotesque face
- 51. Primordial matter of the universe
- 55. Chinese philosophical principle

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- PACKRAT
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- REPURPOSE
- SEQUENCING
- SORTING
- SYSTEM
- TIDYING
- VERTICAL SPACE

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

**Answers can be found on Page 6**

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Clue: Divided into categories

**B. 5 18 5 1 7 9**

Clue: Way of doing things

**C. 1 22 16 18**

Clue: Neat

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Clue: Scattered items

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# Editorial

## Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw  
Ark. State Representative



With committees ready to hear bills and legislative priorities taking shape, the 2025 Regular Session is off to a productive start.

Several House committees held their organizational meetings this week. These committees are now prepared to begin reviewing and debating the over 170 bills that have been filed in the House so far.

Among the early legislative actions, the House passed HB1056, a bill to establish a Joint Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs. This new committee will consist of 12 House members and 8 Senate members from the Senate State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee. It will focus on ongoing studies related to military and veterans' issues, a critical area currently handled by the House Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs Committee. A resolution is expected soon to rename that committee to reflect its shifting responsibilities.

Earlier in the week, the Governor addressed the 95th General Assembly and outlined her legislative agenda. A centerpiece of her plan is the Arkansas ACCESS initiative, which aims to expand access to higher education and non-degree credentials for Arkansans. She also proposed eliminating the state grocery tax, using revenue from medical marijuana sales to fund free school breakfasts for all Arkansas students, and enacting legislation to ban cell phone use in schools. In addition, the Governor announced plans to update the Social Media Safety Act to ensure its enforceability and expand the Communist China Defense Act, which would involve divesting state resources from China and banning adversaries from purchasing land near critical infrastructure like military bases and electric substations.

The week began with House members sworn into office on Monday and the election of Representative Brian S. Evans of Cabot as Speaker of the House for the 95th General Assembly. Following his election, Speaker Evans announced his committee chairmanships and leadership appointments, which are now available on the House website at arkansashouse.org.

As the first week concludes, the House looks ahead to a busy session. The House will reconvene on Tuesday, January 21, at 1:30 p.m., after observing Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Promises, pocketbooks, and prayers—oh my!

By JOANNA POOLE  
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Well, here we are. Donald J. Trump is our forty-seventh president. Some said it would never happen and others swore by it. This is the first inauguration in a while that I actually remembered to watch.

As politicians do, President Trump promised quite a few things. I think I'm most excited about what will make life easier on my pocketbook. Did I just use the word pocketbook even though I'm only 44? Yes...yes I did. Why? It felt right.

Back to what I was saying dear reader. Promises were made, hands were clapped, the smell of hope permeated the air. However, as I was watching, I took note of a few things, aside from the number of promises made.

"I will very simply put America first," Trump said.

Is it just me, or does that seem like that's what should've been happening all along? Imagine it, the president of a country puts their own country first. Now that's a crazy thought! In all seriousness, America needs to be put first. I know we have a history of helping other countries in times of trouble. But it's like the whole "put your own oxygen mask on first if your plane is going down" scenario. Let's get America back on track.

"From this moment on, America's decline is over," Trump promised.

Please let that be true! I think everyone is questioning how much more decline they can take. Everyone talks about the grocery prices and the gas pumps, but that's because we see those numbers every single day. Hey remember when gas was \$1.25 a gallon and milk was \$1.98? There I go again sounding my age. But come on! We all miss those days. Will they ever go back to that? Not likely.

During his inaugural address, President Trump called for a revolution of common sense. My first thought when I heard that was, 'It's about time.' Lately common sense is a commodity that is in high demand but low supply. And I'm not talking about kids. I always say that a child's common sense doesn't fully grow in until their mid-20s (if then). But when adults don't have the common sense that is needed to run a country that sits at super-power status, we have a problem. We get sleepy politicians whose terms in office and salaries need to be cut by at least half.

"With your help, we will restore the greatest nation," Trump said.

How can you help? Let's compare the state of our nation to a hoarder's home: messy, unorganized, and overflowing with political trash. You start by picking up one thing at a time. Grab the stack of magazines from ten years ago and toss them in the trash. They're doing no one any good. They're old, smelly, and taking up space. Wash, rinse, repeat...in other words keep throwing out the things that are useless. After some time, you will start to see a difference.

But one of the best things you can do, even if Trump isn't "your president" is pray for him. It's probably the easiest thing as well. Just a few words that can make a huge difference.

Well friends, here's to the next four years and a stronger America!



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

The 2025 legislative session got off to a fast start. By the end of the session's third day more than 200 bills had been introduced.

In November the governor presented a balanced budget plan for the upcoming fiscal year. The legislature's Joint Budget Committee has already begun working on a detailed review of every spending request by state agencies, and on a comprehensive new pay plan for state employees proposed by the governor.

During opening ceremonies, the governor outlined a list of legislative priorities that are not budget bills.

She proposed improving access to state-supported institutions of higher education, through a plan called Arkansas ACCESS. If adopted, students will fill out one application and pay a single fee. The student will be able to send that application to every four-year university and two-year college in the state.

Another priority of the governor's will be to make it easier to fire tenured professors who indoctrinate students instead of educating them. Also, in order to make higher education more affordable, the governor proposes "funding college credits while students are still in high school." More scholarships will be available for students earning associate's degrees and certificates that are not designated as a degree.

At the request of the governor, legislators will work on changes to the higher education funding formula.

The governor proposed using revenue from taxes on medical marijuana to pay for a summer program that will help families with children who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. Those families typically struggle during summer months because the children are not getting lunch at school.

The governor told legislators that the same source of revenue could be used to make school breakfast completely free.

A related proposal would protect people and businesses from liability if they donate food to hunger relief programs. Restaurants should not have to worry about ending up in court if they donate excess food to a food pantry, she said. Her proposed legislation will be called the Good Neighbor Act.

The governor mentioned her proposal to seek authority from the federal government to require that food stamps be used only for healthy and nu-

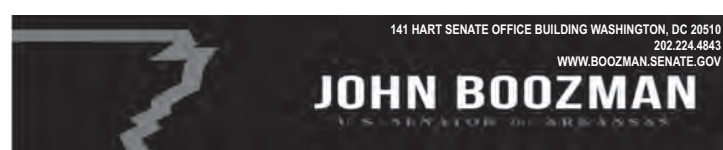
tritious food, rather than junk food. Another proposal would encourage schools to purchase food from local farmers and businesses.

Legislators will consider a proposal to ban cell phones in schools throughout the day. Suicide rates among teenagers have risen dramatically and the culprit is clear, the governor said. It is unrestricted access to phones and social media.

A related bill, titled the Social Media Safety Act, would enable parents to sue social media companies in state court.

The governor proposed legislation allowing property owners to more easily evict squatters from their land, by calling their local sheriff.

Expanding access to Medicaid for pregnant women will be considered this year, as will legislation to pay for an additional prison unit.



The 119th Congress is officially underway and we have a big agenda to tackle to help Arkansas and the rest of our country succeed.

In the U.S. Senate, new Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) has laid out an ambitious schedule, at a swift pace, to accomplish what the American people expected when they handed Republicans the majority last November. He plans to hold the chamber in session for 173 days in 2025, nearly an entire month more than the average of the last two years, beginning with 10 straight weeks that will feature a flurry of work to confirm presidential nominees and move significant legislation through committees and the floor.

This is a meaningful step to turn the page on the Biden administration and get the nation back on the right track.

The economy, border security, energy independence and tax relief are all major issues that require the policy solutions my Senate Republican colleagues and I have repeatedly touted. We will work hard to enact them now that voters have given us the opportunity.

As we all know, inflation raged in the Biden economy and his policies only poured more gasoline on the fire. The cumulative inflation rate for his presidency was a crushing 20.6 percent. During that time, a typical American family has paid over \$13,000 more per year to enjoy the same standard of living they knew in January 2021. The tax-and-spending spree championed by the other side of the aisle, and their refusal to ease burdensome regulations that stifled growth, were incredibly costly.

Fortunately, those days are over.

Now we are poised to bring relief to the country, not just through a new agenda. We also have a runway to advance the successful tax policies from the first Trump administration that are set to expire this year. By doing so, we can prevent the largest tax hike on Americans in our history: over \$1,300 for the typical American family, according to a 2024 Tax Foundation report.

Securing our border is also a top priority after radical, far-left policies allowed for 10.5 million migrant encounters along

the southwest border, including almost 2 million known got-aways and hundreds of encounters with individuals on the terror watchlist. The crisis and chaos of this open-border scheme were entirely predictable, and Republicans will work with the Trump administration to reverse it and protect our communities.

Delivering energy dominance is another important objective for this Congress. The last administration made it a mission to obstruct domestic energy production - canceling the Keystone XL pipeline, banning drilling in ANWR, reviving the so-called clean power plan and pausing permits for liquefied natural gas export facilities. The

results were higher energy prices, including nearly 30 percent higher costs for gasoline and electricity that squeezed everyday Americans and our businesses.

These and other significant items like passing a new five-year Farm Bill to support our farmers, ranchers and rural communities, and bolstering our national defense are key pillars that Senate Republicans will pursue in the days ahead.

It is time to get to work, pursuing bipartisan solutions whenever possible or delivering relief in spite of obstruction when necessary.

I look forward to getting these tasks done on behalf of Arkansans who expect and deserve it.

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# Obituaries

## Gwendolyn Ederington

Gwendolyn Marie Sinks Ederington, age 84, of Benton, formerly of Banks, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at Southern Trace Nursing Home in Bryant. Gwen was born on July 18, 1940 in Warren, a daughter of the late Douglas Sinks and Ivonette Sinks. She is also preceded in death by a grandson, Jim Doug Ederington.

Gwen was an employee at Warren Bank and Trust for 41 years; her grace and presence in the bank lead her to friendships that have lasted a lifetime. She was a longtime member of Hermitage Baptist Church and she attended Warren Public Schools.

Survivors include her husband, James W. Ederington of Benton, formerly of Banks, whom she married on October 13, 1956; two sons, Jim Ederington (Pam) of Hermitage, and Todd Ederington (Karen) of Bryant; grandchildren, Kaley Price (Cameron) of Bryant,

and Justin Jackson of Raleigh, N.C.; great-grandchild, Aiden Jackson; sisters, Sue Hale and (Dr. N. Patrick Hale) of St. Augustine, Fla., and Joy Laney (Gary) of Searcy; six nephews and two nieces along with a host of friends.

Gwen will be missed by all those who knew, respected, and adored her. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, and mamaw who dedicated her life to serving the Lord and her loved ones.

Funeral service was held 2 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at Frazer's Chapel. Burial was in Holly Springs Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. Memorials preferred to Holly Springs Cemetery Association, C/O Hugh Allen Quimby 322 Bradley Road 32, Warren, Ark. 71671.

(Paid obituary)

## Morris Byrd

Morris Will Byrd, of Pansy born May 27, 1938 to the late Polk and Geraldine Byrd, died January 14, 2025.

He is survived by his wife, Almareda Reep Byrd; daughters, Diann Nowlen and Necie Reed.

Funeral was January 17 at Frazer's. Burial in Enon Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

## Randall Noble

Randall Wade Noble, "Randy", age 51, of New Edinburg died January 17, 2025; born on February 28, 1973 in Warren to Cecil Noble and Virginia Carter.

Funeral was January 20, 2025 at Frazer's Funeral Home. Burial was in Shady Grove Cemetery in New Edinburg by Frazer's Funeral Home.

## Nell Reaves

Nell Rose Bryant Reaves, 82, of Warren, died January 11. Born to Hermon Obidiah and Vonnice Corinne Bryant on September 3, 1942.

She is survived by son, Darren Hugh Reaves; daughters Mandy Reaves Morton, and

Kim Reaves Menchaca.

Graveside was January 16, 2025 at Reaves Family by Frazer's.

## Glenda Stone

Glenda Gorman Stone died January 14, 2025. A daughter of the late Clary and Cleo DuBose Gorman. Preceding her in death was her husband, Frank Stone.

Survivors include children, Skipper (Jean Marie) Stone and Ashley Stone (Bill) Rowe; a brother; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were January 18 at Frazer's.

# LEGALS

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## Oldtimer's Notebook

The publishers of The Eagle Democrat have chosen to publish articles from the past Oldtimer's Notebook in memory of Robert L. Newton. This article was first published Sept. 17, 2003.

As the result of a fall six months ago, the onetime country editor has been "down in the back" for six months. One of the goodly bone specialists in the city of the healing springs suggested I have one of these MRI things so we arose at dawn the other morning and reported for the process. The man runnin' the machine looked vaguely-familiar. Here comes the small world department again.

He was the son of Lillie Belle (Tot) McCain Parker of Malvern and husband, Floyd. "Tot" worked at Martin's for years, only to be replaced by her late niece, Lois McCain Proffitt. Mrs. R. F. Crawford was the machine operator's mother's sister. The Crawfords built the house on the Pine Bluff road long occupied by the late Louis Ederingtons. Kids in our group remember Lois McCain's saintly mother, Emma White McCain, who had the perpetual open house for us at their apartment at Pine and Walnut Streets. Miss Emma just knew how to treat kids. Yes, it's a small world after all.

Cliff Morgan is two years away from retirement with the library system in Memphis. Like me, he still remembers the springtime when the touring Metropolitan Opera came to town for two or three performances.

The late Dr. Merl Crow usually led a Warren delegation to Memphis for the performances. We took three daughters to one of the final four appearances almost 20 years ago for performances of "LaBoheme" and "Macbeth." The girls 14, 20, 22, all slept in one king-size bed since that was the only space we could find in the hotel. The fourth daughter wouldn't go.

My daughter Carrie and I were standing at an elevator at the Peabody when the door opened and the machine disgorged the impressive presence of the Met tenor Luciano Pavarotti: "Mr. Pavarotti," I stammered, "this is my daughter, Carrie."

"Chao, Carrie," he said, and went off to be Rudolfo in "Boheme."

Our hearts burned within us. My friend James Pennington and I rode bikes in 1942 delivering the lamented Arkansas Democrat, the workin' man's afternoon newspaper. James' route covered Southwest Warren. He recalls riding past that Rosenwald School, mentioned here last week, presided over by Mrs. Rachel Elliott and her corps of teachers.

Now things are all different. We cheer the Lumberjacks on

Friday night, half minority and half majority: everybody has the same books, the same chances. Mrs. Elliott and her colleagues would have approved.

As for James Pennington, he's among the honorably retired, as am I, he from the WHS Class of 1945, which makes him 76 and Deo Volente, I will be 74 in eight days. Times goes by fast when you're havin' fun.

That most-polished of Methodist divines, the Rev. Seig Johnson lost two of his best in recent days in Bobbie Key Montgomery and Aubert Reynolds. Successful merchant, churchman, civic booster, sportsman, leader in just about everything, Aubert Reynolds was super-selfless, to wit in the 30s, he had a Hudson car, he'd carry half the Warren

baseball team to a playing site, then go back and get the other half.

He worked briefly for the George Hestand Grocery concern in Pine Bluff. He won the Silver Star for bravery in Europe in World War II but his soul was always in Warren. That was just Aubert. They just don't make any more like him.

As for Bobbie Montgomery, she taught at Eastside almost 40 years, won the Gray-Weiss award for her labors with the kids. She was a great teacher, but she was more than that. She was Mother Confessor to young women in the teaching profession who needed guidance and help not only in the classroom but elsewhere. She particularly provided this loving attention to

a young teacher who used to live at my house.

Still another unique person in Warren life is gone now in the departure of Miss Peggy J. Johnson. Miss Johnson, only daughter of Polly and Vester Johnson, made herself a huge reputation as volleyball coach for women at Ste. Genevieve, Mo., but she had a ghastly, crippling stroke a number of years ago that left her without the ability to speak. She remained in Missouri until her death several days ago. She rests at Oakland Cemetery.

Friends will remember Peggy

Johnson was some kind of golfer. She could hit a golf ball two miles.

Well, the cast in Warren life ever changes.

And the bad news continues. We heard Pat Ballentine, the automobile merchant, has had a stroke and has been taken to Little Rock for treatment.

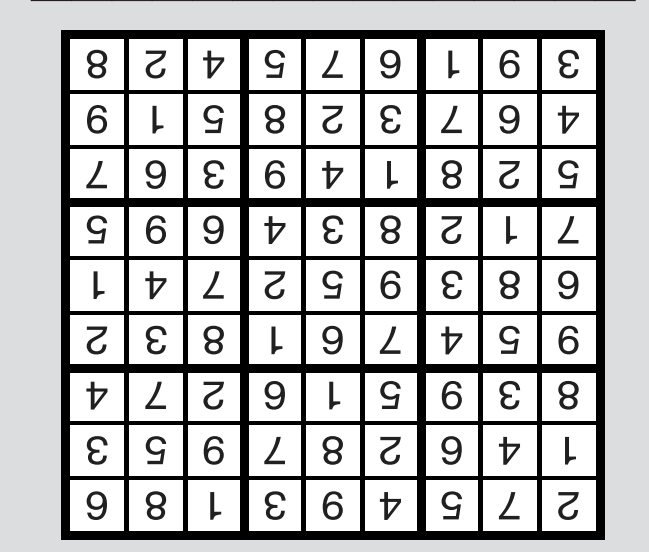
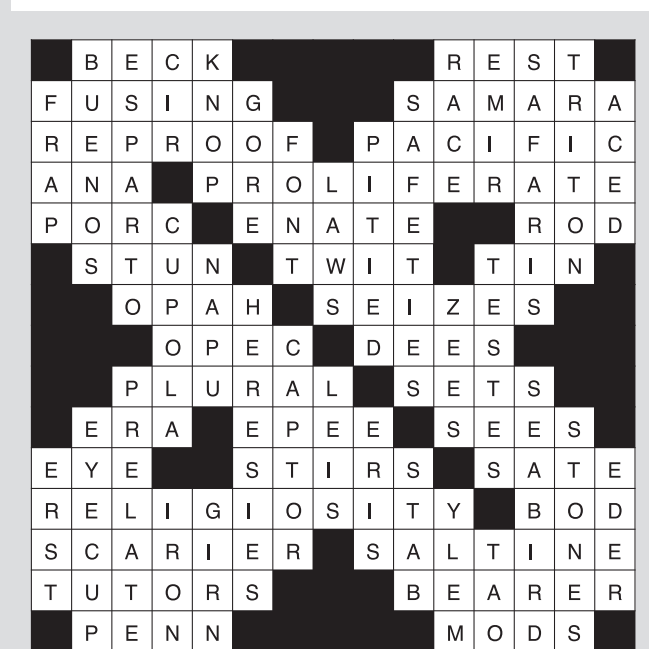
This from Prof. Travis Martin Adams, retired vice-president of Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, of the WHS Class of 1951:

"Your comments about your mother, one of my seventh-grade

teachers, brought to mind that I had written to you about your father, but have not mentioned, I don't think, your mother's influence on me and probably others. I had her class first period in the morning and she was always bright and cheery. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a verse, or perhaps a few verses, of scripture, and then went into the day's work. Your mother always had control of the class, but with an easy, pleasant voice. She often started out with some-

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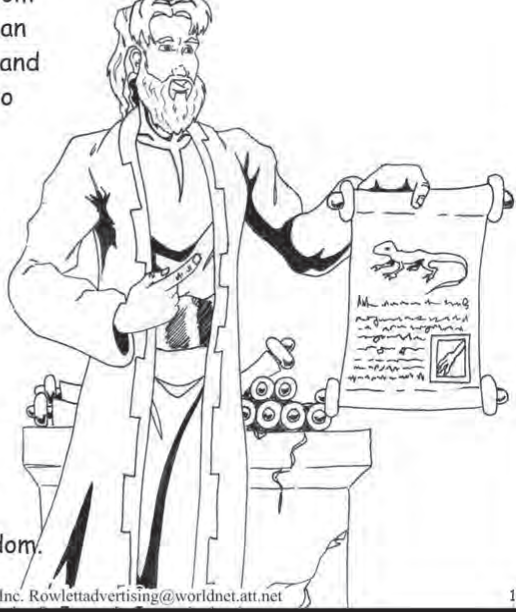
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 King Solomon's Wisdom  
 I Kings 4:29-34

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