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Warren High School's Tramond Miller and Neon'dre Thomas commit to UAM on Signing Day

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On Wednesday, February 5, Warren High School celebrated a momentous occasion as seniors, Tramond Miller and Neon'dre Thomas officially declared their commitments to play football for the University of Arkansas Monticello Boll Weevils. Surrounded by family, friends, coaches, and fellow athletes, Miller and Thomas signed their football scholarship papers in a ceremony that highlighted their hard work, dedication, and bright futures that lie ahead.

Head football coach, Bo Hembree started the ceremony by welcoming everyone and talking a little about both players.

"Neon'dre has come a long way," Hembree said. "The last few years, he has grown up a lot

and we're really proud of him."

Following Hembree's statement, he then moved on to talk about Miller.

"Tramond really had a great year this year," Hembree said. "It was really fun to watch him play and grow."

The signing ceremony was filled with excitement as both players, made official announcements. Thomas signed first followed by Miller.

"My family and I have decided to further my education at UAM for the next four years," Thomas said, as the room erupted with cheers and applause from those in attendance.

Following Thomas's statement, Miller then spoke to the crowd as he signed paperwork sealing his commitment to UAM.

"For the next four years, my family and I have decided to



Tramond Miller is shown on the left and Neon'dre Thomas is shown on the right.

further my education at UAM," Miller said.

Again, cheers and applause could be heard following Miller's announcement.

Thomas and Miller's commitments to UAM mark exciting

new chapters in their athletic journeys.

As the players prepare to take their games to the next level, their coaches and teammates are confident that they will continue to thrive. For Miller and



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Thomas, their commitment is not just a personal achievement, but a reflection of the hard work and support from their family, coaches, and community. As they embark on their journey to UAM, they carry the pride and

legacy of Warren High School, ready to make their marks on UAM's football program.

With the signing complete, the players now turn their focus to the next chapter in their football career.

Hermitage School District announces Boys and Girls State delegates



Photo courtesy of Hermitage School District

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Alayjah Strong and Sarah Huitt will represent Hermitage High School at Arkansas Girls State May 25 - May 30, 2025, at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. Strong is the daughter of Ashley Edington and Roderrick Strong. Huitt is the daughter of Matt and Leslie Huitt. Arkansas Girls State delegates are chosen based on the following qualifications: leadership, character and honesty, scholarship, cooperativeness, community participation, and service.

Arkansas Girls State is a program designed to provide citizenship training for young women of high school age; af-

ford them an opportunity to live together in fictional cities and counties as self-governing citizens; inform them about the duties, privileges, and participation in the functioning of their government; and help them grasp the meaning of some of the responsibilities which they must assume when they become adults. A special thanks to John Little and the American Legion of Warren for sponsoring Strong and Huitt to attend Arkansas Girls State.

Jaden Sosa and Kelby Robertson will represent Hermitage High School at Arkansas Boys State May 25 - 30, 2025, at the

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Photo courtesy of Hermitage School District

Steven Smith honored with BCMC's DAISY Award

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Steven Smith, RN, earned the latest DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses® in a ceremony at Bradley County Medical Center Wednesday morning. This award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize the extraordinary, compassionate nursing care they provide patients and families every day.

Smith is a nurse in BCMC's Emergency Department and has been with the hospital for more than 30 years. He received two nominations during the voting period. One nomination was straight to the point calling him a great guy that provided good service along with being caring and a great listener.

The other nomination stated, "He always goes above and

beyond for his patients, never treating them with bias or stereotypes. Patients come in asking for him by name."

The nomination continued by talking about his kindness towards colleagues, students, and new nurses. The nomination concluded with, "He deserves to be recognized for all of the things he has done and continues to do for this hospital and this community."

In honor of winning the award, he received a certificate commending him for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." Additionally, Smith was given a beautiful

and meaningful sculpture called "A Healer's Touch," hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa.

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients

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Photo courtesy of Dennen Cuthbertson

BCMC partners with In-House Medical for Emergency Department physicians

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Bradley County Medical Center is excited to announce the hospital has partnered with In-House Medical to transition the staffing of Emergency Department physicians from an outsourced contract management group to more local control from BCMC.

The doctors in the BCMC Emergency Department will now be official hospital staff as

opposed to a contracted company that would send a rotation of physicians to our hospital. In-House Medical will assist Bradley County Medical Center with recruitment, scheduling, and other managerial aspects by integrating their services into the fabric of BCMC instead of the other way around.

One of the major criticisms of emergency room visits nationwide is not feeling like they

know the doctors and a lack of compassion. This new system of employing Emergency Department physicians will aim to solve these complaints. Another issue is camaraderie with the nurses and other members of the ER staff that is hard to maintain with ever-changing doctors. This will bring some stability to the department.

According to BCMC's CEO/CFO, Leslie Huitt, "The mis-

sion of BCMC is to provide superior care to every patient, every time. We strive every day to achieve this mission. We feel this move will help up us accomplish this goal."

Several doctors have already opted in to this model including known faces around the community, Dr. Bradley Biggers and Dr. Michelle Weaver. Others include Dr. Taylor Dilday, Dr. Nasir Zareen, Dr. Khaled

Hassan, Dr. Leisa Spence, Dr. Raquel Rivera-Cruz, Dr. Madhulika Krish, and Dr. Patrick Mbawuike. There have already been compliments from this group on this new model.

These physicians are ones who want to work at BCMC and provide healthcare for our community instead of just being assigned to our hospital.

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LISTEN CLOSELY FOR THE ‘ENEMIES’ OF THE SOUL

The faith of our fathers is under attack! Our spiritual heritage has been invaded by a Trojan horse, which simply means, sadly, the main brunt of the attack comes from within the house-

hold of believers. The “itching ears” phrase struck home to me not long ago while visiting. The family I was calling on owns a very large bull dog. The dog does not miss 100

pounds by much — a huge white mass of quivering muscles and very sharp teeth. The sight of the creature charging you will cause you to confess every sin ever committed in the history of man. What people doesn’t know is that this dog is really a pussycat. If you will scratch behind her ears, the dog will help you loot the house. During my visit, I began scratching behind the dog’s ears, she closed her eyes, nodded her head and was quickly mesmerized into never-never land. The moment I took my hand from the ears, the eyes opened, a whine came out of her mouth and her desires were made clear: “Scratch my ears!” My goodness, there are a lot of people attending church who go through the same routine. “Scratch my ears, Reverend!” If you do so, they become quiet, peaceful and affectionate. If a burglar — the enemy of their soul —comes comes through the window and you stop scratching the ears in order to challenge the intruder, the “itching ears” tells you quickly that if you won’t take care of his ears, there are all kinds of preachers and churches that will. “Never mind the danger, Pastor, just scratch my

ears!” The Bible speaks of this: “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn their ears away from the truth, and shall be turned into fables” (2 Timothy 4:3, 4). This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: From Such turn Away” (2 Timothy 3:1-5). There can be no question, we are living in the last days. The old fashioned gospel message of Jesus Christ is not very popular in many circles. The faith of our fathers has never suffered as much of an attack as right now. Where do you find yourself today? Keeping the faith or having “itching ears?”

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 May 20, 1998.

Unless you are just plain deaf here in Bradley County, you’ll know for sure that this is the “year of the locust.” When we first heard that high, humming sound the other day, we thought one of the hospital’s air conditioners had burned out a bearing or something. We hear, however, the noise comes from uncounted thousands of locusts rubbing their back legs against their wings, thus producing the sound. The encyclopedia says locusts can migrate from Canada to South Texas, sometimes in giant swarms that blot out the sun. I just wish this year’s bunch’d go someplace rather than Pennington Township. It makes you think you’re hearing voices, maybe.

Got a nice note from Sarah Chenault of Roland, which is west of Little Rock, the other day. Sarah is one of four kids of the late Rufus Starr Meeks who lived to adulthood. Sarah advises that Uncle Buddy and Miss Mary Lema had five other children who didn’t make it out of their early years. Sarah and

her elder sister, Mary Baldwin Hankins, of Little Rock, survive now. Miss Martha Meek and J.R.S. Meek, Jr., having succumbed.

The Meeks resided in “the Watson House,” a large structure on West Pine located where Pauline and Ottis Cash now have their handsome residence. Sarah’s close friend was Margaret Godwin, who married F. Martin Hankins. Margaret’s grandfather, Mr. Price, was supposed to have built two houses almost exactly alike. The first remodeled now is occupied by the John Cuthbertsons. The other on North Myrtle, was occupied by the Sid Beards.

Margaret, who succumbed several years ago, and Sarah Meek went together to Mary Washington College in Virginia, which underlines the fact that Margaret’s parents, Phen-ton and Vernie Godwin senior, believed in top educations for their kids. Joyce followed Margaret and went to Duke. They were Warren’s only Duke graduate, save for forestry leader Robin Jolley at Potlatch. Then they sent the twins, Virginia and Vernie junior to TCU and Texas A&M, respectively.

Kids nowadays don’t seem to want to go away to college. From the Warren area, you’ve

got a few like Jill Cuthbertson at SMU. She is an honor student there. But weren’t Mac Wynne and S.J. Rotton the last to attend a service academy? Wasn’t Arthur Fullerton the last to attend an ivy league school which was Harvard Business School. Except for Shaun Childs, of course, who went to Yale.

Well, the attractive daughter of the Roger Georges is finishing a freshman year at Baylor, of course, but old Fred Taylor and his crowd seems to be doing such a good job at UAM, his parents here are content to buy their offspring a car/pickup and send’em over there as commuters.

Warren has an elegant young man at Annapolis now, of course, in the son of the Bill Leslies. Brother Leslie preaches at First Methodist. Midshipman Leslie wears a tag on his uniform that reads: “Leslie, ’00.” That means the former Mt. Ida football star will graduate there on the Severn in 2,000. He admits there was quite a jump from Mt. Ida High School to Annapolis, but he made it. Don’t you know his late granddad, Convoy Leslie, was proud of him!

I was in receipt of a nice note from JeNelle Lipton the other day. She’s a Hamptonite but really a Bradley Countian since her dad, J.J. Neal, was a son of the Cliff Neals of Hermitage and a brother to Faye Wall, who resides with her husband, Joe, on the old family place between Hermitage and Moro Bay. Johnny Lipton, an only child, married exceptionally well. But we’ve told him that before.

Friends tell us one of the best lunches in Warren can be gotten at one of the two supermarkets that provide this service. Lots of the elderly, who don’t eat much, really, go by and get one plate lunch-to-go, go home, and they split it while watchin’ the news on the Chicago TV station to determine how many people have gotten shot the night before in Cook County.

Warren remains, as the late Grady Hughes used to insist, “a hamburger town.” Grady and his brother Carl (Skeeter) op-

erated Hughes Café. They did a nice lunch business but not much after that. Grady’s wife, Mamie Sue, made the pies which were too good save for the pure and heart.

What the above says is that Warren people eat a nice lunch and then graze out of the frig for supper. The way we are, you guess.

First State Bank continues its interior remodeling on Main and Cedar. If you haven’t been in there lately, you are in for a treat. There are new lights, new furniture, the works: most impressive.

If we ever get in a war again, we nominate the head librarian of the city, Gingy Cuthbertson, as Commanding General. This second daughter of the late Freddie and Jack Dew can make things happen. She set out months ago to get the library enlarged. About the same time, the YMCA said it needed a swimming pool for the summer of ’98. Well, the Y still has a hole in the ground, although progress is being made, while the library has that addition al-

most done.

Virginia can make things happen. You can see that on West Cypress Street, just past The Eagle office.

Back to colleges attended. Margaret Wynne and her late husband, Fordyce Mayor Tommy Wynne, sent three sons to Harvard. All played quarterback for the Redbugs and are distinguished members of the South Arkansas bar. Who’d like to top that?

Baker Peebles is retired naval captain who kept his license as a pharmacist. He is the same age as the country editor, the late Jackie Kennedy, and the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

A leader in county Republican politics, he works at pharmacies here and in other towns to give the regular pharmacists a day off.

Baker and his attractive wife reside southwest of Hermitage. More of our folks who have “come home.”

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University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas. Sosa is the son of Cruz Sosa and Norma Garay. Robertson is the son of Cody and Jana Robertson.

DAISY

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and patient families.

Nurses can be nominated by patients, families, and colleagues. The nominations were blinded and voted on by the DAISY Committee. The nominations were graded based on set criteria, a numeric value was assigned based on these criteria, and awards were determined based on score. The committee

Arkansas Boys State delegates are chosen based on outstanding qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty, and service to their school and community. During their week at Arkansas Boys State, delegates are assigned a political party, city, and county.

members voted. The process was overseen by the DAISY coordinator.

The Award at Bradley County Medical Center is co-sponsored by generous donations. Initial funding was provided by the facility. The program is maintained through generous support from donors, including anonymous donors, committee members, the BCMC Employee Appreciation Council, and other fundraisers.

Throughout the week, delegates, from the ground up, administer this mock government as if it were real: they run for office, draft and pass legislation, solve municipal challenges, and engage constituents. By the week's end, the delegates have experienced civic respon-

This is one initiative of The DAISY Foundation to express gratitude to the nursing profession. Additionally, DAISY offers J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects, The DAISY Faculty Award to honor inspiring faculty members in schools and colleges of nursing, and The DAISY in Training Award for nursing students. More information is available at [https://DAISY-](https://DAISY-foundation.org)

sibility and engagement firsthand while making life-long memories and friends — all with the guiding principle that “Democracy Depends on Me.” A special thanks to John Little and the American Legion for sponsoring Jaden and Kelby to attend Arkansas Boys State.

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BCMC to host Valentine’s Day blood drive

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Bradley County Medical Center is looking for generous blood donors in the upcoming LifeShare Blood Drive scheduled for Friday, Feb. 14 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. The blood drive will take place in the BCMC Rural Health Clinic parking lot, located across the street from the ER entrance at the hospital, where the LifeShare Bus will be located.

Blood donations have hit a 20-year low nationwide, so if you can donate, please come by and give blood this Valentine’s Day. Blood drives are the main source of blood for hospitals in the region, including BCMC. Potential donors can reserve a time slot online through the donor portal on www.lifeshare.org. You do not have to make an appointment as walk-ins are encouraged. Donors will receive a free Mardi Gras T-shirt, while supplies last.

Every two seconds, someone somewhere needs blood. One of every seven people who enter the hospital will need blood. That person could be you, your loved one, friend, or co-worker.



With all the wonderful advances in modern medicine, there still is no substitute for human blood. The blood that helps patients comes only from caring people who volunteer to help others by donating their life-saving blood.

Every year, countless lives are

saved through the generosity of blood donors, and Bradley County Medical Center is calling upon the community to join forces for this life-saving cause. The event aims to boost blood supplies during a crucial time, ensuring that hospitals and

medical facilities in our region have an ample and steady blood inventory.

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LEGALS

WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WARREN EASTSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUCTION

The Warren School District Board of Education seeks proposals from experienced auctioneer firms or individuals to provide online auction services for selling Eastside Elementary School, including portable buildings on the campus in Warren, AR and associated land where the school is located. The proposals should include the auctioneer’s experience and qualifications; contact information for the project team; proposed fees and costs; all labor to set up, organize, and be responsible for overseeing the auction; and at least three references, including contact information of clients whose projects have been performed within the last three years and if available website addresses of the clients’ online auctions.

The firm or individual submitting a response must hold a current license(s) and/or certificate(s) to act as an online auctioneer and provide evidence of insurance and bond requirements. Preference will be given to responders with experience working with other school student districts with an auction.

Proposals will be taken under advisement upon opening, and the District will notify the most qualified vendor(s) for further negotiations as needed. Please do not contact any District official concerning this RFP without first receiving permission from the Superintendent.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all responses and waive any irregularities or formalities in proposals received. The District also reserves the right to negotiate with the apparent acceptable vendor(s). The award will be based on considerations in the District’s best interest. It will be made to the responsive, responsible offeror whose proposal is judged most effective and economical for the intended purpose.

Any proposal received after the scheduled closing time for receipt will be returned unopened. The owner encourages the participation of small, minority, and women business enterprises.

The owner reserves the right to reject all proposals and waive all formalities.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR A REZONE OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WARREN, ARKANSAS

A public hearing will be held by the Warren Planning Commission on Feb 24th at 5:30p.m. to consider this request.

Reasons for requesting the above rezone is Commercial Business / Gas Station.

Owners: Michael, Joseph, & Joshua Nichols
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All persons have interest in the above rezone request are urged to attend this meeting.

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Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw
Ark. State Representative



As the Arkansas House of Representatives enters the 5th week of the 2025 Regular Session, several key pieces of legislation have moved forward, addressing issues ranging from food freedom to healthcare access and election policy.

One measure that received House approval, HB1149, ensures that counties and municipalities cannot impose regulations on vegetable gardens located on residential properties. This bill upholds the right of homeowners to cultivate their own produce without restrictions. Similarly, the House passed HB1048, which expands opportunities for small farmers by allowing the sale of unpasteurized milk at farmers' markets or through direct delivery from the farm where it is produced.

Healthcare policy also saw legislative action this week. HB1181 allows certified nurse midwives to admit and discharge patients from licensed hospitals if granted privileges, improving maternal healthcare access. Additionally, HB1309 clarifies cost-sharing requirements for breast cancer examinations.

The House also passed HB1221 this week, which limits the validity of ballot initiative titles and petition signatures to the election cycle in which they are approved and collected.


In addition, the House also passed SB3, a bill that seeks to eliminate affirmative action programs in state government. The proposed legislation states that the state shall not discriminate against or grant preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in matters related to state employment, public education, or state procurement.

The House also took up legislation impacting seasonal commerce, approving HB1324 to adjust the permissible sales period for fireworks. This bill moves the start date for summer fireworks sales from June 20 to June 13 while keeping the existing winter sales period unchanged.

In the week ahead, the House expects to address cell phone restrictions in schools and free breakfast for students. You can watch all House committee meetings and House floor proceedings at arkansashouse.org.

Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



Admiral Ira Nunn was known for bravery and dedication to duty. He was a decorated hero for his actions in the South Pacific during World War II and was a skilled administrator, playing an important leadership role as the Cold War began after the war. His road to his heroic career began in small-town Arkansas, in his birthplace of Camden.

Ira Hudson Nunn was born in Camden in March 1901, part of a family with deep roots in Ouachita County. His father was fairly prosperous and ran a successful local business. As a youth, Nunn was sent to a military school in Alabama where he received his high school diploma in 1920. He earned a nomination to the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and enrolled that fall.

He graduated from the naval academy in 1924 and was commissioned as an ensign. His first assignment for the navy was at the Ordnance Bureau in Washington, DC, where he helped organize ammunition distribution for naval vessels. Soon afterward, he was assigned to the USS Texas, one of the navy's top battleships. The Navy kept him moving from one post to another quickly. He spent a brief time at the Naval Torpedo Station in Rhode Island in 1926 to train with the Navy's new torpedo systems. Over the next five years, Nunn would serve on three different ships, slowly moving up the ranks.

In 1931, the Navy reassigned Nunn to the Judge Advocate General's office. Though he had been an able sea officer, he became fascinated with the law and enrolled at Harvard Law School, earning a law degree in 1934. Not long after his graduation, the navy sent him to China for the next three years. The Navy had sent gunboats to patrol China's major rivers as part of the United States government's efforts to protect American citizens and American business interests as a civil war raged across the country. He served on two small boats before serving on the cruiser USS Augusta before returning to Washington to work with the Judge Advocate General's office once again. His service in China ended two months before the Japanese invasion.

When the United States entered World War II in 1941, he was serving aboard the cruiser USS Northampton as part of a scouting patrol. In 1942, he was assigned to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations as an aide until he was promoted to captain in June 1943. He was made commander of Destroyer Squadron 47 as part of the Navy's island-hopping campaigns in the South Pacific, as the U. S. retook the islands one at a time.

The Navy staged a massive invasion of the Philippines in late 1944 as an effort to retake the islands from Japan. Nunn's squadron faced intense attacks from Japanese ships and from kamikaze attacks. His skillful maneuvers and dedication under fire earned him the Navy Cross, one of the highest awards the navy offers.

In the last year of the war, Nunn commanded Destroyer Division 54 as American forces saw bitter combat at Iwo Jima and Okinawa in early 1945. He was awarded a bronze star at Okinawa for his daring maneuvers to protect the aircraft carriers as they carried out air raids against Japanese positions.

After the war ended, she spent the next three years back at the Judge Advocate General's office, helping the Navy with congressional appropriations and reorganization for the post-war world and the emerging Cold War with the Soviet Union.

In 1952, Nunn was promoted to rear admiral and named head of the Judge Advocate General's office for the Navy. In October 1956, he was named commander of the Atlantic Fleet. Two years later, Nunn was sent to Korea to serve as part of the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission to help with post-war defense of South Korea.

For his last assignment, in 1961, he was given command of the Ninth Naval District in Illinois. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his leadership. He officially retired from the Navy in 1963 at the age of 62.



Senate Week in Review
from Ben Gilmore
Senator

The Senate voted to provide all public school children with free lunches, regardless of their income, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.

Also, the Senate passed legislation to restrict students' cell phone use during the school day.

State budget officials estimate that it will cost \$14.7 million a year to ensure that all students get one free breakfast every day. The governor has publicly announced her support of the measure, Senate Bill 59. It is co-sponsored by a bipartisan group of 25 senators.

When children go hungry their long-term health is negatively affected, and their

grades suffer. Hunger affects a child's academic performance and increases their chances of being punished for behavioral problems and missing classes, according to testimony before the Senate Education Committee.

National studies indicate that students who have eaten breakfast perform better on standardized tests. Students improve academically in general, and some studies show that they specifically do better in mathematics.

After passing SB 59 the Senate sent it to the House of Representatives, where it has sufficient co-sponsors to guarantee passage.

Currently, students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals depending on their family income. The legislature passed Act 656 in 2023 to prohibit schools from charging students a copayment.

SB 142, to restrict cell phone use by students, also passed

overwhelmingly but with a few dissenters who said the measure should also apply to students in private schools. Supporters countered that most private schools already have policies that restrict cell phone use.

SB 142 requires all school districts to adopt a policy to restrict the use of cell phones "from bell to bell." Its sponsor said the bill's purposes include eliminating distractions in the classroom and improving the mental and emotional health of young people.

Some students have an individualized education program (IEP) because they have special needs. An IEP may include the use of electronic devices or cell phones. Students with an IEP would be exempt from the restrictions in SB 142.

The state already had been helping school districts with cell phone restrictions. Last year the state provided about \$7 million to 180 school dis-

tricts pay for magnetic pouches and other devices for storing cell phones during the day.

The state Education Department has added 2,600 children to a program that helps families pay for child care, bringing the program to its greatest capacity of about 18,300 student.

According to the department, Arkansas gets about \$100 million a year in federal grants to help low-income families pay for child care, thus better preparing them for kindergarten.

Last year the department expanded the program to make more families eligible. The Office of Early Childhood anticipates a waiting list, due to higher demand, beginning this month. However, teen parents and those on welfare, homeless families, children with special needs and foster children will be exempt from the waiting list.

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U.S. SENATOR - ARKANSAS

The farm economy has been in tough shape in recent years and needs substantial support to turn the tide. As the now-Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I'm committed to delivering the relief and assistance necessary to improve that outlook.

Last week, the committee held our first policy hearing of the 119th Congress. We asked several agriculture industry leaders and farmers from leading commodity associations to leave their farms and families to travel to Washington to share their experiences with us.

This hearing was the first in a series our committee will hold examining the current state of America's rural economy from the perspective of our farmers, ranchers and rural leaders. They will help inform our decisions as we draft a new farm bill and ensure we are putting forward policies that enable current and future generations of farm families to survive, and ultimately thrive, in an unpredictable world.

Every member of the committee has heard directly from

farmers in their states about the current difficult conditions they face. I've been blessed to join many of those conversations around the country and have taken note of the common theme.

High interest rates, elevated production costs and depressed commodity prices, coupled with a frayed safety net worn out over time, have left many producers exposed to financial ruin. Since 2022, ag producers have lost more than \$50 billion and net farm income is forecast to decline.

There is no room for error in this scenario. Farm families like Jennifer James' are looking at the next generation and trying to determine if this career, that requires more sacrifice than many others, is viable. The Newport, Arkansas, rice farmer testified at the hearing that 2024, her 30th crop year, was unquestionably "the most difficult year financially that we have endured."

Nathan Reed, a cotton farmer from Marianna, shared the same fears. He told our committee that, over the last few years, he has "endured steep

losses due to a sharp increase in input costs and low commodity prices." He, too, is asking whether he can continue to risk his family's future by continuing to farm.

They are not alone. The prospect of losing untold numbers of farm families across the country if we do not act is growing rapidly.

The Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University reports that since it began projecting farm financial performance, the crop outlook for its representative farms "is the worst in terms of the number of farms in each of the four commodity types (feed grains, cotton, rice and wheat) that are not currently expected to have a positive cash flow over the next five years."

My highest priority for the next farm bill is to improve the farm safety net, whereby

every farmer in every region of the country will have access to modernized risk management tools regardless of the commodity they grow. If we fail to modernize the safety net, agriculture will see further consolidation as farm families leave the business, and the ripple effects to our country will be profound.

Agriculture producers in Arkansas and across our country are counting on Congress to update these vital programs that help them stay in business feeding, clothing and fueling the world. That task is great, and the Senate Ag Committee will prioritize it until the job is finished. I am honored to lead our efforts in the weeks and months ahead and look forward to the momentum we will build as well as the progress we must make.



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HISTORY

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After his retirement, he lived in the Washington, DC, area and worked for the next decade as an attorney for the National Restaurant Association. His naval tenure was still admired years after his retirement. In honor of his service, Nunn Island, a small, ice-covered island off the coast of Antarctica was named for him. He died at the age of 88 at his home in the Washington suburbs and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE


Big Papa Binns will be presenting his program, “Cross Pollination Blues”, at the Bradley County Library in Warren. The Program will include Warren’s music history, storytelling, and live performance. It is for all ages and free to the public. Everyone is encouraged to show or tell things about South Arkansas’ musical history.

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On Tuesday, February 4, students from Warren School District and Heritage School District came together to compete in the Bradley County Spelling Bee. Stormy Doss, a Heritage student, took first place, Evie Capps, a Warren student placed second, and Warren student Yanely Canuto took home third. Stormy will move on to compete in the Arkansas State Spelling Bee. All of the participants studied hard and had some very challenging words to spell!! We are proud of them all!!

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Memorial service was February 8, at Hammons Chapel, Warren. Hammons Funeral Home.

James Hamil

James Stanley Hamil, 71, of Warren died February 4; born January 10, 1954.

Preceded in death by father, James Russell Hamil and brother, Gary Hamil.

Survivors: mother, Sarah Hamil and several aunts and uncles.

Graveside was February 7, 2025 at Oakland Cemetery by Frazer’s Funeral Home.

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15, VITA will be offered from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Southeast Arkansas Community Action Corporation in Warren, Arkansas (1208 North Myrtle Street). On February 22, VITA will be offered from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Babin Business Center on UAM’s Monticello campus (140 University Place). The events are free and open to the public.

Taxpayers must bring a photo identification and either a Social Security card or a 1099-SSN. If filing jointly, both spouses must be present. Participants should also bring all relevant tax documents, such as W-2s, 1099-Rs, 1099-NECs, 1099-INTs and 1099-SSNs. Children are not required to be present, but parents must bring their children’s Social

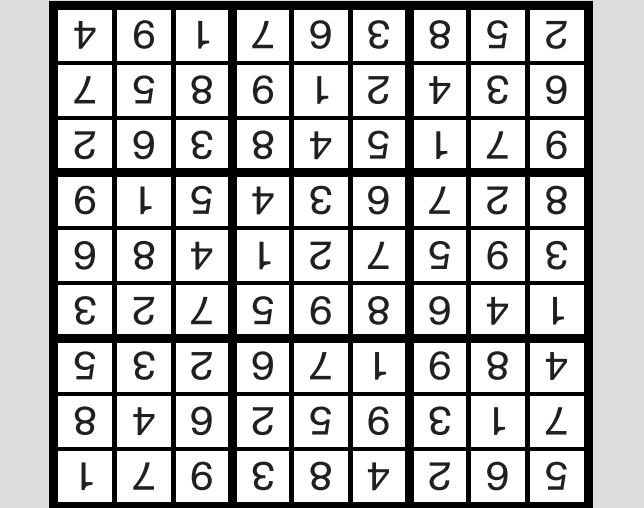
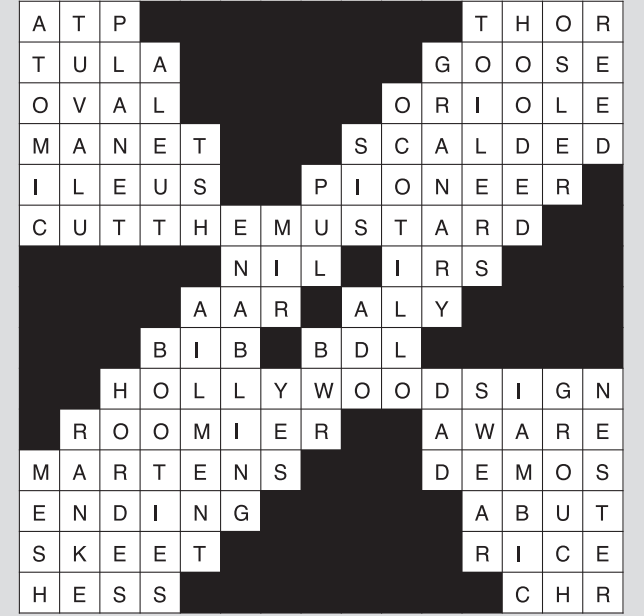
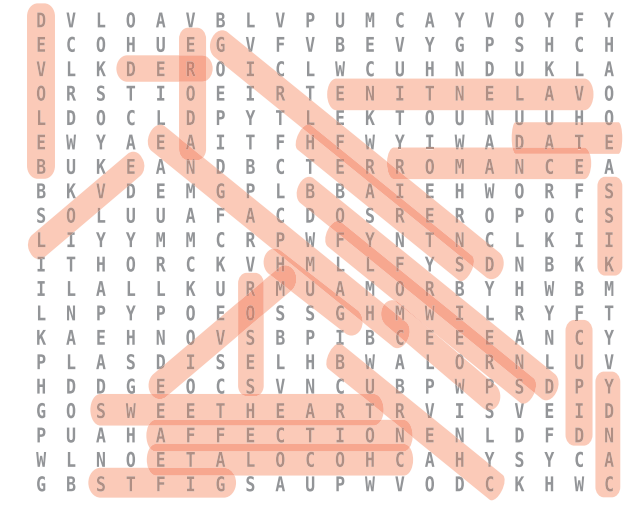
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The walls of the inner sanctuary and the main room were decorated with carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. The floors in both rooms were overlaid with gold. For the entrance to the inner sanctuary, there were double doors of wild olive wood with five-sided doorposts. These double doors were decorated with carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. The doors, including the decorations of cherubim and palm trees, were overlaid with gold.

There were four-sided doorposts of wild olive wood for the entrance to the Temple. There were two folding doors of cypress wood, and each door was hinged to fold back upon itself. These doors were decorated with carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers all overlaid evenly with gold. The walls of the inner courtyard were built so that there was one layer of cedar beams between every three layers of finished stone.

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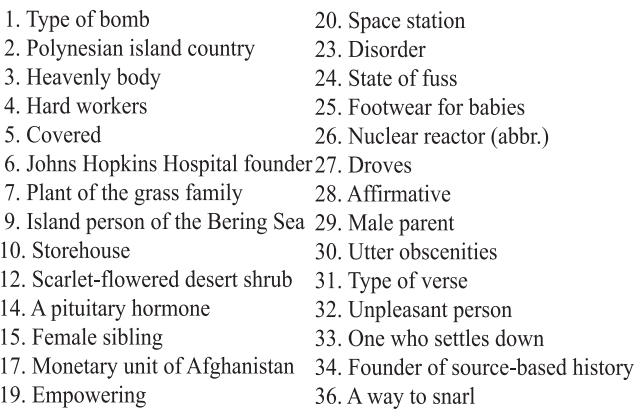
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