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### A legacy of faith: Jim Bales' 25 years of service to the Warren community

By JOANNA POOLE reporter@theeagledemocrat.com

For 25 years, Jim Bales has served as the pastor at First Assembly of God in Warren, a quarter-century marked not only by his dedication to the church but by the undeniable presence of God's work in his life. His journey of faith is a story of miracles, obedience, and unwavering belief.

Bales, a native of Batesville, grew up attending a Pentecostal church with his parents. But it wasn't until 1974, alongside his wife, that they made a profound decision that would alter the course of his life. At a local Assembly of God church, they both chose to dedicate their lives to God on March 12-an act that Bales describes as a defining

The next year, in March of

1975, Bales found himself contemplating a deeper calling.

"We felt blessed to just be able to serve," Bales shared, reflecting on the simplicity yet depth of their initial decision.

But it was one powerful night that truly cemented his purpose.

"A young minister spoke that night on the will of God," Bales recalled. "My wife and I were kneeling at the altar holding hands. The minister came over and laid hands on us, which isn't uncommon in our circles. He prayed for the Lord's will to be done."

At that moment, Bales realized that God had a bigger plan for him.

"I tried to tell my wife on the

moment of his spiritual journey. way home," Bales said. "But I couldn't get the words out because of the emotion and tears."

> Although Bales struggled to articulate his feelings, his wife knew exactly what had transpired. Yet, the path forward wasn't clear. However, as with many defining moments in Bales's life, God had a way of providing the answers when needed most.

A pivotal step came when Bales took a group of students to visit Evangel University, formerly Central Bible College, affiliated with the Assemblies of God. As he drove home, the thought struck him: could he, too, enroll at the college? It was a thought born from a desire to follow the ministry path he now felt called to walk.

God opened another door when a friend invited Bales and his wife to go on vacation with him. While there, Bales visited the school registrar, and despite his ninth-grade education, the registrar gave him an enrollment application. Bales filled out the application and was accepted to start classes the following semester. The one stipulation was that he had to take and pass the test for his G.E.D. during the Christmas break.

What followed was nothing short of miraculous. Bales was determined to make it work despite the hardships.

"I had no study habits and didn't know what to do," Bales recalled. "I was working two jobs, taking 15 hours of classes,

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### Warren School Board approves financial report, discusses attendance and personnel matters

By JOANNA POOLE reporter@theeagledemocrat.com

The Warren School District Board met recently for its monthly session, where members approved the minutes

from the February meeting.

The board reviewed the district's financial report for February. The district's operating revenue for the month totaled \$834,635.32. The total revenue for all funds amounted to \$1,297,147.91. Teacher salary expenditures for February were reported at \$483,431.52,

while operating expenditures totaled \$453,500.27. The total expenditures for all funds were \$1,461,190.92. The regular building fund had a balance of \$1,571,411.56, while the bond fund for the solar project held \$473,369.55. The total balance for all funds was \$7,266,460.77. The board unanimously approved the financial report.

Rosalynda Ellis presented the iReady report, highlighting student attendance. In the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year, the district achieved an average daily attendance rate of 93.92%. For the current school year, the rate increased to 94.6%. Ellis also noted the district's weekly meetings of the behavior and attendance team, which works to improve attendance.

The board entered an executive session to discuss personnel matters. After the session, the board approved several personnel hires and resigna-

In a separate matter, the board selected Tony Cathey See WSB Page 3



Joanna Poole/Eagle Democrat

### THE LADYJACKS SCORE VICTORY OVER NASHVILLE



The Warren LadyJacks secured a 3-1 victory over Nashville in an intense soccer match up. The LadyJacks dominated the game with a well-balanced attack and solid defensive play, showcasing their teamwork and skill. The victory marks an important win for the LadyJacks as they continue to build momentum for the rest of the season.

### ITAGE BOYS SOCCER SCORE VICTORY AGAINST HAMBURG



The Hermitage High School boys' soccer team played Hamburg on Tuesday, March 4. They ended the game with a score of 2-1, securing the victory. Robin Carrol scored the first goal to tie in the second half. Tony Castillo scored the second goal with seven minutes left.



The Warren LadyJacks celebrate their 7-3 victory over the Woodlawn Bears in a hard-fought softball match up. The LadyJacks showcased strong offensive and defensive performances throughout the game, with key hits and solid pitching leading to their win. The team's victory was highlighted by a few standout plays and a secure defense that helped maintain their lead. The LadyJacks' win adds another notch to their successful season as they continue to dominate their competition.

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### Passin' the Faith **Along**

By REV. JIM BALES Pastor - First Assembly of God

#### CELEBRATING 51 YEARS OF BEING BORN AGAIN

sins and asked Jesus into our most appropriate: hearts March 12, 1974.

The prayer of the child that

Bettie and I repented of our many of us prayed long ago is

Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to

If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to

keep.

Too simplistic, you think? Not necessarily. Jesus said we approach the gospel with the faith of a child. In doing so, we can gain peace of mind concerning death, yes, even our own death.

The key to this matter is your own personal preparation for death. It is the depth of foolishness to fail to be prepared

for it. First of all, you must put says he has been "born again." your soul in order.

Jesus said to a very religious man named Nicodemus, "Marvel not that I say unto you, ye must be born again" (John 3:7). This phrase "be born again" has been bandied around in recent years until it has become virtually meaningless. A baseball pitcher who develops a different delivery of the ball tells sports writers he has been "born again." A politician comes out of obscurity and

Being spiritually "born again" means exactly what it says. A person is born physically as he comes into the world. A subsequent spiritual birth is necessary in order to have eternal life with God. The most important step you can ever take to prepare for death is to be born again.

How does that come about? By repenting of our sins and asking God's forgiveness. And then, we invite Christ to live

and dwell within us. By faith, we accept. As we faithfully pursue our Lord's will, we find that we somehow have acquired a new spiritual energy source, one we have never had before.

"It is appointed unto man once to die" (Hebrews 9:27). We may die before we wake. Frightening? No, of course not - not if we are prepared. So sleep well because you are ready to die!

Aren't you?

## Oldtimer's Notebook

gle Democrat have chosen to *publish articles from the past* Oldtimer's Notebook in memory of Robert L. Newton. This article was first published Oct. 8, 2003.

Nobody's offered some sorta prize for downtown restoration, but if they had done so, prizes should've gone this year to Judge LaVern Rice and the Quorum Court for the courthouse; plus surely to the Ryburns and First State Bank President Freddie Mobley for the amazing job done in combining two bank buildings and restoring one (once housing another banking concern) to its late 1920s grandeur.

The courthouse looks, well, normal from the outside. The interior is entirely different: spacious, elegant, comfortable. We will put it up against any small-town courthouse in Arkansas now. Plus the parkin' to the north is an enhancement too. Folk like Dobie Hickman, Frank Rowland, Green Colvin, Carroll Hollensworth . . . they'd hardly recognize the place!

As for First State Bank, the whole exterior is impressive but the restored banking house to the south is a little jewel. It now houses the bank's credit department. Workmen for Sullivan Construction started tearing off wooden additions made when it was home to Warren Building and Loan, then First Savings, then a portion of First State Bank. They placed there in the late 1920s

quarters for Warren Bank, now moved to much larger quarters diagonally across the street.

Background on all this is that the banking house had burned. Somebody had a photo studio on the second floor and, it was thought, the fire started there. Banking was conducted in a small wooden building on the south sidewalk until the present structure could be complete.

Oldtimers (like those 74, like me) can see Mr. S. B. Meek, chairman of the board of the bank, sittin' way in the back and Mr. Llew Tarleton, cashier/manager, sittin' closer to the front. Other employees of memory were Margaret Scobey Thompson who called you if you got overdrawn (woe to you if you were!), Miss Farry Harrison, secretary, plus M. C. Singer and J.R.S. Meek, who manned the teller's windows. That's all the employees the bank had. Later, of course, Sam Alexander entered the scene as custodian.

S. B. Meek died in 1936. Louis Ederington then headed the bank, but never occupied that back office, choosing rather to stay in his cramped little quarters at J. T. Ederington Company across the street. Mr. Tarleton served many years. Upon his death, Meek Singer was named to replace him. A large, gruff person, Mr. Singer would loan you whatever you wanted if you could really prove you didn't need it. He discovered art deco marble brought in a young man from Central Arkansas as his even-

The publishers of The Ea- when the bank was rebuilt as tual replacement. The young man had a lovely wife and daughters who were 10 and 12. His name was Gerald Burton.

> Back to First State, the bank has moved its entire credit department into the old confines of Warren Bank. The quarters are airy, attractive, appealing. Now at very long last, the First State folks have got that whole city block covered just like they want it. By the way, they went to all kinds of trouble to be sure the paint on the north building would match the bricks on the south side. They match perfectly. Praises all around!

Some news about a homeboy, a brother-in-law of Freddie Mobley of First State, Dr. Joe Dunaway. He's sold his big medical practice at Pine Bluff to Jefferson Medical Center and moved with his physician wife to new practices at booming Clarksville in Johnson County. Dr. Dunaway is the son of Mary and Retired Police Chief Tommy Dunaway. His departure from Pine Bluff disappointed many, including my brother-in-law, Frank Thornhill, Jr. Frank retired from the Cotton Belt and is residing in peaceful retirement in western rural Watson Chapel. "Dr. Dunaway could look at you across the room and tell what was wrong with you," he

Back when George May and

I were delivering on bikes for Adams Grocery, we took a lot of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic to housewives. We assumed they were using it to clean wounds or something. We had no idea they were drinkin' it, but they were. This all probably got started during Prohibition, that period when the United States was legally "dry" (you know, like Bradley County, now, heh heh).

Well back then during the 20s, Prohibition painted a bullseye on the urban and small-town poor. City swells could buy liquor from Canada. Some of the folk from "out in the county" had access to home-brew if the Sheriff was kind enough to be lookin' the other way. Low-income townsfolk drank what they could get - rubbing alcohol, hair oil, Sterno, doctored antifreeze (the late Harrell Johnston, beloved Superintendent at Hermitage, said his fellows at Military School learned to sneak gin into dorms in Vitalis bottles: smelled the same, he

explained). What lots of poor folk had to resort to for the weekend thrill was some ghastly stuff called jake. Jake was Jamaican ginger extract, a patent medicine. It was pale orange and it was supposed to treat catarrh, flatulence, and "late menstruation." Ah, but it had 85 percent alcohol: plus it was perfectly legal. In the 20s, they couldn't make it fast enough. Druggists had standing orders. People waited in line for the latest

shipment. Bottles cost only 35 cents. Schoolmarms, even preachers, could slip the flat, clear glass bottle into a pocket for a discreet nip at home.

All this happiness over "jake" sort of died down when doctors in Oklahoma City started seeing patients, mostly destitute men, who had lost feeling in their feet, and who flopped around as they walked. Doctors decided it came from drinkin' "jake," so most folks stopped, but you still hear about people being "Jackleg" this or the other. Moral: use Dr. Tichenor's for wounds only.

The Depression hit hard everywhere. Seems like it hit hardest in Oklahoma, as detailed by John Steinbeck in his searing book "The Grapes of Wrath," which tells of people uprooted and forced to seek new life in California.

Longtime Coach Darrell Royal of the University of Texas resided at Hollis in Western

'We sat on the front porch and I watched the 'Okies' go by," he said. We wanted to go too, but we couldn't afford it.

In 1931, Rachel Mitchell, 11, was asked to serve, in an emergency, as pianist at her father's church, a predecessor to First Assembly of God here in town. Sunday, Rachel Mitchell Nicholson was honored for 72 years of service as pianist as the church dedicated its new building on the Pine Bluff Highway. Mrs. Nicholson's son, the Little Rock TV execute, Dale Nicholson, took part in the informal portion of the dedication. He asked his 83-year-old mother how many pills she takes daily? "One," she said, "plus an aspirin at night." Mrs. Nicholson is the widow of Cecil Nicholson. Larry Dale Nicholson is their only child. Rev. Jim Bales conducted the impressive service. The dedication sermon was delivered by the Rev. Tom Carpen-

Rev. Bales said the congregation had given over \$200,000 toward the building of the new church in the past

He recognized many people who had helped with the construction on land the church acquired from Fullerton interests just south of the State Police station.

Mayor Gregg Reep presented a proclamation honoring Mrs. Nicholson and solos were heard from Mary Fierce and Mark Jennings.

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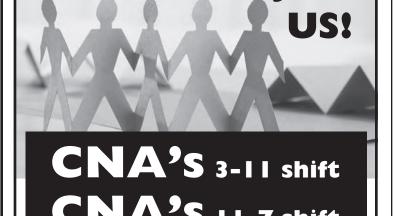
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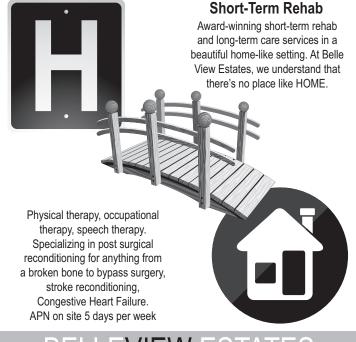


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and my wife and I had two little girls."

But as Bales and his family moved onto campus, two other students going on to get their master's degrees took him under their wing, tutoring and encouraging him.

"That was God!" Bales said.

Not only did God provide in these significant ways, but He also made sure the financial details were taken care of. Bales's first vear of school was paid for before he even arrived, and housing was provided through a remarkable series of events, including a chance conversation with a motel employee whose

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after the vote.

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to auction off the former el-

ementary school properties.

Board president Joey Cathey

recused himself from the dis-

cussion, and the motion was

approved by all members. He

resumed his role as president

Superintendent Bryan Cor-

nish then provided his report.

He announced that the district

had received a safety grant

from the Department of Ed-

ucation worth \$127,360. The

grant will fund improvements

such as updated fencing, new

interior room numbers in

hallways, and the installation

of live-streaming cameras on

buses. Cornish also shared

that Brunson and Warren El-

sister had the last available apartment for rent.

As Bales progressed through his education and began his pastoral journey, more miracles unfolded. Late one evening, when Bales was considering a pastoral offer at a church he had been filling in for, a knock at the door changed everything. The buyer of the home that the Bales' had recently purchased appeared at their doorstep, ready to purchase it immediately, clearing the way for Bales to take the ministry position. Once again, God had made a way.

Through every trial and challenge, Jim Bales has remained steadfast in his faith and service to God. His story is one of complete surrender, trusting that when God calls, He also pro-

ementary had received grants

for campus improvements.

The board approved the su-

During the public comment

portion of the meeting, educa-

tor Candi Cabaniss advocat-

ed for paid maternity leave.

Cabaniss argued that provid-

ing paid leave would support

teacher retention and recruit-

ment, emphasizing that fair-

ness and respect for teachers

should include time to recov-

er from childbirth and care

for a newborn without losing

income. She presented data

to the board to support her

The meeting adjourned af-

ter Cabaniss's remarks. The

next school board meeting

will be held on Monday, April

perintendent's report.

vides. And now, after 25 years of ministry in Warren, Bales has touched countless lives, spreading the message of God's love and making disciples in the tru-

Perhaps the most poignant part of Bales's legacy is how his example has inspired others. Bales's grandson walked a similar path into ministry, and answered the call, and now serves as the youth pastor at Cave City First Assembly. Bales shared with pride that a member of his own congregation has recently decided to pursue ministry as well, continuing the cycle of service and faith.

Jim Bales's journey is a testament to the power of obedience, sacrifice, and divine intervention. His unwavering trust in

God has brought blessings not only to his own life but to the lives of so many in the Warren community. In a world that often seems defined by uncertainty, Bales's life stands as a beacon of hope and faith.

As he celebrates his 25 years of service in Warren, we can only marvel at the impact he has made. His story is a reminder that when we are willing to answer the call, God's plans are always greater than we can imagine. Jim Bales is, without a doubt, a true disciple of God, and his service is a remarkable example for us all.

Congratulations on 25 years of faithful ministry, Pastor Jim Bales. May your legacy continue to inspire and uplift for years to come.

WHS STUDENTS ATTEND BE PRO BE PROUD



Photo courtesy of Heidi Lassiter

Warren High School students attended Be Pro Be Proud Draft Day with Career Coach Alexis McMahan, where they explored different companies and careers at the Draft Day Career Expo. At the same time, select Seniors could interview with employers for jobs.

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# Editorial

### Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw Ark. State Representative



This week, the House voted 96-0 in favor of a bill to increase the Homestead Property Tax Credit. HB1534 increases the credit from \$500 to \$600 effective January 1, 2025.

This is the second time in 2 years the General Assembly has increased this tax credit. In June of 2024, the General Assembly increased the credit from \$425 to \$500.

In the year 2000, the citizens of Arkansas voted overwhelmingly to create the Homestead Tax Credit. Over time the Property Tax Relief Fund has grown precipitating several increases. The increase passed this week is the largest increase in the history of the tax credit.

Since the credit is funded by the Tax Relief Fund, there is no impact to state general revenue.

Other bills that passed the House this week include HB1489, which proposes adding nitrogen gas as an approved method of execution.

HB1370, which requires school districts to make up the first seven missed school days with in-person instruction, was approved. If more than seven days are missed, the bill allows school districts to use alternative instruction methods for up to three additional days to meet the required number of instructional days.

SB48 was passed, requiring deductibles to be disclosed in one easily accessible location on homeowners insurance policies.

The House passed HB1581. This bill adds the offenses of trafficking persons and grooming a minor for future sex trafficking to the list of offenses included in the definition of sex offense for the rights of victims in a crime.

HB1552 also passed. This bill classifies criminal attempts, solicitation, and conspiracy for specific fentanyl-related offenses as Class

The General Assembly will enter the 9th week of the 2025 Regular Session on Monday. You can watch all House meetings at arkansashouse.org.

### Arkansas History Minute





The soil has long provided much for Arkansas. As technology advances, Arkansas turns to the soil again. Many investors and business owners are excited about the possibilities of lithium. A large amount of the light metal promises deep in the Earth to start an important new era for South Arkansas.

Lithium was discovered by Swedish chemist J. A. Arfwedson in 1817. With only three protons in its atomic nucleus, it is one of the lightest elements in existence.

Its unusual configuration of its three electrons allows it to bind to other elements easily, making it highly flammable. In fact, dropping pure lithium in a bucket of water would cause an explosion, but pure lithium is rarely found in nature. These same properties make lithium a good conductor for electricity and heat. Lithium is also used in nuclear research and as a component in some types of nuclear weapons. It can also be used as an additive for certain types of fuel for rockets and missiles. The largest known sources of lithium are in Chile, Australia, Bolivia, Argentina, and China. It is sometimes found in ocean water and some plants and sea plankton. In recent years, an increasingly reliable source of lithium has been isolating it from within brines.

During World War II, lithium grease was used as a lubricant for some aircraft engines because of its ability to work at high temperatures. Lithium is also used to produce certain types of ceramics and glass, particularly some types of oven-wares.

Lithium is also the primary ingredient in a common antidepressant. Because of this, lithium was an ingredient in 7-Up until the 1940s. Several cities had natural sources in lithium in their water or had lithium added, a process called lithiation. Cities with lithiated water often reported lower rates of crime and suicide. However, cities reconsidered these policies and stopped the practice in the 1940s. Since the 1950s, mental health professionals have commonly prescribed it to treat depression, bipolar disorder, and other condi-

Today, lithium hydroxide and lithium peroxide are used in air purification systems in outer space and in submarines. Lithium peroxide is also used for emergency oxygen candles for these as well. Because lithium burns with a red color, it is sometimes used to make red fireworks.

Its use in batteries has made lithium the subject of renewed focus. As the electric car grows in popularity, lithium demand grows with it. Its unique electron configuration makes it ideal for use in electricity and led to the creation of the lithium-ion battery. These batteries can produce more power than the traditional lead or zinc batteries and had a longer lifespan. And it makes far easier to recharge, something that was difficult for other kinds of batteries. NASA developed the first lithium battery in 1965, but the forerunner of the modern lithium-ion battery emerged in 1974. By the 1990s, it had been perfected. It began to be used in products as simple as children's toys to cell phones and then electric cars. The discovery and many uses of the lithium-ion battery led the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to be awarded to University of Texas physicist John B. Goodenough, French scientist Rachad Yazami, and Japanese chemist Akira Yoshino.

Geologists discovered a major lithium vein curving from western Mississippi into Arkansas and Louisiana and across East Texas. One of the most lithium-rich areas is an area called the Smackover Formation, an area long known for its oil and brine deposits. This area covers much of Union, Columbia, Lafayette, and Ouachita counties. One estimate from 2022 noted that the lithium exists in this area to produce perhaps 50 million lithium-ion batteries for electric cars. While deposits in North Carolina, Nevada, and Wyoming have gained attention, the field in South Arkansas could be a billion-dollar find by itself, with the lithium available potentially as valuable as the oil fields of the region of a century before. The soft metal had been lying quietly under the Earth for millions of years, part of the geologic landscape of the region. For its many uses, it could potentially power the future.



Senate Week in Review from Ben Gilmore Senator

The Senate has approved a property tax cut that will save Arkansas homeowners \$56 million every year.

The tax reduction is in Senate Bill 263, which will take effect in 2026. It raises the homestead property tax credit by \$100 to \$600 a year. The credit is currently \$500. About 708,000 homeowners will benefit from the lower real property taxes.

The governor and legislative leaders announced that they will push for another tax reduction, House Bill 1685 to exempt food and groceries from the one-eighth cent state sales tax approved by voters in 1996 to benefit conservation efforts.

HB 1685 will lower taxes by about \$10.9 million a year. The bill does not repeal any local option city and county sales taxes on groceries.

In a statewide election in 1996 Arkansas voters approved an eighth-cent sales tax, with 45 percent of the revenue dedicated to the Game and Fish Commission and 45 percent to the what was then known as the Parks and Tourism Department. The Heritage Department receives nine percent and Keep Arkansas Beautiful receives one percent.

At a press conference announcing the proposal to repeal the grocery tax, the governor said she was confident the affected agencies would still have healthy budgets in spite of the loss of revenue.

The February revenue report from the state Department of Finance and Administration indicated that the Arkansas economy remains healthy. Revenue came in at five percent above forecast.

The House of Representatives approved HB 1489 to authorize the use of nitrogen gas for executing inmates sentenced to the death penalty. After its passage by the House it was sent to the Senate, where it will be heard next by the Judiciary Committee.

Arkansas is holding 25 men on death row.

Supporters of HB 1489 say it is humane, and the ingredients are more readily available than the chemicals currently used when executions are carried out by lethal injection. Opponents dispute the claim that nitrogen gas is humane.

Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma allow nitrogen gas for executions.

Both chambers have approved legislation to criminalize unlawful squatting. It is Act 238. Squatting is defined as taking up residence on property that one does not own. The act makes it a Class B misdemeanor.

It will be simpler for law enforcement to evict squatters because it is now a crime and doesn't require a civil lawsuit that can be cumbersome.

The Senate approved a lengthy bill to change the way juvenile justice statutes are found in law books. The juvenile code has long been difficult to navigate because of overlap in jurisdictions among various courts. That makes it difficult for a juvenile's family to know their rights, and for social services workers to keep track of their duties when protecting vulnerable children.

People within the juvenile justice system have spent hundreds of hours dividing juvenile laws into separate "sensible" sections. According to section one of the bill, SB 320, it only makes technical corrections, not substance changes to the juvenile code.

## **JOHN BOOZMAN**

In life there are sometimes "full circle" moments that help us appreciate things more, provide some needed perspective or produce nostalgia and fond memories.

I was fortunate to experience one of those moments recently. It stemmed from my days as a youth in the River Valley that would impact me for the rest of

After church, my family and school, spending time at the Jeffrey's Boy's Club in Fort Smith helped shape my life most. I - as well as my brotherand sister – spent a lot of time playing sports with friends and finding new ways to have a great time under that care and guidance. During that time, friendships were built and strengthened while local leaders served as positive influences, always taking the time and effort to steer us in the right direction.

I am hardly alone in cherishing the days I spent as a young person in this special setting.

The work of the Boys & Girls Club helps change lives by providing a safe, supportive en-

vironment for kids and teens to grow, find belonging and help them reach their full potential. This critical work has been happening for decades, and next year will mark the exciting 70th anniversary since it received a congressional charter to carry out a calling that has resulted in millions of lives influenced and countless opportunities for learning, growth and fun.

These aspects are part of a formative experience of every child who has interacted with a club in their community.

Today, through 5,400 clubs across the nation, the Boys & Girls Club has incredible reach. Over 400,000 American kids enter its doors daily, cutting across racial and other demographic divides while serving as a second home for many children, helping them become healthier, more empowered and vibrant versions of themselves.

The results are remarkable: 97 percent of club teens expect to graduate high school; consistently higher grades among low-income club members who

attend regularly; over half of club kids exercise for an hour five or more times per week. The list goes on and on.

The club also plays a tremendous role in an effort that I feel strongly about -- providing access to nutritious food for school children in the summer months.

Several years ago, we had an opportunity to test out flexibilities and options like backpack meals, grab-and-go and delivery meals administered by groups like the Boys & Girls Club. It proved incredibly effective, and I am very pleased we have now made non-congregate feeding a permanent option based on that success.

It is truly a pleasure to be able to work alongside groups like the Boys & Girls Club to achieve this tangible outcome that is helping improve the lives of kids and families in Arkansas and around the coun-

I was honored to be named a Boys & Girls Club of America 2025 Champion for Youth for my support of the organization and legislative efforts to address food insecurity. This month's ceremony on Capitol Hill was a special, full circle moment that captured what a privilege it is be an alumnus in the position to help it get even stronger and better.

From personal experience, I know it is truly making a difference in the lives of new generations and am proud to continue championing its work. Future kids in The Natural State and beyond deserve the benefits and blessings my siblings and I gained in those fun but foundational years.



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Phone number - 870-226-6738

Email address - tonia.brasher@warrensd.org

### YMCA hosts youth basketball season



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The Donald C. Reynolds YMCA was the host site for the first and second grade boys and girls basketball season.

The three Elite Basketball teams wore distinct jerseys in either White, Black, or Orange.

The White team (pictured) posted an almost perfect season, losing only one game in a

double game event on the closing night of the season.

The Elite YMCA teams was coached by: Back Row: Phillip Tatum Players from left to right Middle Row: Jayden Huddleston, Tyricus McCoy, Legend Tatum, Dreydan Atkins, Zamori Farmer. Front Row: Maverick Moring and Knox

Outstanding scorers for the team were Tyricus "Dank" Mc-Coy, Dreydan Atkins, and Legend "Legendary" Tatum.

Coach Tatum was presented his own whistle at the end of the season, showing the team and parent's appreciation for his dedication to these outstanding young people.

#### **Warren Police Department arrest** report

Jesus Tinoco, 23, of Warren was arrested on March 7 on a warrant.

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#### Jox Garcia, 34, of Warren was arrested on March 8 for public intoxication. Romaro Salvador, 39, of Wil-

Doster.

mar was arrested on March 8 for public intoxication and reckless driving.

Camron Kamau, 21, of Monticello was arrested on March 9 on a warrant.

Kimberly Crick, 55, of Wilmar was arrested on March 9 on a warrant.

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### Editor's Note: No obituaries this week

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#### **WHS SELECTS DELEGATES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS STATE**



Warren High School has selected delegates for the 2025 Arkansas Boys and Girls State. Colton Steen, Jude Cathey, and Bleyze Fellows represent WHS at Boys State. Representing WHS at Girls State are Chloe Sanders, Kalees Lewis, and Azul Garcia. The American Legion Post sponsors these students.



### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16** 

### **CEMETERY MEETING**

The annual meeting of the Union Cemetery Association will be held at 2:30 p.m. at the Union Methodist Church in Rye. All interested persons are invited to attend. **SATURDAY, MARCH 22** 

### **GARAGE SALE**

There will be a garage sale from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. located at 313 W Trotter Ave. Items for sale include household goods, medical furniture, and other miscellaneous items.

#### **ONGOING AA Meetings**

**SHOOTING RANGE OPEN** 

Warren has AA meetings every Monday at 7 p.m. and every Wednesday at 12 p.m. All meetings are held at First Methodist Church of Warren, located at 111 W. Church St. All meetings are open.

The City of Warren Shooting Range is open for public use every week Friday-Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is located south of Warren, west of U.S. Hwy. 63 on County Road 38. It is about a mile from Hwy. 63. The shooting range consists of a skeet shooting facility and a rifle/pistol range. Groups may schedule shooting events by calling 870-226-6743. There is a lodge that can be utilized for meetings or catered events. For more information call 870-226-6743 or 870-466-8200 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Add your event to our Community Calendar! It's free! Just send a short write up of your event to reporter@theeagledemocrat.com, give us a call at (870) 226-5831 or drop off at the Eagle office at 101 S. Martin St.

## Recipe: Warm up with Irish stew this St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is known for revelry. A festive atmosphere prevails each March 17, and people from all walks of life and genealogical backgrounds take part in festivities that have become celebrations of Irish culture.

Cuisine is a big part of Irish culture, even if it's not the first thing people think of when pondering the Emerald Isle. This St. Patrick's Day, celebrants can bring a touch of Irish cuisine to their celebrations by preparing the following recipe for "Irish Guinness Stew with Lamb" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

#### **Irish Guinness Stew** with Lamb Makes 6 servings

8 cups lamb or beef stock; divided

- 1 cup pearl barley 3 lb. lamb shoulder, cubed Salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste 3 tablespoons oil
- 1/2 cup unbleached all-purpose flour 4 stalks of celery, washed,
- trimmed and chopped 2 large yellow onions, peeled
- and chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 3 large carrots, peeled and roughly chopped 12 fluid ounces Guinness
- stout 1 bunch fresh parsley
- 1 bunch fresh thyme
- 1 bunch fresh rosemary 3 large potatoes, peeled and
- cubed
  - 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 4 teaspoons water Directions

1. In a medium saucepan

- set over medium heat, bring 3 cups of stock to a boil; add barley. Reduce heat to low and gently simmer for 20 minutes. Set aside.
- 2. Meanwhile, pat the meat dry with paper towels. Season the meat with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a 6-quart Dutch oven. Brown the meat on all sides over medium-high heat. Using a slotted spoon, remove the meat from the pot. Sprinkle flour over the meat, shaking off any excess; set aside.
- 3. Add the celery, onions, garlic and carrots to the pot and saute until onions are soft and translucent. Add Guinness and deglaze the pot, scraping up all the caramelized bits on the bottom and sides of the
- 4. Chop the leaves of the parsley, reserving the stems.

See **RECIPE** Page 8

### **LEGALS**

JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT **BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBE	2K 31, 20	024
GENERAL FUND BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1 2024	\$	705,100.96
INVESTMENTS TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	<u>\$</u> \$	705,100.96
REVENUE	Ψ	703,200170
CASH RECEIPTS/REIMBURSEMENTS	\$	876,229.65
TRANSFERS	\$	395,135.17
TAX TRANSFERS	\$	1,159,477.22
VOIDED CHECKS TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$</u> \$	31,350.64 2,462,192.68
EXPENDITURES	\$	2,516,932.90
TRANSFERS	\$	42,165.81
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	2,559,098.71
BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024 INVESTMENTS	\$ \$	608,194.93
BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND DECEMBER 31, 2024	<u>\$</u>	608,193.93
BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2024	\$	718,270.37
INVESTMENTS TOTAL ROAD FUNDS AVAILABLE	<u>\$</u> \$	718,270.37
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REVENUE CASH RECEIPTS/REIMBURSEMENTS	\$	1,612,346.35
TRANSFER	\$	82,625.51
TAX TRANSFERS VOIDED CHECKS	\$ \$	313,623.27 112,730.49
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	2,121,325.62
EXPENDITURES	\$	2,308,232.90
TRANSFERS	\$	2,288.94
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$</u>	2,310,521.84
BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024 INVESTMENTS	\$ \$	529,074.15
BALANCE IN ROAD FUND DECEMBER 31, 2024	\$	529,074.15
BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2024	\$	69,415.84
INVESTMENTS	\$	
TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$	69,415.84
REVENUE CASH RECEIPTS/REIMBURSEMENTS	\$	1,005,868.09
TRANSFERS	\$	4,888.55
VOIDED CHECKS	\$	5,362.27
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	1,016,118.91
EXPENDITURES	\$	967,902.72
TRANSFERS TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$</u> \$	40.64 967,943.36
BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024	\$	117,591.39
INVESTMENTS	\$	
BALANCE IN SOLID WASTE DECEMBER 31, 2024  9-1-1 FUND	\$	117,591.39
BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2024	\$	392,422.23
INVESTMENTS TOTAL 9-1-1 FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$	909 409 99
	Φ	392,422.23
REVENUE CASH RECEIPTS/EXPENDITURES	\$	225,339.79
TRANSFERS	\$	970.07
VOIDED CHECKS TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$</u> \$	
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EXPENDITURES TRANSFERS	\$ \$	175,724.52 54.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	175,779.48
BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024	\$	442,952.61
INVESTMENTS	\$	
BALANCE IN 9-1-1 FUND DECEMBER 31, 2024  BRADLEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE BOND INI	DEBTNES	442,952.61 <b>SS</b>
BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2024	\$	-
INVESTMENTS TOTAL BANK COURTHOUSE BOND INDEBTNESS	<u>\$</u> \$	-
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REVENUE SALES & USE TAX	\$	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	-
BONDS PAID	\$	-
BANK BALANCE BOND INDEBTNESS DECEMBER 31, 2024	\$	-
INVESTMENTS	\$	
TOTAL BOND INDEBTNESS FUND AVAILABLE DECEMBER 31, 2024  CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	\$	-
COUNTY GENERAL		
BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2024 - CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT INTEREST	<u>\$</u> \$	140,000.00 1,107.18
BANK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024	\$	141,107.18
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COUNTY GENERAL BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2024		
BANK LOANS TOTAL PAID	\$	140,050.00

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COUNTY GENERAL		
BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2024		
BANK LOANS	\$ 140,050.00	
TOTAL PAID	\$ 49,376.72	
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024	\$ 90,673.28	
ROAD		
BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2024		
BANK LOANS	\$ 676,707.55	
TOTAL PAID	\$ 182,150.64	
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024	<u>\$ 494,556.91</u>	
SOLID WASTE		
BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2024		
BANK LOANS	\$ 224,108.45	
TOTAL PAID	\$ 200,104.49	
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024	\$ 24,003.96	
EMERGENCY 911		
BANK BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2024		
AT&T - 911 EQUIPMENT	\$ 83,572.86	
TOTAL PAID	\$ 41,786.43	
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024	<u>\$ 41,786.43</u>	
ATTEST:		

#### PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: **MOBILE HOME PERMIT DATE: 3-31-25**

Publication of this notice was provided and paid for by the Bradley County Treasurer in Bradley County, Arkansas.

s/ DIANE WESSON

BRADLEY COUNTY TREASURER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held by the Warren Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom on March 31st, 2025 to consider a request for a special use permit for a mobile home at 1509 W. Pine St.

Being more fully described as: Existing mobile home on 2.2 acres

BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

s/ KAREN BELIN

COUNTY CLERK

The amount to be paid is \$170.34

Parcel Number 742-00107-000

That property belonging to Briggs selling to Helen Gates. All persons having any interest in the above mobile home request are urged to attend this meeting.

3/12

### **NOTICE**

The City of Warren is trying to notify Bruce Harris, owner of 1402 W Pine, otherwise known as Parcel number 742-00093-000 to bring this property up Paid for by the City of Warren in the amount of \$13.60.

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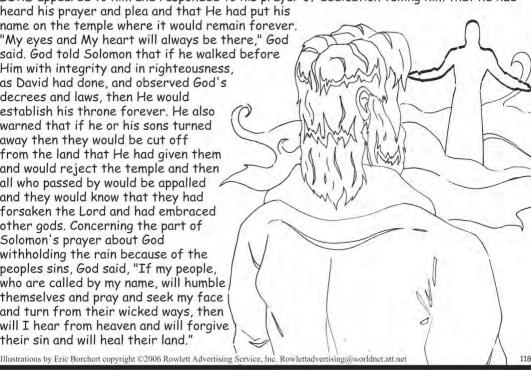
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'My eyes and My heart will always be there," God said. God told Solomon that if he walked before Him with integrity and in righteousness, as David had done, and observed God's decrees and laws, then He would establish his throne forever. He also warned that if he or his sons turned away then they would be cut off from the land that He had given them and would reject the temple and then all who passed by would be appalled and they would know that they had forsaken the Lord and had embraced other gods. Concerning the part of Solomon's prayer about God withholding the rain because of the peoples sins, God said, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.



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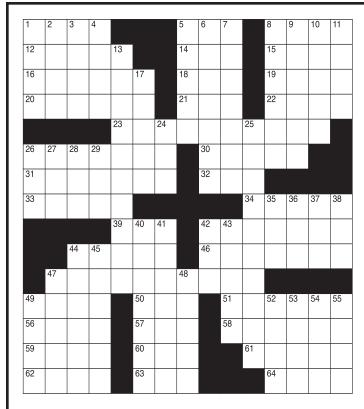
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- 1. Unsheared sheep
- 5. Rock TV channel
- 8. Streetcar
- 12. Concerning
- 14. Expression of recognition
- 15. Greek goddess of youth
- 16. An iPad is one 18. Adult beverage
- 19. Manning and Wallach are two 51. Open spaces in a forest
- 20. Makes a petty verbal attack 21. Tyrion Lannister's nickname 57. Fortune
- 22. Pointed ends of pens
- 23. Wristwatches
- 26. Body part
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Adjusted 32. Turkish honorific title
- 33. Yell

34. Historic Alabama city

42. Type of sea bass dish

47. Separate oneself from others

56. Innermost brain membranes

44. To call (archaic)

49. Hero sandwiches

58. Hunting expedition

59. Doomed queen Boleyn

60. Peyton's little brother

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. An increase in price or value

61. Type of wrap

62. Scottish tax

46. Unfortunate

50. Former OSS

39. Cub

2. Abba , Israeli politician 3. A desert in Asia

1. Works of body art

**CLUES DOWN** 

- 4. Eat greedily
- 5. Doomed French queen
- 6. Beat
- 7. One who survives on blood 8. As a consequence
- 9. Counted on 10. Acquired Brain Injury
- Behavior Science
- 11. Unclean
- 13. One who does not drink 17. Wild ox of the Malay
- Archipelago 24. \_\_ student, learns healing
- 25. Bacterial skin infection 26. Expresses surprise
- 27. What one says on a
- wedding day
- 28. Crony

- 29. Where you entered the world (abbr.)
- 35. Unit of length
- 36. Side that is sheltered from the wind
- 37. More (Spanish) 38. Autonomic nervous system
- 40. Violent troublemakers,
- originally in Paris
- 41. Statements that something is untrue
- 42. Greek alphabet letter
- 43. Suspends from above 44. Popular types of cigars
- 45. Girls 47. U.S. philosopher and logician
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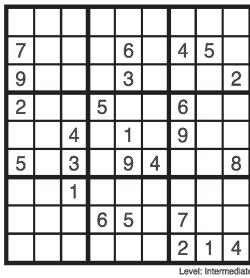
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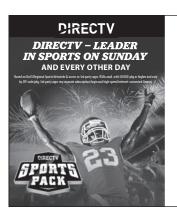
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Tie the parsley stems and several sprigs of thyme and rosemary into a bundle; drop the bundle into the pot. Chop the remaining thyme and rosemary; set chopped herbs aside.

5. Return the meat to the pot. Add the potatoes, barley and enough stock to cover the meat and vegetables. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to very low and simmer for 2 to 3 hours, or until meat is fork tender. Stir occasionally, adding remaining stock as necessary.

6. Check seasoning; adjust to taste. Stir in chopped parsley, thyme and rosemary. Mix cornstarch in water and stir. Add to stew, stirring to incorporate. Cook over low heat for 5 to 10 minutes or until stew thickens. Ladle into bowls. Serve with crusty bread and of course more Guinness if desired.

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