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Taylor returns as Arkansas Superior Federal Credit Union loan officer

By JOANNA POOLE

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Arkansas Superior Federal Credit Union is welcoming back a familiar face to its Warren branch. Jeff Taylor is no stranger to the community, or to the credit union itself.

With decades of experience serving the people of Bradley County, he's built relationships that go far beyond financial services.

"The people of Warren and Bradley County are great," Taylor said. "Most of my members here at the credit union have been with me for well over 20 years."

That deep connection with the community started early in his career. He first joined ASFCU back in 1997 and still remembers the positive impact it had on him.

"From the start, they were al-



TAYLOR

ways offering me a helping hand in my financial situation," he said. "I've always loved what the credit union meant to the community and have always loved working here."

After spending some time at competing banks, he found himself called back to the place where his career began. A conversation with ASFCU's Greg Mormon prompted a return, and it felt like the right move on ev-

ery level.

"When Greg offered me the job to come back, I just knew that was where the good Lord wanted me to be."

Now, back at ASFCU, his focus is on growth and service. He's looking ahead to the credit union's future, with a strong sense of purpose and appreciation for the foundation laid by those before him.

"Dwayne, Carolyn, Mike, and

Sandra helped to build a great foundation for the future of the credit union," he said. "I want this to be a place for members to come and receive excellent service."

His goal is simple, but powerful: to help ASFCU continue to grow and prosper in South Arkansas while making sure every member feels valued.

Lumberjacks Chop Down Billies



Joanna Poole/Eagle Democrat

Warren's Tayshawn Edwards (14) charges toward third base during an intense match up against the Monticello Billies on April 16. The Lumberjacks outlasted the Billies in 11 innings, securing a 2-1 victory.

Lady Jacks fall short against the Lady Billies



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Warren Lady Jack Bayleigh Miller, number 22, takes a lead off second base during a match up against the Monticello Lady Billies on Tuesday, April 9. Despite a strong effort, the Lady Jacks fell to the Billies with a final score of 20-9.

FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



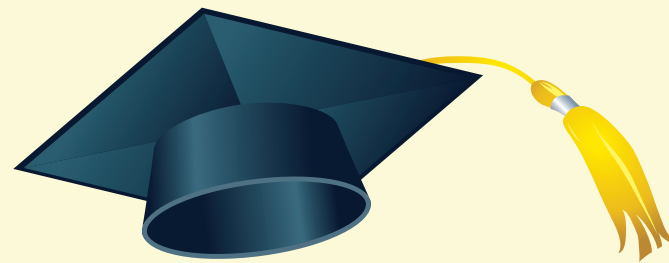
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The Bradley Medical and Health Foundation welcomed five new members at its April meeting. The new members are Bryant Stallings, Dixon Platt, Missy Wardlaw, Marnette George, and Jordan Biggers. The Bradley Medical and Health Foundation was established in 1994 and is a not-for-profit entity dedicated to helping Bradley County and Southeast Arkansas maintain the highest quality of care through the solicitation of contributions and gifts to benefit BCMC. Gifts, bequests, and contributions are deductible for income, estate, and gift tax purposes with the limits authorized by state and federal law.

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TODAY’S EVENTS COMPARED TO BIBLICAL HAPPENINGS

In the coffee shop recently someone asked me, “Brother Bales, do you believe the pres-

ent events in the Middle East suggest the final days of histo-ry are upon us and Christ will

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.

Our late and valued friend, Bill French, came to Warren just before World War II to open what then was a staple in small-town America, a Ben Franklin Store. Bill and his wife, Imogene, got the business going well before he went off for Air Force service during the war. Imogene, assisted by people like Roy Lee Johnson’s sister, Ila Mae, and others, kept the business going well until Bill came home.

Bill changed the name of the business to French’s and he was one of the first folk to employ loud speakers touting store bargains. “Every other store in town gets 98 cents for this string of Christmas tree lights. French’s let you have ‘em for 69 cents.”

Bill did the announcements himself.

When Bradley Store went out of business almost 50 years ago, Imogene opened her own store for ladies’ furnishings and did well there, too. One of her longtime associates was Dale Nicholson’s grandmother, Leona W. Wagnon. Another, later, was the late and elegant Helen Key Richmond. Miss Ila Mae, valedictorian of the Class of ‘44 at good ole WHS, helped out down there, too.

Bill used to laugh, rather ruefully, about his friend and fellow Ben Franklin merchant, Sam Walton, of Newport, coming to him once outlining his idea of a mart-type store with all the merchandise piled up for self-service. Bill said his friend Sam offered him a substantial portion of the business for a \$5,000 investment. Bill turned him down. That five-thousand-dollar investment would have been worth millions upon millions now, of course.

That reminded the onetime country editor of his chance, a third of a century ago, to buy the newspaper in a neighboring town for about \$40,000. The onetime country editor did not do so. Recently, the property sold for almost two million dollars. Moral for the late Bill French and the onetime rural scribe: hindsight is 20-20.

The same thing applies to the cellular telephone business. When I first heard of that, I thought it’d go the way of the CB radio; a fad, in other words, destined, in a few years, to some formless oblivion. Instead, seems like every other car you meet on Warren streets features a driver motor-mouth-ing into a cell telephone. It’s not just teenagers, either. ‘Tis everybody.

For several years, we have lugged around a bag phone we switch back and forth between our well-traveled vehicles. It

Warren Police Department arrest report

Addison Barnett, 19, of Warren, was arrested on April 7 for No Driver’s License.

Tanya Roberts, 50, of Warren, was arrested on April 9 on a war-rant.

Rufus Butler, 48, of Warren, was arrested on April 10 for Public Intoxication.

Bobby Savage, 58, of Warren, was arrested on April 18 for Criminal Trespassing.



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return very shortly? Doesn’t the Bible say that history will end with a final battle somewhere in the Middle East?”

We must be very careful about making predictions concerning the second coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus, himself, warned us, “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. So, you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not ex-

pect him” (Matthew 24:36, 44).

At the same time, the Bible repeatedly tells us that Christ will come again, and when He comes, He will come “with power and great glory” (Mat-thew 24:30) unlike the quiet way He came the first time as a baby in the stable of Bethle-hem.

Furthermore, the Bible tells us there will be signs or events which will indicate His coming is near, and many of these cer-tainly seem to be true in our

the late Kenneth Reep built a 4-bedroom, two-bath model for the late J.K. Martin that was, like the first, up on stilts about 10 feet off the ground to cope with the overflow of the Ouachita River.

En route, we got to go past the handsome place of Linda and Stan Sweeney. Linda is a Very Special Lady to the one-time country editor; special, special indeed. She was/is a mover and shaker in govern-ment at El Dorado. Her daugh-ter is married, of course, to one of the sons of Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. Linda’s brother is a highly-placed official in the federal court system. His wife is the daughter of R.E. Paulus of El Dorado, Bebe’s brother.

Back to the Martin Camp, we were there for a dinner party purchased at the charity ball in which the Scott Richardsons’ also served as hosts. Mrs. Rich-ardson’s father, Ernest Merl Johnson, did the cookin’. It was wonderful.

Only thing wrong with Pine Prairie is those 12 miles of gravel roads that has to be traversed to get there. They’re dusty, you know. Very dusty. Now, of course, there is phone service and electric service, too, at Pine Prairie. There was none many years ago when two War-ren businessmen went down there to check on Harry Wilfong and found him dead. Moribund stiff. One of ‘em had to stay with him, sans appreciation, while the other went to get help.

Harry would have liked to

time. “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testi-mony to all nations, and then will the end come” (Matthew 24:7, 14).

In addition, in the view of many Bible interpreters, there will be special prophetic signif-icance to events in the Middle East at the end of time. Much of this will reach its climax in a series of terrible events, in-

cluding a final battle between good an evil at “The place that in the Hebrew tongue is called Armageddon” (Revelation 16:16).

Whatever the immediate future holds, Christ will come again. Jesus said, “I will come again and receive you into my-self.” Are you ready for the day when you will see Him, either by His second coming, or when you die? You can be, by giving your life right now to Jesus Christ.

getting the delivery service the newspaper wants/needs in this area.

Daniel is one of these quietly-confident young men who understand all this electronic stuff. His mama is an old friend. Helen Weaver Herring we once knew as one of Jean C. Frisby’s 4-H girls.

Old Funderburg and his college student assistant, Chad Sledge, came by the other night, finished the wiring, and installed the requisite ceiling fan. Randy Funderburg is married to one of the daughters of the Pat Ballentine’s. He’s been busy the past few days doing the wiring on another of those retirement centers, like the one on Woodlawn here in town, but this one at Booneville in Logan County. It’s wonderful to reside in Warren, where you can call on Messrs Laster, Haire, Fun-derburg, Herring, Danny Cook, and our floor man, young Jen-nings of Jennings Carpet. These are just part of the thousand reasons why residence in Pen-nington township is very, very good stuff.

Lovely weather the first fortnight of October. But it’ll turn cold soon. Several years ago, we had a terrible freeze the first of November, just as Arkansas was playing Auburn at Fayetteville. Remember? It could happen again.

Our Big Project is almost, almost complete. It seems like you get things 95 per cent done easily and then hump like heck to conclude the final finishin’ touches. The sun room looked huge ‘til we installed some fur-niture. Then it seemed like it shrunk, or something. Our big-gest project has been trying to get our schnauzer, Schnapps, to use the doggy door we had our friends, Laster and Haire, put in. Old Schnapps is unpos-sessed of zeal about the door, for some reason or another. We decided it must hurt her nose, maybe.

Young Daniel Herring of Young’s TV came and moved our TV. Now we can sit there in the morning and peruse the Demo-Gaz and the Pine Bluff Commercial, if we can get it de-livered, that is. The Commercial seems to be having problems

NOTICE

The FY “2025” Winter Regular Assistance Program will close on March 31, 2025. Southeast Arkansas Community Action Corporation will no longer be accepting applications for regular assistance after that date.

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Arkansas frog-gigging season adjusted to protect breeding season

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Frog-gigging can be one of the most exciting adventures available for outdoors enthusiasts on a late spring night, but froggers will have to wait a little longer as the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has reset the opening night of the season to June 1, instead of its traditional April 15 opener.

The change was made during last year's regulations cycle, but this will be the first year it is in place. The Commission had heard many comments and concerns over a perceived decrease in bullfrog populations in some areas of the state. In an abundance of caution to conserve bullfrog populations, the AGFC's Fisheries Division staff recom-

mended a delayed start to the season to protect the amphibian's mating season. According to AGFC Herpetologist Dr. Amanda Bryant, bullfrog reproduction typically begins in mid-April through early May and peaks around June. Protecting frogs for an extra month and a half helps contribute to successful reproduction,

which in turn can help stabilize wild populations. "Surrounding states have similar season start dates," Bryant said. "Missouri opens on June 30; Tennessee opens on July 1, and Louisiana does not allow take of bullfrogs in April or May to allow them to mate and lay eggs before harvest begins."

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Puzzle answers


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Editorial

Arkansas House Report

Jeff Wardlaw
Ark. State Representative



As we approach the final days of the 2025 Regular Session, the Arkansas House of Representatives remains focused on passing legislation that will have a lasting impact on the lives of Arkansans. We anticipate adjourning on April 16, and several key bills have advanced as we wrap up our work.

This week, the House passed HB1685, a bill that proposes eliminating the state's 0.125 percent sales tax on groceries, effective January 1, 2026. This effort continues our work to reduce the tax burden on Arkansas families.

The House passed HB1312, amending public school funding to provide an increase of 5 percent in per pupil funding, raising it to \$8,162 for the 2025-2026 school year. This amount includes the cost of health insurance. For the 2026-2027 school year, the per pupil amount is set at \$8,037, with the \$333 for insurance costs being paid directly to the Employee Benefits Division.

We also adopted HJR1018, a proposed constitutional amendment titled "The Citizens Only Voting Amendment." This proposed amendment, if approved by the Senate, will appear on the November 2026 ballot. It proposes that only U.S. citizens who meet voter qualifications may vote in state and local elections.

- A number of additional measures also passed the House:
- HB1732, which increases the income tax deduction for teachers purchasing classroom supplies from \$500 to \$1,000.
 - HB1485, which creates a sales and use tax exemption for organizations supporting veterans' facilities.
 - HB1922, which establishes an income tax credit for companies that relocate their corporate headquarters to Arkansas, further enhancing our state's economic competitiveness.

Finally, the proposed Revenue Stabilization Act (RSA) for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year was distributed to members on Friday. This document outlines our state spending priorities. You can view the proposed RSA at arkansashouse.org.

Arkansas History Minute

by Dr. Kenneth Bridges



The early years of the United States includes tales of many daring explorers. One of these figures was Benjamin Louis Eulalie de Bonneville, a Frenchmen by birth who immigrated to the United States and eventually made Arkansas his home. Bonneville gave Americans a much clearer view of the Rocky Mountain West thanks to his travels in the 1830s.

Benjamin Bonneville was the son of a publisher and born in Paris, France, in 1796. In 1803, the family immigrated to New York. The family was close friends with Thomas Paine, the outspoken essayist who inspired countless Americans during the Revolutionary War. Paine had encouraged the family to come to the United States and paid for their voyage to their new home. Upon his death in 1809, Paine established a trust fund for Bonneville and his sister for their education.

Bonneville graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1815. He served at various army posts, including Fort Smith. In 1824, he was transferred to Fort Gibson, which was at that time in the Arkansas Territory but now located in northeastern Oklahoma.

Curious about the largely unexplored lands of Oregon and the Far West, he took a leave of absence from the army and led an exploratory expedition in 1832. The force of 110 men was financed by private investors. The explorers left Missouri in May, eventually trekking along the Platte River in present-day Nebraska and into Wyoming and Idaho. He took careful note of the different geologic formations along the way as well as the wildlife and fauna of the region.

He sent one party of scouts to the southwest to search for an overland route to California. This party went into northern Utah and Nevada and discovered what came to be known as the California Trail, later a major route for pioneers heading west during the California Gold Rush. Bonneville's team encountered Great Salt Lake and the dry, ancient lakebed that Great Salt Lake once encompassed on a larger scale which was later named Lake Bonneville. The field of salts covering the desert floor mark what was once the lake itself and is now called the Bonneville Salt Flats.

Along the way, Bonneville encountered several different Native American tribes, often trading with them for supplies and employing several as guides. He made it as far as eastern Washington. In the winter of 1834, he and his party stayed with a band of Nez Perce near the Salmon River who helped them survive the difficult season. The next spring, the party returned to Missouri.

In 1837, he worked with famed writer Washington Irving and published his journals as The Adventures of Captain Bonneville. During the Mexican War, he served with Gen. Winfield Scott in his campaign to take Mexico City and was part of the occupation force of the Mexican capital. By 1855, he was promoted to colonel and took command of different posts in the New Mexico Territory.

He initially retired in 1861, but the eruption of the Civil War led him to return to the army, where he commanded a garrison in St. Louis. He was promoted to the rank of brigadier general and was put in charge of recruiting Union troops in Missouri. He retired for the final time in 1866.

Bonneville spent the last years of his life in Fort Smith. He died in 1878. His name appears often across Arkansas and the nation, including a number of schools in the West. The community of Booneville in Logan County was named in his honor. Bonneville County, Idaho, was also named after the general. In 1962, the Fort Smith School District named Bonneville Elementary School after him.


FROGS

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The season still closes at midnight Dec. 31, and all other regulations concerning frogs remain in place.

Only bullfrogs may be harvested, and a valid fishing license is required. The limit is 18 frogs per day, measured from noon one day until noon the next

day. Hunters may use bow-and-arrow, hook-and-line, a long multi-tined spear called a gig, or they may simply snatch them up by hand. Bullfrogs may not be sold except by fish farmers with a valid commercial bullfrog permit. Visit <https://www.agfc.com/education/alternative-fishing-methods> for more information on regulations concerning frog gigging and other alternative methods of fishing.



Senate Week in Review
from Ben Gilmore
Senator

Arkansas is at the center of a national battle between local pharmacies on the one hand, and on the other hand a giant industry known as Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). It is a battle of economic life and death.

Local pharmacies accuse PBMs of anti-competitive practices and multiple violations of state law. More than 60 local drug stores have gone out of business since 2016. They support legislative approval of House Bill 1150 to prohibit PBMs from operating retail pharmacies in Arkansas.

A spokesman for a PBM said that if HB 1150 is passed, the corporation will close its 23

pharmacies in Arkansas. In emotional testimony, employees appeared at the Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee and said they would lose their jobs if the bill passed.

A Senate co-sponsor said he is sympathetic with employees' concerns about losing their jobs, but he also feels sympathy for the many people who have already lost their jobs because PBMs forced the closing of local pharmacies.

The Senate approved the bill by a vote of 26-to-9 and the House approved it by a vote of 89-to-4. It's on its way to the governor.

HB 1150 also would prohibit PBMs from using mail-order pharmacies to distribute prescription drugs in Arkansas.

A spokesman for local Arkansas pharmacies said that if the legislature approves HB 1150, it would create a domino effect and numerous other states would enact similar laws.

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Extreme weather and natural disasters are familiar to Arkansans. We have lived through tornadoes, severe storms, flooding, wildfires and even earthquakes that damage property, change communities and in some cases injure or cost lives. These events are never easy to endure.

But at every turn, the thing that defines our state as much as anything is our commitment to rally around our families, friends and neighbors in the aftermath.

It always materializes, yet it is important not to take that charitable and generous spirit for granted. This spring, Mother Nature is putting our commitment to the test in a seemingly relentless way.

Just last month, we watched as an outbreak of tornadoes, including two with EF-4 ratings, as well as severe storms pummeled the north central and northeast parts of our state leaving incredible damage, dozens of injuries and three fatalities in their wake.

Shortly thereafter, over 100 wildfires broke out in and around central Arkansas driven by strong winds that carried the

flames over thousands of acres. Residents nearby were evacuated from their homes, outdoor activities were limited and firefighting teams from around the region were dispatched to help contain and put out the blazes.

Unfortunately, conditions produced further rounds of storms, flash flooding and tornado activity at the beginning of April. These events took at least three lives and injured over a dozen other Arkansans in different parts of the state. Multiple communities received as much as one foot of rain.

That deluge precipitated harrowing scenes, including water rescues in Hardy and Camden where brave first responders and citizens helped save their neighbors from swiftly rising floodwaters.

Amid all this devastation and destruction, once again our state showed up for one another.

Whether it was cleanups in communities like Bryant to help get little league baseball fields back in playing shape or volunteers descending on places like Lake City to help clear debris, salvage personal belongings, offer meals or distrib-

macists, corporate drug companies, elected officials and policy makers throughout the United States are watching Arkansas closely.

PBMs are middlemen between drug manufacturers and the hundreds of millions of Americans who purchase prescription drugs. PBMs negotiate with health insurance companies, pharmacy retail stores and companies that have self insurance for employees' health coverage.

Opponents of HB 1150 say the government should not pass laws that interfere in the free market. Supporters of HB 1150 say that PBMs use anti-competitive practices toward creating a monopoly and don't comply with existing laws.

HB 1150 is one of several laws enacted by the legislatures to level the playing field between PBMs and local pharmacies. An Arkansas law regulating PBMs has been upheld by the United States Supreme Court.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, the three largest PBMs set prices for 80 percent of the prescriptions filled in the United States. As one Arkansas pharmacist said, PBMs are his competitor and they have the authority to set his prices.

PBMs are vertically integrated, meaning that they own or have a financial arrangement with other sectors of the health care industry, such as health insurance companies, hospitals and pharmacy retail franchises.

In related news, the Senate passed HB 1531 to prohibit drug manufacturers from restricting medications to a limited network of out-of-state pharmacies. Co-sponsors of HB 1531 say that if manufacturers restrict the availability of prescriptions to out-of-state mail-order companies, it would shut down access at local pharmacies, hospitals and clinics in Arkansas. That could harm patients, they say.

ute cleaning supplies -- there has been no shortage of acts of kindness toward those who experience such unimaginable hardship.

As in any crisis where threats to personal safety or energy sources transpire, we must also recognize the brave and selfless men and women who answer the call to provide aid when most others are taking shelter.

The Arkansas National Guard has been on the ground in multiple communities providing various forms of support including helping shore up levee breeches, supplying potable water or helping drivers avoid treacherous roadways.

Similarly, electrical line workers in our state rose to the occasion and helped restore power to thousands of Arkansans as hazardous weather

battered them. In fact, those efforts were recognized by the state legislature which proclaimed April 9 as Arkansas Electrical Line workers Day to commend their efforts and dedication. And it should also be noted what a great job our meteorologists and the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management team did to keep Arkansans safe and informed.

Our hearts are with every community impacted by natural disasters, now working to pick up the pieces. The strength of Arkansas is its people, who are meeting this moment with the strength and resilience we have seen time and again. They never lose hope, and I look forward to working with state, local and federal leaders to offer them support as they rebuild and recover.



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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2011, JOYCE SMITH AND SCOTTY RAY SMITH, HUSBAND AND WIFE (the “Mortgagor”), as mortgagors, executed and delivered that certain CLOSED-END FIXED RATE HOME EQUITY CONVERSION DEED OF TRUST to WFG Lender Services, LLC, as Trustee Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Generation Mortgage Company as Mortgagee, which was recorded on January 6, 2012 in Book: DT 281, Page: 382-392 in the Office of the Circuit Clerk and Ex Officio Recorder, Bradley County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the First Mortgage was insured by the SECRETARY (the “Secretary”) of the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (“HUD”) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the First Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to that ASSIGNMENT OF SECURITY INSTRUMENT executed October 1, 2018 and recorded on October 9, 2018 in Book: DT 318, Page: 763-763 in the Office of the Circuit Clerk and Ex Officio Recorder, Bradley County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2011, that certain CLOSED-END FIXED RATE HOME EQUITY CONVERSION SECOND DEED OF TRUST (collectively, with the First Mortgage, the “Mortgages”) was executed by Mortgagor as mortgagor and delivered to the Senior Official with responsibility for Single Family Mortgage Insurance Programs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Field Office with jurisdiction as Trustee for the Secretary as Mortgagee, and recorded on January 6, 2012 in Book: DT 281, Page 393-403, in the Office of the Circuit Clerk and Ex Officio Recorder, Bradley County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgages in that Mortgagor’s property subject to the Mortgages (the “Property”) has ceased to be the principal residence of a Mortgagor for reasons other than death, and the Property is not the principal residence of at least one other Mortgagor; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of February 24, 2025 through the date of this Notice is \$78,160.33, plus accrued costs and interest; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgages to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single-Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B. and by the Secretary’s designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on March 29, 2023 with the Circuit Clerk and Ex Officio Recorder of Bradley County, Arkansas as Instrument No. L202300620, notice is hereby given that on Friday, April 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises (“Property”) will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

A certain parcel of land in the City of Warren, Arkansas, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 9 West, and running from thence West 115 feet, thence South 6.32 chains, thence East 115 feet, thence North 6.32 chains to the point of beginning.

SUBJECT, however, to all rights of way and easements apparent end of record, and all prior leases, reservations, exceptions and conveyances of the oil, gas, coal, lignite and other minerals in, upon and under said lands

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The sale will be held at the Bradley County Courthouse, 101 E Cedar St # 2, Warren, AR 71671.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$59,312.73.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$5,931.27 [10% of the Secretary’s bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier’s check made out to the “Secretary of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development”. The check must reference FHA Case # 031-4273719. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$5,931.27 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier’s check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier’s check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier’s check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated as of January 28, 2025 through the date of the scheduled sale is \$381,489.46, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner’s attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier’s check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: March 24, 2025
/s/Chad Cumming
Foreclosure Commissioner
Chad Cumming
Gill Ragon Owen, P.A.
425 W. Capitol, Suite 3800
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: (501) 376-3800
Fax: (501) 372-3359
STATE OF ARKANSAS)

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COUNTY OF PULASKI)
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Personally, appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this 24th day of March, 2025, within my jurisdiction, the within-named Chad Cumming acknowledged that he is the Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), and that, for and on behalf of HUD and as its act and deed, he executed the above and foregoing instrument after first having been duly authorized by said Company to do so.

/s/Earnestine Brumfield
Notary Public
My commission expires:
05/01/2033

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Monday by Noon

Warren School District Request for Bid Proposals

Bid Proposals are requested by the Warren School District for the removal of existing fencing & concrete footings plus the installation of new Chain Link Fencing, Gates, Footings & Related Accessories at the Brunson Elementary and Warren Middle Schools, located at 210 & 212 Scobey Drive, Warren, AR 71671. The bid opening will take place at the Superintendent’s Office, 408 Cherry Street, Warren, AR 71671 at 2:00 PM local time on April 29, 2025. A mandatory pre-bid conference with all proposed bidders to be present will occur at 2:00 PM local time on April 24 at the Middle School Principal’s Office 210 Scobey Drive, Warren, AR 71671. Any bids received from companies who fail to attend the pre-bid conference will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Details of new fencing:

6’ tall black chain link KK, 9x8g fuse bonded, 2 3/8” OD line post 40 wt top and brace rail 1 5/8” OD 40 wt, corners & end post 2 7/8” OD 40 wt. Each side gets truss rod and brace rail. Fittings steel, bottom cable 9gx6g. Ties 9g aluminum. Corner post foundations 12”x36”, line post foundations 10”x36”.

A layout diagram of the new fencing and the required bid form can be received by contacting:

Bryan Cornish
Warren School District
870-226-8500 or bryan.cornish@warrensd.org

All bids are to be in sealed envelopes and are to include a Bid Bond or a Certified Cashier’s Check for at least 5% of the Bid Amount made out of the Warren School District for damages created if the chosen low bidder fails to sign a contract for the bid amount within seven days of the bid date. The Owner desires that all payments be made by June 30, 2025 so the contract time stipulated in the bid form may be a basis for determining the successful bidder.

4/9, 4/16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION NO. 06PR-25-12-2 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT GLENN ARROWOOD, DECEASED NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 367 Bradley 32 Road, Warren, AR 71671

Date of Death: November 15, 2023

An instrument dated January 23, 2023, was on February 12, 2025, admitted to probate as the Last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executrix thereunder. A contest of the probate of the will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. Provided, that claims for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of the notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in such estate.

This Notice first published on the 16th day of April, 2025.

s/ Wanda Sue Arrowood, Executrix
c/o Richard L. Roper
Bar Identification No. 79246
Attorney At Law
Barton & Roper, PLLC
Post Office Box 1236
Warren, Arkansas 71671
(870) 466-4214
Attorney for the Estate

4/16, 4/23

Obituaries

Daniel Perry

Daniel Perry, Jr. died on April 10; born March 4, 1944 to Daniel and Claudia Perry.

Survivors: children; Danny, Gina; siblings, Sam, Jean.

Graveside service will be April 16 at 2 p.m. at Wheeler

Springs Cemetery followed by burial. Visitation will be 30 minutes before service.

Peggy Saunders

Peggy McNeer Saunders died on April 11; born January 10, 1943 to Doty and Bessie Jane McNeer

Survivors: children; Doty,

Tamara, Gia, Jana; siblings, Chester, Joy.

Funeral services will be

April 17 at 2 p.m. at Frazer’s.

Visitation at 1 p.m. before ser-

vice. Burial in Oakland.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 13-17

HOLY WEEK CITY-WIDE REVIVAL

The schedule for Holy Week is as follows: Monday at St. James

AME Church- guest speaker

will be Pastor Silas Warner of

Mt. Zion MBC, South Warren;

Tuesday at Holy Deliverance

COGIC- guest speaker will be

Bishop R. Rudolph, of Power

House COGIC; Wednesday at

Mt. Zion MBC South Warren-

guest speaker will be Pastor

Kurbe Newsom of St. James

AME; Thursday at Mt. Carmel

MBC- guest speaker will be

Elder Terry Correll of Holy

Deliverance COGIC; Friday at

Power House COGIC- guest

speaker will be Pastor Derrick

Perry of Mt. Carmel MBC. All

services will begin at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27
PATTSVILLE CEMETERY ASSOCIA-

TION MEETING

The annual meeting of the

Pattsville Cemetery Associ-

ation will be held at 2 p.m.

on Sunday, April 27, 2025,

in the Fellowship Hall of the

Hermitage Methodist Church

in Hermitage. Contributions

may be made at the meeting

or deposited into the Pattsville

Cemetery checking account at

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SUNDAY, APRIL 27

PARKER-PROSPECT CEMETERY MEETING

The Parker-Prospect Cemetery

Meeting will take place on

Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m. at

the cemetery.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

SPRING PLANT SALE

The Union County Master Gar-

deners will hold their Annual

Spring Plan Sale as part of the

thirty-third Mayhaw Festival.

The sale will be located at 510

N Jackson Street in El Dorado

and will begin at 8 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

DUTCH OVEN COOKING CLASS

The Bradley County Historical

Museum will host a Dutch oven

cooking class and demon-

stration at the historic Martin

House on the corner of Walnut

and Elm Streets in downtown

Warren. Doug Thornton, owner

of Redneck Gourmet and win-

ner of numerous Dutch oven

cooking awards will instruct

the class. The event is free and

will begin at 10 a.m. If you have

questions or would like to make

reservations, please call 501-

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SATURDAY, MAY 17

THIRD ANNUAL HERMIT DAZE

FESTIVAL

The City of Hermitage will

hold its annual Hermit Daze

Festival. This year’s event will

feature a softball tournament,

soccer tournament, food trucks,

Kid Zone, pageant, and Baggo

tournament.

ONGOING

AA Meetings

Warren has AA meetings every

Monday at 7 p.m. and every

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The City of Warren Shooting

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every week Friday-Sunday from

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Jeroboam Rebels Against Solomon

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Jeroboam, one of Solomon's officials and the son of Nebat rebelled against King Solomon. Solomon had built the supporting terraces and filled in the gap in the wall of the city of David. Solomon put Jeroboam in charge of the whole labor force of the house of Joseph. One day Jeroboam was going out of Jerusalem, and Ahijah the prophet of Shiloh met him on the way, wearing a new cloak which he took hold of and tore into twelve pieces. He then told Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces for yourself, for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'See, I am going to tear the kingdom out of Solomon's hand and give you ten tribes.'" He told Jeroboam that Solomon would have only one tribe because they had forsaken God and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Molech the god of the Ammonites, and have not walked in God's ways, nor done what is right in His eyes, nor kept His statutes and laws as David, Solomon's father, did. God told Jeroboam that he would give one tribe to Solomon's son so that David would always have a lamp before Him in Jerusalem. It was explained to Jeroboam that he would rule over all that your heart desires. God promised to be with him if he would do what God commanded him and do what is right by keeping His statutes and commands. The promise continued, "I will build you a dynasty as enduring as the one I built for David and will give Israel to you. I will humble David's descendants because of this, but not forever." Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam, but Jeroboam fled to Egypt, to Shishak the king, and stayed there until Solomon's death.

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Clue: Peaceful

B. 23 5 5 16 19 13 22 6 4 22 19

Clue: Stores volumes

C. 6 22 18 8 1 18 21

Clue: Allowing to borrow

D. 6 1 23 10 24 10 1 24 18

Clue: Library worker

Answers: A: quiet B: bookshelves C: lending D: librarian

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Rotary hears from Kids First



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SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

The Rotary Club of Warren met for the first of two meetings this month on Tuesday, April 8 at First Methodist Church. The club heard from Warren High School Junior Rotarians Olivia Cook and Kylee Ozment before moving to the program for the afternoon. Rotarian Marnette George introduced Jamie Courtney of Kids First in Warren. Courtney spoke about their services for kids with special needs from birth to five years old. They get early intervention at Kids First, including occupational, physical, and speech therapy. She said they have 37 kids currently, which is almost as many as they can take, but are losing five this year due to aging out. She also mentioned that they serve kids in Warren and Bradley County but also get a number of children from Cleveland County and the El Dorado area. She stated that Warren is fortunate to have this service in town and ended the program by answering a few questions from the crowd. Jamie Courtney and Rotarian, Marnette George are pictured above. Also pictured above are Junior Rotarians Olivia Cook (left) and Kylee Ozment.

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