



Passin’ the Faith Along

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WHY PRAY?

Why do we do it? Why bother? Is there really any value in calling a nation to prayer? Does God answer those requests? How do we know? Let me assure you that there are many, many reasons! God would never called us to pray if prayer was not of great value.

One of the most prominent teachings of the Bible is that God

has called us to a life of prayer. If there were no other reason to pray than that, it would be sufficient. If our praying pleases God, then it is certainly worth our while to do so. But why does God want us to pray? Why did Jesus put so much emphasis on it in the Sermon on the Mount? There are 111 verses in that sermon, and 18 of them are directly

or indirectly about prayer.

Prayer is the spiritual key to everything worthwhile. “In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” (Philippians 4:6).

Prayer is the only way to ward off temptation. Jesus said, “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation” (Matthew 26:41). Everyone is beset by temptation. It is universal. No person is of such sterling character that he or she can hold off the temper by human power. The Bible says that Satan seems to and fro across this earth, seeking whom he may devour (see I Peter 5:8).

Prayer gives power for service. The greatest outpouring of spiritual power this world has

ever known came on the Day of Pentecost nearly 2,000 years ago. One hundred twenty Christians were in the Upper Room on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. They had been there for 10 days. For a business meeting? Not really. For fellowship? Not particularly. They were there for a time of fasting and prayer. Think of it! Not a couple of hours or until they got tired and restless. But for 10 days and nights those early saints were in a great prayer meeting. (Acts 2:1-4)

Prayer brings peace and tranquility. We live in days of unnerving tension and anxiety. But here is God’s promise to His children: “Be careful for nothing [in other words, don’t worry about anything]; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6, 7).

Is it God’s will for you to worry? The Bible says no. Does God want His children bound by fear and tension? The Bible says no. Does God want his children to suffer from nervous and mental disorders? No, a thousand times no. God wants us to have great joy and peace. What kind of peace? A temporary one brought on by a pill or shot? No, a peace that passes all human understanding.

Are you concerned about tomorrow? Pray about it. Do you have needs that are causing you great distress? Pray about them.

Are you worried about the spiritual needs of your family? Pray about them.

God wants you to pray. He has never offered an alternate route into His presence. Prayer — your prayer — is enormously important to God. Is it important to you?

Why pray? I have only touched on a few basic reasons. There are so many others. I pray that God will show you the urgency of personal prayer. You know, today could be the start of something truly great in your life.

I trust the Holy Spirit will help you see that prayer can be the delight of your life! It need not be drudgery or a chore. God has commanded us to pray because He wants the very best for our lives.

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 July 14, 2004.

Ever trade cars and then have second thoughts? This happened to us two years ago when we sold our beloved VW convertible to Liz and Cliff Gates. Of course they had an advantage: as a onetime aircraft mechanic (pilot, too, for Potlatch, back in the “Good Old Days”) Cliff could work on that air-cooled VW engine himself. He knew how to do it. All I knew was how to put gas in it and then try to find somebody else to make it run. Well, Cliff’s got the VW runnin’ like a fine Swiss watch. We saw Liz drivin’ it down the street the other day.

The Gates’ grandson, Adam Gates, student at Fayetteville, tells us Liz and Cliff are gettin’ ready to completely re-do the interior. The Ageses have one of those “antique car” licenses installed on the blue back end of the car, bought originally by a lawyer in Hot Springs. We bought the car back in 1981 or 1982, I think. Used, of course. I bet the Gateses are enjoyin’ it.

Explanation: “Good Old Days at Potlatch” was when they had two airplanes and three pilots in Warren.

The sob story continues: We owned a little Japanese sports car that was so low to the ground it killed us on entry and egress so we bought a 4-year-old Chevy van from Pat Ballentine for \$4,000 11 years ago. We worried because the van had 80,000 miles on the clock.

“Not to worry,” insisted friend Ballentine. “Those engines (V-6 motors made in Canada) last a long time.”

We drove the white van to Florida, to Kansas, to Tennessee, and I don’t know what-all and all of a sudden it had

252,000 miles on the speedometer. The overhead covering inside started falling off and we had to tack it back up. We suspected our friends were embarrassed to ride with us. Our children gently-hounded us.

“Trade cars,” they insisted. “We don’t want you out on the road in a 14-year-old van.”

Thus, we did, getting \$1,000 on the trade. The van cost us \$3,000 to use 11 years, or about \$272 a year. That should have ended the story. It didn’t.

A man from Little Rock called. He’d bought the car and had ordered a new headliner installed for under \$200. He came down and picked up two extra chairs that normally were in the back. The man turned out to be a car broker. He plans to have his schoolteacher daughter commute from Little Rock to East End (Grant County) daily in the van.

“Cleanest old van I ever saw,” says he. “It’ll run at least 100,000 miles before we have to work on the engine!”

I could not bring myself to ask what he paid for it. I just choked back a single furtive tear.

I took some tomatoes to my first employer, Sam Hodges, then publisher of THE OSCEOLA TIMES in Mississippi County, the other day. I went to work for him in the winter of 1952. I didn’t know what I was doing, but he taught me quickly how a gentleman does business.

Sam was an encourager. Aside from my sainted mother, he as one of the first people in my life who argued with me that I had any sense. He sold the Osceola paper and bought the weekly one in Benton. That smart fellow could see what was gonna happen at Benton-Bryant (huge growth).

He turned the paper into a daily, sold it for vast amounts, and resides in Little Rock in rather fragile health at 85.

Small world department: Sam Hodges and Dr. James Marsh were Air Force officers and friends on Saipan in the Pacific during World War II. Later, both entered UA Fayetteville to prepare for medical school. Dr. Marsh graduated from med school in 1950. By that time, Sam Hodges was back in his hometown of Osceola due to taking over his dad’s newspaper. Both his parents succumbed close to one another. I guess Sam Hodges taught me an important lesson: Young folks need encouragement.

I’m much-impressed with THE EAGLE DEMOCRAT page one picture of the Donald W. Reynolds Warren YMCA.

What a majestic improvement that’ll be for our town!

Lordy, lordy it rained every day in June, with that modest little tributary, The Town Branch, running bank-full sometimes. Remember when we were kids how we loved to play in the branch despite ghastly warnings from parents. Lots of poor people lived in pitiful places on what’s now Jimmy Russell field without the refining benefits of indoor plumbing. We played in there anyway, trying to catch what we called “lampreels” (Lamphey Eels). We’d catch one or two on occasion.

We were fascinated too at the ash piles from the laundry that were placed on the edge of the branch. That is, we

were fascinated until one of our crowd walked through the ashes barefooted and ran into hot coals. That broke us from suckin’ those particular kinds of eggs.

Ford’s Laundry and Dry Cleaners was a huge business back then. My valued friend Bill Ford drove a station wagon and he’d go out into the west end area to pick up ladies to help run the laundry area of his folks’ venture. Bill’s mother, Dozier Braswell Ford, loved the Pastime Theatre. I think I remember she was there just about every time the feature

changed, along with the Fred Krugs family and the James R. Moseley family.

Mrs. Ford, who was a fine lady, always sat in the back, near a glowing gas stove. As for the Fords, K. C. Hargis has bought the Ford house at Pine and Main and impressively restored the exterior. Wasn’t the house built by W. C. Hill, stepfather of Stella Creag O’Neal, who worked at Ederington’s for many years, widow of David Leslie Neal who with his brother-in-law, Howard (Chick) Harris had the Dr. Pepper bottling place?

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Warren Police Dept. Press Release

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

Warren Police Department executed two search warrants related to illegal sales of alcoholic beverages signed by Honorable Judge Bruce Anderson. The first search warrant was executed at Juan Hurtado’s residence on

April 18, 2025 at 417 Oak St. On April 25, 2025, the second search warrant executed at Micki Charles’ residence at 1103 Kelly St. Both Jurado and Charles were charged with sale of alcohol without a license.

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Landon graduated from Monticello High School in 2024. He is now attending UAM, focusing on a major in physical education and coaching. Landon recently celebrated his 1 year anniversary with Union Bank.

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The CALL in SEARK brings awareness for the need for local foster homes during Foster Care Awareness Month

SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE

May is Foster Care Awareness Month, and The CALL in Southeast Arkansas hopes to bring necessary attention to the 56 children in their service area* currently in foster care through their Power of Local campaign.

The number of traditional foster homes available to accept local placements in Southeast Arkansas is critically low. In fact, 100 percent of Southeast Arkansas children in foster care are sadly placed outside of their home county because a local foster home was not available.

When children enter foster care, they are experiencing a difficult transition. Staying local (near friends, schools, familiar surroundings) helps provide stability during a time of uncertainty. Local placements help maintain a child's sense of belonging, connection, and stability. To make this happen for Southeast Arkansas, it will take local fam-

ilies, local churches, and the local communities stepping up to ensure children can stay close to familiar places and people.

Non-local placements can make an already difficult transition even more challenging. Challenges created by long-distance placements include:

- Longer travel for weekly family visits, court hearings and caseworker meetings, often indirectly impacting school attendance due to travel time involved
- School change and loss of teachers, coaches, school connections
- Losing connections with church, mentors, therapists and local support system
- Loss of comforting faces and places in addition to the adjustments of life in a new community

The impact of children being displaced from their community can be far-reaching. Effects include a disruption to their education, distance from family, loss

of local support and increased instability, creating additional stress during a time of crisis.

Instead, local placements provide:

- More convenience and less school absences for weekly family visits
- Possibility of other family connections (when appropriate) throughout the week
- Consistent relationships with teachers, counselors, and mentors
- Less disruption and more stability
- Stronger support system for both the child and their family
- Family reunification is more likely, which is the goal whenever possible for children in foster care

Foster care is not only about providing a home. It is about keeping a child rooted in the place they know and love. Ways the community can help include:

- Become a foster parent:

Open your home to a child in need and help keep them close to their familiar surroundings

- Support local foster families: Offer your time, resources, or skills to families who are already fostering.
- Advocate for local foster care: Spread the word about the importance of keeping kids local and encourage others to get involved.
- Partner with your church: Help create a network of support for foster families in your area.

The CALL in Southeast Arkansas is here to help you explore how you can impact the children and families in your community. The CALL provides support for every step of the foster home licensing process as well as on-going support for open foster and adoptive homes as well as closed adoptive homes. Prospective foster families, volunteers, church partners, and community part-

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Puzzle answers

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Arkansas House Report

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Ark. State Representative



In the 2025 Regular Session, the Arkansas House of Representatives passed a series of laws to improve education statewide, prioritizing students, teachers, and school communities.

We began with Act 909, which boosts per-pupil funding by 5 percent to \$8,162 for the 2025–2026 school year, including health insurance costs. For 2026–2027, the funding is set at \$8,037, with insurance paid separately. To further support student well-being, Act 123 guarantees all public school students a free breakfast each day, regardless of income.

Creating focused learning environments was another priority. Act 122, the Bell to Bell, No Cell Act, limits student use of personal devices during school hours, reducing distractions. Act 474 places a temporary hold on school letter grade evaluations, allowing time to roll out a new accountability system aligned with the LEARNS Act.

Act 573 requires the display of the Ten Commandments in public school buildings. Act 478 mandates instruction on the moral and religious beliefs of the Founding Fathers, while Act 134 calls for updated social studies standards that compare America’s constitutional republic to other forms of government, including communism and autocracy. Act 400, the Religious Rights at Public Schools Act of 2025, provides clarity on the freedoms afforded to students and staff regarding religious expression.

Teacher support was also addressed. Act 878 increases the classroom supply tax deduction for teachers from \$500 to \$1,000. Literacy efforts received a boost with Act 195, tripling the maximum literacy tutoring grant from \$500 to \$1,500, if funding allows.

Act 229 requires all public schools to provide age-appropriate fire-arm safety instruction starting in the 2025–2026 school year. The Teacher and Student Protection Act (Act 565) introduces stronger protections against repeated violent or abusive behavior in schools. Additionally, Eli’s Law (Act 908) mandates the installation of audio recording devices in locker rooms by 2027–2028 to enhance student safety.

These laws reflect a clear vision for strengthening our schools, supporting educators, and preparing Arkansas students for a successful future.

Taking the road less traveled

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As high school graduation approaches, students are flooded with questions. Where are you going to college? What are you majoring in? What do you want to do with the rest of your life? While those questions come with the best of intentions, they can weigh heavily on the seniors who may not have clear answers. You know what? That’s okay.

I was one of those seniors. I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to do after I graduated. I didn’t see a point in going to college because I was wrapping up 13 years of school. I needed a break. I worked in the service industry which is a series of lessons all on its own. I think that every person needs to wait tables or work in retail. You can learn some serious lessons about patience, grace, and empathy.

Society often paints a picture that we should know the exact paths that we are headed down by the time we toss our graduation caps in the air. But the reality is that few people truly know what they want to do with their lives at 18. Even fewer stick to their original plan. It’s not uncommon for a first-time college freshman to change their major three times in the first year.

Mainstream culture says at 18, we’re adults. Therefore, we should act like it! But life isn’t linear. There are unexpected twists and turns and opportunities that come along.

I remember during those first few years out of high school, people asked me what my plan was and I felt guilt for not having one. Now as an adult I look back and think about how ridiculous that mindset was. Besides working, I spent time with my friends. I laughed, ate good food, watched movies, and overall, had good times. Those were the years that formed me and I wouldn’t take back a single moment if I could.

Taking time to explore whether it’s through a gap year, community college, part-time jobs, internships, or just figuring things out step-by-step is a sign of maturity, not failure. It means that you can admit uncertainty and give yourself space to grow. Many adults still wrestle with career changes and questions of purpose. Why in the world should we expect teenagers to have it figured out?

I know I keep going back to me, but I’m a prime example of figuring it out later in life. I got married at 21, had babies at 22, 24, 26, and finally 32. It wasn’t until my youngest was in kindergarten that I decided I was ready for higher education. I started college at 39 and graduated at 43. I took school seriously because I wanted to be there and graduated with a 3.78. I’m not saying that my path is right for everyone. But it worked for me.

Pressure to define your future too early can lead to burnout, anxiety, and choices made for the wrong reasons. Instead, we should celebrate students who are still exploring just as much as we celebrate those who have a plan.

To the class of 2025: whether you’re heading off to college, into the workforce, taking time off, or still figuring it out, your path is valid. The truth is that you don’t have to have it all figured out right now. You just need to be willing to keep learning and growing. Because that’s what life is really about.

CALL

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Ways to Engage in Power of Local in Southeast Arkansas during May:

The CALL is collaborating with their partners at the Division of Children and Family Services as well as CASA of the 10th Judicial District to recognize these 56 children on May 12, 2025 with a balloon display and

release on the Monticello town square at 10 a.m. A special time of prayer will take place over the children and families represented, as well. The community is invited to come and participate.

Churches and businesses in all six counties are hosting Power of Local displays during the month of May. Literature and information is available to the public at each of these displays. Limited displays and slots remain available and can be booked by contacting The CALL at (870)308-9502 or emailing sea@thecallinarkansas.org.



Senate Week in Review

from Ben Gilmore

Senator

The Arkansas Medicaid expansion program known as ARHOME must be renewed every five years, and earlier this year the Department of Human Services submitted a renewal application to federal authorities that includes a revised work requirement for recipients.

Also this year the legislature approved Act 774 to achieve more than \$260 million in potential savings for taxpayers in the ARHOME program.

ARHOME is an acronym for Arkansas Health and Opportunity for ME. It provides government-subsidized health coverage for about 225,000 Arkansans at

an annual cost of between \$2 billion and \$2.5 billion a year. The years in which it was most costly were during the height of the COVID pandemic.

The federal government pays for 90 percent of the costs of ARHOME and has authority to accept or deny proposed changes in eligibility and range of services.

Most of the cost savings from Act 774 would be through a more transparent rebate process. One of the significant cost categories in Medicaid is prescription drugs. Some public health systems in other states have filed suit, or conducted investigations, and learned that they did not receive all the rebates to which they were entitled.

Also, the state will achieve an unknown amount of savings due to a new work requirement. Arkansas previously had a work requirement, but it was stricken after a legal challenge. The language in Act 774 is meant to com-

ply with federal court orders in the previous lawsuit.

Getting or looking for a job will not be a requirement for eligibility, as it was before. Instead, people who receive ARHOME services will have individual development plans, which include work or continuing education. People who do not cooperate and refuse to follow their plan will have benefits suspended.

The national Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2010, making people between 19 and 64 years old eligible for Medicaid expansion services if their annual income was below 138 percent of the poverty level.

Each state enacted its own version of Medicaid expansion, and in 2013 Arkansas became the first state to gain federal approval for a Medicaid expansion program that relied on private health insurance. Arkansas Medicaid pays private insurers to cover the eligible population.

It was first known as the private option and it lowered the rate of uninsured significantly. Arkansas hospitals reported that the number of unnecessary visits to emergency rooms went down. Beginning in 2017 the name was changed to Arkansas Works, and the state began imposing the work requirements that were later stricken by a federal court.

Under Act 774, companies that provide coverage under the ARHOME program must maintain a medical loss ratio of 85 percent. Previously it was 80 percent. The ratio refers to the amount that insurance companies must pay to physicians, hospitals, pharmacies and other providers for medical care, and which cannot be spent on administration or salaries.

Federal public health officials estimate that 92.3 percent of the United States population is covered by health insurance of some type. There are about 26.1 million Americans with no insurance.

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U.S. SENATOR OF ARKANSAS

As Arkansans, we are blessed our state is home to many talented, intelligent and capable young people who shine in a variety of ways. Many of our students thrive across academic, athletic, artistic and community-focused extracurricular endeavors, all while balancing a challenging workload and other important responsibilities like family obligations and part-time jobs.

Fortunately, there are many meaningful ways our communities can support bright students and future leaders across The Natural State.

One such opportunity is through my office’s Congressional Youth Cabinet (CYC), a program I have been proud to offer to high school juniors in Arkansas since 2017 to encourage civic engagement and help develop an interest in public service.

Participants invest their time meeting with other students in the congressional district they reside in during the school year while also working with my staff and learning about the legislative process. These young men and women select a topic that interests them, such as rural health or the debate surrounding “name, image and likeness” in college athletics, and spend months collaborating through interview-

ing subject matter experts and gathering research. The program concludes with an end-of-year presentation to my staff and me where students outline their findings, recommendations and potential legislative solutions. They are also encouraged to describe how their proposals could be funded and implemented.

The CYC was designed with the intent to provide students from a wide variety of backgrounds and personal interests first-hand experience with the democratic process. Ultimately, the program is a non-partisan opportunity for hardworking and enthusiastic youth to learn how public policy impacts their communities, their families and themselves.

This year’s CYC – the eighth iteration of the event – included 114 exceptional participants. I was thoroughly impressed with their presentations and am grateful for the deliberate and meaningful work they accomplished over the course of the school year. It was clear they selected topics they were passionate about exploring, which led us to thoughtful discussions and exciting, fresh ideas.

Multiple groups all chose to present on topics relating to rural health care, such as increasing access for Arkansans in

smaller and underserved communities, improving maternal health care and infant outcomes, increasing the availability of non-emergency medical transportation and methods to attract more doctors, nurses and health care professionals to our state. Another focused on the impact of social media on mental and social health. It was clear that leading healthier and fulfilling lives was important to many of these young people.

As a former health care provider, I thoroughly appreciated their perspectives and found their interest in a topic so important to me inspiring.

While I do not miss two-a-days and exhausting conditioning sessions as a former Razorback football player, I was excited to hear other presentations on the possible impacts of collegiate “name, image and likeness.” And I also learned a great deal from groups that highlighted innovative technologies and trainings

to promote safe and productive learning environments in school. That is something, as a former Rogers School Board member, that I know is a concern across communities and school districts.

I appreciated seeing these issues through their eyes and it is safe to say this was a great end to an enjoyable, rewarding experience.

Students of this character and caliber are a strong representation of our state and nation’s next leaders, and I look forward to seeing them continue down exciting paths that can lead to purposeful, service-oriented futures. I am confident whatever they decide to invest their time and energy in, they will continue to find ways to make their voices heard on the issues and initiatives they care about deeply.

CYC members – from this year and the many before – are the leaders of tomorrow that our nation needs and can anxiously expect to make a real difference.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 12

WATER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Southwest Warren Rural Water Association, Inc., will hold its annual membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the office Saunders Services located at 311 North Myrtle Street in Warren. All members are welcome to attend.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

CEMETERY MEETING

Ebenezer Cemetery Association, Inc., will hold its annual meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the office of Saunders Services, located at 311 North Myrtle Street in Warren. For information, please contact Susan Saunders at 870-820-6203 or Jennita Peek at 870-820-6469. Donations or memorials may be sent to Ebenezer Cemetery, 311 North

Myrtle Street, Warren, Arkansas, 71671

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

CEMETERY MEETING

The Cross Roads Cemetery Association will meet at 2 p.m. at the Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church to have its annual meeting.

ONGOING

AA Meetings

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.

SHOOTING RANGE 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.

CHILDS CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENT

To all members and the public: A reminder that a meeting was called in 2024 and a new amendment was voted on and passed, and added to the

by-laws stating that no new memberships will be accepted due lack of burial plots which can only be taken by existing members. We are in the process of locating land that can be purchased after which we will again accept new members.

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

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• Brunson Elementary Principal

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Obituaries

Guyn Sullivan Culpepper

Guyn Sullivan Culpepper, 86, of Bella Vista formerly of Pine Bluff passed away at Concordia Health and Rehab in Bella Vista. She was born November 27, 1938 in Monticello to the late, Curtis and Mae George Sullivan. She is also preceded in death by her husband James Mackie Culpepper.

Guyn owned and operated B.G. Fashions in Pine Bluff for many years, she was a graduate of White Hall High School, had attended Greenlee Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, loved going to line dancing classes at the



CULPEPPER

local catholic church, going dancing with her friends at the V.F.W. hall in Pine Bluff and Monticello, attended weekly at the Senior Citizens center in Pine Bluff where she loved playing bingo, pool and exercising. She also kept up with her White Hall High School classmates and attending the White Hall all school reunion. When Mackie was still alive they loved having cookouts at their house with all of their friends. Another favorite of Guyn's was taking pictures with a 35 mm camera and she dearly loved Elvis and collecting Elvis memorabilia.

Guyn lived for a while at Grand Manor in Monticello where she made lots of friends before moving to Concordia in Bella Vista, where her final days were full of love and great care.

Survivors include a son, Jimmy Culpepper (Sarah) of Pine Bluff, Dana Roark of Monticello, SiLena Puckett (Greg) of Bella Vista, SiDonna Compton (James Shouse) of White Hall, thirteen grandchildren, Justin Compton (Michelle), Jeremy Compton

(Jessica), Jessica Kemp (Josh), Janessa Compton (Austin), Charlie Puckett, Katie Puckett, Thomas Culpepper (Whitlee), Emily Dunn (Chance), Brittnay McCory (Adonis Acree), Abigail Haycox (Gage Cash), Lane Roark (Hannah), Lauren Roark, and Landon Roark. There are also seven great grandchildren, Zack Compton, Tara Compton, Sidney Compton, Jackson Compton, Mateo Compton, Easton Culpepper, and Jack Culpepper.

She is also survived by many beloved cousins that she considered siblings.

The family would like to also acknowledge several close friendships that Guyn and Mackie had thru the years, Jimmy and Martha Martin, Thurman and Shirley Sizemore, Don and Marilyn Huffman, Jimmy and Judy Welch, Wilson and Sissy McDougle and their families.

Visitation will be Friday, May 2, 2025 at the Griffin Funeral Service Chapel from 10 a.m. until the funeral service starts at 11 a.m. with Bro. James Watson officiating.

Pallbearers will be James Shouse, Thomas Culpepper, Lane Roark, Jeremy Compton, Justin Compton, Charlie Puckett, Josh Kemp, and Landon Roark. Burial will be in Palmyra Cemetery near Star City.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN. 38105. Arrangements by Griffin Funeral Service in Star City. (Paid obituary)

Mary Bradley

Mary Helen Bradley went to her eternal home on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at Saline Hospital in Benton. She was born April 17, 1934, having her ninety-first birthday a week ago. She was the daughter of the late Barney and Carrie Rauls.

Mary Helen is preceded in death by her husband of almost 70 years, Thomas Bradley. She had 12 siblings: J.E., Cecil, Ear-

nest, W.C., Roy, Marvin, Johnny, Larry, Virgie, Dorothy, Linda, Juanice.

Mary Helen is survived by three children, Diane Madden (Jim), Debbie McClain (Ron), and Greg Bradley (Vickie). The twinkle of her eyes are her seven grandchildren, Jennifer Brewer (John), Eric Hamilton (Mary), Bruce McClain (Laurie), Matt McClain (Lindsey), Kristen McClain, Courtney Green (Andy), Maggie Hughes (Justin); 14 bonus grands; 16 great grandchildren, Beau Brewer (Madison), Hannah Brewer, Katelyn Hamilton (Yates), Laci Koper, Carrington Koper (Cole), Knox Hamilton, Griffin, Gunner and Grady McClain, Roy and Westin McClain, Gillian Ellis, Lauren Rich, Kinsley Sellers, Todd Sellers and Waylon Hughes.



BRADLEY

Mary Helen was an active member of Harmony Free Will Baptist Church in Rye. She retired after years of assisting on the farm; she worked at the Jack Winter Factory and as a nurse's aide and desk clerk at Bradley County Medical Center in Warren.

She was a devoted Christian, wife, mother, mom, aunt, Nanny, and MeeMaw. Mary Helen enjoyed deer hunting and spending time with her family

at the Bradley Deer Camp. She loved having visits and extended time with family. They will miss and remember precious memories from her excellent country breakfast of oatmeal (her specialty that the grands loved), sausage and gravy, and always homemade biscuits.

Funeral service was held Sunday, May 4, 2025, at Frazer's Funeral Home with Bro. Ricky Rauls and Bro. Doney Blackerby officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery at Rye by Frazer's Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Morris Curry

Morris Ray Curry, age 83 of Warren passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at The Blossoms at White Hall Rehab and Nursing Center in White Hall. He was born on May 14, 1941, in Warren to the late Artimes Morris Curry and Mable Stuard Curry. He was a welder who



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built aluminum boats. Morris ended his lengthy career at SEARK Marine in Monticello. He was a great outdoorsman who enjoyed archery, fishing, and hunting deer, turkey, and duck. He loved to share his extensive knowledge of the outdoors and wildlife with everyone, especially with those who were just learning about

hunting and fishing. He was a member of Greens Lake Hunting Club for many years. He and Carolyn spent countless hours there along with grandchildren and his close friends.

Morris loved his family and invested time with them from camping to hunting to teaching the grandchildren how to drive the Ranger. After Leigh left home and married, she and her daddy would still enjoy at least one yearly fishing trip. He could build anything you could dream up including two swing sets, a treehouse, camp buildings, outdoor sheds, bridges to span a creek, and countless other projects.

Other than his parents he is preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Anderson Curry whom

he married on February 8, 1963 at the age of 21; his sister, Ann-nice.

Survivors include his daughter, Leigh Ann Curry Browning (Kyle) of White Hall; grandchildren, Jess, Lucy, and Grace; sisters, Sherry and Teresa; nephew, Aaron Anderson whom he helped raise and a host of beloved nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Frazer's Funeral Home. A private family burial service will be held at Wilmar Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Arkansas Game and Fish (for Hunter Education programs) in memory of Morris Curry. (Paid obituary)

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LEGALS

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 at 2:00 PM local time on May 20, 2025. A mandatory pre-bid conference with all proposed bidders to be present will occur at 2:00 PM local time on May 15 at the Middle School Principals, 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.

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5/7, 5/14

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Bids will be accepted until Monday, June 3, 2025 at 10:00am, at which time bids will be reviewed in the Bradley County Medical Center's Administrative Offices.

Bradley County Medical Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to reject any or all optional items included in the Bid.

5/7, 5/14

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 06PR-25-22

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIVIAN J. COLLEN, DECEASED

NOTICE OF OPENING OF ESTATE

Last known address: 113 Thomas C. Brunson, Drive, Warren, Arkansas,
Date of death: November 30, 2024

The Estate of Vivian J Colen, deceased, was opened on April 4, 2025. 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 forever be barred and precluded from any benefit in the Estate. Keshia L. Nunn-Valley whose address is 423 Rightor Street, Suite #5, Helena-West Helena, AR 72342, is the agent for process service.

This Notice first published on April 30th, 2024.

Date: April 25, 2024
/s/ John Hamilton
As Executor/Trustee of the Estate of Vivian J. Colen, Deceased

5/7

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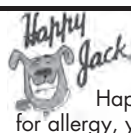
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I Kings 12

Jeroboam fortified Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and lived there and went out and built up Peniel.

He began to be concerned that if the people went up to offer sacrifices at the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem, they would again give their allegiance to Rehoboam king of Judah and would kill him and return to King Rehoboam.

Jeroboam made two golden calves and told the people that it was too much for them to go up to Jerusalem and these calves were their gods who brought them up out of Egypt. One calf was set up in Bethel and the other in Dan.

Jeroboam built shrines on high places and appointed priests from all sorts of people, even though they were not Levites. He instituted a festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the festival held in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altars

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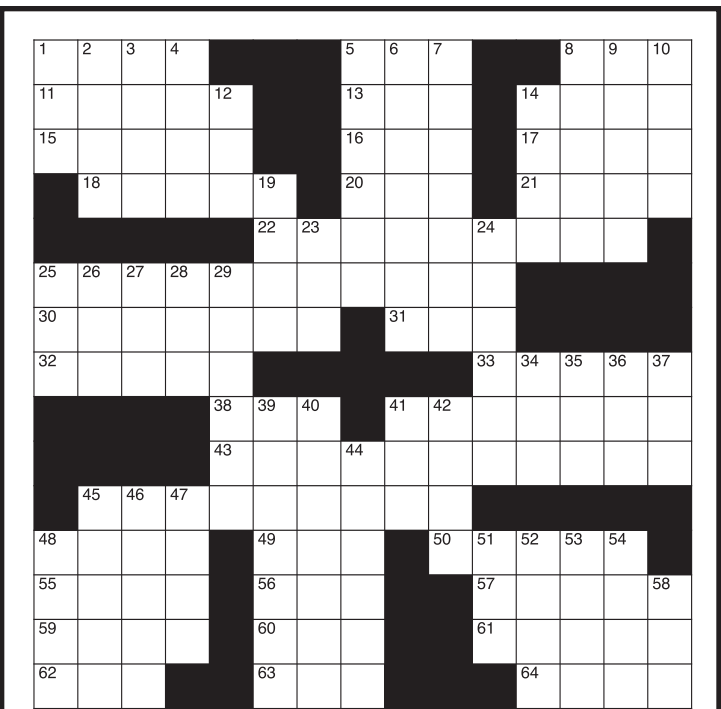
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Herring-like fish

5. Perform on stage

8. Soda

11. Small growth

13. In support of

14. Step taken when walking

15. Hollyhocks

16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

17. Feel pain

18. San Diego ballplayer

20. Inches per minute (abbr.)

21. Fat from a pig's abdomen

22. Create again

25. Honors once more

30. Thin coating of gold

31. Welsh river

32. Japanese novelist Mizumura
33. Husks of corn

38. Green vegetable

41. Showing guilt

43. Soldier

45. Photographers

48. Language spoken in Nigeria

49. Mimic

50. Expressed pleasure

55. Ancient Greek sophist

56. Beverage container

57. Night monkey genus

59. Lace bugs

60. Hoghead (abbr.)

61. Frameworks

62. Keyboard key

63. Greek goddess of the dawn

64. Influential Korean independence figure

CLUES DOWN

1. A place to unwind

2. Helped (archaic)

3. Razorbill genus

4. Bleached

5. Continent

6. Fruit preserved in syrup

7. Impediment to one's freedom

8. Nocturnal rodents

9. Earthy pigment

10. Relieved oneself

12. Golf score

14. Tech hub __ Alto

19. Sportscaster Andrews

23. Records electric currents

24. Popular Hitchcock film

25. Revolutions per minute

26. NY Giants legend

27. Sports radio host Patrick

28. When you hope to get somewhere
29. French seaport

34. Thai river

35. Rocker's accessory

36. Extra charge

37. Influential American president

39. Pain in the head

40. Great Plains people

41. Consumed

42. Soluble ribonucleic acid

44. Improves

45. Secret clique

46. Behind the stern of a ship

47. Dough made from corn flour

48. Fallow deer

51. Swiss river

52. Grayish white

53. Engrave

54. College's Blue Devils

58. Midway between south and southeast

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- PANEL
- PLANS
- TRUSSES

Answers can be found on Page 3

SUDOKU

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6							
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		2			1		4
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