



The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him. - Proverbs 20:7

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National Unclaimed Property Day is Feb. 1st

By Dennis Milligan
Arkansas Auditor of State

Feb. 1 is National Unclaimed Property Day, and as your state auditor and Arkansas' unclaimed property administrator, my job is to return people their missing money as it is reported to my office.

Unclaimed property is financial in nature, usually forgotten bank accounts, unpaid life insurance benefits, stock or mutual fund shares, or some other account that holds monetary or tangible items for which the owner has not initiated any activity for several years. When that happens and the bank or business entity cannot locate the owner of such accounts, the money or properties are submitted to my office. Nearly 33 million people in the United States - 1 in 7 - have unclaimed property.

In Arkansas, the odds are even better. With \$400 million in unclaimed property, 1 in 4 Arkansans likely has unclaimed money with my office.

Let's take it back a few years. Prior to being elected as your Auditor of State, I served for 8 years as your Treasurer of State where I secured more than \$600 million in investment returns for Arkansas. When campaigning for state auditor, I made Arkansans two promises: I would convert the Auditor of State's outdated payroll system to the Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System, or AASIS, which most state agencies use. Second, I would be the Auditor of State who returned the most unclaimed property in history back to citizens.

In my first year as Auditor of State, I began the transition from an old, out-of-date accounting system to the AASIS system, and on July 1, 2024, that process was completed successfully. Making good on my second promise, I returned more than \$36 million in unclaimed property back to citizens during my first full fiscal year in office - more money than any other fiscal year in at least the last decade.

Most people don't know this about me, but I was a small businessman for 35 years, starting my own company from scratch and, with God's blessing, expanding it into 17 states before selling it in 2020. That small business mentality still sticks with me today: I have never been one to sit around; I am constantly looking for ways to use my time in leadership to make state government more efficient and effective for the people I serve - Arkansans.

In my small business, improving efficiency and cutting red tape meant more success for my company. One of the ways I hope to do this at the State Capitol is by implementing a program we're calling "Data Match." I wish I could tell you the Data Match Initiative is my brainchild, but like all successful leaders, I spoke with my counterparts around the country and learned this is a best practice currently used by 24 other states, many of whom neighbor Arkansas.

This program would allow me to automatically send citizens a check for their unclaimed property, so long as the owners' information is validated through several identity verification processes. If the legislature gives me the authority this session through Senate Bill 14, we would be able to put millions of dollars back into the hands of Arkansans - removing the burden from citizens to get back what is rightfully owed to them in the first place.

There are nearly 360,000 eligible properties valued at

Beebe City Council Sworn-In



Beebe City Council members were sworn-in Monday night at the first council meeting of the new year by City Clerk/Treasurer Carol Westergren. All council members took office and were unopposed in the November 2024 election - something that has rarely or has never happened before. Pictured from left: Alderman Nathan Lindsey, Alderman Jean Stark, Alderman Matt Dugger, Alderman Lee McLane, Alderman Tracy Lightfoot and Alderman Jacob McCormick. Their two-year term began Jan. 1, 2025 and will end Dec. 31, 2026.

City Council Approves Purchases; Mayor Relays Information on Traffic Lights

The Beebe City Council met Monday night, Jan. 27th for their first meeting of the new year.

The Beebe Water and Sewer department will move from their current location on Hwy. 64 W to a building just west of there - next door to Beebe Family Clinic. They will be moving this Friday and will open in the new building on Monday, Feb. 3rd.

Inquiries by Mayor Mike Robertson with the Ark. Dept. of Transportation re-

garding obtaining new traffic light turn signals was answered recently. According to the letter to Mayor Robertson, the intersections of Hwy. 367/Hwy. 67B/N Main St. and Hwy. 367/Center St. do meet warrants for a left turn phase and the highway department is currently developing preliminary cost estimates. The intersection of Hwy. 367/Pecan St. did not meet left turn phasing requirements. As more information is received - an update will

be provided to the public. Ordinance 2025-01 (see on Pg. 4) was approved which waives the requirement of competitive bidding for the purchase of a Chevrolet 2500 HD pick-up truck for the fire department. The truck is a 2024 AT2500 with 10,000 miles at a price of \$45,888. It will be paid for out of the quarter-cent city sales tax revenues.

The council approved the purchase of an antenna which will be mounted to

the city water tower. The antenna will allow the fire dept. to have a separate digital radio channel. The cost is \$10,634.40 from Antioch Electronics with an \$1800. installation of the antenna on the water tower by a certified welder.

Shepherd's Center Exercise Class Keeps Seniors in Shape

On Mondays and Fridays, between 11am - 12, these seniors - sometimes more and sometimes less - join together for a low impact exercise class at the Shepherd's Center at Beebe First United Methodist Church on N. Main St.

They walk, use chairs, nerf balls, and bands to help with strength, balance and flexibility.

If you would like to join this class - just show up. The cost is just \$10 every 6 weeks.



Vanita Hill, 98, has been leading this class for several years.



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The following article is published in accordance with the wishes and in memory of Robert L. Kemp, former editor/publisher of The Beebe News.

by R.B. Thieme, Jr.

A catalog of available tapes and publications will be provided upon request by contacting R.B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 5139 West Alabama, Houston, TX 77056

Before you begin your Bible study, be sure that, as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you have named your known sins privately to God (1 John 1:9). You will then be in fellowship with God, under the control of the indwelling Holy Spirit, and ready to learn doctrine from the Word of God.

If you are an unbeliever, the issue is not naming your sins.

The issue is faith in Christ:

“He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” (John 3:36)

Rebound and Keep Moving

Don't Forget - Don't Faint

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him (Heb. 12:5).

You know, sometimes it is not the doctrine which you have NOT learned, but the doctrine which you have forgotten which hurts. Here we have an exhortation to remember something we have learned in the past. “Ye have forgotten” is perfect tense: you have forgotten this is the past with the result that you are in status quo ignorance at this time. “Unto you as unto children” are both datives of advantage. It is to our advantage to have this exhortation.

“My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord” is a quotation from Proverbs 3:11. The reason for the exhortation is given in the next phrase, “nor faint,” or literally, “do not faint.” When believers get out of that bottom circle, one of the first tendencies is to faint when the discipline hits. I don't recall ever fainting as a child, but I do remember that I had some mental anguish just before my father would spank me. He always made very slow, methodical preparations - taking off his coat, rolling up his sleeves, and taking off his belt. That gave him a period of time to calm down, I found out later. We always had a trial first, and he made it very clear why he was spanking me. He was strong, and I knew this was going to hurt. Apparently I never developed the proper calluses on the “gluteus maximum” to enjoy this type of treatment. In other words, both contemplating the discipline and receiving it led to what might be classified here as “fainting.”

When we are under discipline from the Lord, we should not become bitter; we should not look at life from the human viewpoint. The sooner we get with the divine viewpoint and get back in that bottom circle, the sooner we will be in the place of blessing. At least it will be the place for riding out the discipline. This principle in verse 5 had been forgotten by the believers to whom this epistle had originally been addressed. With the exception of discipline, all suffering in the Christian life is designed to bless. When we acknowledge our sins to God, then on the basis of the principle of cursing being turned to blessing, even the suffering of discipline becomes a source of blessing. There is no experience in the Christian life in which we cannot have blessing, peace, tranquility and perfect inner happiness.

David, The Spiritual Giant

The best illustration of Hebrews, Chapter 12, is found in 2 Samuel 11. The man involved in this passage is David, one of the greatest believers who ever lived. This is better understood by a study of his life, the Psalms which he wrote, and by the constant declaration in Chronicles and Kings that David was a man “after the Lord's own heart.” And yet, like all of us, David failed the Lord. I think you will understand by our study of 2 Samuel, Chapter 11, how important it is for us to use this principle of Rebound.

Continued next week.

Praying for Authorities

By Pastor Steve Ellison



As I write this on Inauguration Day, I am reminded that Christians, thus the Church, are called to be wholly different, radically different, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Those descriptors do not indicate any kind of wielding of power except through love, servanthood, and obedience to counter-cultural Biblical behavior. God has not left us alone in the world. He has given us a sacred text, the Bible, that is completely trustworthy and sufficient for all of life. The Holy Spirit indwells us, illuminating that text, and enabling us to obey what God has said in it. You personally may be thrilled with the transfer of power that will take place later today in the U.S.A. You may personally be horrified with that same transfer of power. If you cannot find a politician who disgusts you, you have not been paying attention. May I simply remind you that your feelings are inconsequential? You have been given a clear word from the Lord. You are called to oppose all ungodly policies. You are called to obey the authorities over you except when they require you to sin.

We have a very clear command in 1 Timothy 2:1-8, First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8 Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension. (NASU) If you have problems with this paragraph, take it up with the Author.

You and I are called to put aside our personal feelings, wants, likes, and dislikes and obey the Lord. May I remind you that, Paul wrote these instructions while in

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prison, or right after being released from prison. Also, he had to at least figure that he would soon be imprisoned again, and yes it did happen. Furthermore, the authority over Paul during this time was Nero, and that fact needs no explanation. You and I must live to please God, who can kill the body and cast the soul into hell. Shall we ignore His clear command, while realizing that we will stand in front of His throne and give an account for even every idle word we have spoken. Uh oh!

We seem to miss the fact that the “bookends” around this passage are about the one offering the prayers is thus commanded and enabled to pray without wrath and dissension, and to lead a tranquil, quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This ought to be way at the top of our priorities in this trying time. Pray that you would live such a godly and dignified life. Pray that all humans would repent of sin and trust God. Pray that all humans would come to the knowledge of the truth. Pray that all humans would recognize Jesus the Christ as the “ransom for all” and the “one mediator between humans and God”. Your godly and dignified life would be an aid in the other things coming to pass.

Rev. Steve Ellison passed away Feb. 15, 2022. We are running some of his columns from years past. We will miss him as will his many followers.

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State Capitol Week in Review

From Sen. Jonathan Dismang



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LITTLE ROCK – The Arkansas Senate quickly approved legislation to protect the rights of more than 500 victims of child sex abuse who have already won civil cases and are waiting for their settlements to become official.

Senators unanimously approved Senate Bill 13 on the same day that attorneys for a former pediatrician, and convicted child sex offender, argued before the state Court of Appeals that existing Arkansas law was unconstitutional.

The sex offender's lawsuit challenges a law enacted in 2021 known as the Justice for Vulnerable Victims of Sexual Abuse Act. It greatly extended the statute of limitations for child abuse victims, and also extended the time period in which they can file lawsuits against the offenders who abused them. Legislators became aware that the 2021 act was being challenged in court, so the same Senate and House sponsors of the 2021 act joined forces again to file SB 13.

Passage of SB 13 by the legislature will protect monetary awards that victims in Arkansas have already won, no matter the outcome of the case currently at the Court of Appeals. If the convicted sex offender wins, and SB 13 is not passed, money that already has been allocated to victims in Arkansas would instead be distributed to victims from other states.

Two other Senate bills that were approved early in the legislative session are meant to make veterinary services more available in parts of Arkansas that are underserved.

Senate Bill 68 passed by a vote of 34-to-1. It would allow veterinary technicians, technologists and technician specialists to help animals

during an emergency when the supervising veterinarian is not present.

By a vote of 33-to-2 the Senate passed SB 61, which would allow a veterinarian licensed in Arkansas to provide telemedicine services, using audio-visual technology or the telephone.

The bill would also allow a veterinarian to provide emergency services via telemedicine for someone even though they have not yet established a relationship. In those instances, the veterinarian must establish a relationship with the client within seven days if a small animal was treated, and within 21 days if a large animal was treated.

The two bills will next be considered by the House of Representatives.

Also during the second week of the session, the Senate passed SB 15 to repeal a law concerning the negligent shooting of a firearm while deer hunting.

It is the first in a package of bills the legislature will consider this session to clarify the many statutes on firearms. Throughout 2024 a legislative committee studied firearms laws, while getting input from the attorney general, law enforcement and concealed carry safety instructors.

SB 15 repeals language about negligent shooting that is covered in other criminal and civil statutes. The repealed language is discriminatory against deer hunters, the sponsor said, because it doesn't apply to other hunters.

The Senate approved a handful of budget bills, including the appropriation that authorizes state turn-back for cities and counties. HB 1102 appropriates \$29.37 million for cities and \$21.4 million to counties.

From State Representative Jim Wooten



The Arkansas House has wrapped up the second week of the 2025 Regular Session, during which several bills were passed.

HB1133, allows the Northwest Technical Institute to appoint a president with an industry background instead of requiring an educational background.

Another measure, HB1006, redesignates the 14th Judicial District as a Division A Judicial District. The House also approved legislation to separate the offices of sheriff and tax collector in both Searcy County and Poinsett County.

Additionally, HB1075 proclaims **ACNMWA announces internship opportunity**

Each year, the Arkansas Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts (ACNMWA) selects an Arkansas woman student attending an Arkansas university or college to receive a \$3,000 stipend to collaborate with a mentor working in an Arkansas museum, gallery or arts institution.

The internship is designed to give the student an opportunity to learn about and make contributions to the cultural life of Arkansas while enriching her program of study related to the advancement of fine arts, art history or arts administration. The internship has enabled recipients to pursue real-life work experiences in the arts.

The application deadline is March 15, 2025, and the recipient will be announced in April. Learn more and apply online at <https://www.acnmwa.org/programs/college-internship>. For questions or more information, please contact Gayle Seymour at gayles@uca.edu.

Founded in 1989, ACNMWA is a nonprofit volunteer organization that highlights the accomplishments of Arkansas women artists and shares the groundbreaking work of the National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA) in Washington, D.C., with a statewide audience. For more information, visit acnmwa.org. For more information on NMWA, visit nmwa.org.

hibits local governments from restricting the use or sale of lawn care devices based on their energy source and prevents local governments from imposing excise taxes or fees for the same reason.

As the session progresses, members face upcoming deadlines. Any legislation affecting the licensure of healthcare providers must be filed by January 27, while legislation concerning publicly supported retirement or pension plans or state/public school health insurance must be filed by January 31.

To date, more than 200 bills have been filed in the House, and over 90 bills have been introduced in the Senate.

The House will reconvene on Monday, January 27, at 1:30 p.m. All committee meetings and House floor proceedings are live-streamed and recorded at arkansashouse.org

What's Left!

By Lee "Cat" McLane Editor/Publisher



There is so much going on nationally that it is hard to keep up. I think some of the changes might be good and others - maybe not. We shall see. But it is worrisome and I feel so sorry for those that will be deported that aren't criminals. But I have hopes for peace in Gaza and Israel. And I have high hopes that the war in Ukraine will end. I can't imagine all the torment and carnage that those areas have suffered.

The Beebe City Council - which I am a part of - was sworn-in last night. I am proud to be a part of it again. I hope that - with your help and suggestions - we can make Beebe even better!

The Chamber is hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony for Shorty Small's restaurant on Feb. 4th; Murphy's is going to have a convenience store/gas station on the parking lot of Walmart - I guess like the one in Cabot. Things are happening - Beebe is growing.

I'm glad that our city has not had explosive growth that is so hard to handle. Our rate of growth right now is much higher than it has been in the past few years but it is still manageable.

I hope you have a great week!

Go to your happy/grateful place!

See you next week!



ASU-Beebe Computerized Machining Program Receives Gene Haas Grant

SEARCY, Ark. — Arkansas State University-Beebe's computerized machining program on the Searcy campus has received a generous \$18,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation. This funding will enhance student success by providing scholarships, tools, textbooks, and competition opportunities, equipping students for rewarding careers in manufacturing.

Derrick Holobaugh, advanced instructor of computerized machining technology, said the grant can be used to provide scholarships, textbooks, program supplies such as small tool kits and fees for competitions.

"These funds will open the door to higher education for students who might not otherwise afford to attend college," said Holobaugh. "Out of this grant, \$2,500 goes to the students who attend the SkillsUSA national contest. The scholarships provided by Gene Haas Foundation help build skills in the machining industry and provide students with the experience of collaboration with a team in the areas of design, engineering and manufacturing using CNC machined parts and components."

The computerized machining program is accredited



Recent ASU-Beebe graduate Dalton Trinklein works with a CNC machine in the computerized machining technology program on the Searcy campus.

by the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS). The institute offers more than 50 professional certifications that students can earn, increasing their marketability after graduation.

Students can earn an associate of applied science degree in computerized machining, which encompasses skills in manual machining, computerized numerical control and programming, computer aided-design, computer aided-manufacturing, and 3D modeling. The program offers daytime classes as well as classes four nights a week to offer students flexibility. The classes in the associate of applied science degree are transferable to multiple

bachelor degree options at Arkansas State University.

For more information about programs offered at ASU-Beebe, call (501) 882-3600 or view the website at www.asub.edu.

Founded in 1927, Arkansas State University-Beebe is an operationally separate, two-year institution of the Arkansas State University System. With campuses located at Beebe, Heber Springs, Searcy, Little Rock Air Force Base and online, the college offers associate degrees, certificates and noncredit training for business and industry.

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AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CHEVROLET 2500 HD PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-58-303 requires competitive bidding for the purchase by the City of Beebe, Arkansas, of supplies, apparatus, equipment, materials, and services, the cost of which is in excess of \$35,000.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-58-303, the City Council for the City of Beebe, Arkansas, may, by resolution, waive the requirements of competitive bidding in exceptional situations where this procedure is deemed not feasible or practical or as provided under Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-58-104; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beebe, Arkansas, must have in its possession for use on a daily basis by the Fire Department a Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado Pickup Truck; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beebe, Arkansas, therefore is presently in need of a Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado Pickup Truck the cost of each may exceed \$35,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the City Council for the City of Beebe, Arkansas, that placing the matter for bid would unduly delay the purchase of the Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado Pickup Truck and would likely result in the City of Beebe not obtaining the best equipment necessary for the purposes needed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beebe has contacted several suppliers regarding the purchase of the 2500HD Pickup Truck with the necessary accessories thereon and the City Council for the City of Beebe, Arkansas has determined that there exists one (1) supplier, namely Carl Black Chevrolet Buick GMC, Inc., which can deliver within a reasonable time the Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado Pickup Truck needed and wanted by the City of Beebe; and

WHEREAS, it has, therefore, been determined by the City Council for the City of Beebe, Arkansas, that competitive bidding, therefore, is not feasible or practical.


THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Beebe, Arkansas:

- That it is not feasible or practical to require competitive bidding for the procurement of a Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado Pickup Truck from Carl Black Chevrolet Buick GMC, Inc. by the City of Beebe, Arkansas, as defined by Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-58-303 and as held by the Supreme Court of Arkansas in *Klinger v. City of Fayetteville*, 293 Ark. 128, 732 S.W. 2d 859 (1987).
- That, therefore, the requirement of competitive bidding for the present procurement by the City of Beebe, Arkansas, of the following equipment:

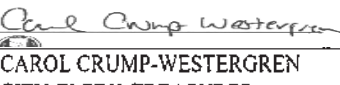
One (1) Used Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado Pickup Truck, S/N: IGC3YNE76RF180054 as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

should be, and, the same is hereby waived.
- That the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Beebe, Arkansas, shall have and are hereby given the necessary and requisite authority to contract on behalf of the City of Beebe, Arkansas, to acquire said Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado Pickup Truck and to sign necessary documents on behalf of the City of Beebe, Arkansas, without further action of the Council.
- EMERGENCY CLAUSE:** That the procurement of the Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado Truck is necessary for the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Beebe, Arkansas, and emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval.

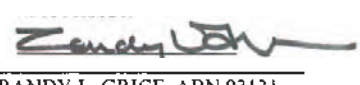
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27 day of January, 2025.


MIKE ROBERTSON, MAYOR


ATTEST:


CAROL CRUMP-WESTERGREN
CITY CLERK-TREASURER

PREPARED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:


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I have heard it all my life! During the deep freeze of winter, people always say, "At least this cold weather now will mean less ticks and mosquitoes in the summer!" I heard it the other day in the office, and it got me to thinking.

Insects go hand in hand with Arkansas summers and they are hard to ignore. But as temperatures drop, they easily fade out of our thoughts. But they're still out there, in some form or another, waiting out the frigid months before re-emerging. How they do it, however, depends on the type of insect.

"A key fact to remember is that insects and spiders, unlike people, do not maintain constant internal temperatures," said Gwen Pearson, outreach coordinator in Purdue's Department of Entomology. "They are at the mercy of the elements in terms of their temperature, especially in winter, and they have many ways of surviving until it's warm enough for them to thrive."

Those strategies include migrating to warmer locales or sneaking into houses, tree bark, the ground, or deep water, or utilizing compounds in their blood as "antifreeze" to keep from becoming ice cubes.

Here are some of the interesting stories Pearson has about how insects survive the winter.

MOTHS AND BUTTERFLIES

One of the most famous overwintering strategies for butterflies is the monarch migration each fall. These butterflies seek out the warmer climes of Mexico — with some traveling as many as 3,000 miles one direction — before returning to the United States in the spring.

Black cutworms, a scourge for soybeans, gardens and golf courses, also migrate as mature moths. These pests can travel the distance from Texas to Minnesota in just two days in the spring.

More commonly, moths and butterflies in Indiana tough out the cold in different life stages.

Luna moths survive in the pupa form. They build their cocoons in the shelter of leaf litter and emerge in the spring. Imperial moths burrow into the ground as caterpillars and spend the winter as pupae, resurfacing in the spring. Mourning cloak butterflies have an internal compound that acts as an antifreeze, allowing them to survive winters in their adult forms while tucked under rocks or in tree bark crevices.

Fun fact: Woolly bear caterpillars, which will eventually become Isabell tiger moths, find nooks and crannies to tuck away in to spend the winter. They can freeze and thaw several times without suffering any harm.

SPRINGTAILS

Never heard of a springtail? Most people call these little arthropods "snow fleas." They're one of the few insect-like creature's people tend to notice as active outdoors during the winter months. They get their name because, like fleas, they're tiny, are great jumpers and have black bodies that stand out against the white snow. They are no relation to actual fleas, however, and they are harmless.

Despite their association with snow, springtails are active year-round and their presence in your garden is a sign that you have good soil. They can live in snowbanks during the cold months and some species produce ethylene glycol, the same compound that is used as antifreeze in vehicle radiators.

Fun fact: Scientists can manufacture a protein springtails use to keep from freezing. They hope to use it for human tissue, extending the time harvested organs can remain viable for transplantation.

ANTS

Ants don't hibernate, per se, but close to it. Many ants bulk up, eating as much as they can in the fall and burrowing into the ground to wait out the winter in their colonies. They huddle together to keep warm, living off body fat until the spring.

Fun fact: When ants find food, they leave odor trails as they head back to their colonies, giving friends and family a way to find their next meals.

BEEES

We all know that the queen bee rules the roost. Bumble bee queens actually rule it alone for many months each year.

In the late summer or early fall, bumble bee queens lay eggs that won't become worker bees. The new bees' only job is to procreate and produce the generation that will live through the next year. By the time winter has arrived, all worker bees, males and former queens, die off. That leaves just new females, who will become a new generation of queens in the spring.

These queens (they have already mated in the fall) feed on pollen to build up fat reserves to live in loose soil and plant debris for the winter, producing their own antifreeze-like compound to survive harsh winters. Then they chill, literally, for about six months until temperatures warm, and then they lay worker eggs and start the life cycle again.

Fun fact: The fuzz on bumblebees keeps them warm, helping them survive the cold in early weeks of spring. They also shake quickly, much like human's shiver, to warm up their



The fuzz on this bumblebee keeps it warm enough to deal with the frost that has settled onto it.

(Photo courtesy of Dirk Pons/Flickr)

flight muscles in the cold.

AQUATIC INSECTS

In warmer months, mosquitoes, dragonflies, mayflies and other insects buzz around us, so it can be difficult to think of them as aquatic organisms. But that's exactly what they are, especially in winter.

After the cold sets in, the immature, wingless versions of these insects (eggs, nymphs, larva) settle into ponds and lakes. Water maintains a fairly stable temperature as you drop down the water column, and these insects find a place to wait out the winter. Many species can tolerate super cold conditions and will not freeze until well below 0 degrees Fahrenheit.

Fun fact: Dragonflies can live underwater in the nymphal stage for years and are ferocious predators. They extend mouth parts out to capture and hold prey while they eat them.

TICKS

After spending time out in nature during the warmer months, many people know it's a good idea to do a once-over of your body to check for ticks. These parasitic arachnids burrow their heads into a victim and suck out a blood meal. Many also carry pathogens that can pass on Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and a host of other illnesses.

As temperatures drop, many species of ticks go dormant and rest in leaf litter and other debris. When this happens, many who are vigilant during warm months erroneously believe that their risk of picking up a tick vanishes. But ticks can become active again at any time if the temperature rises above freezing, making it a good idea to check for ticks any time you've been outdoors where ticks may be active.

Fun fact: Not all ticks become active when temperatures rise in the winter. Female blacklegged ticks must have a blood meal before spring in order to lay eggs. These ticks will "wake up" from their dormant state on warm winter days to look for a quick bite.

HOMEBOODIES

While you may not encounter too many insects or arachnids outdoors in winter, there are many you may find that sneak into homes to ride out the cold months.

Spiders like garages and attics where they can produce sacs that are unlikely to be disturbed by people. These sacs may hold eggs or hatched baby spiders that will emerge in the spring. Some spiders that don't seek indoor shelter produce antifreeze and tuck away in leaf litter or other protected nooks.

Cluster flies, some ladybugs and stink bugs are attracted to warm, sunny spots on the sides of houses in the late fall. They tend to find cracks that allow them inside homes as temperatures drop. Finding and sealing up these vulnerable spots would not only keep the bugs out but save you at least a few dollars on heating and cooling bills.

Even indoors, many of these insects enter diapause, a period of suspended development like hibernation. They're either inside or tucked away somewhere outside, waiting for warmer days to re-emerge and continue their lives.

Fun fact: Cluster flies lay eggs in the soil, and their maggots burrow down to feed on earthworms. They eat the worms' insides, leaving just a shell of the worm in the soil. Unfortunately, cold winter temperatures don't affect insect numbers as much as we might wish. Most of our native species are also in more northern regions of the country and are very well adapted to surviving cold winters.

Native insects cope with the cold in a variety of ways, mostly involving spending the winter in an immature life stage, whether egg, larva or pupa. Adults often seek out protected habitats for overwintering.

In terms of insect mortality, the number of consecutive, extremely cold days matters even more than the actual thermometer readings.

Fall armyworms were eliminated by the cold, but even milder winters kill them. Fall armyworm moths will return to the state this year from more southern regions, just as they do every year.

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture

Belmont Abbey College Launches Online Master of Arts in Sport Management

Belmont, N.C. (December 9, 2024) – Today, Belmont Abbey College announces the launch of its online Master of Arts (MA) in Sport Management degree, one of the few of its kind in North Carolina. Designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in the dynamic field of sports management, the college will welcome its inaugural cohort in Fall 2025.

Students will develop essential leadership and management skills to excel in executive roles within sports teams, leagues, and organizations while learning to build powerful brands, engage fans, and drive sustainable revenue growth through innovative marketing and digital strategies. In addition, they will receive exclusive access to networking opportunities with industry leaders and professionals. Grounded in Catholic and Benedictine traditions, the program emphasizes the cultivation of character, virtue, and sound business principles, preparing graduates to navigate and influence the evolving landscape of contemporary sports.

"After an extensive career successfully leading sports medicine, sports representation, and sports business companies on a national and international level, as well as personal experience as a world-class athlete and coach, I know that Dr. Trey Cunningham and the faculty teaching in our new master's degree program in sports management have the knowledge, experience, and industry relationships to give our students the very best opportunity to succeed in the world of sports management," said Dr. Bill Thierfelder president of Belmont Abbey College.

Dr. Thierfelder underscores the distinctive approach the Abbey takes toward sports, stating, "At Belmont Abbey College, we believe that sport is a means for developing both world-class performance and virtue. It is about the development of the whole person in body, mind, and soul. Sport builds and strengthens virtue, character, and leadership, ensuring the best outcomes on and off the 'field of play.' This applies to athletes, coaches, directors, GMs, and owners. The launch of our MA in Sport Management reflects our commitment to helping shape professional men and women into outstanding ethical leaders who will transform the world of sport." To ensure that sport is properly directed, our Master's students will participate in a course titled Sport and Virtue. In this class, they will explore the connection between sports and the cultivation of virtue, gaining a deeper understanding of ethical leadership and integrity in sports management.

The online format of the program allows for flexibility, making it accessible to a diverse range of students, including working professionals and those seeking to advance their careers in the

sports industry. The curriculum will cover essential topics such as sports marketing, event management, and strategic leadership in sports, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the sports business landscape.

"We are thrilled to offer this rigorous program, which reflects our commitment to providing a holistic education that meets the ever-changing needs of today's students," said Joe Wysocki, Provost of Belmont Abbey College. "The MA in Sport Management will prepare graduates to take on leadership roles in various sectors of the sports industry, from professional teams to community organizations."

According to Dr. Trey Cunningham, Program Director of the MA in Sport Management at Belmont Abbey College, "This program offers a unique opportunity for students to gain industry knowledge while balancing personal and professional commitments. We aim to develop graduates who are not only skilled in sports management but also grounded in ethical leadership, ready to make a positive impact in the sports industry and their communities."

The college tailored the MA in Sport Management for working professionals, offering an affordable, flexible, and fully online format. Students can complete the program in as little as 12 months, with the convenience of asynchronous learning. Students will prepare themselves for various careers, including Sport Operations Manager, Athletic Director, Youth Sport Program Director, Athletic Sports Information Director, and Sponsorship Coordinator, among others. For more information about this program, click here.

Belmont Abbey College is currently accepting applications for the Fall 2025 semester while the Master of Arts in Sport Management awaits final approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Apply here.

About Belmont Abbey College: Founded in 1876, Belmont Abbey College is a private, Catholic baccalaureate and liberal arts institution. Our mission is to educate students in the liberal arts and sciences so that in all things God may be glorified. Guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition and the Benedictine spirit of prayer and learning, we welcome a diverse body of students and provide them with an education that will enable them to lead lives of integrity, to succeed professionally, to become responsible citizens, and to be a blessing to themselves and to others. Our beautiful and historic campus is conveniently located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., and is currently home to more than 1500 students. For more information, visit <https://belmontabbeycollege.edu/>.

Badger Wrestling Team Results

By Stephanie Price

On Saturday, the Badgers and Lady Badgers made the eighty minute drive to Russellville for the Cyclone Clash tournament. They battled all day on the mat and brought home a lot of hardware.

Lady Badgers-2nd place in team points

2nd-Makenzie Maxwell, 100lb
1st Phoebe Caldwell, 110lb

1st-Isabelle Martinez, 115lb
4th-McKenzie McKnight, 120lb
4th-Frankie Caldwell, 130lb
2nd-Libyrtee Spears, 135lb
4th-Ella Garland, 140lb
1st-Madi Duke, 145lb
4th-Aaliyah Spears, 170lb
1st-Alexis Lucas, 190lb
3rd-Hannah Keller, 235lb

Badgers-3rd place in team points

2nd-Jasper Price, 113lb
2nd-Shade Harrell, 120lb
3rd-Ty McCormick, 138lb

2nd-Tristan Childress, 157lb
2nd-Keaton Dunn, 165lb
2nd-Will Ginder, 190lb
1st-Mitchell Berner, 215lb

The team will wrestle at home in the North Gym on Tuesday, Jan. 28th. The boys will wrestle on Friday, Jan. 31st in the Searcy Duals and the ladies will wrestle on Saturday, Feb. 1st at the Lady Lions Invitational.



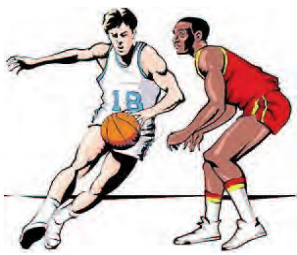
Badger Wrestling Team

Sales & Use Tax in White County December 2024

	<u>Sales Tax.</u>	<u>City Sales & Use Amt.</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>County Sales & Use</u>	<u>Tax Last Year</u>
Bald Knob(1.5)	70,119.34	70,119.34	70,565.29	44,426.87	42,924.32
Beebe(1.25)	256,299.05	256,299.05	255,091.65	148,624.25	143,597.35
Bradford(2)	20,138.47	20,138.47	20,595.78	11,943.49	11,539.53
Garner(0)	no city sales tax			3,716.93	3,591.21
Georgetown(0)	no city sales tax			1,426.88	1,378.62
Griffithville(0)	no city sales tax			2,730.44	2,638.09
Higginson(1)	2,809.19	2,809.19	2,219.21	12,419.12	11,999.07
Judsonia(1)	19,987.82	19,987.82	17,187.17	32,659.64	31,554.99
Kensett(0)	no city sales tax			24,662.08	23,827.94
Letona(0)	no city sales tax			4,227.78	4,084.79
McRae(1)	6,104.30	6,104.30	5,331.64	10,851.31	10,484.29
{Pangburn(1)	9,117.93	9,117.93	12,021.36	8,87.89	8,509.98
Rose Bud(2)	25,561.46	25,561.46	29,149.17	8,702.19	8,407.86
Russell(0)	no city sales tax			3,241.30	3,131.67
Searcy(2)	1,583,394.19	1,583,394.19	1,138,947.80	404,052.92	390,386.69
West Point (0)	no city sales tax			2,994.68	2,893.39

Tax Rate:
White County 1.75
Dec. Sales & Use Revenue 1,642,749.87. last year 1,587,187.31

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London Hicks drives the Sylvan Hills lane. (Photo by Michael Long/The Beebe News)

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