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UPDATE LETTER

## *Dear Friends,*

On September 10, 1946, a 36-year-old schoolteacher from Albania felt the call of God on her life while riding a train in India. The young lady had taught at a girls' school in India for years, but the abject poverty that she often witnessed weighed heavily on her. Today that woman is known as Mother Teresa.

In 1946 Mother Teresa already was a nun in the Sisters of Loreto, but she felt convicted that she needed to leave her convent and devote herself to caring for the sick and poor. She moved into the slums of Calcutta, India, and in 1950 she founded the Missionaries of Charity dedicated to serving "the poorest of the poor."

For years Mother Teresa and her Sisters of Charity ministered in obscurity. In 1952 she established a hospice for the terminally ill. In 1965 she received permission to expand her missionary work to countries outside India. Then in 1969 British journalist Malcolm Muggeridge released a BBC documentary on Mother Teresa followed by a book about her ministry two years later. The publicity made her known internationally.

Mother Teresa received awards and honors in India and around the globe. Her tiny ministry that began with 12 nuns in the slums of Calcutta expanded to include thousands of sisters and volunteers serving around the globe. In 1983 Mother Teresa sent four Sisters of Charity to operate a women's shelter on South Oak Street in Little Rock. In 2008 *The Arkansas Catholic* reported that the nuns there visit the poor, elderly, shut-ins, and prisoners, distribute food to those in need, and minister to children in Little Rock.

On February 3, 1994, President Bill Clinton, First Lady Hillary Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, Second Lady Tipper Gore, congressmen, senators, and leaders from around the world listened as Mother Teresa addressed the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. At 4'10" and 101 pounds, the 83-year-old nun required a step-stool just to see over the lectern, but she loomed larger than any head of state on the stage. In her speech, Mother Teresa calmly but fearlessly denounced abortion, saying,

"By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. So that father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So, abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love one another, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

President Bill Clinton, the most powerful man on earth, was silenced by this elderly little nun. None of the cadre of pro-abortion leaders had anything to say about a "woman's right to choose." At that moment, Mother Teresa possessed greater moral-authority than almost anyone else on earth. Abortion on demand was legal in America, and the Clinton Administration provided taxpayer support to pro-abortion groups in the U.S. and overseas. Mother Teresa almost certainly understood that. On that February morning the Leader of the Free World and some of the most powerful men and women on the planet had no choice but to sit in silence as a humble nun from Calcutta, with a prophetic voice, condemned America's acceptance of abortion.

Everything Mother Teresa said about abortion that day was exactly right. Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has reversed *Roe v. Wade* and Arkansas has prohibited abortion except to save the mother's life, Arkansans are ready to care for pregnant women, unborn babies, and little children. And now let me tell you about how we are doing that—and about important opportunities that you won't want to miss.

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## MY THOUGHTS: MORE EVIDENCE THAT ARKANSAS WAS RIGHT TO PASS THE SAFE ACT

Two stories from this summer underscore why Arkansas was right to pass the Save Adolescents From Experimentation (SAFE) Act that protects children from sex-change procedures. First, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently issued a warning label for puberty blockers in America. The FDA determined that puberty blockers can cause tumor-like masses in the brain. You can read more about that story later in this letter.

Second, the United Kingdom's primary clinic that performs transgender procedures on youth was ordered to close following allegations by a whistleblower and an independent review of the facility. The BBC reports that the health staff at the facility "felt under pressure to adopt an 'unquestioning affirmative approach'" to children with gender dysphoria, and that the clinic failed to consider other mental health problems that these children might have. The BBC high-

lighted the case of 25-year-old Keira Bell. As a teenager, the clinic prescribed her puberty blockers and testosterone shots. At 20 she underwent irreversible transgender surgery. Since then, she has changed her mind and argued that the U.K.'s gender clinic "should have challenged her more over her decision to transition."

The U.K.'s gender clinic is just the latest major transgender facility in Europe to rethink giving puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones to kids. Last year Karolinska Hospital in Sweden, one of the world's most renowned medical establishments, decided to stop prescribing puberty-blockers to minors. The hospital noted that giving puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones to children "should be regarded as experimental." Finland's Council for Choices in Health Care has reached the same conclusion as well.

Children deserve better than to be treated like a science experiment. The Arkansas Legislature was right to pass the SAFE Act last year. The law may be tied up in court right now, but we believe the courts ultimately will uphold it and let Arkansas protect children from sex-change procedures.

## Spread the Word: Remember to Pray for Arkansas' Students on September 28!

September 28 is the annual Day of Prayer for Arkansas Students. Act 902 of 2021 by Senator Ricky Hill (R – Cabot) and Representative Cameron Cooper (R – Romance) directs the governor to annually proclaim the last Wednesday in September of each year as "A Day of Prayer for Arkansas Students." It also calls upon the citizens of Arkansas to pray for students, teachers, administrators, and schools. The Arkansas Legislature enacted Act 902 last year.

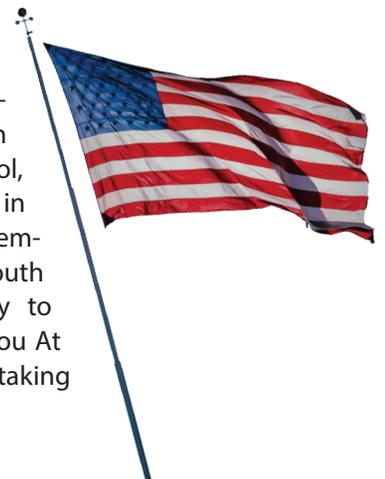
Many communities may be unaware that the Day of Prayer for Arkansas Students is approaching quickly, and we want

to make sure we spread the word to make this day a success. The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education is required to notify public school districts of the day of prayer. You can let your pastor know and notify your school board, superintendent, principal, or teachers. If the school has any Christian clubs such as FCA, notify the faculty sponsor or member of the group—and remember to pray for students in private school and those enrolled in a home school. Our students need our prayers. Let's make sure we take time to pray for them.

## "See You At The Pole" Is September 28

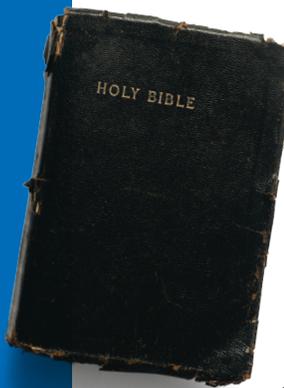
See You At The Pole will happen on Wednesday, September 28. This is an annual event held on the last Wednesday in September. Students gather outside of school hours around flagpoles at schools, churches, and other locations nationwide to pray and worship. Courts have ruled that teachers cannot lead students in prayer in the classroom, but students don't lose their First Amendment freedoms when they walk onto a school campus. The Constitution and state and federal law generally protect students' rights to pray, read scripture, and form religious groups or clubs

on campus. If your children or grandchildren are in middle school or high school, encourage them to take part in See You At The Pole on September 28. Check with church youth groups in your community to find out about special See You At The Pole events that may be taking place this month.



## Kids: Bring Your Bible to School on October 6!

On October 6, more than half a million students across America will take their Bibles with them to school as part of "Bring Your Bible to School Day." This is a simple opportunity for students to exercise their religious liberty and celebrate God's Word at the same time. If you have children or grandchildren enrolled in school, encourage them to take their Bibles to school on October 6—and be sure to tell the students in your church's Sunday school or youth group about it as well. You can learn more at [BringYourBible.org](http://BringYourBible.org).



## Group Sues State to Place Marijuana Amendment on November Ballot

A pro-marijuana group is suing the Arkansas Secretary of State to put marijuana legalization on the ballot.

On July 8, Responsible Growth Arkansas submitted nearly 200,000 petition signatures to place an amendment legalizing marijuana in Arkansas on the November ballot. But on August 3 the Arkansas Board of Election Commissioners reviewed the proposed marijuana amendment and unanimously voted not to certify it for the November ballot. Board members noted that the amendment's ballot title—the text that appears on the ballot and explains the measure—would be difficult for voters to understand and did not fully reflect the text of the amendment. The next day attorneys for Responsible Growth Arkansas filed a lawsuit with the Arkansas Supreme Court to have the measure placed on the November ballot anyway. At this point, the court has decided to put the measure on the ballot for the time being while the lawsuit plays out in court. We expect the state supreme court to decide whether or not the measure's ballot title is acceptable sometime in September.

The marijuana proposal makes sweeping changes to the Medical Marijuana Amendment voters approved in 2016. It repeals some parts of the medical marijuana amendment, rewrites others, and adds new language to the Arkansas Constitution elsewhere. It is difficult to understand just how far-reaching some of these changes would be. At the very least, the proposal would let adults 21 and older use marijuana. It converts all of Arkansas' medical marijuana businesses into recreational marijuana businesses, and it expands the number of businesses growing, processing, transporting, buying, and selling marijuana in Arkansas. It also eliminates criminal background checks for some marijuana business owners.

A growing body of medical research shows marijuana is dangerous. In July researchers writing in *The Lancet* determined people who use high potency marijuana are three times more likely to experience psychosis compared with people who never use marijuana. As the article notes, marijuana's potency has increased steadily over the past 20 years. Higher potency marijuana is now the norm in much of the U.S.

Marijuana is a multimillion dollar business, and the corporations who profit from it want to expand into Arkansas. Voters need to be prepared for the marijuana industry to work hard to push its agenda in our state. Family Council Action Committee is launching a statewide campaign against the marijuana amendment.

## State and Federal Lawsuits Allege Marijuana Businesses Conspired to Mislabeled Products

Two separate lawsuits filed in state and federal court allege marijuana businesses in Arkansas conspired to mislabel their products and violated multiple laws. On July 12, three Arkansas residents filed a class action complaint in federal court in Little Rock against a group of medical marijuana cultivators and a marijuana testing company. The complaint alleges that Natural State Medicinals, Bold Team LLC, and Osage Creek Cultivation falsely labeled the marijuana they cultivated by overstating the amount of THC in their marijuana products. The lawsuit also alleges that Steep Hill—a marijuana testing company—conspired to falsify the marijuana lab test results that Arkansas law requires. The suit was filed under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, a federal anti-racketeering law.

In 2018 the state's Medical Marijuana Commission authorized Natural State Medicinals, Bold Team LLC, and Osage Creek Cultivation to grow marijuana in Arkansas. According to reports filed with the Arkansas Ethics Commission, these cultivators have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars each toward Responsible Growth Arkansas' campaign to legalize marijuana in Arkansas.

**A separate lawsuit filed in Arkansas' Faulkner County Circuit Court in June alleges that marijuana businesses manufactured and sold vaping products whose THC levels were improperly labeled.** The lawsuit identifies J.W. Nguyen as an Arkansas resident who purchased a marijuana vape product marketed as being low in Delta-9 THC—the psychoactive chemical found in marijuana. According to the lawsuit, marijuana products that are low in Delta-9 THC are permitted under federal law. The lawsuit claims that Nguyen tested positive for Delta-9 THC after using the product, and it indicates that subsequent testing revealed the marijuana vape contained inappropriate levels of Delta-9 THC. The lawsuit alleges that the mislabeling violates the federal RICO law, the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, and the federal Magnuson-Moss Act. Both of these lawsuits are ongoing and may not be fully resolved for quite some time.

## FDA Adds Warning Label to Puberty Blockers

In July the U.S. Food and Drug Administration added a warning label to puberty blockers after six biological girls developed symptoms of tumor-like masses in the brain. One of the girls reportedly was receiving the puberty blockers for purposes of gender transition. The new label warns of headache, papilledema, blurred or loss of vision, diplopia, pain behind the eye or pain with eye movement, tinnitus, dizziness, and nausea associated with tumor-like masses in the brain. The FDA has approved puberty blockers to treat precocious puberty, among other things, but has never approved them for sex-change procedures. Doctors who give puberty blockers to children for purposes of gender transition are doing so off label. That is part of the

reason many medical experts say giving puberty blockers to children for gender transition is “experimental” at best.

Last year the Arkansas Legislature passed the Save Adolescents From Experimentation (SAFE) Act. The SAFE Act is an excellent law that protects children from sex-reassignment procedures, puberty blockers, and cross-sex hormones. Unfortunately, the ACLU and others filed a lawsuit against the SAFE Act last summer, before the law officially took effect. U.S. District Judge James Moody has temporarily blocked the state from enforcing the law while that lawsuit progresses.

**Voters support laws like the SAFE Act.** In June of 2021 a poll by Talk Business & Politics and Hendrix College showed 52.5% of likely voters in Arkansas approved the SAFE Act. Last May the American Principles Project released a poll that showed 56% of likely voters in various states supported laws banning puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sex-change surgeries for children. The poll also found 59% of likely voters supported laws requiring schools to notify parents if their child identifies in class as transgender, and 60% supported laws banning instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity from Kindergarten through third grade. American Principles Project conducted the poll in Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

**The FDA’s warning label underscores the dangers of giving puberty blockers to children.** Arkansas’ SAFE Act protects children. Voters understand that. We believe federal courts ultimately will recognize that fact as well and uphold this good law as constitutional.



Above: State Rep. Robin Lundstrum (R – Springdale) and others testify in favor of the SAFE Act in this file photo from March 9, 2021.

## Arizona Enacts Groundbreaking School Choice Law

By Ethan Keller, Family Council

On July 7, Arizona House Bill 2853 was signed into law, opening the state’s school voucher system to every child, grades preschool through twelfth, making it the largest school choice program in the country. In an attempt to address the massive number of students exiting public schools, Arizona has allowed parents to decide how their children will be educated.

According to the National Home Education Research Institute, homeschooling has more than doubled across the country in the past five years. More than 1,268,000 students have left the public school system since the beginning of the pandemic. More parents are starting to search for alternatives to public school, and Arizona is among the first to reconsider the steps it is taking to ensure every child is afforded a quality education.

In 2011 the state launched the Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA) program, which was dedicated to providing school vouchers to disadvantaged students. Since it

was first installed, ESA’s eligibility has grown to encompass low income families, military kids, and students with disabilities. Under H.B. 2853, if any students’ parents apply and are approved, they will receive a portion of the state’s fund typically allocated to public schools, currently around \$6,000. This money can then be applied towards school related expenses.

This law is a response to the increasing number of students who are turning to a homeschooled or private education. These parents are facing the increased expenses of textbooks, technology, and tuition coupled with the skyrocketing cost of living. Detractors of this law use the argument that it takes money away from children in public school to whom it rightfully belongs. However, education is an expense burdened by society for the good of society. It’s not just for the children in public school any more than it is just for those who are homeschooled or private schooled. As Walter Cronkite once said, “Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”

## Arizona Enacts Groundbreaking School Choice Law *(continued)*

The Arkansas education system is ranked 41 out of 50 in the country according to U.S. News and World Report. After the changes brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is time to reconsider the education system and the direction we are taking it. The state has been giving the money to

the public schools for decades. Perhaps letting the parent—who closely knows the child—decide what education works best would help bring about change. Education helps determine the future, so you must ask, what is Arkansas doing to invest in the future, and are we doing enough?



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### WHAT DOES THE ABORTION VOTE IN KANSAS MEAN FOR ARKANSAS?

By David Cox, Family Council Assistant Director

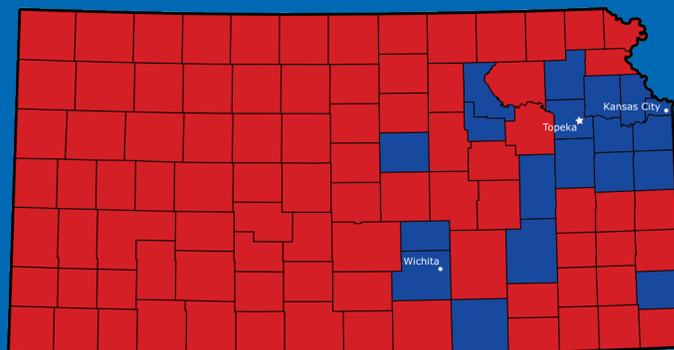
On August 2 voters in Kansas failed to pass a significant pro-life amendment. The “Value Them Both” amendment would have clarified that there is not a right to abortion in the Kansas Constitution, and that the State of Kansas may regulate abortion and will not use public funds to pay for abortion. The Kansas Legislature placed the measure on the ballot after the Kansas Supreme Court ruled that the state’s constitution contains an unwritten right to abortion. However, the pro-life amendment failed by a vote of 59% to 41%. More than 922,000 Kansans cast votes on the measure during the August 2 primary. Pro-abortion groups who spearheaded the campaign against the measure plan to use the same tactics to defeat pro-life legislation elsewhere. What does this mean for Arkansas? Below are a few points to consider.

**Metropolitan Versus Rural.** Kansas’ pro-life amendment passed in 86 out of the state’s 105 counties. In many communities more than 60% of the voters supported the measure. But the amendment still failed statewide. How did that happen? The proposal was very popular in rural communities, but it suffered a staggering loss in the Kansas City metro area in the state’s northeast corner. For example, in Johnson County—where nearly one-fifth of Kansas’ three million residents live—more than 170,000 voters opposed the amendment. Nearly 30% of the “No” votes on the amendment came from that one county. The amendment suffered similar losses in the surrounding Kansas City suburbs. The rest of the state simply could not overcome that.

**Deceptive Advertising and Misleading News Stories.** Pro-abortion groups ran a multimillion dollar advertising campaign against the amendment. Many of these ads misled voters by implying the amendment would outlaw all abortions. Some claimed the amendment would prohibit abortion when the mother’s life is at risk. The news media helped spread this misinformation. The day after the election, NPR ran a headline that said, “Voters in Kansas Decide to Keep Abortion Legal in the State.” But that isn’t what the amendment would have done. It would have clarified that there is no right to abortion in the Kansas Constitution, it would have prohibited public funding of abortion, and it would have let the legislature enact laws regarding abortion. The amendment itself did not make abortion illegal. However, many Kansans never got the truth about the amendment.

**Unaffiliated Voter Turnout.** Approximately 18%–19% of the Kansans who voted on the pro-life amendment probably were not registered as Democrats or Republicans. It seems pro-abortion groups worked very hard to target young, unaffiliated voters with their advertisements and then turned them out to vote on Election Day.

**What Does This Mean for Arkansas?** Some pundits believe the Kansas vote shows that “red” states aren’t really anti-abortion, but at best Kansas is a “red” state with “blue” metro areas. Pro-abortion groups understood that. Planned Parenthood has said it intends to use its formula from the 2022 election in Kansas to defeat pro-life efforts in other states. In other words, pro-abortion groups will spread misleading information and mobilize voters in liberal metropolitan areas to defeat good measures elsewhere around the country. They could try that in Arkansas at some point down the road. Pro-lifers will need to be ready if that happens.



Above: A map showing counties in which the Kansas pro-life amendment passed (red) or failed (blue) on August 2.

## Pro-Lifers to Stand Trial in Little Rock November 2 for Trespassing at Abortion Facility

Six pro-life activists will stand trial on November 2 for trespassing at Little Rock Family Planning Services. On January 15, 2021, Little Rock police arrested a group of pro-life activists blocking the entrance at Little Rock Family Planning Services—a surgical abortion facility. At least six police cruisers and numerous officers responded to the situation and arrested the pro-lifers while an estimated 30 pro-life advocates prayed and protested from the public sidewalks outside the facility. All six individuals arrested were from out-of-state.

Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has reversed *Roe v. Wade* and abortion is prohibited in Arkansas except to save the life of the mother, Little Rock Family Planning Services has stopped performing abortions. The facility reports on its website that it will close effective September 1 of this year. It is unclear at this time if that will have any bearing on these trespassing charges from January of 2021.



Above: A police officer arrests a pro-lifer for trespassing outside Little Rock Family Planning Services on January 15, 2021.

## Pregnancy Help Organizations Apply for \$1M in Funding From State of Arkansas

In August the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration started accepting grant applications from pregnancy help organizations. Act 187 of 2022 budgets up to \$1 million in state funds to provide grants for organizations that assist women with unplanned pregnancies—including pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, adoption agencies, and social services agencies. These organizations provide women with real options besides abortion, and they help women and families as they navigate unplanned pregnancies. Family Council was pleased to work with lawmakers to support this funding stream for pregnancy help organizations.

Now that *Roe v. Wade* has been reversed and Arkansas has prohibited abortion except to save the life of the mother, we need to step up and help women with unplanned pregnancies. Providing grant funding for pregnancy help organizations is part of our long term strategy to reduce the demand for abortion in Arkansas. This grant money could be a game-changer for many pro-life charities. In January we hope to work with our friends in the Arkansas Legislature to increase this funding and make it a permanent part of the State of Arkansas' budget.

**Visit [ARFutureFoundation.com](https://www.arfuturefoundation.com) to learn more about how you can support pregnancy resource centers in Arkansas.**

## Gov. Hutchinson Unveils Plan to Expand Services for Pregnant Women, Low-Income Families

On August 9, Governor Asa Hutchinson held a press conference, where he outlined plans for providing resources to women who otherwise might be at-risk for abortion. The plan includes:

- Expanding home visitations and intensive care coordination services for high-risk pregnancies and for children after birth.

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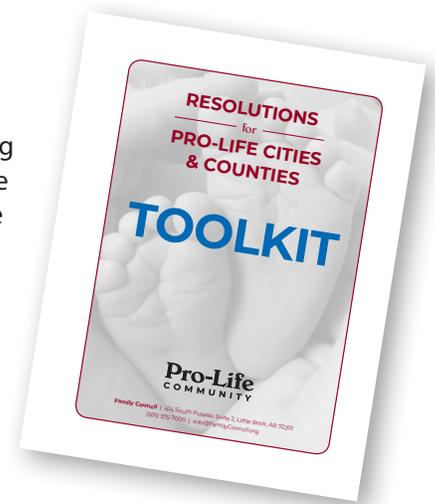
- Expanding Medicaid coverage for pregnant women up to 212% of the federal poverty level.
- Increased funding for foster care.
- A hotline for information on pregnancy, parenting resources, and charitable organizations that focus on pregnancy resources: 1-855-ARK-MOMS (275-6667)

Contrary to what some people say, pro-lifers are more than just “pro-birth.” Now that abortion in Arkansas is prohibited except to save the life of the mother, the State is looking at ways to expand services for children and pregnant women. Gov. Hutchinson indicated that these services could become available by January.

## Lowell Affirms It is a Pro-Life City

On July 19 the Lowell City Council passed a resolution affirming the city is Pro-Life. To date, 20 counties and 14 cities have adopted pro-life resolutions like Lowell's. Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has reversed *Roe v. Wade*, abortion policy is up to lawmakers and elected officials. The Arkansas Legislature has prohibited abortion except when the mother's life is at risk. Local communities need to enact

resolutions making it clear they oppose abortion and value women and children as well. Call us at 501-375-7000 to get our free, pro-life toolkit.



## U.S. Sen. Cotton Introduces Measure to Prevent CCP From Buying U.S. Farmland

In August U.S. Senator Tom Cotton (R — Ark.) introduced legislation to prevent members of the Chinese Communist Party from purchasing farmland in the United States. According to a USDA report, approximately 1.1 million acres of agricultural land in Arkansas is foreign held—mostly from Canada, Netherlands, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom. Arkansas Act 1046 of 2021 generally requires foreign landowners to file reports with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture.

A press release from Sen. Cotton's office noted that since 2009, China's agricultural investments in countries around the globe have grown more than tenfold, and Chinese investors' holdings of U.S. agricultural land surged from 13,720

acres in 2010 to 352,140 acres in 2020. The Chinese Communist Party could gain leverage over U.S. food and supply chains if it is allowed to acquire farmland in America.

The Chinese Communist Party has blocked or restricted internet access for its people, enacted policies that have caused food shortages in its own country, engaged in espionage in the U.S., and imposed forced abortions and sterilizations on minorities in China. The communist government is currently pursuing the largest military buildup in history since World War II. With all of that in mind, it is concerning to many that the Chinese Communist Party might purchase and control farmland in the United States as part of its long term strategy to dominate global trade and politics.

**BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, August 7**  
**Fayetteville Public Library**  
**FREE | 3pm-9pm**

**Resource & Community Connection**  
3pm to 5pm  
FREE Haircuts  
School Supplies  
Teacher Connections  
LGBTQ+ Orgs and Clubs  
Name Change Info  
Gender Support Plans

**Community Picnic & Concert**  
5pm to 6:30pm  
FREE Meal from  
Second Hand Smoke  
NWA  
FREE Concert featuring  
Willi Carlisle

**Dance Party**

6:30pm to 9pm  
Live DJ, Drag Show, Chill Spots  
\*MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY\*

**FREE TICKETS REQUIRED FOR DANCE PARTY!**  
<https://linktr.ee/theequalitycrew> or QR Code

## Fayetteville Public Library Cancels Back-to-School Drag Show Targeting Teens

In July the Fayetteville Public Library scheduled—and then canceled—a back to school event slated to include drag performances directed at children. News outlets reported that the August 7 event at the public library would let middle and high school students select clothing from The Transition Closet, and it would also host a “Back To School Dance Party” where students would be able to watch drag performances. The Fayetteville Public Library also posted on social media that the event would offer a drag show, “name change info,” and gender support plans for students.

**It's good that the library canceled this event.** LGBT activists use events like these at public libraries to foist their message on kids. In some cases, children in other states have been exposed to convicted sex-offenders through drag performances at public libraries. These types of events are inappropriate anywhere—let alone in a public library.

Above: A screenshot of the library's invitation to the back-to-school-drag performance.

## Arkansas Lottery Continues Paying Scholarships Pennies on the Dollar

The Arkansas Lottery continued its longstanding trend of paying college scholarships pennies on the dollar in Fiscal Year 2022. From July of 2021 – June of 2022 the state-run lottery grossed more than \$580.2 million, but it paid less than \$99.8 million to college scholarships—approximately 17 cents out of every dollar it made. For perspective, the typical state-run lottery puts anywhere from 25% - 35% of its gross revenue toward funding education. The Arkansas Lottery spent approximately 69% of its revenue on prizes for lottery players. That's significantly higher than other state lotteries. Since its introduction in

September of 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has been nothing short of an embarrassment for the state. It has consistently pulled upwards of half a billion dollars or more out of the state economy every year. It has failed to deliver on its promises for Arkansas' students. It grossly overspends on prizes and advertising in hopes of enticing people to gamble. The legislature could address many of these problems simply by enacting reasonable legislation that sets guidelines on the lottery's budget and its operations. Unfortunately, lawmakers have shown little interest in doing that.

## Look for Printed Copies of the Arkansas Voter's Guide Soon!

We're preparing to publish the 2022 Arkansas Voter's Guide in just a few weeks. You will receive a free copy of the guide in the mail very soon. If you need additional

free copies of the guide for your church or family, go to [ArkansasVotersGuide.com](http://ArkansasVotersGuide.com) to request them for free today.

### HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Enclosed with this letter is a flyer listing some of our goals and part of our vision for the coming months. We are poised to accomplish a lot between now and September of next year. We can't do that without financial support from friends like you. I never want anyone to feel pressured to give. God has graciously used the generosity of our friends to meet our needs every year since 1989. If you can give a generous, tax-deductible donation at this time, I want you to know that we would deeply appreciate your help. **I promise we will do our best to stretch your gift as far as it will go so that you and I can do as much good as possible in Arkansas.** I often remind my team that our friends are counting on us to be good stewards of their donations. Any gift you give right now will help us educate voters, draft legislation, stand for what is good, fight evil, and equip Arkansans to do the same.

Thank you for standing with us. I can't tell you enough how much I appreciate your friendship, your financial support, your words of encouragement, and your prayers. Please call me if there is ever anything my staff or I can do for you.

Sincerely,  
  
Jerry Cox, President

Thank you!!

P.S. We are preparing to send you a free copy of the 2022 Arkansas Voter's Guide in just a few weeks. If you need additional guides for your family or church, you can request them free of charge at [ArkansasVotersGuide.com](http://ArkansasVotersGuide.com). There is so much going on right now. Don't miss all of the important information in this letter! I appreciate your generous financial support.



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**About Us:** Family Council is a conservative, Christian non-profit organization based in Little Rock, Arkansas. Jerry Cox founded Family Council in 1989 in association with Dr. James Dobson and Focus on the Family. Our mission is to promote, protect, and strengthen traditional family values. We educate and equip families and churches to make Arkansas a better place to live, work, and raise a family, and we lobby lawmakers and elected officials on important issues that matter to families. Our work is funded by generous supporters all over Arkansas.

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