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## County Commemorative Day recognizes history

By COREY CLAIRDAY  
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Last Friday, several community members and veterans gathered at the courthouse square in Harrisburg for a number of presentations as part of the Poinsett County Commemorative Day.

Commander Everett Evans, with the NEA Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, presented a plaque for Poinsett County joining the Purple Heart Trail. Evans said the Purple Heart is the oldest military award. It was originally created by George Washington in 1782, when it was known as the Badge of Military Merit. In 1932, the Purple Heart was reinstituted and redesigned as a medal. It is awarded to those killed or wounded as a result of action by an enemy force, Evans said.

According to the Purple Heart website, "The purpose of the Purple Heart Trail is to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been

awarded the Purple Heart medal. The Purple Heart Trail accomplishes this honorary goal by creating a visual reminder to those who use the road system that others have paid a high price for their freedom to travel and live in a free society."

"We want to remind you that these veterans established your freedom when they gave their life and their blood," Evans said.

Following this presentation, a tree was planted by the courthouse annex as a World War I memorial. Through a partnership with the Arkansas World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee and the Arkansas Forestry Commission, a Shumard Oak tree was provided to the county to be planted in memory of the 100 year anniversary of the end of WWI. Professor Richard Hartness, with the ASU Department of Heritage Studies, spoke during the presentation. According to Hartness, nearly 72,000 Arkansans served in WWI and of those, 2,183 died in the war. The practice of planting memorial trees was com-

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DT photo/Corey Clairday

A tree is planted in honor of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I during the Poinsett County Commemorative Day last Friday. County Commemorative Day recognizes history

## Memorial Day observed in Trumann

By COREY CLAIRDAY  
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Communities members gathered at the American Legion Memorial Park in Trumann to observe Memorial Day.

This year, the American Legion passed out poppies for everyone to wear. According to Ron Taylor with American Legion Post 42, poppies used to be passed out during the ceremony to raise money for the Ladies Auxiliary. The act of wearing poppies on Memorial Day was started in honor of those who died in World War I. The practice was inspired by the John McCrae poem "In Flanders Fields," written in 1915. As this year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, Taylor

said it felt appropriate to wear poppies during this year's ceremony.

Col. Clarence Overbay, who is in his second year as JROTC instructor at Trumann High School, served as guest speaker. Col. Overbay said that it was time for Americans to reconnect with their sense of history. He said more than one million people in this nation have died in military conflicts dating all the way back to the colonial wars. "Each person lost was a loved and cherished family member and community member. And each one was a huge loss to their family and community," Overbay said.

Col. Overbay said many Americans have lost a sense of history

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Betty Payne, Bobby Redden, and Ron Taylor carry the wreath to lay on the monument of the fallen during Trumann Memorial Day ceremony Monday morning.

## Highway Commission approves resurfacing

The Arkansas State Highway Commission has approved a bid for improvements to Highway 69 in Poinsett County, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation officials.

The project will resurface 6.1 miles of Highway 69 between Highway 163 and I-555 near Stacy Lane. Asphalt Producers, LLC of Jonesboro was awarded the contract at \$698,141.25. Construction is scheduled to begin in two-four weeks, weather permitting, with completion expected in mid-2018.

## Perry talks drug prevention with Trumann Lions Club

By ANTHONY COSSEY  
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Dr. Lisa Perry, director of Regional Prevention Programs with the Crowley's Ridge Development Council (CRDC), was guest speaker at the Trumann Lions Club's weekly meeting last Wednesday at the Old Community House.

"Most think of our Home Energy Assistance Program when they hear CRDC, but I'm here today to talk about our substance abuse program," Perry said. Perry told the group the program is federally funded, and they work with several schools and communities on this issue.

Perry said the state has 13 regions and CRDC takes cares of regions

four and seven that covers 13 counties in Northeast and Eastern Arkansas. Those counties are Clay, Craighead, Greene, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, Randolph, Crittenden, Cross, Lee, Monroe, Phillips and St. Francis. The offices for these two regions are in Jonesboro and Marianna.

Some of the things the program does are raise awareness about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; provide substance abuse prevention support and programs; provide speakers for schools, churches, civic organizations, and others wanting to learn more about prevention; provide materials to individuals, schools, churches, law enforcement, or any group who needs them, recruit and

participate in the Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment (APNA) surveys; SYNAR Tobacco Compliance checks and coverage studies; and provide assistance to community coalitions, drug free clubs and others.

With May being Mental Health Awareness Month, it has ties with substance abuse too. Approximately one in five adolescents has a diagnosable mental health disorder. Undiagnosed mental illness can lead to substance abuse as the person tries to treat the symptoms of the mental health condition. Heavy drug abuse in the adolescent years can lead to mental illness later in life. People with substance use disorders are at a higher risk for suicide.

People with mental health issues are more likely to experience an alcohol or substance use disorder than those not affected by mental illness. Addiction to alcohol or drugs is a chronic but treatable brain disease that requires medical intervention, not moral judgment. About 45 percent of Americans seeking treatment for substance use disorders have been diagnosed as having a co-occurring mental health disorder.

"We are here to help in any way we can. We'd love to come speak at your school, club, or community event to make everyone aware of substance abuse. If you need any resources from CRDC, please contact us so we can be of assistance," Perry said.



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Dr. Lisa Perry, Director of Regional Prevention Programs with CRDC.

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# Perspective

## Media burdens run two ways

I was chatting with a group of students the other day when one of them looked me in the eye and commented, “You’re very tough on journalists.” I had to plead guilty.

Of course I’m tough on journalists. Maybe even as tough on them as they are on politicians.

Our representative democracy depends on journalists doing their jobs. Why? Because it’s essential that citizens get the solid, accurate, and fair information they need to make good judgments about politicians and policy decisions. Our system cannot work if journalists and the institutions they work for don’t shoulder the burden of serving as watchdogs, holding government accountable, shining a light on overlooked challenges, and exploring complicated issues in as clear-eyed a manner as possible.

Which is why, if you value representative democracy, you have to be deeply concerned about the once-over-lightly journalism that fills our media. Too often, reporters, commentators and online contributors focus on trivia, partisan posturing, and political gamesmanship, and not on the substance of issues.

The disruptive forces that have laid waste to traditional journalistic organizations have pared down the newsrooms that can carry out in-depth journalism and investigative reporting. Yet the world we live in is so complicated and so difficult to understand that the need is greater than ever for journalists to pick out what really matters in their communities or in the nation and convey solid information to the citizen.

I have no illusions about how difficult this is. Nailing down good information requires a lot of effort, persistence, and time. A single story can take months to follow carefully. Making sense of the issues that affect us - in politics, the legal system, medicine, war and peace, the economy - requires patience, expertise, analytical skill, and the ability to convey complexity in a simple fashion.

The prevalence of fake news and misinformation makes this search for objective truth ever more difficult and challenging. If we don’t have the right information as citizens, then we don’t have the facts to shape our opinions - and we’re going to be in trouble as a nation.

Disentangling truth and untruth from the citizen’s standpoint is really hard. So I applaud and admire journalists who are dedicated to truth. And there are enough of them that there is still plenty of good, solid reporting.

It’s not always easy to find, though, amidst all the less-than-solid noise that fills our media landscape. This places a particular burden on us, as citizens, to work hard to find it and understand it. Especially because some of the institutions we once relied upon for independent, objective information - I’m thinking specifically of Congress here - have increasingly stopped serving as models for the search for truth.

The plain truth is, there’s much to distract both journalists and citizens from what’s really necessary to cover and to understand. Sorting through all the information at our fingertips, distilling meaning from it, zeroing in on what’s really important: that’s work that both journalists and ordinary citizens have to undertake.

If you’re a local journalist, that means looking into every nook and cranny of government and chasing down what’s important and what doesn’t add up. For more broad-based journalists, the responsibility is to look at events, analyze them, and convey what needs to be conveyed to the public to make sound decisions about good governance.

And for citizens, it means conscientiously following reliable, fact-oriented media - and not just a single source, either, because none has a monopoly on the truth - and using their reporting to make discriminating judgments about public affairs.

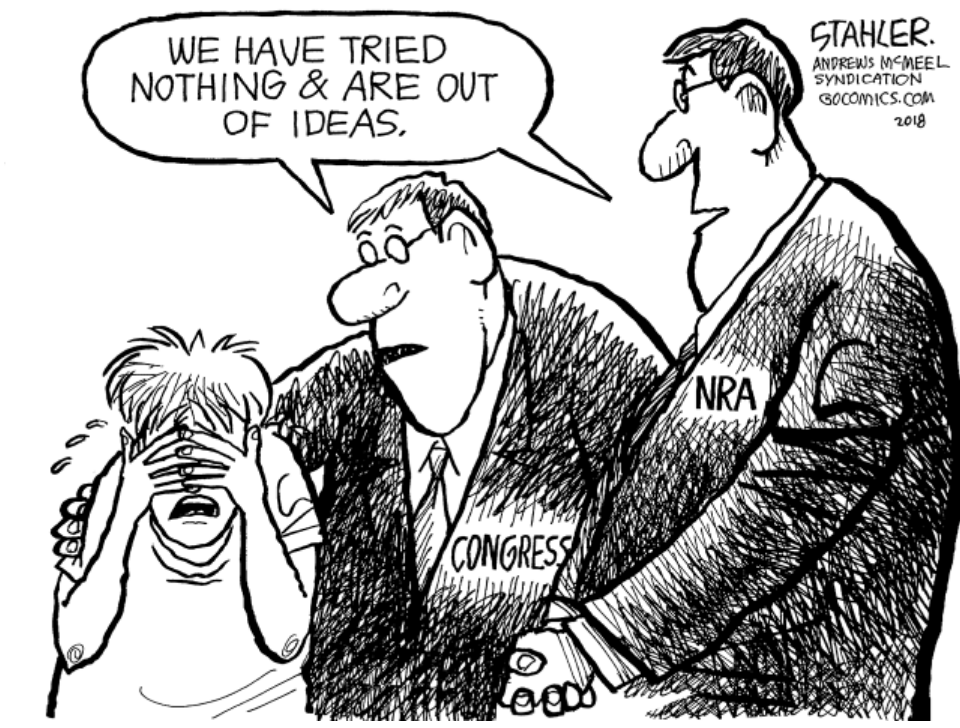
Getting all of this right is essential to making our government work. Journalists have to ask themselves whether they are getting to the bottom of stories and giving enough information to citizens so they can make good judgments - or are they too focused on trivia and entertainment and posturing? And citizens - whose media tastes drive so much of what the media provide - need to be focused on what matters.

It’s a complicated dance, but in the end, it comes down to one thing: journalists need to provide, and citizens need to ask for, the reporting that’s necessary to make the country work.

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## Foster kids need our help!

“The world would be a better place if all the mothers were like you,” Kelly Rosati’s 16-year-old daughter wrote in her card for Mother’s Day. There was a time when Rosati didn’t think such sentiments were possible. Let’s just say she’s been called things less endearing than “mom.” There have been suicide attempts. Probation. Cutting. Bulimia. Even right now, their adopted daughter isn’t at home, but temporarily living in a residential program.

“It sounds like a failure,” Rosati said this past week in Sierra Madre, at the California Catholic Conference’s annual meeting of pro-life and family leaders from across the state. “It isn’t. It’s about being healthy. Our kids have come to understand that.”

Her four foster children all encouraged their mother to talk about their lives and struggles “as long as it might help other people.”

That there were hundreds of “modern-day orphans” in her own community was news to Rosati and her husband, John, almost 20 years ago. Living in Hawaii at the time, Rosati had been asking questions about adoption advocacy. She was a lobbyist and she was ready to change laws and remove obstacles. But quickly it became clear there was something more

powerful than policymaking to be done. “We are a family and we have a house, and we have love to give.” The next move seemed clear.

“Talking and praying abstractly about the things that break God’s heart is one thing,” Rosati writes in her book, “Wait No More,” named for the program she started at Focus on the Family to connect families with children who would otherwise languish in foster care. “Seeing and hearing needs up close and personal — in your face, literally — is clarifying. There was no way we could see what we were seeing — precious faces, voices and lives of real kids in desperate need — and go back to our comfortable life unchanged.”

Rosati was one of the speakers this year in January at the March for Life, where the theme was “Love Saves Lives.” There, she emphasized that “The love that saves lives is not soft sentimentality. It can often be a very difficult journey.” It will be frustrating, it requires perseverance and there will be many regulatory “headaches.” Part of this is for the purpose of vetting. If you can’t handle the process, you’re not going to be able to handle what’s about to hit you once you have a foster child or a child adopted out



Kathryn Lopez

of foster care, in your home.

So, she sugarcoats nothing: This is hard work, but the most important work. She also doesn’t have to say, “they are so worth it,” as she does, because her love for her children overflows in every word.

If you get yourself involved in fostering and adopting out of foster care, you can’t be looking to fulfill an adult need. “Because these kids come to you empty,” Rosati stresses.

“Trauma changes the brain. It takes a different kind of parenting to help them heal and become everything God intended them to be,” she says talking about the myriad mental-health issues that children, even young ones, face. She knows this intimately, as her son Daniel was born addicted to crystal meth. “Two of my kids’ birth mothers have schizophrenia,” she says. Mental illness, she explains, “is one of life’s toughest challenges. But God is there.” Yet another of the Rosatis’ children had been homeless — theirs was the sixth home he was placed in. He was 4 years old and he wasn’t potty-trained, and once they met

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## Where are the truth-tellers?

Former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson never denied calling President Trump a “moron” in private. But only after he was fired did Tillerson have the guts to say publicly what he really thought about a president who has no regard for facts.

Speaking at the Virginia Military Institute, Tillerson made his target completely clear when he thundered: “If our leaders seek to conceal the truth or we as people become accepting of alternative realities that are no longer grounded in facts, then we as American citizens are on a pathway to relinquishing our freedom.”

Tillerson thus joined a small band of Republicans who have shaken free from Trump’s suffocating influence to publicly state their true feelings about the president. And “moron” is one of their milder accusations.

Some have been liberated by termination. Others, including Sens. Bob Corker and Jeff Flake, shed their inhibitions by deciding not to run again. Sen. John McCain, always a candid Trump critic, has grown even more vociferous in the face of a terminal illness.

There are two lessons to be drawn here. The first is that Trump’s assailants form the small tip of a large iceberg.

Corker, who has called the president an “utterly untruthful” person, told The New York Times that the “vast majority” of Republican lawmakers “understand what we’re dealing with here” — namely, a leader who has caused “the debasement of our nation.”

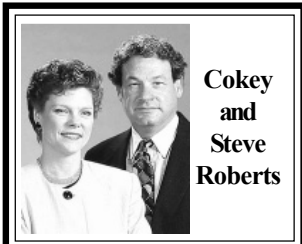
The second lesson is that many of those legislators are cowards, intimidated by Trump’s powerful following within the Republican Party and the president’s well-known capacity for vindictive retaliation.

Rick Wilson, a Republican consultant and persistent Trump foe, told the Los Angeles Times, “The biggest casualty of Donald Trump’s presidency is political courage.”

Rep. Mark Meadows, a Trump loyalist who heads the hardline Freedom Caucus, sarcastically and accurately added, “It’s really easy to be bold when you’re not coming back.”

Still, the truth-tellers are worth listening to. And one of their main criticisms is what Tillerson focused on: Trump’s utter disregard for facts that contradict his worldview, an impulse that makes rational policy-making almost impossible.

“We are a mature democracy,” Flake said on the Sen-



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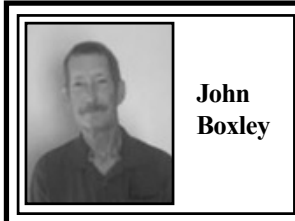
ate floor. “It is well past time that we stop excusing — or worse, ignoring — these attacks on the truth. For if we compromise the truth for the sake of our politics, we are lost.”

Many Trump critics are deeply worried about his attacks on independent institutions designed to check and balance the president’s power. One of Trump’s favorite targets is the media, and Flake warned, “When a figure in power reflexively calls any press that doesn’t suit him ‘fake news,’ it is that person who should be the figure of suspicion, not the press.”

Rep. Charlie Dent, a Pennsylvania Republican who is also retiring, said Trump has rejected the GOP’s traditional embrace of law enforcement by constantly undermining public confidence in the FBI. “We need to get behind law enforcement, show some respect here, and move away from these conspiracy theories,” he said on MSNBC.

Corker added at a breakfast with reporters: “Continual tearing down of institutions

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John Boxley

## Not that you asked

It’s getting to the point where we are going to need a chart to keep up with all of the reasons that President Trump and his allies in Congress and the media keep coming up with to discredit the Russia collusion investigation. First it was a witch hunt, then a deep state plot, then it was Democrats embedded in the Mueller staff. This week it became a spy planted in the Trump campaign by the FBI. At this rate, by the time you read this Trump may claim that aliens are behind it because they fear that Trump may take over the galaxy.

One of the other attempts is an oldie but a goodie. It’s one that both Democrats and Republicans have used through the years when either side has found itself the target of investigation. This one is that the investigation has gone on too long and is costing too much money. By now, we almost have the words memorized.

During Watergate, Iran-Contra, and now Russia, Democrats said the investigations had to run their course and that getting to the truth was the important thing. Republicans argued that the investigations had gone on long enough and were a waste of money. They also argued since nothing had been proven so far, there must be nothing to it.

During the Travel Office, Whitewater, and Monica investigations of Bill Clinton, and the Benghazi and email investigations of Hillary, we heard the exact same arguments with one big difference. This time Democrats were complaining about their length and cost, as well as saying there was nothing to them. Republicans had no problem with the length or cost of the investigations and claimed that the investigations had to continue because the Clintons had to be guilty of something.

Aside from pointing out that this proves politicians are just as big hypocrites as most TV evangelists, I decided to take a look at the cost of some of the better known political investigations from the past and their length. In the ones that involved a special prosecutor, I just looked at what they cost.

The granddaddy of them all, Watergate, lasted about four years and cost \$16.5 million in today’s dollars. Iran-Contra lasted eight years and cost \$47.4 million. The Whitewater and Monica investigations took six years and cost \$79.3 million. The Benghazi and email investigations cost \$22 million and \$30 million respectively and didn’t involve a Special Prosecutor. They lasted a combined three years. The Russia investigation has just finished its first year, and Mueller has spent about \$7.5 million.

Here’s an interesting side note to the email investigation. Weeks before the 2016 election, the chairman of the investigating committee said he had enough questions to continue the investigation for at least two years. Seven months after Trump won, that same Congressman resigned

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# Archives launches digital WWI exhibit

The Arkansas State Archives (ASA) has launched “Arkansas in the Great War,” a three-part online exhibit chronicling Arkansas during the World War I era.

The exhibit was created through Google Arts & Exhibits and contains over 250 high resolution images of historical photographs, letters, government documents and maps that detail Arkansas’s involvement in the war.

The first section, “Mobilizing the State for War,” profiles Arkansas before the U.S.’s entrance into the war and how the state readied to meet the challenge. Part two, “The War at Home,” examines the domestic impact the war

had on the state and explores the contributions made by women and African Americans to the war effort. The last section, “In the Trenches,” details Arkansans serving in Europe and the events immediately following the end of the conflict.

The exhibit is part of the efforts of the Arkansas World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee, a program of the Department of Arkansas Heritage (DAH) that commemorates the 100 year anniversary of World War I and remembers the state’s role during the war.

Funding for the exhibit was made possible by a Bridge Fund Endowment grant, a

program of the Arkansas Community Foundation that supports the teaching and promotion of Arkansas history.

To access “Arkansas in the Great War,” visit: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/arkansas-state-archives>

Arkansas State Archives is located at 1 Capitol Mall Ste. 2B-215, Little Rock. For more information, visit [archives.arkansas.gov](http://archives.arkansas.gov) or call (501) 682-6900.

The Arkansas State Archives is a division of the Department of Arkansas Heritage and is responsible for collecting and maintaining the

largest collection of historical materials on Arkansas in the world. The State Archives has two branch locations; the Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives is located in Powhatan and the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives is located in Washington.

Other divisions of the Department of Arkansas Heritage include the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, the Arkansas Arts Council, the Delta Cultural Center in Helena, the Old State House Museum, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center and Historic Arkansas Museum.

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him, the Rosatis were determined that he was not going to another home.

Adoption and foster care must be the priority of anyone who considers themselves pro-life. And when the Archdiocese of Los Angeles recently realized there were 34,000 foster children in their city, it didn’t start a new department but quickly started to tap into models and networks already in existence, many of them successful in evangelical churches, to connect families with foster children and wraparound services. Philadelphia, meanwhile, despite issuing a recent

campaign for foster families, is pushing Catholic Social Services out of foster care. We’re in need of more, not fewer, people of good will who can provide help. These children need people making foster care and adoption a priority in every church in America in a deeply personal way.

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in order to inspire your base and keep yourself protected with your base, to me is damaging to our nation.”

Other renegades charge there are corrupt motives behind some of Trump’s decisions. David Shulkin was axed as Veterans Affairs Secretary, he wrote in the Times, because Team Trump “saw me as an obstacle to privatization” of the veterans’ health system “who had to be removed.”

“That is because I am convinced that privatization is a political issue aimed at rewarding select people and companies with profits,” he alleged.

Some of the strongest criticisms focus on Trump’s personality, not his policies. Steve Bannon, once a close adviser, said the president acts “like a 9-year-old.” Corker compared the White House

to an “adult day-care center.” Reince Priebus, fired as chief of staff, described the administration’s dysfunction to writer Chris Whipple: “Take everything you’ve heard and multiply it by 50.”

McCain wrote of the president in his new book, “The Restless Wave”: “The appearance of toughness, or reality show facsimile of toughness, seems to matter more than any of our values.”

We owe these truth-tellers a debt of gratitude, even if they are, as Hillary Clinton said of Tillerson, “a tad late.” But where are the others? Why won’t they speak up against an “utterly untruthful” president who has put us “on a pathway to relinquishing our freedom”?

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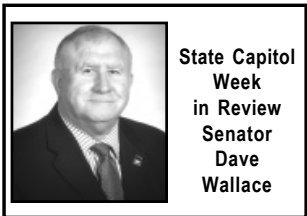
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from Congress and now works at Fox News.

The really sad aspect of this investigation is that, no matter what conclusions Mueller and his team reach, we won’t all agree with it. For some, any conclusion that finds collusion, even if it doesn’t personally involve Trump, will be “fake news.” For another

group, any conclusion that doesn’t find Trump guilty of at least one felony will also be “fake news.” That’s because so many people have stopped watching or reading real news and have switched to websites that tell them what they want to hear. Until that changes, we will keep electing people like Trump.



State Capitol Week in Review  
Senator Dave Wallace

The state not only funds education for children, but also provides various classes for more than 50,000 adults every year.

GED classes are some of the most well known programs for adults. Last year 3,312 Arkansas residents took the GED tests and 2,885 passed, for a passing rate of 87 percent. That puts Arkansas above the national passing rate of 79 percent. In 2015 Arkansas test takers did even better, with a GED pass rate of 95 percent.

About 470,000 adults in Arkansas never finished high school, and a GED is a great first step for them to improve their jobs skills and continue their educations.

Another way for adults to get better jobs is to get a WAGE certificate from the state Department of Career Education. Most classes are held at Adult Education Centers. They teach entry level job skills for bank tellers, office and industrial workers. Last year more than 2,000 adults earned a certificate, and according to research by the Department they averaged a salary increase of almost 18 percent.

WAGE certificates and GEDs are provided by the Department’s Adult Education Division, which also offers English classes for adults who grew up speaking another language.

According to studies cited by the Department, people who earn a high school diploma or its equivalent will earn, on average, \$568,000 more in their lifetimes than people without a diploma.

At a recent ceremony at the state Capitol, the top 25 scorers on this year’s GED tests were honored. Several of them spoke of plans to attend college.

At another ceremony at the Capitol, a group of adult graduates gathered on the steps to hear a graduation speech. They were dressed in caps and gowns, and at the end of the ceremony they tossed their caps in the air.

The Division also sends teachers to local businesses, at no cost to the business, through Workplace Education programs. Employers host the classes on their premises to improve the literacy and computer skills of their workers.

Besides learning technical skills, the adults also learn what are called “soft skills” that are often necessary to land a better job. Soft skills include punctuality, knowing how to dress appropriately, good personal hygiene and effective communication with others.

The Division is relatively small, with fewer than 20 employees, but it coordinates programs offered statewide by 36 local agencies that include school districts, com-

munity colleges and non-profits.

The Division also taught classes to about 3,500 inmates in state prisons, as well as to more than 5,000 people who get food stamps or welfare and who are required to take job training in order to qualify for benefits.

The Adult Education Division is separate from the Division of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Division, which is responsible for vocational offerings for students who are still in high school.

A Fordham Institute study found that high school students who took more than one CTE class increased their likelihood of graduating, and increased their opportunities for college and employment. The study counters the long-standing stigma that vo-tech and “shop” classes were academic dead ends.



State Representative Johnny Rye

It is estimated that for every dollar you spend at the grocery store, only 11 cents goes to a farmer. More than 30 cents of every dollar goes to pay for processing, packing, and transporting.

This summer, Arkansans have an opportunity to give our farmers a larger share of the profit all while accessing fresh locally grown produce.

There are more than 100 farmers’ markets across the state. While some operate year round, you will never have trouble finding one near you in the summer months.

The markets provide a low-barrier entry point for beginning farmers, allowing them to start small, test the market, and grow their businesses. Arkansas Farm Bureau estimates that 13 jobs are created for every \$1 million of revenue from a market.

Farmers’ markets aren’t just an opportunity to buy food. They provide a family friendly opportunity to interact with your neighbors and community. Additionally, the social connections that are facilitated by farmers’ markets allow producers and consumers to build relationships. Farmers’ market vendors educate their shoppers. In fact, four out of five farmers selling at markets discuss farming practices with their customers, and three in five discuss nutrition and how to prepare food.

Farmers’ markets have fruits and vegetables at the peak of the growing season. This means produce is at its freshest and tastes the best. The food is typically grown near where you live, not thousands of miles away or another country.

In the summer, Arkansans can find locally grown strawberries, blackberries, peaches, and watermelons just to name a few.

Because of the nutrition and affordability, many vendors have now started accepting EBT cards from the Supple-

mental Nutrition Assistance Program. In some cases, SNAP recipients can double their purchasing power at a participating market.

Arkansas is home to more than 43,000 farms. Ninety-seven percent of those farms

are family owned. Take the time this year to support our state’s number one industry.

You can find a farmers’ market near you by visiting [www.arkansasfarmersmarketassociation.com](http://www.arkansasfarmersmarketassociation.com).

## Conway Twitty Day is Friday

HELENA-WEST HELENA— Friday, June 1, has been proclaimed “Conway Twitty Day” by Governor Asa Hutchinson, Helena-West Helena Mayor Jay Hollowell and Phillips County Judge Clark Hall. Family members of the rockabilly and country music legend, Conway Twitty, will be in historic downtown Helena—Twitty’s hometown—that day, to pay tribute to the man and his music!

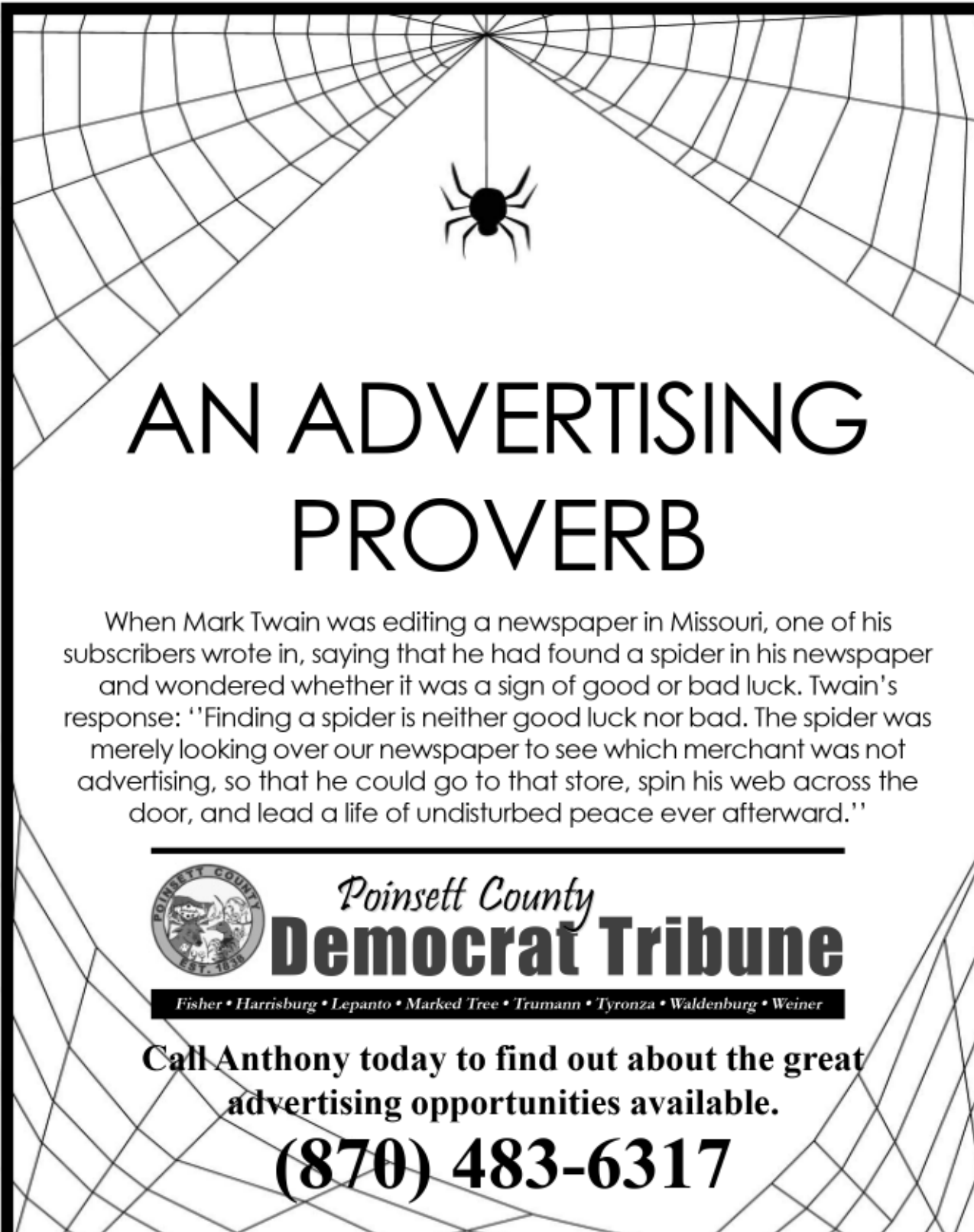
The event is free and open to the public. Food and beverages will also be provided. If rain forces the event inside, the location will move to Beth El Heritage Hall, 406 Perry Street, in Helena.

The event also marks the 25th anniversary of Twitty’s death (June 5), and will take place at Courthouse Square Park, adjacent to the Phillips County Court House, which is located at 622 Cherry Street, in Helena. Festivities will include the unveiling of a historical marker interpreting Twitty’s extraordinary life and career, remarks by members of his family, the presentation of a key to the city, and formal proclamations by representa-

tives of Phillips County and the state of Arkansas. The program is scheduled to get underway at 4:30 p.m., and will conclude at 5:30 p.m.


The placement of Twitty’s marker is part of a broader undertaking by the City of Helena to further celebrate and interpret local music history. In addition to Twitty’s, a series of eight additional interpretive markers are slated to go up around the city recognizing hometown music pioneers such as Levon Helm, Sonny Boy Williamson, “Sunshine” Sonny Payne, as well as the groundbreaking radio show “King Biscuit Time,” and the radio station, KFFA—which aired the show that was first to introduce blues music to mainstream America. The marker honoring Twitty will be the first to go up.

“We are so grateful to the City for paying tribute to our father,” said Twitty’s daughter Joni Jenkins Riels. “Helena is where his musical journey began as a small child. His roots which began here, carried him on an unimaginable journey.”



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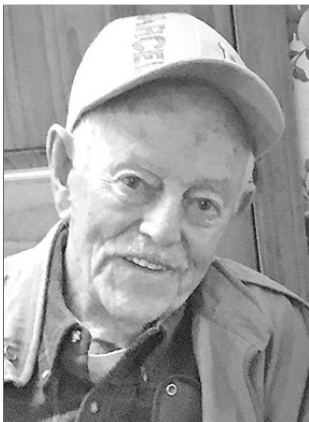
# Obituaries

## William Crain

JONESBORO - William “Bill” Crain, 86, passed away Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at the Flo and Phil Jones Hospice House. He was born Nov. 4, 1931, in Trumann to the late Martin Walker and Maggie Crain and was the youngest of 10 children. Bill was a member of Walnut Street Baptist Church. He had previously taught Sunday school classes and had gone on mission trips. He served in the prison ministry for over 30 years. Bill was both an ordained deacon and a Gideon. He shared the gospel to everyone and never met a stranger.

Bill, an Army veteran, later served as a driver for Disabled Veterans. Bill owned and operated Crain Electric Heat and Air from 1972-1997 and continued working there for his son from 1997-2007. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, but his favorite thing to do was spend time with family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 66 and a half years, Nell Crain of the home; son, Mark (Jamie) Crain of Jonesboro; daughter, Donna (Kevin) Jones of Germantown, Tenn.; sister, Irene Davies of Trumann; three grandchildren, Walker (Brittany) Crain of Cordova, Tenn., Kathryn (Sergio Baquero) Crain of Madrid, Spain, and Victoria



William Crain

Jones of Germantown, Tenn.; and a host of friends and loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were held May 30 in Emerson Memorial Chapel with Jerry Parker and Doug Welborn officiating. Burial followed in Pine Log Cemetery with active pallbearers being his nephews, Eddie Crain, Marty Crain, David Crain, Barry Crain, Dennis Crain and Ronnie Crain. Honorary pallbearers include Lloyd Davis, Wes Triender, the Brethren of the Jonesboro Gideon Camp, and the members of the Junior Roach Sunday school class at Walnut Street.

For lasting memorials, the family asks that consideration be given to Gideons International, P.O. Box 4002, Jonesboro, AR 72403.

Online registry: [www.emersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.emersonfuneralhome.com)

## Barney Ivy

LEPANTO - Barney Joe Ivy, 56, departed this life on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at his home. He was born Jan. 4, 1962, to Flavis and Audie Sullivan Ivy. He was a tech sergeant in the United States Air Force, a loadmaster on a C130 transport plane, and he served during Operation Desert Storm. While in the Air Force he received the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Air Force Short Tour Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, Air Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Tho-

mas Flavis Ivy; one daughter, Stacy Lemons; two brothers, John Ivy and Joney Ivy; and one sister, Ann Kennedy.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Diane Chapman Ivy of Lepanto; one son, Joseph Ivy of Lepanto; one daughter, Leela Keller (Aric) of Jonesboro; three brothers, Harold Ivy (Sheila) of Fulton, Gene Ivy (Linda) of Tyronza and Jim Ivy (Patty) of Tyronza; three sisters, Gwen Hooker of Heafer, Dorothy Teague of Tyronza and Joyce Bickerstaff (Phil) of Tyronza; and one grandson, Aiden Keller of Jonesboro.

Funeral services were held May 25 at Delancey-Murphy Funeral Home in Lepanto. Interment followed at Tyronza Cemetery.

## Frankie Raney

TEXAS - Frankie Lee Raney, 70, entered Heaven’s gates after a six year battle with breast cancer on May 20, 2018, at Baylor White Scott Hospital in Grapevine. She was born in Jonesboro on Jan. 16, 1948, to the late Utah Calvin and Anna Terry Cooper. A graduate of Trumann High School class 1965, shortly after, attended Tuckers Beauty College completing her cosmetology certification. Frankie said “I do” to Eddie (Lloyd) Raney, Feb. 22, 1968. She gave birth to her first born, Stephanie, on her 21st birthday. February of 2018, they celebrated 50 years of marriage, sticking together for more than five decades. She was known by grandchildren, nieces and nephews as “Nana.” If you needed help or had a question, everyone knew to ask her, that she’d know what to do. A devoted and loving wife, mother, and homemaker, Frankie enjoyed gardening and was an excellent southern cook. She was known for her famous chocolate pie. Her home was always open to loved ones that needed a place to stay, eat, or a little front porch therapy. Frankie had an unwavering faith in God. From a young age, she was involved in church activities and even a volunteer Sunday school teacher. She was a long-time member at Carrol Baptist of Southlake and later The Village Church. Despite her battle with cancer, she cared for her brother the last 10 years with love and compassion. She will be remembered for her feisty personality, elegant yet funky style, boundless creativity, beautiful,



Frankie Raney

caregiving heart and soul with never-ending fighting spirit.

Frankie was preceded in death by one daughter and her parents.

Frankie is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Ed Raney of the home; two daughters, Stephanie Hills of North Richland Hills, Texas, and Paige Leija of Tropy Club, Texas; two sisters, Carolyn Kelly and Traci Cooper; one brother, Calvin Cooper; three grandchildren, Jacob Guillon, Elizabeth Castro and Cooper Leija; and three great-granddaughters, Abigail Castro, Aislinn Castro and Melody Guillon.

The family wishes to thank all of those who have known Frankie in her glorious journey of life to celebrate with us.

A celebration of her life was held May 25 in the chapel of Thompson Funeral Home in Trumann with Rev. Larry Loggins officiating. Private burial followed in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Human Coalition at <https://www.humancoalition.org/frankieraney> or checks can be made payable to Human Coalition memo line: Frankie Raney Address: 2401 Ira E. Woods, Suite 300 Grapevine, TX 76051.

## Jose Guerra

MARKED TREE - Jose Luis Guerra, 66, passed away Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Born Dec. 16, 1951, to Felipe and Dolores Guerra, he was a retired fork lift operator and was of the Catholic faith.

He is survived by his wife, San Juanita Guerra; four sons, Roel Guerra and Jose Guerra of Harlingen, Texas, Angel Guerra of Marion and Juan Guerra of Lepanto; one

daughter, Argentina Barreto of Lepanto; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service was held May 25 at Roller-Swift Funeral Home, 2173 S. U.S. Highway 61, Osceola.

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# How to choose a good estate sale company

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Savvy Senior  
Jim Miller

Inquiring Daughter  
Dear Inquiring,

The estate sale business has become a huge industry over the past decade. There are roughly 22,000 estate sale companies that currently operate in the U.S., up nearly 60 percent from just 10 years ago. But not all estate sale companies are alike.

Unlike appraisal, auction and real estate companies, estate sale operators are largely unregulated, with no licensing or standard educational requirements. That leaves the door open for inexperienced, unethical or even illegal operators. Therefore, it’s up to you to decipher a good reputable company from a bad one. Here are some tips to help you choose.

Make a list: Start by asking friends, your real estate agent or attorney for recommendations. You can also search online. Websites like EstateSales.net and EstateSales.org let you find estate sale companies in your area.

Check their reviews: After you find a few companies, check them out on the Better Business Bureau (BBB.org), Angie’s List (AngiesList.com), Yelp (Yelp.com) and other online review sites to eliminate ones with legitimately negative reviews.

Call some companies: Once you identify some estate sale companies, select a few to interview over the phone. Ask them how long they’ve been in business and how many estate sales they conduct each month. Also find out about their staff, the services they provide, if they are insured and bonded and if they charge a flat fee or commission. The national average commission for an estate sale is around 35 percent, but commissions vary by city and region.

You may also want to ask them about visiting their next

sale to get a better feel for how they operate. And be sure to get a list of references of their past clients and call them.

Schedule appointments: Set up two or three face-to-face interviews with the companies you felt provided you with satisfactory answers during the phone interviews.

During their visit, show the estate liquidator through the property. Point out any items that will not be included in the sale, and if you have any items where price is a concern, discuss it with them at that time. Many estate companies will give you a quote, after a quick walk through the home.

You also need to ask about their pricing (how do they research prices and is every item priced), how they track what items sell for, what credit cards do they accept, and how and where will they promote and market your sale. EstateSales.net is a leading site used to advertise sales, so check advertising approaches there.

Additionally, ask how many days will it take them to set up for the sale, how long will the sale last, and will they take care of getting any necessary permits to have the sale.

You also need to find out how and when you will be paid, and what types of services they provide when the sale is over. Will they clean up the house and dispose of the unsold items, and is there’s an extra charge for that? Also, make sure you get a copy of their contract and review it carefully before you sign it.

For more information on choosing an estate sale company, see National Estate Sales Association online guide at [NESA-USA.com](http://NESA-USA.com), and click on “Consumer Education” then on “Find the Right Company.”

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.

## Holly Springs Cemetery meeting set

A Holly Springs Cemetery meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Food Giant in Harrisburg.

# Wet Ink . . . . .

By DR. KEN WORTHINGTON

Now as we go to the 17th verse in the first chapter of Revelation, we see that the pessimist who believes that the object of the gospel is simply and only to be a witness and to take out a few here and there of the lost world and that light will become feebler and dimmer until the second advent, and then by marvelous displays of miraculous power, the return of Christ in person to supersede the Spirit, the world is to be conquered for Christ—this view, I say, is at war with all the teachings of this book and of all the other New Testament books. You see, the Spirit, through the churches and the gospel, will accomplish all the conquests that are to be accomplished and Christ’s return is not as a sin-offering unto salvation but to raise the dead, judge the world, and wind up the affairs of this kingdom preparatory to turning it over to the Father.

The final, personal, visible, audible, palpable return of Jesus Christ to the earth, with

whatever displays of divine power, is not for the conversion of any man. It ends the days of salvation. If we hold in our minds that practically the gospel will be a failure and that the world will grow worse and worse until the second advent of Christ, and that we are to look for the great forces of redemption after He comes back, then we cannot, except with a limited faith, press the mission work for the evangelization of the world. It will not be in our hearts to hope to see missions accomplish the salvation of men. We may count, therefore, the whole book of Revelation as a vision of ever-increasing light until by the gospel through the Spirit the whole world is flooded with light-and indeed this idea is manifest as the governing thought in every subsequent revelation until the final consummation of eternal light presented in the 21st and 22nd chapters, the closing chapters of the book of Revelation.

In the 17th verse, we are told that when John saw the glorified Christ he fell at His feet

as on dead. It is the uniform teaching of the Bible that the nearer we approach to God and the clearer our vision of Him, the more sensibly do we feel our sinfulness. Job in the Bible had a very good opinion of himself and talked boldly of his desire to meet the Almighty face to face, but when the Almighty came and Job stood in the white light of the holiness of God, though he was the saintliest man of his day, he cried out: “I have uttered that which I understood not, but now that mine eye seeth thee, I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes.” Isaiah, also, the saintliest man of his day, when he saw the vision of the Almighty, cried out: “Woe is me, for I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips, for mine eyes have seen the King Jehovah of Hosts.”

When, therefore, you hear one making the extravagant boast of his sinlessness, you may know that the boast argues his distance from God rather than his nearness.

## Caregiver Support Group meetings scheduled

The Family Caregiver Support Program of East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging will hold monthly scheduled meeting for residents of Craighead and Poinsett County Monday, June 11, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Agency’s offices at 2005 E. Highland Drive in Jonesboro.

The support group provides those who are caring for

elderly or disabled adults the opportunity to meet others who share the same responsibilities. Groups are run by professionals and can help caregivers devise productive strategies for dealing with stress that may arise around difficult decisions. The group provides education on diseases and conditions, stress and managing the care of others, available resources, emo-

tional support and a quarterly newsletter.

Area caregivers are encouraged to attend, and they are welcome to bring friends or family members. There is no fee to attend. For more information, call Dorcy Bowser at 870-930-2204. To refer a senior to home care, call 800-467-3278 or visit [www.e4aonline.com](http://www.e4aonline.com).



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# Lifestyles

## Trumann Senior Life Center “On the Go”

ByHAZELRILEY

Last week we went to Pancho’s in West Memphis. This is Ms. Cindy’s favorite place for Mexican food.

Ms. Susan P. and I worked the election last Tuesday. We had a very low turnout. I hope that in November you will all come out to vote!

Summer is here, so please check on your elderly neighbors and keep fresh water out for your pets. If you need a cool place to go, our center is open at 8 a.m. and closes at 12:30 p.m. each day. Come visit, play dominoes, work on a puzzle, and do some brain teasers. We are located at 351 Campbell.

Ron Taylor with the American Legion had a great Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony at our Veteran’s Park, and Honest John got a new coat of paint. Well done and thanks to all who came out.

Stay cool and have a great weekend!

## Letter to the Editor

To the ladies that removed the clematis plants from the Veterans Park in Trumann: I hope you had a successful transplant. Each spring, I want you to enjoy the blooms and remember that you stole the plant that was planted in honor of a fallen soldier by his mother!

Hazel Riley  
Trumann

## Adult Education Center announces summer schedule

The Sims-Talbot Adult Education Center in Trumann will remain open over the summer. ASU-Newport provides adult education at the center. The summer schedule is as follows:

Mondays: classes 4-8 p.m.  
Tuesdays: classes 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m., Aztec computer lab open 9-11 a.m.  
Wednesdays: classes 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
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Instructors are Madeleine and Jonnie Kirkland and Mary Juhas.

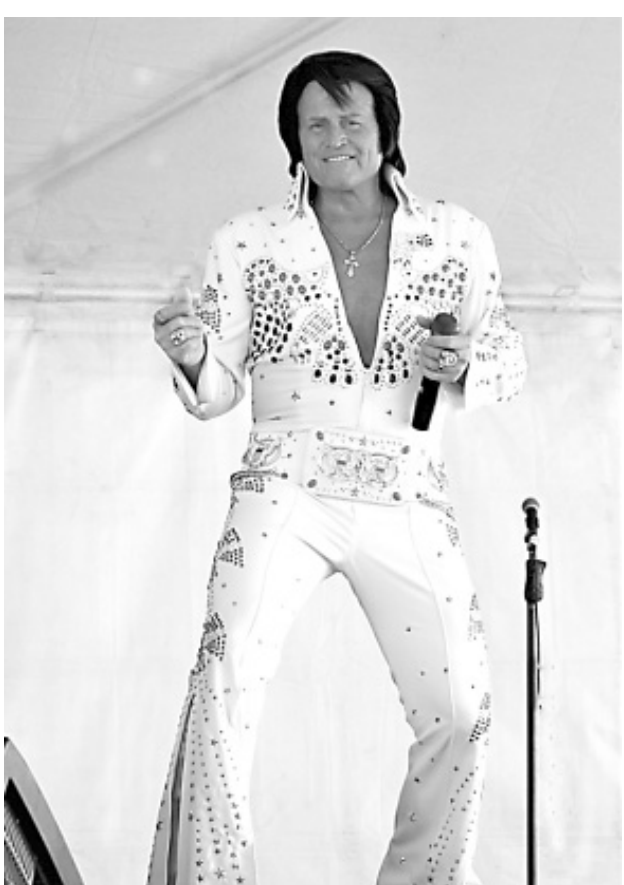


### Rural Services Conference

**Over 700 people from across the state attended the annual Arkansas Rural Services Conference in Little Rock at the Statehouse Convention Center from May 22-24. The meeting is designed to update local cities and counties on new laws, technology, and grants. It also gives state officials and local governments the chance to exchange ideas that can be beneficial to those that attend. Many county and state officials attended the meeting. Pictured are State Rep. Johnny Rye, Mrs. Susan Hutchinson, Julie Rye, and Governor Asa Hutchinson. (Photo provided)**

## Elvis concert to benefit youth group

**An Elvis concert to benefit the youth group of First Baptist Church in Trumann will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, June 22, at the TIS Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Elvis will be portrayed by Billy Elvis Lindsey of Florida. For tickets, contact Gaylon Brooks at 870-483-3260 or Marsha Phillips at 870-219-7418.**



# One hundred years ago. . . . .

*(Editor’s note: Hazel Riley brought in the following newspaper excerpt, which originally appeared in the Marked Tree Tribune 100 years ago today. It’s a fascinating glimpse at just how different times were a century ago in this area.)*

Marked Tree Tribune May 31, 1918  
Clean Citizens to Clean Out Truman Town  
The patriotic and clean citizens of Truman, 12 miles west of this place, in Poinsett county, decided last Saturday [the 25th] to give their town a general cleaning of all loafers,

gamblers, bootleggers, slackers, propagandists and immoral women, and from the information furnished this paper, a splendid start was made.

Two mill hands who refused to donate to the Red Cross and who had made derogatory remarks concerning it, were rushed to the public square and whipped. Two loafers who had heretofore refused to go to work, were then given like treatment.

Eight women, charged with vagrancy, were then brought and soused in a nearby pond of water, after which the la-

dies of Truman got busy and gave these eight a sound whipping. They were then made to leave town.

A body of men then visited a merchant who had steadfastly refused to give to the Red Cross, and after the ladies had painted his store front yellow, and the men threatened him with a good whipping, he gave \$100.

The good citizens there say their town must be kept clean of undesirable citizens, and the officers of the town are working hand in hand with them, in making the clean-up a success.

## How does my pet know what time to eat?

Can dogs, or other animals, actually understand time in the same way that we do?

### Pet Talk

Dr. Norette Underwood



He does not want to eat, just get up. Some researchers have suggested that

Last week one of my clients wanted me to do a Pet Talk on how dogs knew when it was time to eat. After some research, I found some interesting information.

Dogs, like most mammals, have a circadian rhythm, an internal sense that tells them when to sleep or when to be active. Perhaps it’s their bodies, though not their minds, that can detect roughly what time it is. If your furry friend is used to eating dinner about 5 p.m., maybe their body is getting hungry and triggering the food dance.

Another explanation could come from the fact that some animals can read environmental cues. Perhaps dogs use the length of shadows or the amount of daylight present to know what time it is. My dog Barnie is definitely guided by daybreak. He gets me up by the amount of light present in the morning. If it gets light at 5:10 a.m., he is up then. If it is 6 a.m. then we are up at 6 a.m.

dogs are using their advanced sense of smell to sniff out how long it has been since some event happened. After you leave the house, your scent lingers, decaying slowly over the day. If you have a fairly regular schedule, it’s possible your dog has figured out that at the point when your smell has decreased by a specific amount, you’re going to unlock that front door (and he needs to get ready to come charging up to greet you).

Though there isn’t a good answer yet as to whether or not your dog knows what time it is, there could be one within the next few years. Dogs are receiving more and more attention from scientists, and it’s almost certainly only a matter of time before they are tested for www memories. Cognitive scientists in particular are interested to find the roots of our own episodic memory abilities.



### Marked Tree Senior Life Center Happenings

By Joan Campbell

We are having a good time at the Marked Tree Senior Center. We wish you were here.

On May 22, we had a lot of the people at the center to vote. On May 23, some of the ladies had try-outs to see who will go to the Wii bowling tournament at Turtle Creek Mall

in July. We are looking forward to that.

Cynthia Abel from the Center on Aging came by to talk to us about how to prevent falling and getting hurt.

If you would like to come to the center, call Carol Crum at 870-358-3751 or drop by and talk to her.



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# Sports

## Phillips named all-state baseball for EPC

By ANTHONY COSSEY  
DT Sports Staff

Peyton Phillips of EPC capped off his senior season with his selection to the Class 2A all-state baseball team. Phillips, who caught every game for the Warriors, helped his team to a 14-9 record. Hitting at a .594 clip, Phillips

had 38 RBIs and three home runs while only striking out five times. He finished the season with a .756 on-base percentage. Phillips, who also garnered all-conference honors, threw out 18 base runners trying to steal. “He consistently came through in big situations for us this year. He set a goal to

make all-state and he accomplished it,” said EPC head baseball coach Adam Chamberlin. “He increased his batting average over 200 points from last season while leading the team in batting average, on-base percentage, RBIs, slugging percentage and extra base hits.”



Peyton Phillips of EPC, shown here throwing out a batter at first base, was recently chosen for the Class 1A all-state baseball team. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)

## Greenwell tabbed for Class 4A all-state softball team

By ANTHONY COSSEY  
DT Sports Staff

Lady Wildcat Olivia Greenwell capped off her high school softball career with a selection to the Class 4A all-state softball team. A fixture at second base for the last three years,

Greenwell batted .358 this past season. She collected 24 hits and drove in 19 runs for the Lady Wildcats. Greenwell had a .933 fielding percentage. Greenwell was also named all-conference. “Olivia hit three hole for us

all year and was our most consistent hitter of the season. Her calm, confident demeanor and personal drive helped lead our team to success. She will be greatly missed next season!” said Trumann head softball coach Karisa Hendreix.



Trumann's Olivia Greenwell, smashing a base hit in district tournament play, was selected to the Class 4A all-state softball team. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)



### McAdams signs

Bay's Seth McAdams signed his letter of intent last Thursday to play baseball for Crowley's Ridge College. Pictured with McAdams are, from left, (seated) Zeke Davis (brother), McAdams, Tabitha McAdams (mom) holding Laela Crites (sister), Jeanie McAdams (grandmother), (standing) CRC assistant baseball coach Tray Malone, and CRC head baseball coach Brendan Camp. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)

### Disc Golf Tournament



Several teams braved the rain to play in the Trumann Chamber of Commerce's annual Disc Golf Tournament on May 24. (Photo provided)



Ronnie Harrison throws a frisbee during the tournament while teammate Corey Clairday watches. (Photo provided)



# Bay Elementary May Students of the Month



Aden Graham, first grade



Aiden Ashlock, kindergarten



Alexis Rupert, second grade



Bella Dobbins, fourth grade



C'nya Griffin, kindergarten



Jada Davis, third grade



Joshua Kent, kindergarten



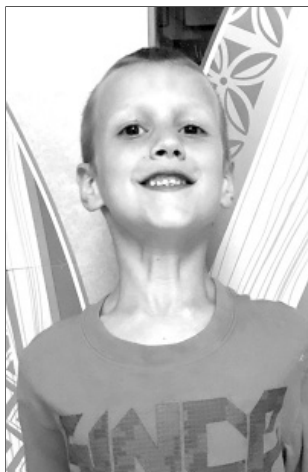
Kaitlyn Brown, second grade



Landon Cossey, fourth grade



Landon Smith, fifth grade



Leyland Nix, first grade



Logan Rouse, third grade



Lynlee Womack, fifth grade



Madison Sutter, sixth grade



Zoe Morton, sixth grade

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# A unified effort to help veterans receive quality care

Congress recently came together to uphold a promise to our veterans by passing the VA MISSION Act. The bill, which is set to become law, will strengthen and streamline the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare services and its community care programs.

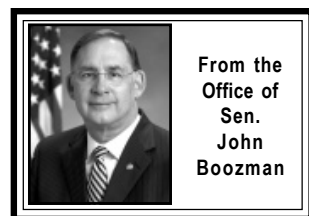
This is important because veterans should have access to the best healthcare and services in a timely manner regardless of where they live.

With these reforms, a veteran and his or her doctor will decide where that veteran will receive care—taking into consideration the veteran’s healthcare needs and the availability and quality of both VA and community care.

For largely rural states like Arkansas, this makes all the sense in the world.

We have two VA Medical Centers in the Natural State—Little Rock and Fayetteville—as well as facilities in neighboring states that often serve Arkansas veterans. The healthcare providers and staff at those facilities, and our Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in Arkansas, truly do an excellent job in caring for our veterans.

But the VA Medical Centers are in populated areas, which in cases where veterans need more advanced care than a CBOC can provide, means a full day trip for many veterans. It is unnecessary when a



From the Office of Sen. John Boozman

veteran could receive similar quality care outside the VA system in his or her community.

The service options provided in this bill will give veterans who live far from a VA facility and need frequent follow-up care easier access to local providers and walk-in clinics.

As noted in a letter signed by over thirty VSOs supporting the VA MISSION Act, the legislation is an effort to “supplement, not supplant VA healthcare.”

That is important to highlight. Much like the Choice Program that preceded it, the new system that will be established by the VA MISSION Act is not meant to replace VA healthcare. Rather it builds on the foundation laid out by the Choice Program, which addressed many shortcomings within the VA system that led to the wait time crisis.

Last year, I launched a listening tour to hear from Arkansas veterans about their experiences with the Choice Program so we can better meet their needs. I heard from Arkansas veterans who have

been able to get quality care from private providers in their own community when the VA system could not meet their needs. That is a good thing.

But as the veterans I met with noted, the Choice Program has its share of troubles. I heard repeated stories of difficulties navigating the complex and confusing bureaucratic process. This legislation aims to alleviate those problems.

While VA implements the new system, we cannot afford to let care slip for our veterans. That is why we made sure that the VA MISSION Act authorizes funding to continue the current Choice Program for one more year.

In addition to the improvements to healthcare delivery, the VA MISSION Act will enable us to conduct better and more consistent oversight into how the VA spends money on veterans’ healthcare, improve the VA’s ability to hire high-quality professionals and create a process to evaluate and reform VA facilities so they can best serve veterans.

These are all big steps in the right direction and the unified efforts of both parties, in both chambers of Congress, made sure the VA MISSION Act would pass. If we continue to work together in this vein, we can help ensure our nation’s promises to our veterans are kept.

# NEA Baptist receives an ‘A’ for patient safety

The Leapfrog Group, a Washington D.C.-based organization aiming to improve health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers, has released the new Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades. NEA Baptist was one of 750 in the nation awarded an ‘A’ for its efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards. The Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms among patients in their care.

“I am so proud of our team for earning this honor,” said Brad Parsons, administrator and CEO of NEA Baptist. “Caring for our community is a privilege that we take very seriously, and I am so happy our team members and physicians are getting the recognition they deserve for their continued work to provide

high quality care.”

Developed under the guidance of an expert panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to approximately 2,500 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is peer reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

“This is the only national rating of how well hospitals

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DEFENDANT

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Plaintiff has filed a Complaint in the above entitled action. That Defendant, **GINGER RUSSELL**, be and hereby is warned that you must appear and defend the Complaint by filing an Answer within thirty (30) days of the date of the first publication of this Warning Order; and, in the event you fail to do so, a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in Plaintiff’s Complaint deeming it admitted.

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and that all many know about military service comes from television and movies. “We have fewer and fewer veterans to share their story, and many older veterans don’t talk about their service,” Overbay said.

Overbay spoke about his father-in-law, who served in the 86th Infantry Division as a scout during World War II. He originally trained for amphibious landing in Japan but ended up fighting in France and the Phillipines. “When he was discharged, he had five sons and one daughter,” Overbay said. “Before he was drafted into service, he was a minister. But he did not use that as an excuse not to serve. In fact, he served in the infantry as a point man.”

Overbay said his father-in-law would not discuss the war until he was in his mid-80s. “I told him to think about the lives he saved as a Christian, and I think that was the only thing that gave him solace. He wasn’t killed in the war physically, but mentally, it affected him.”

Overbay called on those gathered to not forget the sacrifices made by soldiers and said it was important to help reconnect the American people to the American soldier. “We in this country owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have served, and we can start paying back that debt by remembering what they did,” Overbay said.

Betty Payne also spoke briefly. She said it had been 50 years since her husband, James Payne, died in Vietnam. After he died, Payne said the city put up a flagpole on the spot where the future memorial park would be, and the community then began gathering for Memorial Day. “The citizens of Trumann have been coming here and gathering for 50 years, and I hope you will continue to gather for the next 50 years,” Payne said.

During the service, Terry Long, Veteran Service Officer for Poinsett County, read the names listed on the park’s monument of those from Trumann and the surround-

ing area who gave their lives in military service. The following is a list of all those so named:

**\*World War I:** Tom Rowlett, Lee Solomon, Willie Francis, and Carl Halford.

**\*World War II:** John Wright, Octavis Easter, James Redden, J.K. Persinger, J. Bartholomew, Jack Orbison, Lloyd Cantrell, J.W. Johnson, Glenn Blackwell, Henry Shores, Alton Stotts, Thomas Long, Enol Arnold, Rudolph Collius, John Forbess, Willie Pepper, Willie Phillips, Eugene Kaisinger, Rubye Edwards, Alfard Ballentine, and Kyle Lassiter.

**\*Korean War:** Clarence Brown, Dewayne Douglass, William Adams, Hershell Qualls, Bobby Matthews, Willard Smith, and Herbert Brock.

**\*Vietnam War:** James Teague, James Payne, Terry Birmingham, James Swink, Bobby Hastings, Aaron Vinson, and David Johnson.

**\*Iraq War:** Erich Smallwood.



Col. Clarence Overbay speaks during Trumann’s Memorial Day observance.



The crowd sings along to the National Anthem.



State Rep. Johnny Rye sings the National Anthem during the Memorial Day ceremony. (Photos by Corey Clairday)



Taps is played at the end of the ceremony.



Betty Payne, Ron Taylor, and Bobby Redden hang the wreath during the ceremony.

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A Civil War historical marker was also unveiled during the County Commemorative Day. The marker explains that General M. Jeff Thompson set up headquarters in Harrisburg during the last months of the Civil War when he began negotiating terms of surrender. (DT Photo/Corey Clairday)

mon in the years after the war. For the tree planted Friday, French soil was mixed in with the soil used to plant it as a further connection to World War I.

This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the Poinsett County Courthouse. Curtis Sanders, president of the Poinsett County Historical Society, presented some history on the courthouse. The county’s first courthouse was originally built in Bolivar, the first county seat, in 1839. In 1856, the county seat was moved to Harrisburg, and a new courthouse was built. This was a two-story brick building and cost \$8,800 to build. It was gutted by fire in 1873, and a new courthouse

was built using its walls in 1874. This courthouse burned down in 1917, and \$200,000 was raised through appropriations and a tax to build the current courthouse, which was completed in 1918.

Sanders also spoke about a historical marker that was unveiled during the day’s activities. The marker was the result of research conducted by Sylvia Evans and was paid for through a grant former County Judge Charles Nix was able to secure before he passed away.

The marker was provided by the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission and notes a piece of local history that took place near the end of the Civil War.

The marker reads, “As word of the collapse of the Confederate armies east of the Mississippi River came to Arkansas, Confederate Gen. M. Jeff Thompson established headquarters of the Northern Sub-District of Arkansas at Harrisburg in mid-April 1865. Thompson and Union Gen. G.M. Dodge began negotiating surrender terms, with Dodge offering the same terms U.S. Grant gave to Robert E. Lee in Virginia. On May 11, 1865, Thompson surrendered his troops in northeast Arkansas, and 7,454 of his men were paroled at Wittsburg and Jacksonport, saying ‘all they wanted was to be allowed to live at home.’”

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