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## Roach Mfg. files suit alleging embezzlement \$4.5 million stolen over last decade, suit claims

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Roach Manufacturing Corporation filed suit against Edward M. Cooper Jr. and Osborn & Osborn, CPAs, PLLC on May 31, alleging that \$4.5 million was embezzled from the company over the last decade.

According to the court filing, Cooper has been the sole accountant working with Roach on behalf of Osborn & Osborn for more than 20 years, providing expertise in bookkeeping, accounting, financial systems, financial reporting, tax matters, and tax filings. The suit states that “Roach has just

recently discovered that Cooper through a betrayal of trust, deceit, manipulation and forgery, has unlawfully stolen and embezzled in excess of \$4.5 million from Roach, beginning in at least 2007.”

Roach Manufacturing Corporation, which develops conveyor systems for agricultural use, was for-

mally launched in 1969 in Trumann. Osborn & Osborn began providing them services, advice, and expertise that year as well. Osborn & Osborn brought Cooper into the working relationship with Roach in the late 1970s or early 1980s.

The suit alleges that at some time prior to 2007, Cooper began request-

ing a few checks more than he actually needed from Roach to complete his duties, which included preparing dividend checks and estimated tax payment checks, in case he made a mistake in preparing checks. In 2017, Roach hired a new financial

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## Emerson tells Lions about Country Mart changes

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Chad Emerson, manager of Country Mart in Trumann, was the guest speaker last Wednesday for the Trumann Lions Club.

Emerson told the group he has been the manager at the Trumann store for almost a year. Having been in retail since he was 16, Emerson said he started in Piggott and then moved to the Jonesboro location when he was 20 to manage the meat department before coming to Trumann. “I’m happy and excited to be here in Trumann,” Emerson added.

Emerson said after a year’s time, the store is starting to look good. “Country Mart has 40 stores in our chain, and Trumann was in the bottom five of those stores. We’ve spent \$100,000 in fixing up the store,” Emerson said. The store has new LED lights throughout after having 180 light bulbs out when Emerson took over the store. “I had to throw away almost \$10,000 worth of stock that was out of date or no good. We now have new freezers and new meat cases. The store is much cleaner and our sales have



DT photo/Anthony Cossey

Chad Emerson, manger of Country Mart in Trumann, speaks to the Trumann Lions Club about the changes that have been made at the store.

steadily increased since Jan. 1,” Emerson said. Emerson thanked those in attendance who shop at his store and asked they continue to shop local.

Emerson told the group Country Mart is 100 percent employee owned. “When you shop at Walmart, your money goes to the corporation. When you shop with us, you help our employees even more,” Emerson said that 90 percent of Country Mart employees own stock in the company. The Trumann

location has 40 employees who work the two shifts at the store. The store is also good about hiring school kids who are old enough to work.

The store has a hot deli seven days a week with chicken being made every day. Friday is fish day at the store, and they also serve breakfast starting at 7:00 each morning. “If you do want to come for breakfast, I’d come a little after 7.

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## Woman arrested in death of infant

By DT News Staff

A Cash woman was arrested in the death of an infant last week.

According to the Poinsett County Sheriff’s Office, Poinsett County dispatch received a call on Tuesday, May 29, around 2:30 p.m. that an infant was possibly deceased at a residence on Ritch Road in the Pitts community. Medic One, members of Weiner Fire and Rescue, and investigators with Poinsett County Sheriff’s Office and Arkansas State Police responded to the scene.

The mother, Tyra Neal, 25, of Cash was arrested and charged with second degree murder and abuse of a

corpse. The body of the infant was sent to the Arkansas Crime Lab, and thermal injuries were ruled to be the cause of death.

During a probable cause hearing, a detective said Neal told investigators she may have put the one-month-old infant in scalding water because she had diarrhea and that she became scared afterward and put the child in the dryer, which is where investigators found the body.

Judge Ron Hunter set Neal’s bond at \$1,000,000 cash only. She is scheduled to appear in Poinsett County Circuit Court on July 31.

## Marked Tree candidates file

By DT News Staff

Marked Tree municipal candidates have finished filing for the General Election in November, and no one will be running unopposed this year.

For the office of mayor, Code Enforcer Jim Huff will be running against Alderman McDaniel Danny Johnson. Three candidates will be running for city attorney: incumbent Jobi Teague, Mike Dabney and Rhonda Gail Davis. For clerk/treasurer, incumbent Pam Wright will run against Susan Johnson Macefe. Four city council positions are up for election. Incumbent Cleo

Johnson Jr. and Louis Bailey are running for Alderman Ward 1 Position 2. Brad Daniels, Jackie G Ragan and Sheri Whitlow are running for Alderman Ward 2 Position 2. Steve Craig, who is finishing Mary Ann Arnold’s term as mayor, will run for his former position on the council, Alderman Ward 3 Position 2, against Julie Carter. Lisa R. McCrary and Sierra Harsson Tacker will run for Alderman Ward 4 Position 2.

Marked Tree municipal candidates typically file in May. Filing for municipal candidates in other cities will run from July 27 to Aug. 17. The General Election is Nov. 6.

## Food pantry starts community garden

By COREY CLAIRDAY  
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The Trumann Food Pantry is trying something new to encourage healthy eating. They have started a community garden at the corner of Douglas Street and Oakland Avenue.

Jane Baldwin, who serves on the board for the Trumann Food Pantry, said they started it to encourage both kids and adults to eat more fresh vegetables.

The garden currently has tomatoes, squash, onions, and potatoes, and pantry boards members have

been working in it to add cucumbers, peppers and herbs. They have also been out in the community to encourage people to start their own gardens. “Last week, we walked door to door and distributed cups with pea pods and bags with seeds to get folks started,” Baldwin said.

She also said a long-term goal for the garden is to make it large enough that they can take fresh vegetables back to the pantry to give out.

The Trumann Food Pantry, which is located at 610 Walnut Street, is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



DT photo/Corey Clairday

From left, Tim Vickers, Jacob Sawyer, and Gary Baldwin work Saturday in the Trumann Food Pantry’s community garden.

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# Perspective

## Abandoning the Iran deal is unwise

Donald Trump’s decision to withdraw from the Iran nuclear agreement was probably the most consequential decision of his presidency. From my point of view, the decision is unwise and counterproductive to America’s interests.



Lee H. Hamilton

The agreement, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, was signed in 2015 by the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Russia, China and Iran. Iran agreed to restrictions on its nuclear program in exchange for the U.S. and its allies lifting economic sanctions.

The restrictions dramatically curtailed Iran’s path to developing a nuclear bomb. The agreement reduced Iran’s stockpile of uranium by 97 percent; limited its supply of centrifuges used to create fissile material; and put in place the most intrusive inspection and compliance regime ever negotiated as part of an arms-control agreement. Iran committed itself to never manufacture nuclear weapons.

The International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations’ nuclear watchdog organization, was given unprecedented access to monitor Iran’s nuclear activities. It has verified that Iran was complying with the terms of the agreement.

Trump has insisted the deal is one-sided and called it “defective to the core.” Abandoning the deal fulfills a campaign promise, and it tears down President Barack Obama’s signature achievement.

Trump is convinced that the pressure of renewed sanctions will force Iran to accept a better deal, but so far none is in sight. Some of Trump’s concerns have merit. The restrictions on Iran in the agreement are limited in time and scope. The agreement was intended to address the nuclear issue only, and it has worked successfully. It does not prevent Iran from supporting terrorist organizations or authoritarian regimes in the Middle East.

While Trump wants a comprehensive strategy on Iran, he has not yet developed one. Thus far, his principle strategy is to rely on more military power.

The consequences of walking away from the agreement are serious. Without an agreement, the door is open for Iran to resume its nuclear weapons program, begin enriching uranium and draw closer to building a bomb.

Countries like Saudi Arabia and Turkey have indicated that, if Iran pursues nuclear weapons, so will they.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran’s supreme leader, has been consistent in saying Iran needs a nuclear program, always maintaining it would be for peaceful purposes.

Abandoning the agreement undermines the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which has been the world’s most effective bulwark against the spread of nuclear weapons. The United States has for decades been a leader in preventing nuclear proliferation. With this move, we step back from that role.

We also have separated ourselves from European allies who continue to support the agreement. All this comes after we have withdrawn from the Trans Pacific Partnership, proposed tariffs over the objections of our allies and trading partners, and dropped out of the Paris climate agreement.

By unilaterally breaking a deal that we signed, Trump has split the alliance, made Iran the innocent party, lost the moral high ground, and made diplomacy with North Korea harder. We’ll have a challenge to persuade other countries — North Korea, for example — that our word can be trusted.

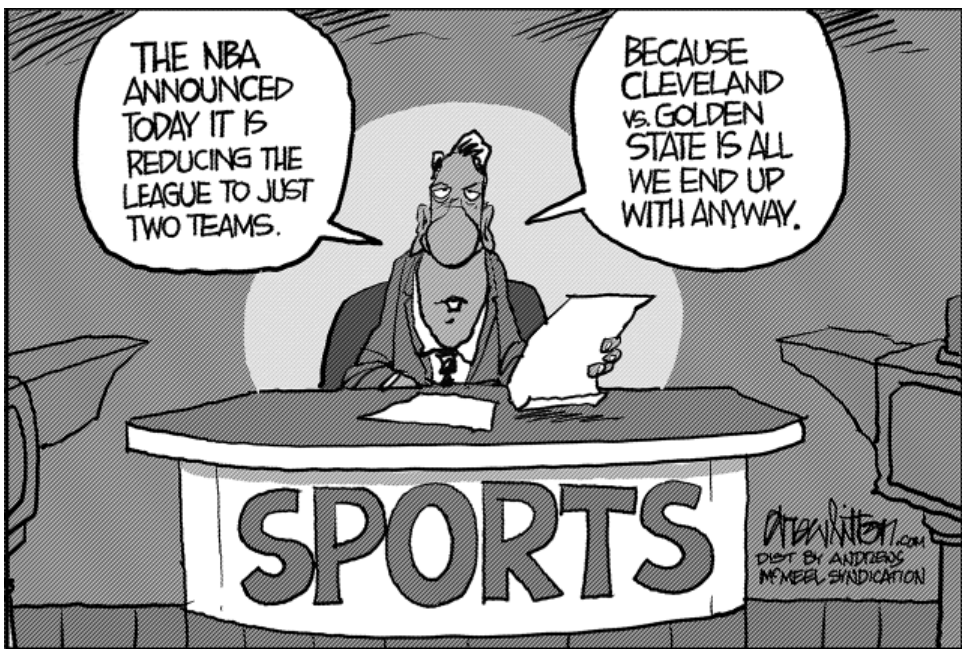
Our action is also likely to strengthen the hardliners in Iran. They have long argued that the United States can’t be trusted, and now we are showing that they are correct.

Finally, by our decision to withdraw, we have created a lot of volatility and uncertainty, increasing tensions and risk in a dangerous part of the world. Walking away brings us closer to conflict.

It took us 30 years of intermittent negotiations to get this agreement, which suggests how hard it was to get all the parties on the same page.

So the question is: Why would we destroy a deal that is working and is putting real limits on Iran’s nuclear program, with nothing to replace it? The president has not provided a persuasive answer.

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## Robert F. Kennedy and the great unknowns

The primary victory in California. The admonition to go to Chicago “and let’s win there.” The procession into the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. The candidate played on the ground, his right arm extended. The final grim news from the Good Samaritan Hospital. The brother’s eulogy for a man “who saw wrong and tried to right it, saw suffering and tried to heal it, saw war and tried to stop it.” And then the funeral train, the most poignant since Lincoln’s, its route lined with people at attention, saluting, holding their hands over their hearts.

It seems like only yesterday. It was 50 years ago this week. Robert Francis Kennedy, dead at 42.

We do not know today whether Kennedy would have won the 1968 Democratic presidential nomination; nor whether he would have defeated Richard M. Nixon for the White House; nor whether he would have ended the war in Vietnam; nor whether he would have healed a broken country; nor whether his vision of justice for blacks and Hispanics and of opportunity for the poor would have been redeemed; nor whether, even, he could have gone to China and Soviet Russia, the way Nixon did, or averted the next recession, which Nixon did not.

We know only that a half-century ago — just two months after the slaying of

the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., which Kennedy marked with one of the great speeches in American history — his death launched a thousand questions even as it ended a million hopes.

Not everyone was for Robert F. Kennedy for president. The early supporters of Sen. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota, who first challenged Lyndon Johnson in the New Hampshire primary, surely were not, nor were millions of Republicans worried about a new Kennedy ascendancy or the profligacy of his programs. And there is no reason, as Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts put it in perhaps the greatest eulogy in American history, for the New York senator to be “idealized, or enlarged in death beyond what he was in life.”

But there is no denying that this anniversary is a poignant one. Kennedy spoke for American values of inclusion and possibility. He pulled the dispossessed (the poor) and discouraged (the young) into politics at a time when they thought American promise was for other people. He created a coalition unlike any created in modern times — people who otherwise were leery, or contemptuous, of each other, and cynical about the American system.

“He was able to win support from people who did not have sympathy for anti-war protesters or the civil rights



David M. Shribman

movement,” Jeff Greenfield, the television commentator who was a Kennedy speechwriter in 1968, said in an interview. “Some of the people who supported him would just as soon have run protesters over with a truck, but they thought he could get things done.”

Robert Kennedy, like the country he sought to lead, was immensely complex. He first surfaced as an aide to Sen. Joseph McCarthy, the Wisconsin Republican who created the midcentury red scare, providing the seed for many of his rivals’ enduring disdain, even contempt. Later, he opposed the selection of Lyndon B. Johnson as his brother’s vice president in 1960, setting the stage for perhaps the greatest political blood rivalry of the postwar period. As attorney general, he overcame reservations and became an ardent integrationist, the scourge of Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama and his segregationist allies scattered around the Old Confederacy in a region that still was the Solid Democratic South.

Then came his brother’s

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## GOP’s silence is the real scandal

President Trump has declared war on those institutions specifically designed to hold him accountable, legally and politically. The result is a deeply dangerous time for American democracy.

The genius of that democracy can be summed up in three words: checks and balances. The founders feared an unfettered president, and designed a complex system of obstacles to limit executive power. Vetoes can be over-ridden by Congress; regulations can be blocked by federal courts. Presidential actions of all kinds can be investigated by legislative committees, independent journalists and law enforcement agents.

The ultimate barrier against presidential power, of course, is impeachment, but that’s a drastic and inefficient remedy. In most cases, the national interest depends on routine and robust enforcement of one simple principle: that no president is above the law.

That enforcement, however, depends on vital and vigorous institutions capable of standing up to a power-hungry president. And that’s exactly why this president has made such a determined effort to undermine the credibility of those institutions.

His target list ranges from his own intelligence agencies

— he called their report documenting Russian meddling in the 2016 election a “tremendous blot on their record” — to his vanquished opponent in that election, Hillary Clinton. Even now, he insists on calling her “Crooked Hillary” and relishes chants of “lock her up” from his most ardent supporters.

But Trump focuses mainly on discrediting the two institutions that pose the greatest threat to his untrammelled power: law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the special counsel, Robert Mueller; and a free and fearless press. He’s aided and abetted by spineless GOP leaders who refuse to criticize his assaults.

Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona, liberated by his decision to leave Congress, harshly denounced his fellow Republicans on NBC’s “Meet the Press”: “When the president says things that are just totally wrong, it’s the responsibility of members of Congress, particularly those in the president’s party, to stand up and say, ‘That is not right. Truth is not relative. And there are no alternative facts here.’ ... I have seen instances where we haven’t done that well. And we’ve got to do it better.”

The president’s Operation



Cokey and Steve Roberts

Obfuscation begins with the media. He’s repeatedly called reporters “dishonest,” “corrupt” and “the enemy of the American people,” precisely because they refuse to buckle under his pressure. Just one example: The Washington Post documented that in his first 466 days in office, Trump made 3,001 “false or misleading claims” — an average of 6.5 per day.

Lesley Stahl, the veteran CBS reporter, recently recounted a conversation in which she asked Trump why he incessantly attacked the press. His revealing answer: “You know why I do it? I do it to discredit you all and demean you all, so when you write negative stories about me, no one will believe you.”

Trump’s attacks on law enforcement agencies have the same strategic purpose, to discredit and demean investigators and prosecutors and erode their ability to curb his abuses. His latest

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John Boxley

## Not that you asked

I had written a column about the Roseanne, Samantha Bee debate, then decided to trash it. I mean, in the era of Trump, is there anything that anyone can say that is out of bounds? Instead, I decided to write about the NFL flag flap that just won’t go away. And really, let’s be honest here. Nobody watches football for the flag or the anthem. We watch it to see men inflict permanent brain damage on each other.

First, a look back at some flag history. Congress didn’t get around to passing a code of conduct for the flag until December of 1942. Why they felt it was needed during a time of unparalleled national patriotism is anybody’s guess. The important thing to remember is that the code is a list of rules not laws. Kneeling during the anthem and flag presentation is disrespectful but not illegal.

Second, no matter how you feel about the new NFL policy, the NFL has every right to have it and enforce it. Companies have always had the right to have policies that restrict personal rights. For example, when I worked for Walmart, men on the sales floor had to wear ties and slacks and couldn’t have beards. Also, associates couldn’t date each other without management’s approval.

Third, if you insist on feeling any outrage at all, you should direct it at the NFL itself, not the players. The NFL has never adopted a policy on the anthem or the flag based on love of country. It’s all about love of money.

The NFL didn’t put players on the field for the anthem and flag until 2008. Wanna know why? Because the Defense Department and the National Guard paid the NFL to do it. That’s right, a business worth billions, run by billionaires with millionaire employees, only started respecting the flag when paid to do so.

You might also want to direct some outrage at the Defense Department and National Guard. They diverted money meant for this country’s defense for a dog and pony show before football games.

Lastly, let me point out some ways we all disrespect the flag unwittingly, according to the 1942 code. For one, the flag is supposed to fly freely, not held parallel to the ground at those football games. It is not supposed to be worn as clothing. That would include the Duck Dynasty character who wears a flag headband to keep the sweat out of his eyes.

The flag is also never supposed to be used to advertise anything or be reproduced on anything disposable or made for one-time use. So much for those Fourth of July car ads or paper plates, cups, and napkins we always see.

Now that we are up to date on flag etiquette, I have to close with one comment about the Roseanne, Samantha Bee situation. It came to me when I saw a Facebook post comparing Barr’s comment about Valerie Jarrett with Bill Maher’s joke about Trump’s father being an orangutan. If you can’t see the difference between comparing a white person to an ape and comparing a black person to an ape, you’re too dumb to use a computer in the first place.

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# SHRIBMAN

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assassination and the descent into misery, then malaise, then a sense of mission like almost no other in the modern period. Kennedy believed Johnson was in too deep in Vietnam, too slow on civil rights, too unmoored from the truth, too preoccupied with his legacy, too egotistical to heed the advice of experts, too insecure to invite anyone but sycophants into this circle.

“The Bobby Kennedy moment came because of a deep policy disagreement,” said the Rice University historian Douglas Brinkley. “But he is all about the metamorphosis from McCarthy aide in the 1950s to spokesman for human rights in the late 1960s.” That movement matched the American passage, and Kennedy passed into an entirely new phase in his life, and in American politics.

“His interests and the way he connected with people cut across partisan lines,” said Peter Edelman, the Kennedy aide who accompanied the senator to his meeting with labor leader Cesar Chavez. “In many cases it was across racial lines. He learned from people who didn’t share his views.”

Though he stoked partisan, and inpart, resentments, that connection reached across yawning fissures in American politics. Craig Shirley, author of four Reagan biographies, noted that the California governor had a par-

ticular, though peculiar, affinity for Robert Kennedy, and as president presented a special medal to Ethel Kennedy. “He roused the comfortable,” Reagan said in the Rose Garden. “He exposed the corrupt, remembered the forgotten, inspired his countrymen, and renewed and enriched the American conscience.”

This week, as his life and death are recalled in newspapers and on Netflix, the remarkable thing is the resilience of the Kennedy message and the strength of the RFK bond.

But would Kennedy have prevailed — in the nomination fight against McCarthy (backed by the true believers of the anti-war movement) and Hubert Humphrey (with labor and Southern support), and in a general election campaign against Nixon (“tanned, rested and ready”)?

“Nixon would have had a nervous breakdown about running against a second Kennedy in eight years,” said the syndicated columnist Mark Shields, who was a campaign organizer for Kennedy in 1968. “It was potentially the most dramatic and revolutionary presidency of the 20th century.” It may also be the greatest unanswered question in American politics.

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# ROBERTS

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disinformation campaign is what he and his allies like to call “Spygate,” the completely unfounded charge that the FBI, under President Obama, planted a spy in the Trump campaign.

In fact, the Feds used an informant, a retired professor, to gather evidence of possible connections between the Trump campaign and Moscow. Former CIA director Michael Hayden called the procedure “stunningly normal” on ABC’s “This Week.” But “normal” has little meaning for this president, who insisted on tweeting that the story, “if true,” amounted to the “all time biggest political scandal.”

The president is “simply trying to delegitimize the Mueller investigation ... and he’s willing to throw almost anything against the wall,” said Hayden.

Barbara McQuade, a career federal prosecutor, told The New York Times, “To turn on the FBI using this loaded language like ‘spy’ and ‘infil-

trate,’ President Trump is trying to poison public opinion against the FBI for his own reasons.”

Trump’s lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, essentially confirmed on CNN that McQuade is right: Team Trump is trying to “poison public opinion” as a conscious and cynical strategy. “Of course we have to do it in defending the president,” he admitted. “It is for public opinion, because eventually the decision here is going to be, impeach or not impeach.”

The cost here is enormous. In defending himself and deceiving the public, the president is damaging our most basic democratic institutions. And yet, as Flake says, most Republicans bite their tongues even when the president “says things that are just totally wrong.”

Their silence is the real scandal.

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# EMBEZZLE

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manager to share some of the day-to-day bookkeeping and accounting duties performed by Roach’s accounting manager. Roach requested Cooper start providing actual bank statements, instead of a summary of the statements, so those statements could be reconciled in-house instead of having Cooper and Osborn & Osborn perform that duty. When Cooper did not provide the bank statements, Roach’s financial manager began reviewing Roach’s online bank balance but was unable to reconcile the balance.

The financial manager noticed an April 16, 2018, check made payable to “Ed Cooper” in the amount of \$39,947.59, which appeared to have been designed by Roach’s secretary/treasurer and Roach’s president, but the suit alleges the signatures did not match their signatures and that they were confirmed to be forgeries. Further investigation showed

that, while the majority of checks delivered to Cooper had been properly used, a large number of checks Cooper obtained from Roach were forged and made payable to “Ed Cooper” in significant amounts. A list of 70 such checks was attached to the suit, and they totalled over \$4.5 million.

The suit alleges that Cooper “intentionally, egregiously and repeatedly manipulated, lied, defrauded, betrayed trust, forged, embezzled, and stole, at a minimum, \$4,539,080.36 of the money and assets belonging to Roach over the course of many years.”

Cooper and Osborn & Osborn are both listed as defendants in the suit. Roach is seeking a judgment for damages in an amount not yet determined but at a minimum of \$4,539,080.36.

# Libraries hosting summer events

Crowley Ridge Regional Libraries have a couple of events happening this month.

First, the Natural History Educational Company of the Midsouth will present a program called “Crow, Chirp & Braaaa-ay” featuring live animals. The program will take place at the Marked Tree Public Library at 2 p.m. Monday, June 11. On Tuesday, June 12, the program will be presented at the Poinsett County Library in Harrisburg at 11 a.m., at the West Poinsett County Library in Weiner at 3 p.m., and at Goldsby Public Library in Lepanto at 6 p.m.

Kids and their families will get to see the animals up close as they learn. NHECM has been traveling to schools and



The Natural History Educational Company of the Midsouth will present a program featuring live animals at Crowley Ridge Libraries next week. (Photo provided)

libraries for decades sharing information about animals. Featured animals include the baby pygmy goat, silkie chicken, angora rabbit, prairie dogs and more.

Then on Wednesday, June 13, Tommy Terrific’s Wacky Magic will take place at the Marked Tree Public Library at

3 p.m. and at the Goldsby Public Library at 6 p.m. Tommy Terrific’s Wacky Magic will present a magic show called “Rockin’ Magic” featuring magic tricks representing the top rock and roll artists from the Golden Age of Rock and Roll (1950s-60s). Artists such

as Elvis, Chuck Berry, Little Richard, and many others will be featured in the tricks.

For more information on other events happening at Crowley Ridge Regional Libraries, visit [www.libraryinjonesboro.org/](http://www.libraryinjonesboro.org/) events.

# Why does my pet need pre-surgical bloodwork?

Before your dog goes under anesthesia for surgery or dental work, your veterinarian will require blood work.

Why do we ask for blood work? What’s the whole point?

Blood work is actually the easiest, fastest, cheapest, and least invasive way to investigate, discover, and monitor many health conditions. Your dog’s blood work is handled by well-trained technicians and performed on sophisticated, automated machines. The price of blood work is based on the cost of such advanced and accurate machines, sample preparation, sample handling by the assistants, and the analysis by the veterinarian.

Why is blood work performed?

There are several reasons for this test, all with one goal in mind—making sure that your dog is healthy enough for anesthesia and surgery. Since your dog will most likely not tell the veterinarian what might be wrong, your veterinarian can use your dog’s blood work to get a clear picture of what is going on beneath the surface.

What can be found in blood work?

There are two main components to routine blood work: The Complete Blood Count (or CBC) and the chemistry. The CBC provides detailed information about the various blood cells and platelets. Low counts of certain blood cells can indicate hidden conditions such as anemia, bleeding, or even bone marrow or immune system disorders. High counts of certain blood cells can indicate conditions such as dehydration, inflammation or infection.

The chemistry consists of a panel of various proteins, enzymes and other chemicals in



## Pet Talk

Dr. Norette Underwood

the bloodstream, these levels can indicate healthy or unhealthy

conditions of the organs. Liver function is analyzed to detect liver disease.

Kidney function is similarly analyzed to detect kidney disease. Ideally, kidney blood work goes along with a urinalysis to specify what type of kidney disease may or may not exist. Your dog’s chemistry also investigates blood glucose or sugar. Electrolyte levels are measured to check for dehydration, metabolic disorders, and other conditions. The function of the pancreas and the thyroid function can also be tested.

Can blood work change a surgery date?

By performing these fast and minimally invasive tests, your veterinarian analyzes the inner workings of your dog—especially important before anesthesia or surgery. If a problem exists in the blood work, it can determine whether surgery can be done now. Early detection of diseases is always of the utmost importance in keeping your dog healthy, which is why we recommend blood work at every yearly physical exam, especially in older dogs.

So, the next time your veterinarian recommends pre-surgical blood work, you can rest easy knowing that there is much more than meets the eye when it comes to the findings your dog’s blood will indicate. Remember that healthy equals happy, for you and your dog.

If you have questions about bloodwork on your pet Dr. Underwood will be happy to answer them. Contact her at [catdoc56@gmail.com](mailto:catdoc56@gmail.com).

Some information in this article came from Pet Health Network.

# Trumann, Harrisburg drug arrests made

By DT News Staff

Search warrants were executed resulting in one arrest in Trumann on May 30 and three arrests in Harrisburg on June 1, according to the Poinsett County Sheriff’s Office.

On May 30 at around 6:50 a.m., the Sheriff’s Office and Trumann Police Department executed search warrants at two residences, one on Paula Avenue and one on North Ozark Avenue. The searches turned up methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia at one residence and marijuana at the other residence.

Michael C. McKay, 32, of Trumann, was arrested. According to the Sheriff’s Office, one house was his mother’s residence, his girlfriend was living at the other one, and both houses were being used to sell and use controlled substances.

McKay was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver (Meth), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Cocaine), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Marijuana), and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

This is McKay’s second arrest in four months. A search warrant was executed at another residence on North Ozark Avenue in February, where he was arrested on simi-

lar charges.

In Harrisburg, the Sheriff’s Office executed a search warrant at a residence on Gould Street around 6:15 a.m. on June 1. During the search, deputies found methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia used to inject and ingest methamphetamine, marijuana, numerous firearms, and cash derived from the sale of methamphetamine. Jeffrey Scott Lueallen, 40, William Wesley Condra, 35, and April Ann Thorn, 33, all of Harrisburg, were arrested.

Lueallen was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute (Meth) and three Counts of Felony Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Condra was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute (Meth), three Counts of Felony Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Firearms by Certain Persons, Simultaneous Possession of Drugs and Firearms, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Marijuana), and one count of Misdemeanor Drug Paraphernalia. Thorn was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (Meth), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Meth), Felony Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule IV (Xanax).

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Dear Ready, There are literally thousands of different travel-related discounts available to retirees that usually start anywhere between the ages 50 and 65. These discounts—typically ranging between 5 and 25 percent off—can add up to save you hundreds of dollars on your next trip. Here’s how you can find them.

### Ways to Save

The first thing to know is that most businesses don’t advertise them, but many give senior discounts just for the asking, so don’t be shy. You also need to be aware that when it comes to senior travel bargains, the “senior discount,” if available, may not always be the best deal. Hotels, resorts, airlines and cruise lines, for example, offer advanced bookings along with special deals and promotions from time to time that may be a lower rate than what the senior discount is. Before you book, always ask about the lowest possible rate and the best deal available.

Another way retirees with flexible schedules can save is to be flexible when you travel. Last minute travel deals can offer huge savings, as well as traveling during off-season or off-peak times, and avoiding holidays.

Club memberships can also garner you a wide variety of travel bargains. AARP, for example has dozens of travel discounts available on hotels, rental cars, cruises and vacation packages—see AARPadvantages.com. Annual AARP membership fees are \$16 or less if you join for multiple years.

Or, if you don’t agree with AARP, there are alternative organizations you can join like the Seniors Coalition or the American Seniors Association that offer discounts on hotels and rental cars.

### Types of Discounts

Here’s an abbreviated run-down of some of the different travel discounts you can expect to find.

Transportation: For airline travel, Southwest has fully refundable senior fares to passengers 65 and older, and British Airways offers AARP

members \$65 off economy travel and \$200 off business club travel. American, United and Delta also offer senior fares in certain markets but are extremely limited.

For traveling by train, Amtrak provides a 10 percent discount to travelers 65-plus, and a 10 percent discount to passengers over age 60 on cross-border services operated jointly by Amtrak and VIA Rail Canada.

Greyhound bus lines also offers a five percent discount to passengers 62 and older. And most car rental companies offer 10-25 percent discounts to customers who belong to membership organizations like AARP or AAA.

Hotels: Many U.S. hotels offer senior discounts (at varying ages) usually ranging between 5 and 15 percent off. For example, Marriott offers a 15 percent discount to travelers 62 and older at over 4,000 locations worldwide. And Wyndham hotel group offers 60-plus guests best available rate discounts.

Restaurants: Some restaurant chains offer senior discounts, ranging from free drinks, to senior menus, to discounts off your total order. National chains that offer these deals include Burger King, Chili’s, Chick-fil-A, Dunkin Donuts, Golden Corral, IHOP and Wendy’s. Offers can vary by location.

Cruises: Royal Caribbean and Carnival Cruise lines offer discount rates to cruisers 55 and over.

Entertainment and Attractions: Most movie theaters, museums, zoos, aquariums, public golf courses and even ski slopes provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65. If you’re 62-plus, you’re also eligible for the “Senior Pass,” which provides a lifetime entry to 2,000 national parks and recreation sites. You can obtain this pass in person at one of the federal recreation sites for \$80, or online for \$90 at Store.usgs.gov/senior-pass.

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# Obituaries

## Claude Carter

TRUMANN - Mr. Claude William Carter, 82, departed this life on Thursday, May 31, 2018, at the family residence. He was born Friday, Jan. 31, 1936, in Harrisburg and lived most of his lifetime in Trumann. Mr. Carter was a retired employee of the former Singer Co., former member of the Trumann School Board, Poinsett County School Board, Trumann Booster Club, pulled chain for football 40 years, ran time clock for basketball games, member of the Trumann Supper Club, former Jaycee, coached baseball at various levels, member of the Trumann Country Club, one of the founding members of Trumann Hunting Club, and grandfather volunteer at Trumann Elementary School. He attended Valley View Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Jeff Crawford; grandson, Jason Crawford; two brothers, Robert and Larry Carter; and his parents, L.T. and Letha Lucille Holt Carter.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Lou Conatser Carter of the home; two daughters, Sandy Crawford (Rick) van Loon of Sterlington, La., Karen Penna (William) of Brandon, Miss.; one son, Neil Carter and wife Treva of



Claude Carter

Jonesboro; four sisters, Bonnie Harvey and Patricia Muse of Owasso, Okla., Peggy Wright of Trumann and Deborah McInturff of Jonesboro; three brothers, Junior Carter and Michael Carter, both of Trumann, and Jimmy Carter of Harrisburg; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 3 in the chapel of Thompson Funeral Home in Trumann with Bill Willard officiating. Burial followed at Willis Cemetery near Harrisburg.

Pallbearers were Ricky Wright, Hunter Wright, Bart Benson, Bobby Leon Benson, Robin Bishop and Daniel Miller. Honorary pallbearers were David Penna, Justin Carter, Kaleb Blondin and Jacob Blondin.

An online register book can be signed at [www.thompsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.thompsonfuneralhome.net).

## Virginia Cross

LEPANTO - Virginia Portis Cross, 100, departed this life on Sunday, June 3, 2018, at her home. She was born Oct. 10, 1917, to D.F., Sr., and Agnes Mays Portis. Virginia attended Gulf Park School for girls in Gulfport, Miss., and graduated from The Hutchison School in Memphis, Tenn., in 1935. She married Hi Cross in August 1936, and they raised their family in Lepanto. She was the first Terrapin Derby Queen of Lepanto. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church, Lepanto PTA, Lepanto Museum, Garden Club and Art Club. Ninya, as her grandchildren called her, loved her family, her church, her flowers and her yard. People all over town loved to ride by her house to see a 97-year-old blowing the leaves in the driveway.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Hi Cross, Sr.; three sisters, Elizabeth (Tommy) Thompson, Lorine (Frank) Bell, and Nina Lou (T.B.) Goldsby; and two brothers, Dan (Juliet) Portis and J.C. (Evelyn Ann) Portis.

Virginia is survived by her son, William Hiram Cross, Jr. of Lepanto; two daughters, Annis Cross (Charles) Hill of Little Rock and Portis Cross (Robert) Pleasants of Lepanto; seven grandchildren, Jolly Cross of Nashville, Tenn., Angie Hill (John) Reckling of Houston, Texas, Wayland Hill of Little Rock, William Hiram Cross III of Lepanto, Ginny Pleasants of Cape Coral, Fla., Beth Pleasants (Stan) Bradshaw of Wynne, Mary Pleasants (Marshall) Gilmore of Meridian, Miss. and 10 great-grandchildren.

The Cross family would like to extend a special thank you to Arkansas Hospice for the care and dedication to Mrs. Cross.

A visitation was held June 6 at The First United Methodist Church under the direction of Delancey-Murphy Funeral Home of Lepanto.

In lieu of flowers, family requests that memorials be made to The First United Methodist Church, 529 Kenwood Avenue, Lepanto, AR 72354.

## Cayden Covington

TENNESSEE - Cayden Jace Covington, stillborn, of Frayser, Tenn., died June 1, 2018, at NEA Baptist in Jonesboro.

He is survived by his parents, Cedric Covington and Jessica Hood of Frayser, Tenn.; one brother; two sisters; grandparents, Ronald and Deshay Hood of Earle and Delois Tate of Tennessee; great-grandmother, Peggy

Head of Parkin and Dorothy Collins of Memphis, Tenn.; great-great-grandmother, Katherine Young of Smithville and great-great-grandfather, Ed Gann of Tyronza.

Graveside services were held June 5 with Bro. Kirk Martin officiating at Hood Cemetery in Earle, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home in Tyronza.

## Delbert Dunham

TYRONZA - Delbert A. “Tiny” Dunham, 86, died Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Dunham was a member of Black Oak Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon, and he retired as the farm manager of John H. Johnston Farm.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and L. M. Dunham; a son, Delbert Alvin Dunham Jr.; a daughter, Vickie Diane Sullivan; two grandchildren, Todd and Audrey Sullivan; two brothers, L.M. and Roy; and three sisters, Gladys, Bea and Hazel.

He is survived by his wife, Madelene Dunham of

Tyronza; a son, Ricky Dunham (Hazel) of Lampe, Mo.; two brothers, A.J. Dunham of Collierville, Tenn.; and Calvin Dunham of Atkins; two grandchildren, Ricky Wayne Dunham and Jeffery Allen Dunham; four great-grandchildren, Zachery, Nicholas, Austin and Haley, and one great-great-granddaughter, Ava Nicole.

Funeral services were held June 4 at Black Oak Baptist Church in Tyronza. Burial followed at Tyronza Cemetery in Tyronza under the direction of Roller-Citizens Funeral Home of West Memphis.

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## Patricia Lancaster

TRUMANN - Mrs. Patricia Ann Lancaster, 68, departed this life Friday, June 1, 2018, at the family residence in Trumann. She was born Sunday, April 9, 1950, in Marked Tree and had lived most of her lifetime in Trumann. Mrs. Lancaster was a sales clerk for Wal-Mart and of the Pentecostal faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alford Lancaster; one sister; and her parents, Ed and Norma Jean Nichols Russell.

She is survived by one daughter, Teresa (James) Cooper of Jonesboro; one son, Timmy (Chrisy) Byram of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; two sisters, Jo Wilmoth of Payneway



Patricia Lancaster

and Sharon Wilson of Trumann; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 4 in the chapel of Thompson Funeral Home. Private burial was at Marked Tree Cemetery.

An online register book can be signed at [www.thompsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.thompsonfuneralhome.net).

## Willow Shaw

JONESBORO - Willow Marie Shaw, infant daughter of Zelig Edward and Rethea Goza Shaw III, departed this life Monday, May 28, 2018, in Jonesboro at the age of three months and seven days. She was born Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, in Jonesboro and was also known by Willow Bit and Willow Tree.

Willow was preceded in death by great-grandparents, Zelig and Jennie Shaw I, and Mildred Bain Crisp.

Survivors include her parents; one brother, Wyatt Shaw; her grandparents, Charles and Becky Goza of Jonesboro, Zelig and Angie Shaw II of Kosciusko, Miss., Kevin and Melissa Mitchell of Mountain View; great-grandparents, Charles Goza of Jonesboro, Shirley Goza of Wynne, Jimmy and Dovie Goza of Jonesboro, Harry and Mary Blakely of Belzoni, Miss., Teddy and Crickett Sims of Sidon, Miss. and Al-



Willow Shaw

pha Lee of Greenville, Miss.; special adopted grandparents, John and Betty Haag; several aunts, uncles and cousins, and special aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held June 2 in the chapel of Thompson Funeral Home with Rev. John Maley officiating. Burial followed at Pine Log Cemetery in Brookland.

Pallbearers were Preston Duboise and Brandon Todd.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 575, Trumann, AR 72472.

An online guest book can be signed at [www.thompsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.thompsonfuneralhome.net).

# Wet Ink . . . . .

By DR. KEN WORTHINGTON

Let us remember that we use the term “wet ink” to remind us that the understanding of Holy Scripture we wish to convey is “what the text meant to its original audience.” If we understand that concept, then we may naturally extrapolate interpretative meaning for our modern Christian.

In reviewing Revelation 17:1, we find the mighty Apostle John in the midst of seeing Our Lord Jesus Christ in all His glory. He begins, “when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man.” Now the meaning here should be clear at a glance! Only dead men will see Him in this present age. Death will bring us all face to face with the Redeemer of the Ages. Also, the concept of the Holiness of God himself will transform living men into dead men. In the presence of Our Holy Lord Jesus,

our sinfulness will paralyze us with unimaginable shame. But for the redeemed man, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all unrighteousness and the guilt and shame may not abide.

And then we understand the text saying, “And He placed His right hand on me.” Can you imagine a touch from the master’s hand? What joy John must have felt. Jesus by touching John communicated to Him, “you are accepted here.” This is the heart of what conversion to Christ means. If we feel His conviction and respond in repentance and faith, we are “accepted in the Beloved.” John states, “He placed His right hand on me.” This word “right hand” has significant meaning. God inspired Isaiah to write (Isaiah 41:13): “For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, fear not, I am the one who helps you.”

The right hand signifies strength, perhaps because

most people are right-handed and that is the hand that normally has their greatest strength. Most people write with their right hand, they do the most difficult things with their right hand, and it is the hand where the strength typically occurs. Jesus made reference to this during His illegal trial, saying, “from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” (Luke 22:69). That is where the Son of God is presently at. This is mentioned in Mark 16:19, “So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.”

The right hand also meant a “hand of blessing.” The ancient patriarchs usually blessed their children and grandchildren with their right hand, as with the case of Jacob, whose name was later changed by God to Israel, for example when, “Israel stretched out his right hand

and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands (for Manasseh was the firstborn).” (Genesis 48:14). For other “right hand” references see Exodus 15:6, Exodus 15:12, Deuteronomy 33:2, Exodus 29:20, and Leviticus 8:23.

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# Lifestyles

## A-State announces 2018 spring graduation list

Arkansas State University has released the list of students who were awarded diplomas on the undergraduate and graduate levels during the 2018 spring commencement ceremony May 12 in the First National Bank Arena on campus.

Chancellor Kelly Dampousse conferred a record number of over 2,100 diplomas during the morning and afternoon ceremonies. He also awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Neil Griffin, a 1948 alumnus and generous philanthropic supporter of A-State.

Students representing six colleges and Undergraduate Studies received degrees including the Colleges of Education & Behavioral Science and Nursing & Health Professions in the morning while the afternoon event included the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering & Technology; the Neil Griffin College of Business; Liberal Arts & Communication; and Sciences & Mathematics.

Twenty-three students graduated summa cum laude and 132 magna cum laude. Additionally, 159 candidates graduated cum laude, and a record 185 graduating students in University Honors, Honors, and recipients of Honors Certificates received degrees. Below is a list of the 49 Poinsett County students who graduated.

**\*Harrisburg:** Katie R. Armstrong, Master of Social Work, Social Work; Natalie Jo Jarrett, Associate of Arts, A.A. En Route; Elizabeth Grace Goad, Associate of Science, A.S. En Route; Amber Denise Gschwend, Certificate Program, Addiction Studies; Amber Denise Gschwend, Master of Social Work, Social Work; Chawnta Rene' Henley, Associate of Arts, A.A. En Route; Alyson Gwynn Henry, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing, Magna Cum Laude; Wesley D. Hooper, Master of Science in Education, Educational Leadership; McKenzie Lynn Laughton, Associate of Science, A.S. En Route; Trey G. Moody, Associate of Applied Science, Physical Therapist Assistant; Maria LeeAnn Parker, Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education; Trupti Chiragkumar Patel, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration; Kortnie Jade Searease, Bachelor of Science in Education, Mathematics; and Angela Don Willbanks, Bachelor of Arts, English, Summa Cum Laude, University Honors.

**\*Lepanto:** Courtney A. Brown, Associate of Applied Science, Physical Therapist Assistant; Helen A. Jennings Hood, Specialist in Education, Psychology and Counseling; David Scott Smith,

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing; and Melissa Turner, Bachelor of Science, Marketing.

**\*Marked Tree:** Ivory Vonshay Crockett, Master of Social Work, Social Work; Toni Elizabeth Fink, Bachelor of Science, Accounting; Desha Marquis Smith, Associate of Arts, A.A. En Route; Kelsey Jade Pitts, Associate of Science, A.S. En Route; Anna Marilyn Willoughby, Specialist in Education, Psychology and Counseling; and James Matthew Wright, Specialist in Education, Educational Leadership.

**\*Trumann:** Macy Brook Barnes, Bachelor of Arts, Chemistry; Ashley Brooke Blagg, Bachelor of General Studies, General Studies; Hannah O. Booth, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work, Cum Laude; Nathan Anthony Buie, Bachelor of Science, Marketing; De' Andre R. Campbell, Associate of Arts, A.A. En Route; Christopher Matthew Curtis, Master of Business Administration, Business Administration; Linda Michele Forbis, Bachelor of Science, Accounting, Cum Laude; Richard Hunter Green, Bachelor of Arts, Criminology; Garrett N. Haag, Bachelor of Science in Education, Physical Education; Jaycee Caraline Hogan, Associate of Science, A.S. En Route; Trenton Jackson Mullins, Bachelor of Science, Finance, Summa Cum Laude; Fathom Zane Nance, Bachelor of General Studies, General Studies; Dylan Lee Qualls, Associate of Science, A.S. En Route; Ryan Flynn Ragan, Associate of Applied Science, Physical Therapist Assistant; Dustin Thomas Brant Rhoads, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences, Cum Laude, Honors Program; Teresa Ann Rodriguez, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work; Keiron Darrell Sims, Associate of Arts, A.A. En Route; Courtney Paige Sullivan, Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education; Cassandra Dalton White, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work, Cum Laude; and Matthew Wilson, Associate in General Studies, General Studies.

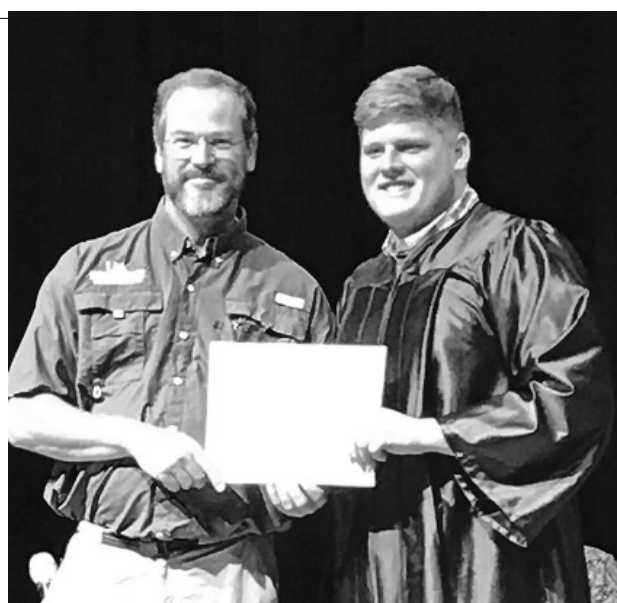
**\*Tyronza:** Hannah Faith Hale, Associate of Science, A.S. En Route; and Cori Lynn Young, Associate of Science, A.S. En Route.

**\*Weiner:** Avery Coy Bise, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Agricultural Business, Summa Cum Laude, Honors Program; Whitley Paige George, Master of Science in Education, Special Education K-12; Hunter Lauren Lewis, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing, Cum Laude; and Jonathan Blake Powell, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Agricultural Business.

## 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.



## 4-H scholarship

John Taylor Dunman of Trumann was awarded the Poinsett County 4-H Scholarship. John is the son of John and Christie Dunman. This scholarship was awarded for his exceptional performance during his 4-H career. Craig Allen, staff chairman for the Poinsett County Extension Service, is pictured presenting him with the award. (Photo provided)

## Foust family scholarships available for students

Graduates of high schools in four Northeast Arkansas communities will benefit from a new scholarship program established to assist with their education at Arkansas State University.

Students in Harrisburg, Cross County, Wynne or Forrest City school districts are eligible to apply for the Foust Family Scholarship, which has been established by Leon Foust of Forrest City. "Having grown up after the Depression Era and attending college later than most people, I realized how important a small assistance, money-wise, could help some students," Foust said. "Maybe this will enable some to complete their education."

Foust, an A-State alumnus and retired bank president, selected the geographic preferences based on his personal experiences.

"I selected the three-county area due to that region being an important part of my life: Poinsett County, born, raised, and schooled there; Cross County, lived several years there and worked several years in Wynne; and St. Francis County, lived and worked there for more than 50 years and raised my family there."

Foust specified that students majoring in agriculture,

business or vocal music will be eligible to receive the award on a rotating basis among the academic areas. A music student may be in either music performance or the music education program.

"The three academic areas at A-State were chosen to honor each of my children, who received degrees from there," he added.

The Foust Family Scholar will be selected by the scholarship selection committees in agriculture and business, and by the director of choral music activities, according to which area will be hosting the scholarship in a given year.

"Arkansas State students are fortunate to have supporters like Leon Foust, who understands the value of scholarship assistance such as that provided through his generous gift," said John Fray, director of development.

For additional information on scholarship endowments and other methods for assisting deserving Arkansas State students, contact the Office of Development at the Cooper Alumni Center, 2600 Alumni Blvd., or call 870-972-3940.

## Trumann Senior Life Center "On the Go"

By HAZEL RILEY

On Monday, we had our council meeting with Ms. Cindy. Ms. Kathy went over the calendar for June. Attendance is down, and we need to bring it back up. Won't you join us here at 351 Campbell? We have lost some of our ball players. Come play ball with us. Bean bag baseball is a lot of fun that anyone can participate in. We have a new board that was made by Mr. Bud Hamby. It has the Wildcat logo painted on the back.

My granddaughter, Diana Milligan, painted it in art class. All we need now is new bags and more players.

Tuesday was the Red Hats' monthly trip for shopping and then lunch at the Fish Boat. Wednesday is newspaper day. The Marked Tree center was here for Wii games. The Wii tournament is at the mall next month. Thursday is bingo, and Friday is bargain hunting.

Stay cool and have a great weekend!



## Marked Tree Senior Life Center Happenings

By Joan Campbell

We are doing good at the Marked Tree Senior Center. We wish you were here.

We were closed for Memorial Day. On May 29, Shirley Neil took us to Jonesboro for bowling and lunch at Ron's Catfish. Those who went were Inez Ivy, Polly Wooten, Joan Campbell, Janet Malone and Cynthia Gray. We had a good time bowling and the food was good.

Those who had birthdays this month were Jerry Jones, Ann Martin and John Moore.

We had ice cream and birthday cake for everyone. We played bingo, and everyone is allowed to win three times. We loved the cake and ice cream, and we always love to play bingo.

We have a lot to do in the month of June. We love going places and talking to the people at other centers and playing games with them.

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



## Graduation

Angel Wright was one of four from the ASU-Newport Trumann campus (Sims-Talbot Adult Education Center) who graduated at the ASUN graduation ceremony in Newport on May 15. Pictured with her are teachers Maddie Kirkland and Jonnie Kirkland. (Photo provided)

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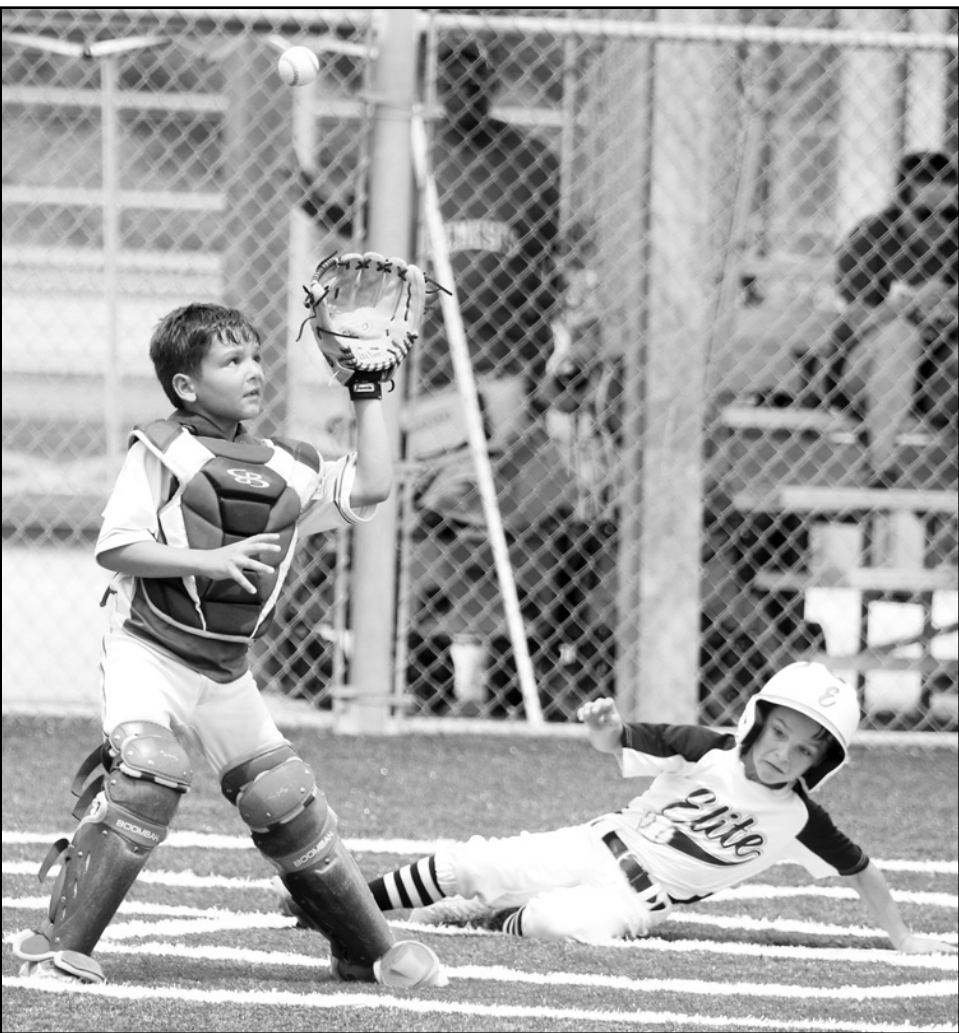
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# Sports

## Tournament Time



Corey Moss of Nemesis 7U watches the ball bounce over his head as the runner slides home during baseball action this past Saturday at Joe Mack Campbell Park in Jonesboro. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)



Brayden Hensley of Trumann's The Shop 9U baseball team tags out Trey Kelly at third base during the post-season tournament last Thursday in Lepanto. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)



### Ferguson signs

Jacob Ferguson of Trumann signed his letter of intent to play basketball for Williams Baptist College. Pictured are, from left, (seated) Shelby May (grandmother), Jacob Ferguson, Todd May (grandfather), (standing) Lois May (great-grandmother), WBC assistant basketball coach Stanley Malcom, and Leroy May (great-grandfather). (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)



Warriors' 10U Cread Neal makes the throw to first base for an out during post-season tournament action in Lepanto this past Friday. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)



Warriors' 9U Eli Blagg tags out Bay's Carson Gipson at home plate during their game last Thursday in Lepanto. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)

## Wright earns spot on all-state softball team

By ANTHONY COSSEY  
DT Sports Staff

Harrisburg's Jehlain Wright earned a spot on the Class 4A all-state softball team after helping her team to a 22-5 record.

Despite an injury in the district tournament that ended her season, Wright hit .483

with 29 runs scored and 24 RBIs. Wright had 28 hits on the season, including six doubles, a triple, and a home run. She finished with a .573 on-base percentage and a .667 slugging percentage. Wright was also an all-conference selection.

"Jehlain unfortunately had a season ending injury that

cut her junior season short. Despite this, she was still an integral part of the team. I consider her to be the cornerstone of our defense and offense and a leader by example. I look forward to getting her healthy and back in action," said Harrisburg head softball coach Chastan Carpino.



Harrisburg's Jehlain Wright, fielding a ground ball during an early season game, was recently selected to the Class 4A all-state softball team. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)





## Bypass opens

From left: Trumann Director of Economic Development Neal Vickers, Arkansas Highway Commissioner Alec Farmer, and State Representative Johnny Rye at the grand opening of the Highway 18 Manila bypass on May 31. (Photo provided)

# Trumann May fire runs reported

The Trumann Fire Department answered a total of 35 calls in the month of May. Of those, eight were medical calls. The rest are as follows:

May 1: lift assist at 9:38 a.m. on Melody Drive; lift assist at 11:05 a.m. on Melody Drive.

May 3: assist Marked Tree Fire Dept. at 7:30 a.m. on Old Hwy. 63; grass fire at 4:15 p.m. on I-555 S.

May 5: lift assist at 1:18 p.m. on Campbell Street.

May 7: false alarm at 2:54 p.m. on Windfield.

May 9: mutual aid to Central Fire Dept. for structure fire at 3:42 p.m. on Hwy. 158/163.

May 10: structure fire at 12:51 a.m., 7:15 a.m. to a rekindle and 11:59 a.m. to a smoke complaint on Smith Street; cancelled en route at 12:29 p.m. on Hwy. 163/158.

May 11: body recovery at 4:30 p.m. on White Road.

May 12: mulch fire at 5:44 p.m. on Hwy. 463 and Main Street.

May 13: set up landing zone

at 8:32 p.m. on West Main Street.

May 14: alarm malfunction at 6:35 p.m. on S. Ozark Avenue; burn complaint at 8:20 p.m. on W. Main Street.

May 15: lift assist at 9:30 a.m. on Crest; burn complaint at 1:10 p.m. on Norma Jean; structure fire at 3:11 p.m. on Combs Lane.

May 16: rubbish fire at 3:21 p.m. on Fire Station Road; motor vehicle accident at 3:48 p.m. on Hwy. 463 S.; tree fire at 9:07 p.m. on S. Campbell.

May 19: motor vehicle accident at 9:30 p.m. on Hwy. 69 and I-555.

May 22: vehicle fire at 6:27 p.m. on Maple; false alarm at 6:28 p.m. on Poinsett Avenue.

May 25: motor vehicle accident at 2:10 p.m. on Hwy. 69 W. and Industrial Drive; possible car fire at 5:50 p.m. on I-555 N.

May 29: structure fire at 1:00 a.m. on Old Weona Lane.

May 31: brush fire at 1:49 p.m. on Industrial Drive.

# From the office of State Rep. Johnny Rye

Once a year, we get an incredible opportunity to see the future leaders of our state in action. That opportunity took place this week as we greeted the participants of Boys State and Girls State in our Capitol.

The National American Legion established the Boys State program in 1935. The American Legion Auxiliary established Girls State in 1937. Arkansas Boys State and Girls State is an immersive program in civics education designed for high school juniors across the state. More than 20 of our current members participated in Boys State or Girls State the summer before their senior year.

Upon arrival, each participant is assigned a mock political party, city, and county. Throughout the week, delegates administrate this mock government as if it were the real government.

By week's end, Boys State and Girls State have created their own state government including their own governor and staff of state officials. They establish their own Supreme Court and legislature.

The mock legislative session is held in the Capitol with



many of our members assisting the students through the bill presentation and voting process.

The bills they present always give insight into the issues important to this generation. This year, Girls State presented bills aimed at combating opioid overdoses, preventing school shootings through mental health training for teachers, and implementing toll roads. Participants of Boys State presented mock legislation to require law enforcement officers to complete sensitivity training and a bill to increase the legal age to purchase cigarettes from 18 to 21.

Boys State and Girls State provides our students with an opportunity to learn how our government operates without using a text book. It teaches them through a real-life experience they will never forget.

If you know a young man or woman interested in serving, encourage them to visit with their high school guidance counselor who can provide information on how to participate in next year's program.

## Celebrate Arkansas Statehood June 9 at Old State House Museum

LITTLE ROCK — Old State House Museum will host a free family-friendly event June 9 from noon to 5 p.m. to celebrate the 182nd anniversary of Arkansas becoming a state. This year's theme is Work and Play. Visitors will learn what industries and trades were in Arkansas in 1836, the worth of goods and services and what pastimes were pursued by early Arkansans. Some of the characters that visitors will meet that day include a carpenter, a basketweaver, a quilter, a teacher, a drover, a land surveyor, a preacher, a snake oil salesman, a dry goods proprietress and a tavern-keeper.

There will be period games

like faro, checkers, skittles and graces for kids — and those who are young at heart — to play that day. In addition, the Arkansas Pioneers Association will be on hand to serve refreshments. Prior to the June 9 event, the Old State House Museum will put guests in the Statehood spirit during 2nd Friday Art Night (2FAN), 5-8 p.m. on June 8. The 106th Army Band will play period music to transport guests back in time on the lawn of the Old State House Museum.

Ice cream floats will keep visitors cool, and Stone's Throw Brewing will be on site with locally brewed craft beer. Mix it up and make a beer

# Mosquito control . . . . .

By JEFFREY WORKS  
County Extension Agent,  
Agriculture/4-H

It is hard to beat a nice relaxing evening during the spring/summer, but shortly after you start relaxing, the nagging mosquito starts to "bug" you. The majority of the time we seem to slow the mosquitos down, but they always find a way to come back. It is still a little early for mosquitos to be bad, but they are starting to show up more frequently as we start getting into the warmer nights. Starting the prevention process early is never a bad idea, and I have some prevention tips that can help make your relaxing evening longer than just a few minutes.

The number one key to controlling and possibly preventing an infestation of mosquitos is controlling their habitat. If you can reduce the places mosquitos love to go, that will go a long way in making those evenings more enjoyable.

Step one: mosquito breeding is associated with water. You can control their habitat by destroying or maintaining objects like containers, old tires, ruts, bird baths, etc. Basically anything that can hold water stagnant for long periods of time can and will encourage more mosquitos.

Step two: Using repellents that contain DEET will repel mosquitos and stop them

from annoying you. This will not necessarily stop them from being there.

Step three: Chemical treatment to areas where you see fit. Every place is different. Some common problem areas are lawn, bushes, under your porch, etc. (before spraying chemical feel free to contact the extension office for more information). This is just a temporary solution, as you are mainly targeting adult mosquitos.

Step four: Some non-chemical tips that are simple and easy to do are installing tight fitting screens to your windows and doors and installing bird houses for purple martins. Establishing a population of purple martins around your property can help you in containing the population of mosquitos. The martins will not eliminate the mosquitos, but as a large part of their diet, they will help control them.

More times than not, we feel as if the mosquito has continued beating us year after year. With these simple steps, you may be able to sit outside and enjoy those summer nights. We are here to help. Feel free to contact your local Extension office for additional information. You can also go online to our website, [uaex.edu](http://uaex.edu) for additional information or to download Publication FSA7059 which contains additional mosquito control information.

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## New facility

Focus, Inc. had a ribbon cutting last week to celebrate moving into their new facility located at the corner of West Main and Sycamore in Trumann. (DT Photo/Corey Clairday)

# ASUN alumnus donates air conditioning unit to further student success

An alumnus from Arkansas State University-Newport's Energy Control Technology program recently donated an air conditioning unit to the program to help further student success.

Gary Toney works for the City of Jonesboro's Engineering Department. As a graduate of the Energy Control Technology program at ASUN-Marked Tree, Toney and his wife Anita decided they wanted to give back to the program that helped give him his start.

"I really enjoyed the program and got a lot out of it," Toney said. "I've been wanting to do something for a long time that would benefit everyone in the program."

This piece of equipment will be utilized by ASUN's Energy Control Technology students to sharpen their skills and better understand the types of units they may see after entering the workforce. Toney serves on an advisory board for ASUN and said it's beneficial to get hands-on training.

"I thought about doing a scholarship for students in the program but realized I could do a donation like this that would give all students in the program a chance to learn," Toney said.

The Toney's partnered with Mark Morris from Mark Morris Construction, Fonda Eaton with FAE Properties,



Pictured from left are: Teriann Turner, ASUN advancement officer; Mark Constant, advanced instructor of Energy Control Technology; Gary Toney, ASUN alumnus; Mark Morris, Mark Morris Construction; and Matt Getman, instructor of Energy Control Technology. (Photo provided)

LLC and Midsouth Distributing USA to donate the 407c outdoor air conditioning unit.

Morris builds houses in Jonesboro and said he is always working to make houses more efficient.

"I felt like donating to the technical college could help in the mission to build more efficient homes as well as

help to give back to the community," Morris said.

The Energy Control Technology program prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to repair, install, service and maintain the operating conditions of heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems. Emphasis is placed on the re-

pair and installation of residential and commercial heating and cooling systems.

Students who have completed the program have been employed by companies like Nestlé, Ritter Communications, Butterball LLC, public school systems, and commercial and residential air conditioning contractors.



Peggy and W.H. (Dude) Provost

## Provosts inspire new scholarship endowment

The family of W.H. (Dude) and Peggy Provost of Marked Tree have set up an endowment fund at Arkansas State University to honor the lasting memory of the couple, who taught them valuable life lessons through their own personal experiences.

The W.H. (Dude) and Peggy Provost Memorial Scholarship Endowment will generate financial assistance for deserving upper-level students majoring in agriculture or engineering.

W.H. (Dude) and Peggy Provost knew the value of a higher education without ever obtaining one themselves. For 57 years, the husband and wife team produced cotton, corn, soybeans, rice, and raised livestock on a 1,500-acre farm in southeastern Poinsett County.

Through hard work, sacrifice and help from a close family friend and mentor, the couple became successful in their occupation of agriculture.

It was because of their experiences with heat and drought and rains and floods that the Provosts desired that their son and grandchildren pursue a college education.

"It was their idea of 'work with your head, not your hands' that this opportunity comes to provide scholarship

funds for future agricultural businessmen and women and those who choose to pursue technology to advance in the profession," said Richard Provost, the couple's son.

Richard, who is a 1968 A-State alumnus, and his wife Betty, of Marion, were joined by their children, Beth Provost of Dallas, and Brett Provost and his wife Kim of Jonesboro to make the gift commitment. Brett and Kim are 1996 alumni.

Dude Provost believed in "taking care of the land because it will take care of you," the family remembered him saying.

"Today, we honor their memory with this endowment to help others succeed in their pursuit of higher education," they added.

Dr. Timothy Burcham, dean of the College of Agriculture, Engineering and Technology, said, "This scholarship is a wonderful testament to the deeply held values of Dude and Peggy Provost. While they valued the hard work required to be successful in Delta farming, they also understood the importance of incorporating intellectual knowledge. This is the knowledge that allows modern agricultural to sustainably feed a growing world."



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