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Blagg talks Civil Enforcement with Trumann Lions Club

By ANTHONY COSSEY
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Sergeant Shane Blagg, with Trumann Civil Enforcement Division, was guest speaker last Wednesday at the Trumann Lions Club.

Born and raised in Trumann, Blagg has been married for 29 years to his wife Katrina, and they have a 23 year old son named Devin. "I was born at Smith Clinic here in town, and I also enjoy working with the citizens of Trumann," Blagg said.

Blagg, who has been with the police department for 25 years, is one



DT photo/Anthony Cossey

Sergeant Shane Blagg with the Civil Enforcement Division of the Trumann Police Department speaks to the Trumann Lions Club.

of three officers on this division of the police department. Captain Gary Henry leads the division, and Animal Control Officer Ronnie Henley takes care of the stray animals and the shelter. Henley also transports prisoners when needed. Blagg also told the court that all three can serve

in another capacity. "We are all three certified, which means we can also assist in normal police situations. I think it's a plus to the department to have three extra officers to help if the need arises," Blagg said.

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Marked Tree Chamber receives update on mural

By COREY CLAIRDAY
DT News Staff

Among the items the Marked Tree Chamber of Commerce discussed during the monthly meeting Tuesday was an update on the underpass with the mural. Jana Hatley, who helped work on the mural, said they had purchased materials which will help drain water away from the mural so rust from the train tracks above will not collect there in the future. Hatley said the plan is to wait until the weather cools down to install the drainage materials and repair the mural. Chamber President Sandy Teague said sealant has already been purchased so the mural can be sealed once the repairs are complete.

In other business, the Chamber purchased two new Yard of the Month signs, made by Paige Collins of Lepanto, which Teague said should be sturdier than the old signs they used. This month's Yard

of the Month went to David and Nina Hazel on West Riverside Drive, and Business of the Month went to Jordan's Kwik Stop on Hester Parker Drive.

The Chamber also approved donating \$200 worth of school supplies to the Marked Tree School District and \$250 to Three Rivers Food Pantry.

In announcements, First Baptist Church Marked Tree is accepting donations for its annual school supplies drive. Pastor Dale Noe said their goal this year is \$3,000. The supplies and backpacks will be given out on Aug. 8 at the church, and there will also be other services available during the drive such as haircuts, health and dental check-ups, and others. There will be a cook-out afterward and a youth rally. Anyone interested in donating can contact the church, visit their website at www.fbcmarkedtree.org, or use the church's app.

Filing period for municipal office quickly approaching

The filing period for individuals wishing to run for municipal office begins on Friday, July 27, and will end at noon on Friday, Aug. 17.

Candidates will need to file their petitions of nomination, affidavit of eligibility, and political practice pledge with the county clerk's office by the noon deadline in order

for their names to be on the general election ballot in November.

Anyone with questions regarding this may contact the County Clerk's office at 870-578-4410 during regular office hours or any member of the Poinsett County Election Commission.

Marked Tree School Board accepts construction bids

By COREY CLAIRDAY
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The Marked Tree Board of Education reviewed bids for the construction and renovation work to upgrade facilities during their regular meeting Monday night.

Superintendent Matt Wright said bid estimates a few months ago had come to around \$9.5 million for the project. After the first three rounds of bids, Superintendent Wright said the new estimates had come in significantly lower and that the state wanted the district to build a new cafeteria as well. Wright said the current cafeteria is 65 years old and unsightly. "We could afford to build a new cafeteria, and now is a good chance to do that," Wright said. The new one will be able to seat 250 kids and would mean a new kitchen and equipment.

After reviewing the bids, Superintendent Wright made a recommendation that the board accept the low bids listed, including bids for a new cafeteria, which came to \$9.6 million. Wright said that figure did not include architectural fees, which are 6.5 percent of the final cost, or special inspections, which will be

around \$50,000, but money had been set aside to try to account for these. The board accepted the bids. Wright said gas and lights at the high school, except for administration offices, would be shut off and that work would begin shortly.

Superintendent Wright also announced there would be a night next week to allow everyone to, "say goodbye to Marked Tree High and hello to new construction." This will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, July 23. Everyone will get a chance to tour the high school building and take pictures one last time before the renovation begins. Additionally, it was announced that a Back to School Bash will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, at Carver Park. There will be free hot dogs and games.

In other business, the board:
*Elected school board officers—Brian Parrish, president; Lee Whitfield, vice president; Jessica Fernandez, secretary.

*Approved transfer to building fund.

*Heard annual financial statement from Marshall Hughes.

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Lepanto annexation to be decided during general election

By COREY CLAIRDAY
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Lepanto voters will decide in November the question of annexing two tracts of land.

Tuesday night, the Lepanto City Council approved an ordinance calling for the question of annexation to be placed on the ballot for the Nov. 6 general election. The first tract of land is north of the city along Highway 140, and the second tract is on the eastern side of the city in the area of Didemma Street and J. Martin Road.

Annexation would give those areas access to city services such as police and fire protection along with solid waste collection and would

help increase the city's population before the next Census. Mayor Dale Dunlap told the council he had backed off of including some farmland that was in the original proposal for annexation.

The council also discussed the possibility of regulations for farming certain crops, mainly rice, within the city limits. City Attorney Noyl Houston said that while he would not recommend restricting the types of crops that could be grown in city limits or prohibiting the growing of rice, he felt that they could come up with some reasonable regulations which would protect landowners on neighboring property. An example would be requiring that

standing water be treated for mosquitoes.

"The goal is not to limit what they can produce," Houston said. "The goal is to protect your citizens." Houston also recommended Mayor Dunlap speak to other mayors to see what they've done as this is an issue that is not unique to Lepanto. Mayor Dunlap said he will get some input and have an ordinance put together over the next few months.

In other business, Mayor Dunlap said he will meet with the Highway Department next month to discuss the next round of street resurfacing through state aid. He estimated the next round of resurfacing will probably happen next year.

Yard of the Month



DT photo/Corey Clairday

The Marked Tree Chamber of Commerce awarded Yard of the Month to David and Nina Hazel.

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Perspective

Cuba: Isolate or engage?

The relationship between the United States and Cuba has been fraught for nearly six decades, since a revolution led by Fidel Castro ousted Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959.



Lee H. Hamilton

Castro established a repressive dictatorship, and the U.S. imposed an economic embargo to express its displeasure.

Our policy of isolation has been largely driven by Cuban exiles and their families, who are extremely bitter toward the Castro government.

The group is not that large, but they are centered in Florida, a key political state. They want to isolate Cuba completely and wall off any contact between our countries and citizens. Under this policy, the U.S. was to end the embargo only when the Castros truly gave up power and Cuba held free and fair elections and made significant strides in protecting human rights. By placing so many demands on Cuba it blocked any attempt to develop an alternative route to positive change and reconciliation, and was handing commercial opportunities to Asia and Europe. Moreover, under this policy Cuba did not move in a more democratic direction and the Cuban people suffered under misrule.

President Barack Obama changed that, shifting to a policy of constructive engagement aimed at laying the groundwork for long-term change as a new generation was about to come to power in Cuba.

Raul Castro, who succeeded his brother as Cuba's leader in 2008, made tentative moves toward reform by reducing the size of the bloated public sector and opening some sectors of the economy to private investment. Obama normalized diplomatic relations with Cuba and loosened restrictions on travel and trade. In 2016, he became the first sitting U.S. president to visit Cuba in 88 years.

This constructive engagement policy began to bring about fundamental change in Cuba's behavior; and both the American and Cuban publics applauded the change.

Now Raul Castro has stepped down, and Cuba has a new president. Miguel Diaz-Canel has, of course, been a supporter of the Castros and a Communist Party loyalist. While not highly visible until now, he is thought to be kind of a hardliner. The transition in power seems to have been seamless and carefully managed.

President Donald Trump, in his second year as president, has returned to the policy of isolation of Cuba, embracing the positions of anti-Castro exiles in the U.S. He has rejected the opening in the relationship that Obama began, cut back on issuing travel visas, reduced migration to the U.S. and shut down many of the official contacts.

Trump has brought home U.S. diplomats, sent Cuban embassy staff packing, and issued severe travel warnings in response to mysterious ailments that affected Americans and Canadians in Cuba.

Not surprisingly, the U.S.-Cuba relationship has again deteriorated.

In my view, the U.S. should return to a policy of constructive engagement.

Cuba is an important country to the United States. It is a small country, with 11.5 million people — about the population of Ohio. Cuba's government is still far short of a democracy and its economy is stagnant.

But having an open, pragmatic relationship with Cuba would move Cuba towards a freer political and economic system and improve the quality of lives of Cuban people. The U.S. would be in a stronger position in the Western Hemisphere. It would help us work more closely with Mexico, Colombia and Brazil and enable us to pressure Cuba on human rights as we seek not to build walls but to build bridges and bolster our influence across Latin America.

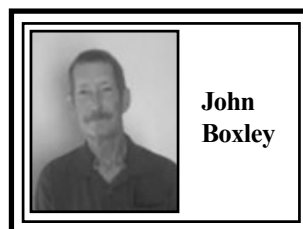
The constructive engagement policy was popular with American farm and business groups, who saw that it created jobs, increased agricultural exports, expanded airline flights and travel opportunities, and strengthened trade in technology and other sectors. A good relationship with Cuba also helps us in trying to interdict drugs, manage refugee flows and partner on disaster relief.

Polls have shown that three-fourths of Americans favor engagement with Cuba.

So it's time to end the embargo and isolation policy.

Cuba is not a threat to our security, and an opening to Cuba would make it stronger, safer and more prosperous. It would also demonstrate the transforming power of our free market and democratic system.

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John Boxley

Not that you asked

Let me begin with four words that I never thought I would write. President Trump is right. While you recover from your shock, let me add hastily that I am referring to NATO. Our European allies should be paying more than they are for its upkeep. NATO was created in 1949 for two reasons. One was to prevent the rise of another Hitler, and the other was to keep the Soviet Union from expanding its empire. Europe receives protection from NATO, so it should pay its fair share for its cost.

That said, anything that keeps the Russians in check is also very beneficial to us. We need NATO as much as Europe does. Because of that, we cannot allow NATO to be underfunded, even if Europe doesn't give in to Trump's demands.

Now that I have shown that I can give the President credit when I agree with him, I want to try to do something that hasn't been done anywhere else. I want to go through the facts we have so far in the Russia-election investigation and try to show what we know and what we don't know, without the craziness from the left and right getting in the way. For the rest of this column the words, "impeachment" and "witch hunt" are banned.

First, let's look at what we do know. We know that the Russian government interfered with the 2016 election. We know this because all of our Intelligence services, headed by Trump appointees, have told us so. We know because the Justice Department and the FBI, both headed by Trump appointees, have told us so. We have also been told that is so by the Senate Intelligence Committee, chaired by a Republican senator.

We also know that this is true because the Trump Justice Department indicted 12 Russian military men for hacking of the computers of the Democratic National Committee and Clinton campaign chair John Podesta. The indictment listed no Americans as participants, although they may have passed on the fake information not knowing its source.

We also know that the Russian meddling did not change the counting of the votes. It was mainly done by hacking computers and putting false information on social media.

We know that Donald Trump, Jr., Paul Manafort and Jared Kushner met with Russians claiming to be representatives of their government because they said they had dirt on Clinton. We know this because Trump, Jr. released the emails setting up the meeting and admitting that it did happen.

We also know that President Trump has never said one bad thing about Putin or insulted him. We know that he has done that to every other world leader and anyone that he is unhappy with.

Here's what we don't know. We don't know if the Trump campaign colluded with Russia during the campaign. We don't know if Trump himself colluded with Russians or

World cup embodies higher ideals than nationalism

As I write, the first of two World Cup semi-final games between Belgium and France is set to kick off in Moscow, and as soon as this column is finished and filed I'll be enjoying the spectacle on TV. Largely for the sake of my old friend Alain in Montpellier, I'll be pulling hard for France.

During the thrilling France vs. Argentina match last week, my wife wondered aloud if Alain was watching.

I first met Alain on a tennis court. He leaped high to hit a lob, fanned it and laughed at himself. "Ouf," he said. "I think I am Bob McAdoo."

A visiting professor at UT-Austin, he'd spent his first afternoon in America watching NBA basketball on TV. So, yeah, if there's a ball involved, Alain's definitely watching. Not to mention a tricolor French flag. Although pessimistic about this year's team — I've tried with limited success to persuade him that France looks to me the most athletically gifted World Cup team — he's both a great patriot and a passionate supporter of the national side.

Also a boar hunter, rock climber and hiker of glaciers — a vigorous Frenchman, indeed.

Alain also knows how little I know about football.

My friend Lawrence on the

Isle of Wight is similarly leery about England's chances. Indeed, he claims to believe that World Cup success would be a bad thing, as it could enhance the popularity of Prime Minister Theresa May, a dreadful outcome to him. Grumble, grumble.

Nevertheless, I'm confident he'd never miss England's semi-final match with Croatia — or, regardless of who's playing, the World Cup final on Sunday, along with me, Alain and billions of fans worldwide. Here in the U.S., ratings are down because the American team is not competing, but the 2014 World Cup final reached an estimated 3.2 billion viewers.

That's "billion," with a "B." The World Cup is far and away the most popular athletic event in the world. And justifiably so, in my opinion. For all the scandal and corruption dogging FIFA, professional football's worldwide governing body, no other sport save possibly the Olympics can match the tournament's international appeal.

Because, you see, George Orwell was badly mistaken. Back in December 1945, with World War II just ended, Europe in ruins and a brutal winter coming on, Orwell wrote a column about the controver-



Gene Lyons

sial visit of Dynamo, a Russian professional team, to England.

Characteristically blunt, he argued that "sport is an un-forged cause of ill-will, and that if such a visit as this had any effect at all on Anglo-Soviet relations, it could only be to make them slightly worse than before."

Orwell blamed nationalism, which he defined as "the lunatic modern habit of identifying oneself with large power units and seeing everything in terms of competitive prestige."

"Serious sport," he argued, "has nothing to do with fair play. It is bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard of all rules and sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence: in other words it is war minus the shooting."

It's a characteristically brilliant line, but seriously misleading. "Minus the shooting" is no small distinction. It's the most crucial difference imaginable. A man of his times, Orwell had no way of imagining today's world of fluid national identities, mixed loyalties and open borders. Of the

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Broken promises, broken lives

As a child in eastern China, Panshu Zhao worshipped the United States. "He read the Bible his parents gave him, watched Hollywood movies and studied the ideals of democracy," reports the Associated Press. "He jumped at the chance to attend graduate school at Texas A&M University."

In 2016, Zhao enlisted in a special U.S. Army program that offers a path to citizenship for immigrant recruits with special medical and language skills — from Albanian to Yoruba. He pursued his degree in geography, hit the gym to prepare for boot camp and trained with his reserve unit.

But now, the Trump administration has essentially dismantled the program, discharging recruits like Zhao and ending their dreams of becoming Americans.

"It's just like you're dropped from heaven to hell," Zhao told the A.P. "I'm not a national threat. On the contrast, I'm a national merit because people like me with higher education and critical skills, we want to serve this great U.S. Army."

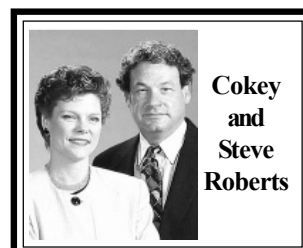
Trump has consistently, even proudly, proclaimed his hateful attitude toward immigrants, deriding them as "rapists" and "animals" who "infest" and "invade" this nation. He's advocated barring

all Muslims from the country, and slashed the number of refugees accepted for resettlement by two-thirds.

But one of his most despicable actions has been to strangle the program that initially welcomed Zhao, called Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest, or MAVNI. His administration has set such high standards for security clearances that many recruits either fail the test or run out of time, since their eligibility ends if they're not called up for active duty within two years of enlistment.

Margaret Stock, a retired Army officer who helped create the program and now practices immigration law, says the background checks for MAVNI recruits are much tougher than for job applicants at the White House. "There's no explanation for this except xenophobia," Stock told The New York Times.

Xenophobia is definitely one explanation. So is Trump's relentless determination to ignore facts when he's stirring up his base with anti-immigrant invective. Zhao is right: The program's recruits are "national merits," not threats, and the enhanced security standards imposed by the Trump administration are clearly not justified by reality.



Cokey and Steve Roberts

The program has recruited more than 10,000 new soldiers since its inception in 2009. A 2017 report by the RAND Corporation, reports the Times, "found that the program's recruits were generally better educated and better performing than the average enlisted soldier. It also found that there had been no instances of terrorism or espionage connected to an immigrant recruit."

Trump's mendacity has real consequences for real people. Alina Kaliuzhna, originally from Ukraine, enrolled in MAVNI with dreams of becoming a nurse and a commissioned officer. But her career plans are now jeopardized by Army screeners who labelled her a security risk.

"You've committed your life to a bigger purpose, and anybody who's willing to do that deserves respect and (to) be treated as human, not as a piece of paper," Kaliuzhna told CBS.

The threat to young people like Kaliuzhna goes well beyond the loss of a job. To be eligible for MAVNI, recruits

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four semi-final teams, only tiny (and recently independent) Croatia resembles the kind of ethnically unified teams Orwell wrote about.

And politics aside, how could one not cheer a country smaller than Missouri taking on Russia?

Virtually all World Cup players are professional athletes, many of whom play outside their native countries. French striker Antoine Griezmann told reporters he'd deliberately restrained himself from celebrating a crucial goal out of respect for Uruguayan players who are his teammates on Atletico Madrid — one is his son's godfather. Belgian star Romelu Lukaku, (Manchester United) was shown on TV responding to reporters in French, Dutch and Portuguese. He's also fluent in English.

Indeed, if World Cup football has an overriding political message, it's that all racial and ethnic theories of athletic superiority are bunk. The player most often called the world's greatest is Lionel Messi, an Argentine of Italian descent who plays for Barcelona. Others favor

Cristiano Ronaldo, a handsome Portuguese rascal (Real Madrid). Their teams are gone. France's emerging star during this World Cup is 19-year-old Kylian Mbappe (Paris Saint-Germain).

I saw an article somewhere belaboring the obvious: that the strong presence of ethnic African and North African players on France's World Cup team belies the reality that French society is not uniformly color-blind.

As if we didn't have Marine Le Pen to tell us that.

No, but France's football team appears to embody the national ideal of liberte, egalitie and fraternitie (liberty, equality and brotherhood) as closely as one can imagine. So do the English and Belgian sides, an ironic residue of colonialism.

Maybe it's an optimistic illusion, but then that's what sports are for.

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The Trumann Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Round One to celebrate their grand opening July 12. (DT Photo/Corey Clairday)

Round One holds grand opening

By COREY CLAIRDAY
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Round One Sports Bar and Grill held its grand opening and ribbon cutting last Thursday.

Owner Lee Edward Townsend of West Memphis said he had been coming to Trumann for several years

and had become acquainted with the previous owner when the business was known as Sidelines. Townsend had worked in several restaurants and bars prior to becoming owner of Round One, and though he has never owned one before, he said he does have a love of them.

Round One has a lot of variety on the menu from hamburgers to steaks, sandwiches, pizza, salads, chicken, fish tacos, and much more. Townsend also said Round One is family friendly. Family nights are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Those nights are non-smoking, while smok-

ing is allowed the rest of the week.

"I also want to say a special thanks to Southern Bancorp for allowing me this chance to elevate myself in life," Townsend said.

Located at 406 Sidelines Boulevard, Round One is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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have to hold a valid visa — for work, study or travel. But those permits will eventually run out, and without the protection of military service, the recruits could be deported.

An Iranian who joined the program after coming to the U.S. to study engineering told the A.P. that he was proud of "pursuing everything legally and living an honorable life." The immigrant, who is afraid to give his real name, has been devastated by his discharge.

"It's terrible because I put my life on the line for this country, but I feel like I'm being treated like trash," he says. "If I am not eligible to become a U.S. citizen, I am really scared to return to my country."

This is life in Trump's America. Even legal immigrants who want to serve the country and live honorable

lives are being "treated like trash" by an administration whose policies are both profoundly immoral and totally self-defeating.

As the Defense Department's own website points out, "Noncitizens have served in the military since the Revolutionary War." MAVNI was created because it serves the national interest. And it is being jettisoned just at a time when the military is consistently failing to meet its own recruitment goals.

Instead of welcoming and utilizing these recruits, this administration is finding every excuse to break promises, break lives and besmirch the "ideals of democracy" that Panshu Zhao admired so avidly as a child in China.

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Wet Ink

By DR. KEN WORTHINGTON

As we continue our study in Revelation chapter 2, we come now to verse 4. This passage is discussing the condition of the Church in the ancient city of Ephesus. The city was located a few miles inland from the Aegean Sea on the Cayster River. Its harbor has long since filled with silt. The city boasted one of the seven wonders of the world, the Temple of Artemis, also known by the Romans as Diana's Temple.

Many historians have considered it the most amazing of the seven. The excavations at Ephesus are among the most extensive in the earth. Archaeologist J.T. Wood labored six years before discovering the ruins of the great Temple. The magnificent 24,000-seat amphitheater has also been excavated. The worship of Artemis included shameless and vile practices. Heraclitus, the weeping philosopher of Ephesus, lamented the vileness of the city. In A.D. 252, the Goths reduced the temple to rubble and destroyed the city.

Verse 4 begins with, "But I have this against you." The Lord Jesus is communicating to them that their present condition testifies against them. Their condition is one that the Lord cannot endorse or bless in any way. He tells them,

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committed any crime or campaign violation.

Those are the things that all reasonable people should be able to agree on, no matter which side of the debate they are on. Regardless of where we choose to fall, the thing we should be focused on most of all is what Russia did in 2016 and what they are planning for this year and 2020.

This whole episode has a parallel to Watergate. Back then Deep Throat told Woodward and Bernstein to follow the money and it would lead to the truth. In this case, we should follow the Russians to get to the truth. If any Americans were involved, the Russians will lead us to them.

In the meantime, the rest of us need to tune out the noise makers on the left and right using those words I banned above. They don't add to the debate, they just seem to distract us.

"You have abandoned the love you had at first."

To abandon the affection and care they had for the Lord Jesus is unthinkable. How could they do this? Next the Lord invites them to "remember then how far you have fallen." It should be fresh in their memories. How quickly people may be distracted from such an important relationship.

Now He gives them the way back, "Repent, and do the works you did at first." Liter-

ally repent, change, turn back to that place where you first forsook the world and gave your all to Jesus. They had been renewed, born again, and found hope and praise in God. They had turned to God acknowledging sin and failures, casting their all upon Jesus by faith.

And lastly, He gives them a warning, "Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent." Notice He calls the church a

"lampstand." The church should provide a base for Jesus to come and work through people. Can He stand upon your testimony of Him? Is He radiating from your life to give others light and truth and understanding? Jesus literally wants to shine through us. We are all shapes and sizes, different demeanors, and attitudes. Jesus wants to appeal to the lost and dying world through His church. We the church should be able let or light so shine before men.

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Quality of life issues are what Blagg told the club the division handles. "We enforce the ordinances and codes within the city limits of Trumann. We get the information needed for the citizens on the codes, and we follow up on any violations we have noticed," Blagg said. Blagg told the group new residents to the city and those that have moved from outside city limits are sometimes not aware of the ordinances and codes. "After living outside the city limits, a lot of people think they can do the same things inside the city limits, and we have to let them know what they can and can't do," Blagg said.

Some of the biggest issues Blagg said they deal with are overgrown lots, non-operable vehicles sitting in yards and just general upkeep of properties. "We try to be nice to everyone we have to contact and just want them to know that keeping things cleaned up is vital to the city

for prospective new businesses and residents," Blagg said. Blagg also told the group a lot of the property owners live out of town and are hard to contact sometimes.

"We also do inspections, like for new residents or businesses to make sure they are up to code on everything," he said. Blagg said they have to make sure electrical and plumbing are up to code and make sure their permits are in proper order. "We also inspect properties that are in possible need of condemnation. We want to try and work with everyone, but sometimes we have take a person in front of a judge due to them not meeting the requirements they are supposed to. We want to make the community nice and safe for everyone who lives here," Blagg said.

Trumann Mayor Barbara Lewallen had this to say about the division, "They do a terrific job doing one of the most important jobs in the city."

BIDS

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- *Elected Vicki Green as legislative liason.
- *Approved 2019 policy updates.
- *Approved changes to the student handbook.
- *Approved Athletic Emergency Action Plan.
- *Accepted milk, bread, and large grocery bids.
- *Approved paying five percent to the writer of the Fruit and Vegetables Grant.
- *Heard building reports.

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Jehoash and Amaziah
II Chronicles 25

Amaziah king of Judah consulted his advisers and sent a challenge to Jehoash to come and meet him face to face. Jehoash replied by saying, "A thistle in Lebanon sent a message to a cedar in Lebanon. 'Give your daughter to my son in marriage.' Then a wild beast in Lebanon came along and trampled the thistle underfoot. You say to yourself that you have defeated Edom, and now you are arrogant and proud. But stay at home! Why ask for trouble and cause your own downfall and that of Judah also?" Amaziah still insisted on war. God had determined that He would hand Judah over to Jehoash because they sought the gods of Edom. Jehoash king of Israel attacked and he and Amaziah faced each other at Beth Shemesh in Judah. Judah was routed by Israel and every man fled to his home. Jehoash captured Amaziah at Beth Shemesh and brought him to Jerusalem and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate - a section about six hundred feet long. He took the gold and silver and all the articles found in the temple of God, together with the palace treasures and the hostages, and returned to Samaria.

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Trumann 4-H club information meeting set for July 26

The first meeting of a new community-based Trumann 4-H club will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the Trumann Community House located at Main Street and Poinsett Avenue in Trumann. All interested youth (ages 5-19), along with parents and interested adult volunteers are invited. There is no cost for membership.

The club's focus will be on leadership, community service, and education in a variety of project areas. Youth members will be able to enroll in various projects such as gardening, nutrition, technology, photography, and animal science, among many others.

4-H members will also have opportunities to serve in club leadership roles, service activities, attend camps, workshops, and contests while developing life skills such as responsibility, goal setting, and positive communication. Being a member of 4-H promotes the growth and devel-

opment of youth into contributing, competent, capable and caring adults.

The 4-H Youth Development Program, conducted through the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture, provides research based education and life-skill development opportunities to youth ages 5-19 years of age, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, or any other legally protected status.

For information about this meeting, contact club organizational leader, Terri Dunham, at 870-273-6048 or contact Leigh Blythe at the Poinsett County Extension Office at 870-578-4490 or lhelms@uaex.edu. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in another format, please contact the county extension office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.

Can a debt collector take my social security benefits?

Dear Savvy Senior, Can my Social Security benefits be garnished if I have some out-



Savvy Senior

Jim Miller

standing debts? I just turned 62 and would like to start collecting my retirement benefits but want to find this out before I apply.

Worried Retiree

Dear Worried,

Whether your Social Security benefits are garnishable or not depends on whom you owe. Banks and other financial creditors, for example, can't touch your Social Security checks. But if Uncle Sam is collecting on a debt, some of your benefits are fair game. Here's what you should know.

Creditor Protections

If you have credit card debts, medical bills, unpaid personal loans or pay day loans, you'll be happy to know that your Social Security benefits are safe from your creditors. Section 207 of the Social Security Act prohibits debt collectors or a bankruptcy court from dipping into your bank account to take Social Security money for purposes of paying off what you owe.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI), veterans benefits, federal employee and civil service retirement benefits, and benefits administered by the Railroad Retirement Board Administration can't be touched either.

But be aware that your creditors can still take legal action against you to recover what you owe them, and depending on your state's law, they may be able to garnish your wages and tap into other allowable assets, if you have any.

Government Garnishment

If, however, you owe money to Uncle Sam, it's a very different story. The federal government can garnish a portion of your Social Security benefits for repayment of several types of debts, including federal income taxes, federal student loans, state-ordered child support and alimony, nontax debt owed to other federal agencies, defaulted federal home loans and certain civil penalties. (If you receive SSI, those benefits cannot be garnished under any circumstance.)

How much can actually be taken depends on the type of

debt you owe. In most situations, the government can pull 15 percent of your benefits to cover your debt, but

under the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, it must leave you at least \$750 each month. That is, unless the levy is for federal income taxes. In that case, the government isn't required to leave \$750 behind.

The other exception is for child support or alimony payments. Depending on your state laws, the court may be able to take half of your benefits or more to pay your obligations to your children or ex-spouse.

If you think your Social Security benefits might be raided to pay overdue bills, you need to address the problem—don't ignore it. Most government agencies are happy to work with you so long as you're willing to work with them.

The government typically sends several letters about a debt before it takes action. The final letter will inform you of the intent to levy Social Security payments, and after that, you have 30 days to contact the agency and work out a payment plan.

Get Help

To get a handle on your debt problems, consider contacting a nonprofit financial counseling agency, which offers free and low-cost services on managing financial problems. To locate a credible agency in your area, use the National Foundation for Credit Counseling website at NFCC.org or call 800-388-2227.

You also need to make sure you're not missing out on any financial assistance programs. The National Council on Aging's website (BenefitsCheckup.org) contains a database of more than 2,500 federal, state and local programs that can help seniors with prescription drug costs, health care, food, utilities, and other basic needs. The site will help you locate programs that you may be eligible for and will show you how to apply.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



Obituaries

Vivian Huckabee



Vivian Huckabee

NASHVILLE, TENN. - Mrs. Vivian Huckabee, 96, departed this life on July 8, 2018, at the family residence. She was born Saturday, March 11, 1922, in Lake City, and was a homemaker and a member of Valley Baptist Church in Searcy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cleo Huckabee; four brothers, one sister; and her parents, James Willis and Ruth Jane Bryant Boling.

She is survived by three daughters, Linda Sue Huckabee Killgore of Nashville, Tenn., Janice Ruth Baxter of Little Rock and Tammy Kathrine (Davis) Simonton of Atoka, Tenn.; two sons, Theodore Ray Huckabee of Bonifay, Fla., and Jimmy Willis Huckabee of Bogart, Ga.; 16 grandchildren, Natalie Janice (Killgore) Langlinais, Robert Todd Killgore, Marianna Estelle Wilson, Gregory Landers Huckabee, Mark Joseph Huckabee, Sylvia Lynn (Huckabee) Beaulieu, Denise

Huckabee, Daniel Huckabee, Troy Shannon Thomas, Tiffany Michelle (Thomas) White, Heather Suzanne Baxter, Clayton Houston Davis, Zackery Allen Davis, Joshua Martin Davis, Elizabeth Michelle (Simonton) Beilstein and Zachary Alexander Simonton; 33 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held July 14 at Valley Baptist Church in Searcy with Rev. James Hays officiating. Graveside services followed at Pine Log Cemetery in Brookland under the direction of Thompson Funeral Home of Trumann.

An online register book can be signed at www.thompsonfuneralhome.net.

Brenda Sartain



Brenda Sartain

NEWPORT - Ms. Brenda Kay Sartain, 66, departed this life Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at Unity Health in Newport. She was born Friday, Nov. 16, 1951, in Jonesboro, had been a resident of Saint Michael's Place Nursing Home in Newport for the past six years, and was formerly of Trumann. She was in the care of Arkansas Hospice for the past six months. Brenda was a member of Parkview Missionary Baptist Church in Trumann.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Morris Smith and Betty Branch, and her grandparents, Houston and Hazel Dycus.

She is survived by one sister, Melissa (Skip) Nelson of Crandall, Texas; three brothers, Ronnie Smith of Iola,

and brother, Winston "W.D." (Sharon) Gann of Lepanto. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held July 13 at Pine Log Cemetery in Brookland with Rev. Bill Maxwell officiating.

Online guest book at www.thompsonfuneralhome.net.

Johnny Gann

LEPANTO - Johnny Gann, 72, passed away July 15, 2018. He was born Oct. 30, 1945, to Luther and Claudie Mae Gann.

Survivors include his daughter, Regina (Harvey) Roach of Lepanto; grandchildren, Harvey (Megan) Roach, Jr. of Lepanto and John Roach of Jonesboro; great-grandchildren, Casen Roach and Emma Roach of Lepanto;

and brother, Winston "W.D." (Sharon) Gann of Lepanto.

Funeral services were held July 18 at Roller-Swift Funeral Home. Burial was at Louise Chapel Cemetery.

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Garland Smith

TRUMANN - Garland Wayne Smith, 79, passed away Friday at St Bernard's Medical Center. He was born Wednesday, Aug. 31, 1938, in Trumann and was a lifetime resident of Trumann. He was retired from Trumann Police Department, Arkansas National Guard, and a member of the First Pentecostal Church in Trumann. Wayne loved to fish and was a former school bus driver for the Trumann School District.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Elvie and Ruth Helen Smith; one brother, Charles (Chuck) Smith and two sisters, Melva Moody and Marsha Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Pat Smith of the home; two sons, Brent (Angela) Smith of Jonesboro and Martin (Carron) Smith of Trumann; one daughter, Maribeth (Terry) Snow of Jonesboro; one brother, Mike (Lois) Smith of Blanchard, Okla.; one sister, Regina Brewer of Trumann; seven grandchildren, Brandon Smith, Kristen Fagan, Josh Smith, Katie Vogler, Ethan Snow, Clayton Snow and Kaylee Smith and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 15 at First Pentecostal Church in Trumann with Rev. Murry Ray and Rev. Kenneth O'Connell officiating. Burial followed in Jonesboro Memorial Park Cemetery in Jonesboro.

Pallbearers were Brandon Smith, Joshua Smith, Ethan Snow, Clayton Snow, Jeff Vogler and Justin Fagan. Honorary pallbearers were Joey Fagan, James Smelser, Alfred Moody, Bill Mullins, Butch Whittingham and Eugene Mott.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Pentecostal Church, Temple and Christy Street, Trumann, AR.

An online register can be signed at www.thompsonfuneralhome.net.

Class of 63 to meet July 21

The Trumann Class of 1963 will hold their 55th class reunion from 12-8 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at the Community House on Poinsett Avenue in Trumann. Friends and other classes are invited to join in after 4 p.m. The gathering will be casual, and refreshments will be served.

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The best advice when it comes to flea control is to ask your veterinarian. Your veterinarian is your expert for flea and tick control on your pet. They can recommend one of the new flea control products that are safe when used as directed on healthy pets. And they're very effective. You can get a topical, an oral pill, or spray. Your veterinarian can help you with information on how to rid your pets' environment from fleas. This is important because 95 percent of the flea life cycle takes place in the environment. Not on your pet. Adult fleas make up only five percent of the flea lifecycle.

It's also important to note that garlic can be toxic to pets. Check out the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center's list of foods to avoid feeding pets. Here is their website

your best bet is to wash your pet's bedding and vacuum pet areas frequently to remove eggs and developing fleas. Use a flea comb to catch adult fleas on your pet. Just flick adult fleas into a bowl of warm, soapy water and pour the drowned pests down the drain when you're done. (These strategies are good ones even if you're using a veterinary-recommended product.) This approach is labor-intensive. You probably will have to do it every day whether you see fleas on your pet or not. It is still very difficult to remove all the fleas, eggs and larvae from the area if the environment is infested with fleas.

The bottom line: I suggest a product recommended by your veterinarian for safe, effective flea control. "Natural" and "organic" pet health solutions found on the Internet do not work, are a waste of time and money, yet—worse—can be unsafe.

If you have questions about proper flea control for your pet and environment please contact Dr. Norette L. Underwood of Trumann Animal Clinic and Best Friends Vet Mobile Service at catdoc56@gmail.com or call 870-483-6275 to set up a flea consult.

Marked Tree Sr. Center Happenings



By Joan Campbell

We are having fun at the Marked Tree Senior Center. We wish you would come and join us.

On July 11, they gave away commodities at the center for all those who met the guidelines. The extra food helps us a lot.

On July 12, our Wii bowling team went to the Turtle Creek Mall for the Wii bowling tournament. There were 18 teams. Each team played at least two games, but if they lost they were out of the game. We played six games and won them all. We were the only team that did not lose a game. We won first place and got a nice big trophy. Those who played on the Marked Tree team were Joan Campbell, Janet McLone, Barbara Easton, Inez Ivy and Winnie Johnson. We were so proud of ourselves, and Carol Crum and everyone at the center was proud of us too.

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

Trumann Senior Life Center "On the Go"

By HAZEL RILEY

Our special guest on Monday was Ms. Trenisha Hendrix. We also did Wii bowling and exercise.

Red Hat Day was supposed to be on Tuesday but was changed to Friday. We (Red Hatters) meet once a month for lunch and shopping—very colorful!

Our guest speaker for Wednesday was Ms. Bianca Burgess. It was also newspaper day and food pantry give-away.

Power walk and bingo at 10:30 a.m., puzzle club on Thursday, and dominoes every day. Friday is the Red Hat trip.

We have some new members at the center, Mrs. Barbara B., Ronnie H., Josie L., Dorothy P., Francis R., and Janet H. Welcome and hope you enjoy coming to the center.

Has anyone found any of our U-matter rocks? Have a great weekend!

Youth Agriculture and Nutrition Day set at fair

The Extension Program, in cooperation with various area educational resources, is again hosting the Youth Agriculture and Nutrition Education Day during the Poinsett County Fair. This year's date is Friday, Aug. 17 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Currently, students from Harrisburg, Tyroneza, and Weiner are registered to attend.

4-H, FFA, and FCCLA members are invited to participate with one of the educational stations or to serve as a group leader. Special needs include assistance with the Animal Discovery Zone, a.k.a. an

educational petting zoo, and as group leaders for the first, second, and third grade classes.

Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Letters requesting excused absences will be provided to participating 4-H members.

Area agriculture, nutrition, and health groups are welcome to provide reinforcement items for students and teachers. These items will be distributed in the child/teacher resource bags.

Contact Leigh Blythe at 870-578-4490 or email lhelms@uaex.edu for more information or to volunteer.

Trumann holding public meeting

The City of Trumann invites its citizens and other interested persons to a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, at the Trumann Recreational Complex on Pecan Grove Road in Trumann.

The purpose of this meeting is to identify potential outdoor park and recreation needs and priorities for 2018. Following the identification process, city officials will select those priorities to be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tour-

ism for a grant application.

Ethnic minorities, persons with special needs, elderly persons over 55, and special interest groups are encouraged to attend and participate.

For those unable to attend the meeting, contact the City of Trumann at 870-483-5355 for more information or to provide comments. Written comments may be submitted to City of Trumann, P.O. Box 120, Trumann, AR 72472. Comments will be received until 9 p.m. July 31.

Trumann resident earns degree from WGU

Jeremy Collins of Trumann has received his Bachelor of Science in Business Management degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The online, nonprofit university held its 64th (Or-

lando, Fla.); 65th (Seattle, Wash.); and 66th (Las Vegas, Nev.) commencement ceremonies earlier this year to celebrate the recent graduation of more than 15,000 students from across the country.

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Sports

ASU's Justice Hansen selected for watch lists

Justice Hansen, quarterback for the Arkansas State Red Wolves, has been named to the Maxwell Award and Davy O'Brien Award watch

lists. Hansen enters his senior season ranked second in the nation among active players with an average of 267.4

yards per game. He also ranks sixth nationally in total offense per game (289.6) and touchdown passes (56), while also ranking eighth in

career passing yards (6,686) and ninth in total offense (7,239).

The Oklahoma native is coming off a junior campaign that saw him receive a combined ten conference and national weekly awards following six different games, including a two-time Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player

of the Week, a two-time Manning Award Star of the Week nominee, a Davy O'Brien "Great 8" Performer of the week, a College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week and a four-time College Sports Madness Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

Hansen is the fourth quarterback in A-State history to be named to the Davy O'Brien Watch List and the first since 2015.

The Red Wolves open the 2018 season on Sept. 1 against Southeast Missouri State at Centennial Bank Stadium in Jonesboro.



Arkansas State University quarterback Justice Hansen, shown here throwing a pass during the spring game, was recently named to the Maxwell Award and Davy O'Brien Award watch lists. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)

Tournament action



The Arkansas Bulldogs took runner-up honors in the USSSA 9U World Series Session 2 in Gulfport, Miss. Team members are, from left, (front row) Sonny Williams (Jonesboro), Carter Honeycutt (Paragould), Nate Krumholtz (Paragould), Jett Burnett (Paragould), and Rogan Tyler (Jonesboro). (Middle row) Benton Farmer (Paragould), Jace Blake (Hoxie), Caden Williams (Paragould), Lane Compton (Paragould), Eli Blagg (Lepanto), and Banx Boozer (Paragould). (Back row) Coaches Doug Tyler, Josh Honeycutt, Dustin Williams, and Kris Boozer. The team consists of players from Paragould, Jonesboro and Lepanto. (Photo provided)

Pee Wee Cheerleader signup set

Trumann Pee Wee Cheerleader signup and registration for fourth-sixth grade will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 27, at First Baptist Church in the Christian Life Center (gym)

and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 28. Registration fee is \$50, cash only, due at time of registration.

For more information, or for anyone unable to attend

the signup, please call or text Melanie Thomas at 870-926-4950 or Sarah Cook 870-227-9706. The deadline for signup is Friday, Aug. 3.

Football drills



Drew Lung knocks the ball away as TJ Bush tries to make the catch during football drills this past Monday in Lepanto. (DT Photos/Anthony Cossey)



EPC offensive linemen James Lard (52) and Ladaiveon Holmes (78) work on blocking drills this past Monday. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)



The Fierce 14U softball team finished as runner-ups in the 2018 USFA State tournament held in Panama City Beach, Fla. Team members are, from left, (front row) Jacie Brown (Trumann), Kacey Kirksey (Walnut Ridge), Ashton Wallace (Manila), Jaedyn Brown (Trumann), and Chloe Davis (Walnut Ridge). (Back row) Scott Brown (Coach), Alex Jeter (Paragould) Bre Rae (Batesville), Reagan Ross (Valley View), Grace Butler (Valley View), Hannah McClaughlin (Trumann) and Brandon McClaughlin (Coach). (Photo provided)

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Marked Tree Rotary discusses upcoming projects

By COREY CLAIRDAY
DT News Staff

The Marked Tree Rotary is planning to stay active with community projects in the coming months. They discussed upcoming projects during the July meeting last week.

In September, the club is looking at selling hot dogs and bottled water during tailgating before the game against Manila on Sept. 7. They will also be taking t-shirt orders for the annual Peggy Bankston Walk/Run/Ride during that time. The annual Peggy Bankston Walk will

take place the morning of the Cotton Pickin' Jubilee, Sept. 29, as usual. This year's t-shirt design is currently being completed, and it will feature a branch with two owls.

The club also discussed several ideas for future projects. Among them were ideas for honoring Mary Ann Arnold, who was a longtime Rotarian, the annual dictionary project, bringing Christmas cards to nursing home residents, holding an End of Life seminar in January, and holding the annual Pastors Appreciation luncheon in February.

UCA announces 2018 graduates

The University of Central Arkansas held commencement Saturday, May 5, in the Jeff Farris Health and Physical Education Center.

Carin McClung, of Trumann, was among the graduates. McClung earned an Education Specialist degree.

Notice of Destruction of Records Marked Tree School District

ATTENTION MARKED TREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS

State and federal guidelines require that all special education due process forms and records be destroyed within six years after a student leaves the special education or speech therapy program.

You have the right to review and pick up your child's due process records. The records will be available in the special education office at the high school on July 25, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The records not picked up will be destroyed on July 26, 2018.

THESE RECORDS ARE NOT YOUR CHILD'S PERMANENT SCHOOL RECORDS. THEY ARE ONLY SPECIAL EDUCATION AND DUE PROCESS FORMS AND RECORDS.

Notice

IN THE POINSETT COUNTY COURT

IN THE MATTER OF ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF TRUMANN, ARKANSAS CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS TO THE SAID CITY OF TRUMANN, ARKANSAS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there has been filed in the County Court of Poinsett County, Arkansas, the petition of Myra Jane Biggers, Shirley Roberts, and Ken Yarbrough, asking for the annexation to the City of Trumann of the following described lands situated in Poinsett County, Arkansas and contiguous to said city, to-wit:

The NW NE of Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 5 East and E 1/2 of the Ne 1/4 of Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 5 East not already within the City of Trumann.

Also, the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 12, Township 12 North, Range 5 East not already within the City of Trumann.

To include to portions of I-555 and its right of ways that lie within the above-described quarter and half-sections.

A plat of said land proposed for annexation is on file with said petition in the office of the Clerk of said Court, and the undersigned has been named by the petitioners as the person authorized to act for them.

The Court has fixed the 16th day of August, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. as the date for a hearing on said petition to be held in the office of the County Judge of Poinsett County, Arkansas, located at the Poinsett County Courthouse, 401 Market St., Harrisburg, AR 72432, and all interested persons are now notified to be present at said Court at the time and date so fixed.

Given this 11th day of July, 2018.

Jimmy D. Gazaway, Attorney at Law
902 W. Court St.
Paragould, Arkansas 72450
Phone: 870-239-4002
AR Bar No. 2006265

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Notice of Destruction of Records East Poinsett County School District

ATTENTION EAST POINSETT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS:

State and federal guidelines require that all special education due process forms and records be destroyed within six years after a student leaves the special education or speech therapy program.

You have the right to review and pick up your child's due process records. The records will be available in the special education office at the junior high school on July 26, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The records not picked up will be destroyed on July 27, 2018.

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Notice

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS

SUBTERRA INVESTMENTS, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS. CASE NUMBER CV-2018-181
ESTATE OF WANDA L. TURMAN, ET AL
DEFENDANTS

WARNING ORDER

The Defendant(s), ESTATE OF WANDA L. TURMAN, SPOUSE, HEIRS AND ASSIGNS; JOHN DAVID LITTLEJOHN, SPOUSE, HEIRS AND ASSIGNS are hereby warned to appear in this Court within thirty (30) days and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff, SUBTERRA INVESTMENTS, LLC; and, upon failure of Defendants to do so, the Complaint filed herein will be deemed to be admitted.

WITNESS my hand and seal as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Poinsett County, Arkansas, this 9th day of July, 2018.

Misty R. Russell
Circuit Clerk

/s/ by Tomasina Rosa
Deputy Clerk

Stephen E. Whitwell, Esq.
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Notice

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER
NO. CC-2018-04

NOTICE

Notice is given of the appointment of the following person for the following term as Commissioner of Drainage District Number Eight of Poinsett County, Arkansas, by Order of this Court dated July 9, 2018:

Tim Covington – 6 year term.

A hearing on this appointment will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. At the courtroom in the Poinsett County Courthouse in Harrisburg, Arkansas. At such hearing, objections to this appointment will be heard and the appointment will be either confirmed or other persons named.

All interested persons may appear and be heard.

DATED this 9th day of July, 2018.

Bobby Cantrell
County Judge

Published 7-12,19 2018

POSITION OPEN

The Trumann Housing Authority is taking applications for an Administrative Assistant. All interested persons should complete an application or submit a resume at the Housing Authority Office at 109 Spruce Drive, Trumann, Arkansas. If you have any questions concerning this position, please call 483-5223. All qualified applicants will receive due consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS

"PROBATE DIVISION"

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN RAINES, DECEASED
NO. 56PR-2018-90

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AS CO-ADMINISTRATORS

Last known address: 300 Pitts Rd., Cash, AR 72421
Date of Death: May 24, 2018

The undersigned has been appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate of Patricia Ann Raines on the 12th day of July 2018.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published on July 19, 2018.

RICK RAINES AND JOEY RAINES Co-Administrators of the Estate of Patricia Ann Raines, deceased c/o Woodruff Law Firm, P.A. Post Office Box 500 Lake City, AR 72437

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Notice

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS
NO. CC-2018-03

NOTICE

Notice is given of the reappointment of the following persons for the following terms as Commissioners of Drainage District Number Eight of Poinsett County, Arkansas, by Order of this Court dated July 9, 2018:

Clay Hubbard – 9 year term; and
Lloyd Ray Evans – 3 year term.

A hearing on these appointments will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. At the courtroom in the Poinsett County Courthouse in Harrisburg, Arkansas. At such hearing, objections to these appointments will be heard and the appointments will either be confirmed or other persons named.

All interested persons may appear and be heard.

DATED this 9th day of July, 2018.

Bobby Cantrell
Poinsett County Judge

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Farm Credit Midsouth expands lending team

Farm Credit Midsouth is pleased to announce the addition of Justin Ladd, Tabitha Inboden and Mylo Ball to its lending team in the Jonesboro Branch.

Ladd brings more than 15 years of lending experience with him to Farm Credit, as well as knowledge gained from five years of scouting cotton. He is a graduate of Arkansas State University with a major in finance and a minor in agricultural business.

Inboden also graduated from Arkansas State University with a degree in communications and has since established a background in production agriculture, primarily in the areas of marketing, sales, customer service, logis-

tics, and commodity merchandising.

Ball, too, is an alum of Arkansas State University, where he received a finance degree. In addition to a background in banking, he has experience as an outside retail salesman dealing with growers on their chemical, fertilizer, and seed budgets.

As Farm Credit loan officers, Ladd, Inboden, and Ball will assume responsibility for developing new loan business as well as servicing existing agricultural and real estate customers. They will also establish and cultivate business relationships with agricultural producers, businesses, and professionals within the community.

About Farm Credit Midsouth

Farm Credit Midsouth is an agricultural financial institution headquartered in Jonesboro, Arkansas, with seven offices throughout the state. Today, it serves over 2,000 farmer members/business operations with loans totaling over \$990 million. Its mission is to enhance the diverse agricultural and rural economy through helping local farmers, ranchers and business operations reach their financial goals.

For more information, contact Eric Branscum, Jonesboro Branch Manager, at 870-932-2817 or visit www.farmcreditmidsouth.com.

Jordan named ASUN specialist

Arkansas State University is pleased to welcome Mallory Jordan as the newest addition to its Marketing and Communications Department. Jordan will serve as the Marketing and Communications Specialist.

In this new role, Jordan will lead all communication efforts for the college including effectively sharing information with students, community members, and media outlets along with capturing visually stimulating photos and videos to promote ASUN. She will be an integral part in furthering brand awareness and advancement opportunities.

Jordan brings a vast skill set to this position. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism. Jordan worked over three years at

Region 8 News in Jonesboro as the morning anchor of Good Morning Region 8 and a multi-media journalist. She's originally from Weiner.

Jeremy Shirley, director of marketing and communications for ASUN, said Jordan is a great addition to the team.

"Mallory brings many desirable skills and traits to this specialist position," Shirley said. "Her journalism background sets a great foundation for writing and communicating with the public. Being from Northeast Arkansas, Mallory has great knowledge of the communi-



Mallory Jordan

ties ASUN serves and the types of people and initiatives that keep our area of the state thriving. I'm confident she will be an integral part in reaching our goals associated with institutional excellence, student success and community engagement."



FARM CREDIT MIDSOUTH WELCOMES JUSTIN LADD

Ladd has joined the Jonesboro Branch as a loan officer.

Farm Credit Midsouth is excited to welcome Justin Ladd to our Jonesboro office. Justin brings over 16 years of lending experience in the midsouth area.

We are excited to have him on board with this team and the experience and knowledge will be a great addition to the branch.



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MYLO BALL JOINS FARM CREDIT MIDSOUTH

Ball is a loan officer with both the Jonesboro and Osceola Branches.

Farm Credit Midsouth is pleased to announce the addition of Mylo Ball to our Jonesboro and Osceola offices. We welcome him to our lending team and look forward to working with him to expand our business in these areas.

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TABITHA INBODEN JOINS FARM CREDIT MIDSOUTH

Inboden has been hired as a loan officer in the Jonesboro Branch.



Farm Credit Midsouth is excited to welcome Tabitha Inboden to our Jonesboro office. Tabitha brings over 11 years of experience working with farmers, traders and agricultural businesses throughout the midsouth area.

We are excited to have her on board with this team and the experience she will bring to the branch.



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