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Harrisburg among School Breakfast Challenge winners

During School Breakfast Month in March, the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance and Arkansas No Kid Hungry campaign posed a challenge to Arkansas schools as a means of increasing breakfast participation rates (percentage of all students who eat breakfast at school). The three schools with the largest increase in their March, April, and May 2018 breakfast participation rates relative to their rates for the same months in 2017, would receive cash awards for their child nutrition departments. To participate in the Breakfast Month Challenge schools had to be using a Breakfast After the Bell model of breakfast delivery.

Harrisburg High School was among those three winners, coming in at second place with a 267 percent increase. They operate a mid-morning second chance/grab and go model. School Nutrition Director Dolores Sutterfield received a \$1,000 cash prize for her department

last week in recognition of the achievement.

The benefits of school breakfast to students and educators is well documented. School breakfast leads to reduced food insecurity, better test scores, improved student health, and fewer distractions in the classroom. In their 2016/2017 School Breakfast Scorecard, the Food Research and Action Center reports that implementing a Breakfast After the Bell model—one that moves breakfast out of the cafeteria before school starts and makes it part of the school day—has been proven to be the most successful strategy for increasing school breakfast participation. It overcomes the barriers (like transportation issues and stigma) that keep children from accessing a nutritious breakfast. The Arkansas No Kid Hungry campaign is being committed to helping Arkansas schools adopt Breakfast After the Bell models by providing grant dollars and technical assis-

tance.

According to data from the Arkansas Department of Education, since Breakfast After the Bell models began being implemented in Arkansas in the 2011/2012 school year, there has been an increase of 3.8 million breakfast meals served to Arkansas students, and a federal reimbursement increase of \$11.6 million for meals served.

The other two Breakfast Month Challenge winners were Nashville Junior High with a 347 percent increase and Magnet Cove Elementary with a 186 percent increase.

The Alliance congratulates all of the schools that participated in the School Breakfast Month Challenge and offers special accolades to Nashville High School, Harrisburg High School and Magnet Cove Elementary School for their impressive increases in school breakfast participation and commitment to helping assure their students academic achievement.



Photo provided

Harrisburg School Nutrition Director Dolores Sutterfield received a \$1,000 prize for the school after increasing breakfast participation rates.

Faulkner talks florist business with Lions

By COREY CLAIRDAY
DT News Staff

David Faulkner with Blossom Events and Florist spoke to the Trumann Lions Club recently about the business, which has been open for 11 weeks.

One thing Faulkner emphasized was keeping things local. “We are from Harrisburg and wanted to keep it local,” Faulkner said. One way they do that is by using Arkansas products. In fact, Faulkner said one of their biggest flower growers is from Marked Tree. “We try as much as we can to get our supplies from Arkansas vendors,” he said.

Blossom offers a wide variety of products such as candles, dips, honey, crosses, wreaths, artwork, rugs, and more. They do everyday flower arrangements, and Faulkner said they take pride in their sympathy arrangements. “We treat each one as if it was for our own family,” Faulkner said. He said since they have been open, they have done seven weddings so far, and he mentioned that their florist has been featured in the Arkansas Bride magazine.

Faulkner said another goal in opening Blossom was to have an



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David Faulkner speaks to the Trumann Lions Club about Blossom Events and Florist.

atmosphere where everyone felt welcome. “We wanted everyone to feel welcome in the store,” Faulkner said. “We wanted to open a shop just like what we would want to shop at. We didn’t want people to be intimidated by the prices.”

Part of keeping things local means being part of the community, and Blossom has been doing that too. They joined the chamber of commerce immediately and plan to join the Lions Club. They’ve also provided floral arrangements for community events such as the Celebrity Waiters Dinner and the Trumann Fine Arts’ production of “Smoke on the Mountain.”

Faulkner said they have mums coming in as part of their fall selection and they would be doing Homecoming mums as well.

“We try to go above and beyond for our customers,” Faulkner said.

Carpino talks softball, volleyball with Harrisburg Rotary

By ANTHONY COSSEY
DT News Staff

Harrisburg Lady Hornets head softball and volleyball coach, Chastan Carpino, was the guest speaker last Thursday at the Harrisburg Rotary Club’s weekly meeting.

Carpino told the group the softball team had the best season since she’s been at the school, going 22-5. The Lady Hornets had two all-state players in shortstop, Jehlian Wright and pitcher Kloeey Harlson. Harlson was also named Newcomer of the Year on the Best Under the Sun team while striking out 288 batters in the circle.

The injury bug hit the team late in the season, costing the team two starters. “Wright went down with a shoulder injury, and Anna Walker had a heart issue that cleared up with a minor procedure. Both will be



DT photo/Anthony Cossey

Harrisburg Lady Hornets head softball and volleyball coach Chastan Carpino talks to the Harrisburg Rotary Club about her teams.

ready for the 2019 season,” Carpino said.

The team loses two seniors in Caitlyn Adams and Lacey Lambright and will return seven starters. The team will have a fundraiser of selling signs to go in yards in support of the softball team.

The volleyball team has been practicing since the second week of August, and Carpino said things are going well. “We have 21 kids out for the senior high team, so our numbers are good, but we did lose four seniors from last year,” Carpino said.

The Lady Hornets drop down to the 3A classification this year, but Carpino said there are still some good teams the team will play. “Hoxie lost in the state finals this past year as Walnut Ridge lost in the quarter-

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Man arrested following altercation with deputy

By DT News Staff

According to the Poinsett County Sheriff’s Office, a man was arrested during a traffic stop after getting into an altercation with a sheriff’s deputy during a search.

On Friday, July 27, Deputy James Dawson made a traffic stop of a motorcycle just south of Highway 214 on Highway 163. The driver of the motorcycle, Jerry Reese, was a parolee. During a search of Reese, Deputy Dawson found a substance consistent with meth wrapped inside a dollar bill.

When he tried to handcuff Reese, Reese pulled away and reached for a knife, which had been taken from his pocket during the search, and the dollar bill. According to the re-

port, during the altercation, Reese dropped the knife and elbowed the deputy in the face, busting his lip. Deputy Dawson used his taser on Reese. By this time, they were lying in a ditch, and Deputy Dawson was able to get Reese under control. During the scuffle, Dawson had dropped his cuffs, but another deputy had arrived on the scene, and they were able to handcuff Reese and transport him to the detention center.

Reese, 42, of Harrisburg, was charged with Carrying a Prohibited Weapon, Battery 2 on a Police Officer, No Vehicle License, Driving on Suspended or Revoked Driver’s License, No Insurance, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Meth), Resisting Arrest, and Tampering with

Evidence. Judge Ron Hunter set his bond at \$100,000 cash only bond.



Jerry Reese

Special election early voting begins

Early voting for the Aug. 14 Harrisburg Special Election will begin Tuesday, Aug. 7, and continue through Monday, Aug. 13, at the Poinsett County Annex Building located at 110 N. East Street in Harrisburg (across from the court-

house). The hours for early voting are 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Anyone with questions regarding early voting may contact the County Clerk’s office at 870-578-4410.

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Celebrity Waiters Dinner



The Trumann Area Fine Arts Council held their annual Celebrity Waiters Dinner Tuesday, July 24.



Musicians from the Andy Griffith table provided entertainment with a couple songs.



Barbara Lewallen talks with the Andy Griffith table.



Danny Zuko from Grease makes his entrance.

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Corey Clairday

Madison Stewart, right, received the Jules Martin Music scholarship. Tommy Gairhan presented her with the scholarship.



The Macho Man Randy Savage auctions off items to close out the night.



Paydon Bradley, director of the Trumann Fine Arts production of Smoke on the Water, greets the crowd.



Fire Chief Revis Kemper serves in full dress uniform.



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Perspective

The world is watching U.S.-China competition

Recently, I met with three very different groups of people: one was made up of Brazilian government officials, another of Vietnamese legislators and the third of midlevel U.S. Army officers. A key topic that each group wanted to discuss was the competition between the U.S. and China for world influence.

The focus of their interest was the different American and Chinese models for stability and development. They wanted to understand the shortcomings and strengths in the two societies, and how they are organized to deal with the challenges ahead.

This competition is, of course, enormously important to the future. But what these meetings brought home to me is that the world is watching to see which side, and which model, will prevail.

There is a lot at stake here, and not just for Americans and Chinese. And we in the United States need to be much more alert to the fact that the world is paying attention. We have to recognize what is at stake — fundamentally, world leadership — and focus on making our system as effective as possible.

This is a central challenge that we face as a nation, and we must not be distracted from it by lesser challenges such as our debates over immigration or even our relationship with North Korea. The U.S.-China relationship is going to define international politics in the 21st century.

It is clear that the rivalry is growing more intense. China is a formidable competitor. Its mixed system of state directed capitalism has produced remarkable results, such as, for example, lifting over 300 million people out of poverty in one generation. The world's leading authoritarian power, China has clamped down hard on civil society and the rights of minorities. It suppresses dissent. Government power is overwhelmingly concentrated in a few leaders of the Communist Party.

China has the world's second-largest economy after the United States. Its economic model is heavily subsidized and rigidly controlled state capitalism. China aggressively acquires technology and intellectual property, by legal means or otherwise. Sometimes it requires the transfer of data and information to Chinese enterprises as a condition of access to the country's vast consumer market.

There is a sense in this country that China is becoming even more authoritarian under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, who recently persuaded the National People's Congress to remove term limits from the Chinese constitution, allowing him to rule indefinitely.

China's foreign policy is increasingly assertive. It is pressing claims to territory in the South China Sea and establishing or proposing military bases in Africa and the South Pacific.

There was a time when many world observers predicted Chinese emergence would hit a wall, but that has not occurred. China has adjusted to changing conditions; it has avoided chaos and decline. It has adopted needed reforms without weakening its authoritarian one-party rule.

The United States, by contrast, is the world's foremost capitalist economic power. We are a world leader, although arguably not as dominant as we once were.

Our system is characterized by free markets and representative democracy. We believe government power should be spread and balanced, with a strong executive, an active Congress and an independent judiciary. We profess that democracy and capitalism go hand in hand and have propelled the country forward. Our foreign policy has promoted democracy, liberalization and human rights.

We have had a remarkably resilient history and have faced great challenges, by and large, successfully. But we face formidable challenges, and signs our system is under stress are not hard to find.

Despite the competition, war between China and the U.S. is unlikely. We have many areas of cooperation, and there is enormous interaction between the two countries. Both countries gain a lot from cooperation with the other, including lowered tensions, economic growth and stability. We share concerns about the threat of North Korea and the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

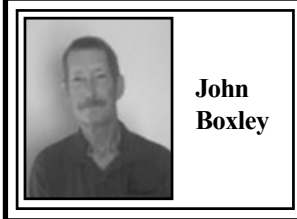
But we are in intense competition, and a key test of our two systems will be whether each succeeding generation enjoys a higher standard of living than its predecessor.

While the U.S.-China relationship has grown more cordial in some ways, the competition is both regional and international. We compete for petroleum and other resources, for access to ports and waterways, and for influence with governments and international organizations.

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Lee H. Hamilton



John Boxley

Not that you asked

One way that President Trump has made himself the envy of his predecessors is in how he handles the press. In the early 1970s in the wake of the Pentagon Papers and Watergate, the press and the public didn't accept anything the government or a politician said as the truth without question anymore. It has driven every President since Nixon crazy. Somehow Trump has been able to reverse that. His base believes anything he says as the truth, and any negative report about him as "fake news."

One reason for that may be that for many of today's voters, Vietnam and Watergate are ancient history, barely remembered, if at all. What can't be explained is why so many people believe this President, even though they also know that he lies almost every time he opens his mouth. Whatever it is, if he could bottle it, he really would become the richest man in the world.

Regardless of your opinion of the press, here are three things that we should all be able to agree on. One is that the relationship between the President and the media is adversarial. It's supposed to be. The President has secrets he has to keep and secrets that we should know about, and the press is determined to reveal them. Another is that every reporter is always looking for the "big" story. When they think they've found it, they all go for it like sharks when they smell blood in the water. Lastly, no matter how careful a news organization is, at some point they are going to get a story wrong.

The difference in them is in how they react when they get it wrong.

During the 2016 election, both CNN and Fox News reported stories that they later had to retract. The way each organization handled the problem tells you a lot about them.

The CNN story was a report linking a Trump campaign with a Russian investment group. Within 24 hours it became apparent that the report was false. CNN immediately retracted the story and issued an apology to the campaign official. Three people who put the story together had to resign. CNN launched an internal investigation to find out how their policies broke down. As a result, new more stringent oversight has applied to every story about the Trump campaign and Russia.

In the other case, Fox News picked up a report on far right websites claiming that the murder of Seth Rich, who worked for the Democratic Central Committee, was an assassination pulled off by either the DNC or the Clinton campaign. The reasoning being that Rich had been the source of the hacked emails that Wikileaks had released. Again, within 24 hours the police ruled the murder the result of a botched robbery and had been elaborated on by conspiracy theorists.

In spite of that, Fox News continued to report the bogus story for six days, mainly on Fox and Friends and Hannity, before retracting it.

Why is Mueller handing off key cases?

Something has been going on with Robert Mueller's investigation of people thought to have played significant roles in the Trump-Russia affair. The special counsel, assigned to investigate "any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump," has been farming out seemingly important parts of the investigation to offices outside his own.

In April, Mueller referred an investigation of close Trump associate Michael Cohen to federal prosecutors in New York. This month, the U.S. attorney in Washington — not Mueller — indicted Maria Butina on charges of being an unregistered Russian agent. And also this month, when Mueller charged 12 Russian intelligence officers with hacking Democratic Party and Hillary Clinton campaign offices, he immediately turned the case over to the Justice Department's National Security Division for prosecution.

Cohen is a key figure in theories of Trump-Russia collusion. In former British spy Christopher Steele's notorious dossier, Cohen was accused of holding secret talks with Russian officials in August 2016 to discuss "how

deniable cash payments were to be made to hackers who had worked in Europe under Kremlin direction against the CLINTON campaign and various contingencies for covering up these operations and Moscow's secret liaison with the TRUMP team more generally."

If that's not collusion, nothing is. Such activities, if they occurred, would be at the center of Mueller's jurisdiction. And yet Mueller handed Cohen off to the Southern District of New York.

Butina figures in theories that a wealthy Russian banker "illegally funneled money to the National Rifle Association to help Donald Trump win the presidency," in the words of a McClatchy report from January.

Again, such activities, if they actually took place, would clearly be in Mueller's bailiwick.

Finally, the indictment of the 12 Russian intelligence agents goes to the very heart of Russian attempts to interfere with the U.S. presidential campaign, the investigation of which is Mueller's responsibility. Yet once Mueller indicted them, he handed the case over to the Justice Department.

What is going on? I asked a few former federal prosecutors if they saw any messages



Byron York

in Mueller's moves. The takeaway: These aren't encouraging developments for those longing for a big collusion/conspiracy/coordination indictment from Mueller.

"I think it proves that little, if any, of what Mueller's team has generated so far is linked to the special counsel's mandate," said Former Prosecutor 1. "Everything that is public so far could, should and typically is handled by either United States Attorney offices of jurisdiction, National Security Division attorneys or even Criminal Division attorneys at main Justice."

"I think Mueller doesn't have anything on collusion," said Former Prosecutor 2. "I think we would have seen it. I don't see anything that looks like there's a crime lurking — maybe he's got eight indictments under seal, but to me, it makes no sense. All of this says to me there is no there there."

Former Prosecutor 3 said the investigations passed off indicate the subject matter is

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GOP to Trump: Tariffs are stupid

Of all the inane and inaccurate things to come out of President Trump's mouth, this March tweet was one of the worst: "Trade wars are good and easy to win." He recently doubled down on that foolishness, tweeting "Tariffs are the greatest!"

Trump is testing that theory now by initiating trade skirmishes — if not full-blown wars — with China, Europe, Canada and Mexico. And early returns clearly indicate that the president is dead wrong. His trade policies are already causing major ruptures with traditional allies, threatening the economic boom and jeopardizing his party's prospects in the fall elections.

Many fellow Republicans agree with Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska who told USA Today, "Tariffs are stupid. ... They're tax increases on Americans, they don't work, and apparently we're going to see more of this."

Even the president's closest allies are getting very nervous. The Senate voted 88 to 11 in favor of a nonbinding resolution that urges a greater role for Congress in setting trade policy, and support is growing for mandatory restrictions on the president.

Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, a Trump loyalist, wrote to the president: "I strongly urge

you to reconsider the reckless guidance you have received on trade policy from some of your advisers." Hatch heads the Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over trade, and he warned the White House, "If the administration continues forward with its over-reliance on tariffs, I will work to advance legislation to curtail presidential trade authority."

Other Republicans fear that economic damage will lead to political damage in the fall. GOP strategist Kevin Madden says, "There is a significant risk that the benefits of tax reform and the overall good feelings about the economy could all be negated by the actions on tariffs."

Trump has already imposed 25 percent tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, and targeted \$50 billion worth of Chinese goods for increased levies. He's also threatening to boost penalties on up to \$500 billion of Chinese imports and take "tremendous retribution" against European automakers.

Business leaders have reacted with almost universal hostility. The Washington Post filed a report from Columbus, Indiana — the hometown of Vice President Mike Pence as well as the headquarters of Cummins Inc., a manufacturer of large indus-



Cokey and Steve Roberts

trial equipment that depends heavily on the export market.

"I'm very worried," said Tom Lineberger, the company's chief executive. That's because higher tariffs hurt Cummins in two ways: by raising the cost of raw materials like steel, and by inviting retaliation against its finished products sold abroad.

Harold Force, who runs a construction company in Columbus that employs 250 people, is already coping with rising prices on many items he buys, and has canceled plans to expand his workforce.

"I think this is much bigger than people think," he told the Post. "When it started, it was a shock. I thought, 'Is this really happening?'" Then one of our biggest projects in recent times was canceled because of steel prices. It's damaging in so many ways. Tariffs have put blood in the water."

There's blood in the water in farm country, as well, since

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Geographically, the rivalry is centered on the American military and economic presence in East and South Asia and on which country will have hegemony in the region.

But fundamentally this is a competition of systems and ideas, one that could go on for decades. And for Americans, the challenge is as much internal as it is external. The challenge is to show that we can make our model work better. The world is watching.

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“outside (Mueller’s) jurisdiction.”

Some former prosecutors drew a distinction between the Cohen and Butina cases, in which Mueller handed off the investigation to others, and the 12 Russians case, in which Mueller made the indictment himself and then handed off the prosecution. That could be because Mueller realized that his team, staffed with investigators, could not manage a complex prosecution in the courtroom.

“They don’t have the bandwidth to handle a highly technical case like that,” said Former Prosecutor 2. From Former Prosecutor 3: “Good investigators aren’t good litigators, and very often the best courtroom lawyers aren’t the best subject matter experts.”

It has been widely observed that there is no way the 12 Russians — government intelligence officers located in Russia — will ever come to the United States for trial. “There is absolutely no chance any of the Russian officials charged will ever see the inside of an American courtroom,” Andrew McCarthy, another former federal prosecutor, wrote in National Review. “The indictment is a strictly political document by which the special counsel seeks to justify the existence of his superfluous investigation.” Other legal types, including yet another Justice Depart-

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ment veteran, said moving the 12 Russians’ case to a highly secretive part of the department is a good way to make the case disappear. “If Mueller kept it in his office, people would ask what’s going on with the case,” said the veteran. “But when he gives it to the National Security Division, it falls off the face of the earth. It’s a way of burying it.”

Taken together, none of that points to the big collusion/conspiracy/coordination indictment of Resistance dreams. Such an indictment might still be on the way, of course — no one on the outside has a full picture of what is going on inside Mueller’s office — but the signs don’t seem to be pointing toward it.

Finally, all the handed-off cases raise questions about whether a special prosecutor was needed at all. Mueller clearly felt there was no need for a special prosecutor to pursue Cohen or Butina — and one could argue that the Butina case, at least, was closer to Mueller’s core mission than the Paul Manafort prosecution. And if the 12 Russians matter, a case that goes to the heart of the Trump-Russia affair, can be fairly tried by DOJ prosecutors, it’s reasonable to ask: Why was a special counsel appointed in the first place?

(Byron York is chief political correspondent for The Washington Examiner.)

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finals. They both will be tough opponents. Dropping down gets us away from 4A powerhouses Brookland and Westside,” Carpino said.

The team attended a camp recently in Cape Girardeau, Mo., and had a good time. “We had fundraisers for this event, and the community really supported up as enough money was raised to cover hotel rooms, camp fees, and to take the girls to a water park,” Carpino said.

Carpino also talked about the starting of a pee wee volleyball program for grades 3-

6 that will be run through the volleyball program at the school. “We won’t travel for any games this year as the girls will just play games against each other,” Carpino said. The Swarm JO teams will do another year to further help the players after volleyball season ends. “We had 30 girls on four teams last year, and the girls had a good time.”

“I just want to say thanks to our community for supporting both the softball and volleyball programs,” Carpino said.



State Representative Johnny Rye

From the office of Johnny Rye

Of all the gifts you’ll give your child, few will be more important than a college education. But affording that education requires many families to make a plan.

On average, college tuition triples every 17 years. Is it worth it? Absolutely. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, college graduates will earn an average of \$1 million more over their lifetime than a high school grad.

This week, we want to tell you about a new app to make saving for college even easier.

The office of the Arkansas Treasurer of the State recently announced the launch of the new Arkansas 529 GIFT Plan app. This is the first state-run 529 plan in the country to launch a smartphone app.

The new Arkansas 529 GIFT Plan smartphone app allows account owners to:

- *View account balances.
- *View transaction history.
- *Get deposit and security alerts.
- *Stay up to date on news concerning their plans.

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American agricultural exports amounted to \$140 billion last year. And China’s threats to retaliate against U.S. soybean growers has “caused the market to collapse in recent months,” reports The New York Times.

“That really makes farmers nervous. We’ve all got bills to pay,” said Ron Moore, an Illinois farmer who heads the American Soybean Association.

The blowback has been so fierce Trump offered a \$12 billion bailout package for farmers. But Republicans like Sen. Rand Paul immediately denounced it. “If tariffs punish farmers, the answer is not welfare for farmers,” said Paul. “The answer is to remove tariffs.”

Perhaps most alarming is Trump’s threat to impose tariffs on foreign-made cars and car parts. The president displays a towering ignorance about how the international market really works, with American companies depending heavily on foreign sources for key components of every car they make.

A study by the Center for Automotive Research estimates that Trump’s proposed tariffs would add from \$980 to \$4,400 to the price of each American-made vehicle — a devastating development for carmakers and car buyers alike. As Republican Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, a big auto-producing state, put it, “These tariffs are dangerous. They are going to

The app will also help the Arkansas 529 GIFT Plan share pertinent information with account owners.

529 plans were established to help parents and grandparents save money for college that can be used at schools across the country and some institutions abroad. (The name “529” refers to the Internal Revenue Code section that discusses this type of college savings tool.)

Arkansas taxpayers can deduct up to \$5,000 (up to \$10,000 for married couples) of their Arkansas 529 GIFT Plan contributions from their Arkansas adjusted gross income. If you are a resident of Arkansas, your earnings are state-tax free if withdrawn to pay for qualified higher education expenses.

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cost us jobs and lower our family incomes.”

Dangerous. Stupid. Reckless. And that’s just what Republicans are calling Trump’s trade policies.

He won’t listen. He thinks he knows better. But obviously he doesn’t. And the “blood in the water” continues to spread.

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Pond turnover and fish die off

By **CRAIG ALLEN**
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The most common cause of major fish kills in ponds is low dissolved oxygen. Minor fish kills in the form of a few dead fish per day are usually due to water quality problems other than dissolved oxygen.

Turnovers are a common cause of low dissolved oxygen in ponds and can potentially lead to fish kills. Warm water is less dense and floats on top of cold water. This physical barrier to mixing, called stratification, is very strong and can essentially lock cold water in the bottom of the pond until the weather cools.

Planktonic algae bloom die offs are another common cause of low dissolved oxygen in ponds. Planktonic algae is often the primary producer of oxygen during the day and the primary consumer of oxygen at night in productive ponds. These blooms are highly susceptible to water quality changes and viruses. This can lead to sudden and rapid planktonic algae dieoffs, resulting in large amounts of decomposing organic matter and insufficient oxygen production. Ponds will abruptly change color.

The first sign of low dissolved oxygen is fish “piping” at the water surface. Piping fish are sucking on the uppermost layers of water that contain the most oxygen.

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No apology was ever issued. There was no internal investigation into their operation to see how the story got on the air. No one had to resign. In addition, while Hannity stopped talking about the story on his show, he continued to promote it on his radio show and website.

While both CNN and Fox News have good journalists on staff, any objective obser-

Piping fish that startle and dive when approached may be saved if aeration is provided quickly. Those that remain at the surface and lie listlessly when approached are close to death.

Signs of oxygen depletion include:

*Fish piping at the surface, especially in the morning.

*A sudden fish die off, especially in the morning.

*Most of the fish are large. Factors that contribute to oxygen problems:

*Dense planktonic algae blooms or excessive plant growth.

*Sudden planktonic algae dieoffs.

*Improper herbicide treatments.

*High water temperatures.

*Hot, calm and cloudy weather.

*Strong storms triggering turnovers.

*Excessive stocking and feeding.

*Input of organic material such as hay, cottonseed meal, manure or sewage.

The only reliable means to quickly combat low dissolved oxygen in ponds is aeration. Some aerator designs work better than others, and there are differences in cost.

For more complete information see your County Extension office and ask for publication MP360 Farm Pond Management for Recreational Fishing at 870-578-4490.

vation of the two stories would conclude that CNN handled the situation much better than Fox did. Yet, in spite of that, more people watch Fox than CNN. Come to think of it, Trump may not have some magic formula for handling the press. It may be that too many people look for news that tells them what they want to hear instead of the truth.

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Lifestyles

Record number of diplomas to be conferred at ASU

For the third straight year, a record number of diplomas will be awarded to students during Arkansas State University's 2018 summer commencement ceremony, Friday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. in the First National Bank Arena, 217 Olympic Drive, in Jonesboro.

Chancellor Kelly Damphousse will confer 1,231 diplomas upon students representing and the College of Agriculture, the Neil Griffin College of Business, College of Education and Behavioral Science, College of Engineering and Computer Science, College of Liberal Arts and Communication, College of Nursing and Health Professions, and College of Sciences and Mathematics. This number exceeds the previous record of 1,096 in 2017 and 952 awarded in the summer of 2016.

Ethan Cooper of Portageville, Mo., will address the gathering on behalf of the graduating class. He is

receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and is graduating summa cum laude. He is a student in the Honors Program and a six-time member of the Chancellor's List.

Dr. Jacob Caton, associate professor of philosophy, will bring remarks on behalf of the faculty. Caton is the winner of the Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching and is known for using an "on call" system in an honors philosophy course, making students randomly responsible for leading class discussion on a given day, and "science in the news" to help create more interest for non-science students.

Following the commencement ceremony, there is a reception for all graduates and families at the north mezzanine with punch and cookies.

Arkansas State's commencement ceremony will be streamed live at AState.edu/livestream.



Marked Tree Senior Life Center Happenings

By Joan Campbell

We are having fun at the Marked Tree Senior Center. We wish you were here.

On July 23, Shirley took some of us bowling and out to eat. Those who went bowling were Joan Campbell and Inez Ivy. The others that went were Miss Ruth, Miss Irma, Carol Sue, and Shirley drove the bus. We went to Barnhill's to eat.

On July 24, we went to Trumann to play bean bag baseball. They won the first game, and we won the second game. We have so much fun with them, and Cindy is a great host to us. Those from Marked Tree that played were Inez, Janet, Joan, Barbara, Carol Sue, John, Miss Irma, Miss Ruth, Polly, and Carol Crum drove the bus.

While I was in Jonesboro on Saturday, I was waiting at

a stop light to turn onto Caraway Road. The lady in front of me waved to the man that was taking donations to come over to her car. She appeared to take money out of her purse to give to the man, but she asked him a question, and he shook his head to say no. She started to drive off, and he shook his head and looked toward the sky (I don't think he was praying). He then began to try to kick her car, but she was able to drive away.

The birthdays for the month of July are Inez Ivy, Virgle Howard and Johnny Meeks. We had birthday cake and ice cream on July 30. We also had bingo on that day.

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

The Soldier

A poem by SHIRLEY LONG

Duty called, the soldier answered
To a land across the sea.
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fighting for you and me.
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to the cause
Giving freedom to one and
all.
With his faithful friends by
his side,

Giving honor to the ones
who have died.
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stands great and tall.
But without our soldiers, it
would surely fall.
Our faithful veterans who
no longer serve
We give you the honor you
so greatly deserve.
So remember soldier, as you
fight brave and true,
That the land of America, is
very proud of you.



WWII veteran Paul Lux

Boozman recognizes 100-year-old WWII Army veteran Paul Lux

U.S. Senator John Boozman recognized the service and sacrifice of WWII Army veteran Paul Lux in "Salute to Veterans," a series recognizing the military service of Arkansans.

Lux was born on Dec. 21, 1917, and raised on his family's farm in Subiaco where they grew cotton, corn, wheat and grain. Wanting to experience more than what farm life had to offer, he joined the military and embarked on an adventure he still reflects on with humor and gratitude.

In 1939, Lux enlisted in the Army. "I just thought I'd like the Army. And I did. I loved the Army," Lux said.

He wasn't fond of the drilling so he sought a cooking position and was assigned to be first cook. "I never cooked a day in my life. I couldn't boil water," he laughed. His on-the-job training taught him well as he worked his way up to mess sergeant.

Lux has great memories of the friends that he made while serving in uniform. He fondly recalls the fun he had with his pal Joseph McNamara, a supply sergeant. "He and I had a party every night," he laughed.

Letting loose was necessary to cope with the reality of the situation Lux and his fellow troops were in. "I could hear the guns shooting and going off. I was writing a letter home. I figured that's probably my last letter. The next day we went into combat. That was rough."

Lux recalled the generosity of a Belgium woman and her

daughters who gladly accepted coffee from the mess truck. In exchange for this rare luxury, the family gave Lux and his friends a private bed to sleep in.

The enthusiasm Lux had for his time in uniform continues to show more than seven decades after he was discharged. He laughed a lot as he recalled his memories with McNamara and his fellow service members, including a friend from Jonesboro who made the mistake of taking off his shoes before falling asleep on a train. "While he was asleep I sold his shoes," Lux laughed.

After his discharge, Lux returned to Subiaco where he met his wife Ann. The couple raised six children in Fort Smith where Lux worked for Railway Express.

"I appreciate Paul Lux's service to our nation. Military service has a different effect on every servicemember, but Paul's attitude about his time in uniform and the experiences he had still resonate with him strongly over a half-century later. His memories of his military service are an important part of his own legacy as well as our country's history and I am pleased to be able to collect, preserve and share his stories," Boozman said.

Lux's entire interview was submitted by Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge's office to the Veterans History Project, an initiative of the Library of Congress's American Folklife Center to collect and retain the oral histories of our nation's veterans.

Municipal candidate filing begins

Filing for municipal candidates is currently underway. As of Wednesday, the following candidates have filed to run for office.

In Trumann, incumbent Barbara Lewallen and Sheila Walters have filed to run for Mayor, and Hazel Riley has filed for Alderman Ward 2 Position 3.

In Harrisburg, Wayne King has filed for Mayor, incumbent Bobby Austin has filed for Alderman Ward 1 Position 1, Bernard Blancato has filed for Alderman Ward 2 Position 1, and incumbent Jeff Spiegel

has filed for Alderman Ward 3 Position 1.

Incumbent Charles Glover has filed for Mayor of Tyronza. In Waldenburg, William Wood has filed for Mayor, and Lottie Hall has filed for Alderman Position 1. And three have filed for Mayor of Weiner: Tyler Sitzter, Michael Frasier, and Joe Trotter.

The filing period ends Aug. 17.

Harrisburg food pantry holding bake sale

The Bread of Life Food Pantry will hold its annual bake sale in conjunction with the Poinsett County Rice Luncheon from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Harrisburg First Baptist Church Glissen Center, 201 W. Jackson Street. Luncheon tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at the door. Bake sale items are available on a first come, first served basis. All donations are welcomed and appreciated.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry is a ministry of the Harrisburg First United Methodist Church and is financially supported through donations of the Harrisburg Ministerial Alliance, local churches, and private citizens. The Bread of Life Food Pantry is staffed and operated by a dedicated group of volunteers who give over 2,000 hours of their time annually to serve fellow citizens in need.

Monthly, the Bread of Life Food Pantry serves approximately 554 Poinsett County residents with an average of 7,750 pounds of food at a cost

of \$1,054. The annual Poinsett County Rice Luncheon Bake Sale is the Bread of Life Food Pantry's largest monetary fundraising event each year. All proceeds raised from this event go directly to the purchase of perishable and non-perishable food items.

For 25 years, the Poinsett County Extension Homemakers Club have hosted the Rice Luncheon during the Poinsett County Fair week. Proceeds from the luncheon fund the service club activities throughout the year, such as providing handmade pillows for the use of home health patients, handmade hair turbans for cancer patients, and wheelchair bags for local nursing home residents.

Anyone who knows of someone in need of food or wanting more information should contact the Bread of Life Food Pantry at 870-578-5407. For information on the Rice Luncheon or the Poinsett County Extension Homemakers Club contact the Poinsett County Extension Office at 870-578-4490.

Move with Balance program offered

A healthy-aging program titled Move with Balance is being offered by East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging. Classes are held each Tuesday from 11-11:30 a.m. at the Agency office in Jonesboro, 2005 East Highland. Move with Balance helps participants prevent falls, enhances cognitive skills and helps improve quality of life.

The program provides both upper and lower body strengthening, agility, balance exercises, brain and body activities as well as vi-

sion-sharpening exercises.

Fun games and activities geared toward older adults are used to challenge the brain to help maintain and improve cognitive function. With regular exercise in this prescribed fashion, participants may become more confident in movement.

For more information, contact Alexa Gann, 930-2236 or 1-800-680-6950. You may also email agann@eaaaa.org. To refer a senior to home care, call 800-467-3278 or visit www.e4aonline.com.

Trumann Senior Life "On the Go"

By HAZEL RILEY

This week we had a council meeting, Drums Alive, and arts and crafts. Dominoes everyday and the puzzle table is always open. Bingo on Thursday and lunch served at 10:30 a.m.

Last week we played basketball at Wynne. We won one

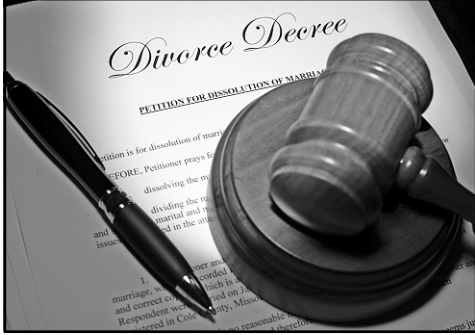
and lost one. We played bean bag baseball with Marked Tree. We won one and lost one. We played Harrisburg and lost both games. I guess we need to practice more! No trip to the world series for us!

Have a great weekend, and won't you join us here at 351 Campbell?

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East Arkansas Area Agency on Agency meetings scheduled

All meetings will be held at the Agency's offices at 2005 E. Highland Drive in Jonesboro.

Caregiver Support Group

The Family Caregiver Support Program of East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging will hold monthly scheduled meetings for residents of Craighead and Poinsett County Monday, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m. The group will also meet with Caring Spouses of NEA on Aug. 21 at noon.

The support group provides those who are caring for elderly or disabled adults the opportunity to meet others who share the same responsibilities. Groups are run by professionals and can help caregivers devise productive strategies for dealing with

stress that may arise around difficult decisions. The group provides education on diseases and conditions, stress and managing the care of others, available resources, emotional support and a quarterly newsletter.

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

Agency Golden Beats Class

East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging is hosting a rhythmic therapy class. A Golden

Beats group will meet at Agency offices each Friday at 9 a.m.

"Golden Beats stimulate people of all ages, healthy or ill," said Cheryl Hamm, an Agency program director. Drum therapy is an ancient practice and utilizes a combination of dance and drumming to promote movement through rhythm.

"The rhythmical patterns of the drum increases synchronization of brain and wave activity which in turn provides feeling improved mental awareness and self-acceptance," said Hamm. Golden Beats is specially designed for the senior population.

For more information, contact Cheryl Hamm, 870-930-2226.

Exercise Class

The Arthritis Foundation is providing an exercise class called Land Exercise with the staff of East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging. Classes will be held each Monday and Wednesday. Classes are avail-

able from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The Foundation's exercise program provides enjoyable, safe exercises to help maintain or improve performance in activities of daily living and self-care. Classes encourage positive social interaction

among participants and hope to decrease depression and improve mood.

Classes are free. For more information or to register, call Alexa Gann, 930-2236 or 800-680-6950. Email agann@eaaaa.org.

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Azariah (Uzziah) King of Judah
II Kings 15: II Chronicles 26; Isaiah 6

The people of Judah took Azariah (Uzziah), who was sixteen years old, and made him king in place of his father Amaziah. He rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah after Amaziah rested with his fathers. Uzziah generally did what was right in the eyes of the LORD; however the high places were not removed and the people continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense there. He sought God with the help of Zechariah. Zechariah instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the LORD, God gave him success. Uzziah went to war against the Philistines and broke down the walls of Gath, Jabneh and Ashdod. He then rebuilt towns near Ashdod and elsewhere among the Philistines. God blessed his efforts against the Philistines and the Arabs who lived in Gur Baal and the Meunites. The Ammonites brought tribute to Uzziah. With the gaining of power his fame spread as far as the border of Egypt. Uzziah built towers at the gates and along the wall in Jerusalem and also in the desert. He dug cisterns and had many people working in the fields and vineyards. There was a well-trained army that was well equipped. In Jerusalem he made machines designed by skillful men for use on the towers and on the corner defenses to shoot arrows and hurl large stones.

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Obituaries

Velma Byram

WILLIFORD - Mrs. Velma Louise Byram, 89, passed away Wednesday, July 25, 2018, in Williford. She was born Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Savannah, Tenn., to Carl and Ocie O'Neal. Velma married Rev. Bill Byram, and they enjoyed 49 years together until his death in 1994. Mrs. Byram was a former employee for the Singer Company in Trumann for over 30 years. She later became grandma to numerous children working at Ms. Ruth's Day Care Center in Trumann for several years. She loved seeing the children she took care of grown up and visited with them reminiscing about their childhood. For several years, Velma finished her working career doing demos of food for stores in local areas around Trumann and Jonesboro. Velma knew and loved many friends that she would visit with during her work days. She was a dedicated pastor's wife for over 30 years. As a devoted church member of the First United Pentecostal Church in Trumann, she continued many of her life long friendships attending church regularly. Velma was a devoted mother and grandmother. She raised her kids as a working mother and pastor's wife, never faltered on any of her home duties, and always made sure her family had everything they needed. Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Billy Byram; one son, Billy Wayne Byram; two sisters, three brothers and her parents, William Carl and Ocie Morton O'Neal.



Velma Byram

She is survived by one son, Bobby Glen (Becky) Byram of Williford; two daughters, Beverly Gail (Kelly) Major of Cotter and Judy Delene (Eddie) Webb of Collierville, Tenn.; three sisters, Sherry Rushing and Betty Smith, both of West Memphis, and Peggy Littleton of Texarkana, Ark. She had seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Velma will be greatly missed by a host of family and friends.

A service to celebrate Velma's life was held July 29, at the First United Pentecostal Church in Trumann with Rev. Murray Ray and Rev. Ricky Hart officiating. A private family burial was held at the Nettleton Cemetery in Jonesboro on July 30.

Pallbearers were Timmy Byram, Bob Byram, Koda Smith, Zachary Webb, Bobby Byram, III, and Billy McCune. Honorary pallbearers were Dustin Osment, Dillon Osment, Austin Byram, Josh Byram, Robert McCune and Brandon Byram.

Memorials can be made to the First United Pentecostal Church or charitable organizations of choice.

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

Jennifer Causor

MEMPHIS, TENN. - Mrs. Jennifer Ann Long Causor departed this life Sunday, July 8, 2018, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. She was born Friday, Oct. 5, 1979, in West Memphis. Jennifer was a senior instructional designer with MAA.

She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas "Tommy" Long.

She is survived by her husband, Eder Causor of the home; her mother, Linda Gann Long of Marion; one sister, Cynthia Kilzer of Marion, and her dog, Roland.

A memorial service was held



Jennifer Causor

July 29 at Dixon Gallery and Gardens in Memphis, Tenn.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Tennessee Organ Donor Services, 1600 Hayes Street, Suite 300, Nashville, TN 37203.

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

Curtis Dupree

MARKED TREE - Curtis Dupree, 70, died July 27, 2018, at his home. He was born Feb. 19, 1948, in Marked Tree to Earley and Freddie B. Mays Dupree, Sr. Mr. Dupree was a retired carpenter, a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, and of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Stanley Dupree and Allen Dupree; and one sister, Carla Loveless.

Mr. Dupree is survived by his longtime companion, Betty Ann Warren of Marked Tree; three sons, Paris Wayne Meredith of Blytheville, Curtis (Jeyon) Cole of Phoenix, Ariz., and Fredrick (Melissa) Meredith of Trumann; four

daughters, Sonja Meredith of Las Vegas, Nev., Helen (Tommy) Phillips of Chicago, Ill., Angela (George) Springer of Little Rock and Pearlsha Coleman of Jonesboro; one brother, Earley Dupree, Jr. of Memphis, Tenn.; one sister, Sonja Walls of St. Louis, Mo.; 25 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday, Aug. 2, from 11 a.m. to noon with the funeral at noon at Wilson Funeral Home in Tyronza with Rev. Willie Brown officiating. Burial will be at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in Birdeye, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home in Tyronza.

Elizabeth Whitehead

TRUMANN - Mrs. Elizabeth Marion Whitehead, 76, passed away on Friday, July 27, 2018, at Flo & Phil Jones Hospice House in Jonesboro. She was a pharmacy technician and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sondra Stotts Ader, and her parents, James J. and Mettie Lucinda Render Hollis.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Roy Whitehead of the home; one daughter, Sara (Blake) Culbreath of Jonesboro; one son, Jimmy (Kathy) Stotts of Trumann; one sister, Irma Kyle of Denison, Texas; six grandchildren, Adam Stotts, Johnathan (Stephanie) Stotts, Kailyn Lamberson, Christian Culbreath, Callie (Neiko) Rawlings and Cainan Culbreath; and two great-



Elizabeth Whitehead

grandchildren, Alma Stotts and Hollis Stotts.

A celebration of her life was held July 30 at Thompson Funeral Home with Bro. Ricky Dobbins and Bro. Austin Missey officiating. A private graveside service was held July 31 at Jonesboro Memorial Park Cemetery in Jonesboro.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Flo & Phil Jones Hospice House in Jonesboro.

Online guest book can be signed at www.thompsonfuneralhome.net.

Choosing an executor for your will

Dear Savvy Senior,

What options can you recommend for finding a good executor for my will? At one time I thought one of my two kids could do it, but they are both financially inept and would probably make a mess of things.

Looking for Options

Dear Looking,

Choosing an executor—the person or institution you put in charge of administering your estate and carrying out your final wishes—is one of the most important decisions in preparing a will.

A good executor can help ensure the prompt, accurate distribution of your possessions with minimal problems. Some of the duties required include: filing court papers to start the probate process; managing your estate's assets; using your estate's funds to pay debts, taxes and bills; handling details like terminating credit cards, and notifying banks and government agencies like Social Security and the post office of the death; preparing and filing final income tax returns; and distributing assets to the beneficiaries named in the will.

Given all the responsibility, the ideal candidate should be someone who is honest, dependable, well organized, good with paperwork and vigilant about meeting deadlines.

Who to Choose

Most people think first of naming a family member, especially a spouse or child, as executor. If, however, you don't have an obvious family member to choose, you may want to ask a trusted friend, but be sure to choose someone in good health or younger than you who will likely be around after you're gone.

Also, if your executor of choice happens to live in another state, you'll need to check your state's law to see if it imposes any special requirements. Some states require an out-of-state executor to be a family member or a beneficiary, some require a bond to protect your heirs in



Savvy Senior
Jim Miller

case of mismanagement, and some require the appointment of an in-state agent.

Also keep

in mind that if the person you choose needs help settling your estate they can always call on an expert like an attorney or tax account to guide them through the process, with your estate picking up the cost.

If, however, you don't have a friend or relative you feel comfortable with, you could name a third party executor like a bank, trust company or a professional who has experience dealing with estates. If you need help locating a pro, the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (NAEPC.org) and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA.org) are great resources that provide directories on their websites to help you find someone.

Executor Fees

Most family members and close friends, especially if they're beneficiaries, serve for free because inherited money isn't taxable. But if you opt for a third party executor it will cost your estate. Each state has laws that govern how an executor is paid—either based on a percentage of the estate, a flat fee or an hourly rate.

Get Approval

Whoever you choose to serve as your executor, be sure you get their OK first before naming him or her in your will. And once you've made your choice, go over your financial details in your will with that person, and let him or her know where you keep all your important documents and financial information. This will make it easier on them after you're gone.

For more information on the duties of an executor, get a copy of the book "The Executor's Guide: Settling A Loved One's Estate or Trust" for \$28 at NOLO.com.

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.

Area Agency on Aging offers support for spouses

Caring Spouses of NEA Support Group will hold their monthly meetings Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m. The group will also meet with the Caregivers Support Group on Aug. 21 at noon at East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging, 2005 E. Highland Drive, Jonesboro. For persons who are caring for a spouse who is disabled or ill, this is an opportunity to join a helping network of people who share the same challenges.

The group meetings offer peer-to-peer support, educa-

tion on health care issues and the opportunity to discuss special challenges and unique issues faced daily in caring for aging or disabled spouses/partners. Participants meet monthly to share stories, coping skills, provide information and emotional support to others.

Area caregivers are encouraged to attend. There is no fee. For more information, call 870-930-2222 or 800-680-6950. To refer a senior to home care, call 800-467-3278 or visit www.e4aonline.com.

Public testing of voting equipment is Aug. 2

The Poinsett County Board of Election Commissioners will be conducting public testing of the election

media and voting equipment to be used in the City of Harrisburg Special Election (which will be held Tuesday,

Aug. 14) on Thursday, Aug. 2, at 5 p.m. in the conference area of the Poinsett County Annex building at 110 N. East

Street, Harrisburg (located across from the courthouse). The public is invited to attend.



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By Sherri Holliman

Stop the bullying

Victims of bullies suffer the psychological consequences all the way until adulthood, with higher levels of depression, anxiety, and some victims committing suicide. Bullying in school should be taken as seriously, if not more so, than other forms of mistreatment children endure at the hands of peers.

Parents don’t have to sit hopelessly by while a bully chips away at their child’s self-esteem. Once a person has been named as a bully, the process of learning to identify bullying can help reduce the potential risk for poor decisions of both parties involved. We can now ask who’s at risk and how it can be stopped. Parents can take action.

What is bullying? Bullying may consist of physical violence, such as punching, shoving and hitting; or verbal assaults, spreading gossip about a classmate, calling the classmate names or teasing the classmate. In the electronic age, bullying also manifests in social media via emails, text messages, or Facebook. Bullying may in-

volve excluding a classmate from group activities or ignoring the classmate. Sophisticated bullies, instead of abusing a person directly, enlist their friends to intimidate the classmate for them. Students who are bullied start to skip school and eventually drop out of school, start abusing drugs, and committing crimes. It is a given that students cannot learn in an uncomfortable environment, like at a school where they are being harassed and bullied. It is up to school administrators, educators, and parents to work together to ensure that this is not the case.

Many schools have taken their responsibility to stop bullying very seriously and have put in place an anti-bullying system of rules and con-

sequences. Parents should request a copy of the school’s anti-bullying policy if it is not already in your student’s handbook.

The sad truth is that bullying does happen, and preventative measures do not work 100 percent of the time. Parents cannot expect that a school is able to keep bullying from happening completely. However, parents should expect schools to take a proactive approach to bullying. Also, bullying should be dealt with in an immediate and firm manner once the school has been made aware of the problem by a student or parent.

Some state and local lawmakers have taken action to prevent bullying and protect our children through laws in

their state education. Schools are a primary place where bullying can happen. Helping to establish a supportive and safe school climate where all students are accepted and knowing how to respond when bullying happens are key to making sure all students are able to learn and grow.

Arkansas currently has a law against bullying and cyberbullying. These related behaviors are a very serious matter that should not be overlooked because the offense is being committed by juveniles. Both policies can be viewed on StopBullying.gov. When adults respond quickly and consistently to bullying behavior, they send the message that it is not acceptable. Par-

ents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment, and creating a community-wide bullying prevention strategy.

If you are experiencing a situation with this matter and not getting the support you need from school officials, reach out to your local elected official for additional options to seek assistance for your child.

Every child has the right to feel safe in their learning environment.

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NOTICE FOR AMENDMENTS REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Issue No. 1

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 91st General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 6, 2018, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 1. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This Amendment was proposed in the Regular 2017 Session by Senator M. Irvin and filed as SJR 8.

ISSUE NO. 1

Popular Name

AN AMENDMENT CONCERNING CIVIL LAWSUITS AND THE POWERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SUPREME COURT TO ADOPT COURT RULES.

Ballot Title

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT A CONTINGENCY FEE FOR AN ATTORNEY IN A CIVIL LAWSUIT SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD PERCENT (33 1/3 %) OF THE NET RECOVERY; DEFINING “CONTINGENCY FEE” AS AN ATTORNEY’S FEE THAT IS PAID ONLY IF THE CLAIMANT RECOVERS MONEY; PROVIDING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY AMEND THE FOREGOING PERCENTAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; LIMITING PUNITIVE DAMAGES AWARDS FOR EACH CLAIMANT IN LAWSUITS FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH TO THE GREATER OF (I) FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000), OR (II) THREE (3) TIMES THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATORY DAMAGES AWARDED; DEFINING “PUNITIVE DAMAGES” AS DAMAGES ASSESSED TO PUNISH AND DETER WRONGFUL CONDUCT; PROVIDING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT DECREASE THE FOREGOING LIMITATIONS ON PUNITIVE DAMAGES BUT MAY INCREASE THE LIMITATIONS BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; PROVIDING THAT THE LIMITATIONS ON PUNITIVE DAMAGES DO NOT APPLY IF THE FACTFINDER DETERMINES BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE DEFENDANT INTENTIONALLY PURSUED A COURSE OF CONDUCT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CAUSING INJURY OR DAMAGE TO THE CLAIMANT AND THAT SUCH INTENTIONAL CONDUCT HARMED THE CLAIMANT; LIMITING AWARDS OF NON-ECONOMIC DAMAGES IN LAWSUITS FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH TO (I) FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000) FOR EACH CLAIMANT, OR (II) FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000) FOR ALL BENEFICIARIES OF AN INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSON IN THE AGGREGATE IN A LAWSUIT FOR WRONGFUL DEATH; DEFINING “NON-ECONOMIC DAMAGES” AS DAMAGES THAT CANNOT BE MEASURED IN MONEY, INCLUDING PAIN AND SUFFERING, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISTRESS, LOSS OF LIFE OR COMPANIONSHIP, OR VISIBLE RESULT OF INJURY; PROVIDING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT DECREASE THE FOREGOING LIMITATIONS ON NON-ECONOMIC DAMAGES BUT MAY INCREASE THE LIMITATIONS BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; PROVIDING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ADOPT A PROCEDURE TO ADJUST THE DOLLAR LIMITATIONS ON PUNITIVE DAMAGES AND NON-ECONOMIC DAMAGES IN FUTURE YEARS TO ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION OR DEFLATION; PROVIDING THAT THE SUPREME COURT’S POWER TO PRESCRIBE RULES OF PLEADING, PRACTICE, AND PROCEDURE FOR COURTS IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AMENDMENT; PROVIDING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF EACH HOUSE, MAY AMEND OR REPEAL A RULE PRESCRIBED BY THE SUPREME COURT AND MAY ADOPT OTHER RULES OF PLEADING, PRACTICE, OR PROCEDURE ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE; PROVIDING THAT RULES OF PLEADING, PRACTICE, AND PROCEDURE IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2019, SHALL CONTINUE IN EFFECT UNTIL AMENDED, SUPERSEDED, OR REPEALED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AMENDMENT; PROVIDING THAT A RULE OF PLEADING, PRACTICE, OR PROCEDURE ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL SUPERSEDE A CONFLICTING RULE OF PLEADING, PRACTICE, OR PROCEDURE PRESCRIBED BY THE SUPREME COURT; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN OTHER RULES PROMULGATED BY THE SUPREME COURT MAY BE ANNULLED OR AMENDED BY A THREE-FIFTHS (3/5) VOTE OF EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INSTEAD OF A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE AS PRESENTLY STATED IN THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 1, 2019.

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 7, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:
§ 53. Contingency fees.
(a) As used in this section, “contingency fee” means an attorney’s fee that is paid only if the claimant recovers money by way of settlement, arbitration, or judgment.
(b) A contingency fee for legal representation in a civil action shall not exceed thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3 %) of the net amount of the recovery, whether obtained by settlement, arbitration, or judgment.
(c) Beginning with the 2019 regular session, by a majority vote of each house, the General Assembly shall enact laws necessary for the proper implementation of this section, including without limitation laws:
(1) Establishing penalties for contingency fees that exceed the maximum under this section; and
(2) Defining terms in subsection (b) of this section as necessary, including without limitation defining the phrase “net amount of the recovery”.
(d) By a two-thirds vote of each house, the General Assembly may enact laws amending the maximum percentage for contingency fees for legal representation under subdivision (b) of this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, Section 32, is amended to read as follows:
§ 32. Workmen’s Compensation Laws — Actions for personal injuries resulting in death or injuries to persons or property.
(a) As used in this section:
(1) “Non-economic damages” means damages that cannot be measured in money, including without limitation any loss or damage, however characterized, for pain and suffering, mental and emotional distress, loss of life or companionship, or visible result of injury; and
(2) “Punitive damages” means damages to punish and deter wrongful conduct.
(b) The General Assembly shall have power to enact laws prescribing the amount of compensation to be paid by employers for injuries to or death of employees, and to whom said payment shall be made. It shall have power to provide the means, methods, and forum for adjudicating

claims arising under said laws, and for securing payment of same. Provided; that otherwise, except as provided in subsections (c), (d), and (e) of this section, no law shall be enacted limiting the amount to be recovered for injuries resulting in death or for injuries to persons or property; and in case of death from such injuries the right of action shall survive, and the General Assembly shall prescribe for whose benefit such action shall be prosecuted.
(c)(1) Punitive damage awards for each claimant in actions for injuries resulting in death and actions for injuries to persons or property, including without limitation medical injuries, shall not exceed the greater of:
(A) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); or
(B) Three (3) times the amount of compensatory damages awarded to the claimant.
(2) Subdivision (c)(1) of this section does not apply if the finder of fact determines by clear and convincing evidence that:
(A) The defendant intentionally pursued a course of conduct for the purpose of causing injury or damage to the claimant; and
(B) The defendant’s intentional conduct harmed the claimant.
(3)(A) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, by a two-thirds vote of each house, the General Assembly may enact laws increasing the limitations under subdivisions (c)(1)(A) and (B) of this section.
(B) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the General Assembly shall not enact laws decreasing the limitations under subdivisions (c)(1)(A) and (B) of this section.
(d)(1) Non-economic damage awards in actions for injuries resulting in death and actions for injuries to persons or property, including without limitation medical injuries, shall be limited to:
(A) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for each claimant; and
(B) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for all beneficiaries of an individual decedent in the aggregate in an action for injuries resulting in death.
(2)(A) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, by a two-thirds vote of each house, the General Assembly may enact laws increasing the limitations under subdivisions (d)(1)(A) and (B) of this section.
(B) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the General Assembly shall not enact laws decreasing the limitations under subdivisions (d)(1)(A) and (B) of this section.
(e)(1) By a majority vote of each house, the General Assembly during its 2019 regular session shall enact laws adopting a procedure to adjust the dollar figures under subsections (c) and (d) of this section for inflation or deflation in future years.
(2) The procedure for adjustment under subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall:
(A) Provide for adjustments intended only to compensate for inflation or deflation;
(B) Be based upon the Consumer Price Index or a comparable index chosen by the General Assembly; and
(C) Permit rounding to the nearest one hundred dollars (\$100).
(3) Beginning with the 2021 regular session, by a two-thirds vote of each house, the General Assembly may enact laws amending the procedure enacted by law under subsection (e)(1) of this section.

SECTION 3. Amendment 80, § 3, is amended to read as follows:
§ 3. Rules of pleading, practice, and procedure.
(a) The Supreme Court shall prescribe the rules of pleading, practice, and procedure for all courts, subject to subsections (b)-(c) of this section; provided these rules shall not abridge, enlarge or modify any substantive right and shall preserve the right of trial by jury as declared in this Constitution.
(b)(1) By a three-fifths vote of each house, the General Assembly may enact laws:
(A) Amending or repealing a rule of pleading, practice, or procedure prescribed by the Supreme Court; and
(B) Adopting on its own initiative a rule of pleading, practice, or procedure.
(2) A rule of pleading, practice, or procedure enacted by law by the General Assembly shall supersede a conflicting rule of pleading, practice, or procedure prescribed by the Supreme Court.
(c) Rules of pleading, practice, and procedure under this section shall preserve the right of trial by jury as declared in this Constitution.
(d) Rules of pleading, practice, and procedure in effect on January 1, 2019, shall continue in effect until amended, superseded, or repealed under this section.
(e) Rules of pleading, practice, and procedure under this section include without limitation rules governing the presentation and admission of evidence.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 80, § 9, is amended to read as follows:
§ 9. Annulment or amendment of rules.
Any rules promulgated by the Supreme Court pursuant to Sections 5, 6(B), 7(B), (D), or 8 of this Amendment may be annulled or amended, in whole or in part, by a two-thirds (2/3) three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the General Assembly.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this amendment are severable, and if any should be held invalid, the remainder shall stand.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment:
(1) Is effective on and after January 1, 2019; and
(2) Applies to all:
(A) Civil actions that accrue on and after January 1, 2019; and
(B) Contingency fee agreements signed on and after January 1, 2019.

SECTION 7. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME.
(a) When presented on the general election ballot, the popular name for this proposed amendment shall be “An Amendment Concerning Civil Lawsuits and the Powers of the General Assembly and Supreme Court to Adopt Court Rules.”
(b) When presented on the general election ballot, the ballot title for this proposed amendment shall be “A proposed amendment to the Arkansas Constitution providing that a contingency fee for an attorney in a civil lawsuit shall not exceed thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3 %) of the net recovery; defining “contingency fee” as an attorney’s fee that is paid only if the claimant recovers money; providing that the General Assembly may amend the foregoing percentage by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house; limiting punitive damages awards for each claimant in lawsuits for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death to the greater of (i) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), or (ii) three (3) times the amount of compensatory damages awarded; defining “punitive damages” as damages assessed to punish and deter wrongful conduct; providing that the General Assembly may not decrease the foregoing limitations on punitive damages but may increase the limitations by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house; providing that the limitations on punitive damages do not apply if the factfinder determines by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant intentionally pursued a course of conduct for the purpose of causing injury or damage to the claimant and that such intentional conduct harmed the claimant; limiting awards of non-economic damages in lawsuits for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death to (i) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for each claimant, or (ii) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for

all beneficiaries of an individual deceased person in the aggregate, in a lawsuit for wrongful death; defining “non-economic damages” as damages that cannot be measured in money, including pain and suffering, mental and emotional distress, loss of life or companionship, or visible result of injury; providing that the General Assembly may not decrease the foregoing limitations on non-economic damages but may increase the limitations by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house; providing that the General Assembly shall adopt a procedure to adjust the dollar limitations on punitive damages and non-economic damages in future years to account for inflation or deflation; providing that the Supreme Court’s power to prescribe rules of pleading, practice, and procedure for courts is subject to the provisions of this amendment; providing that the General Assembly, by a three-fifths vote of each house, may amend or repeal a rule prescribed by the Supreme Court and may adopt other rules of pleading, practice, or procedure on its own initiative; providing that rules of pleading, practice, and procedure in effect on January 1, 2019, shall continue in effect until amended, superseded, or repealed under the provisions of this amendment; providing that a rule of pleading, practice, or procedure enacted by the General Assembly shall supersede a conflicting rule of pleading, practice, or procedure prescribed by the Supreme Court; providing that certain other rules promulgated by the Supreme Court may be annulled or amended by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of each house of the General Assembly instead of a two-thirds (2/3) vote as presently stated in the Arkansas Constitution; and providing that this amendment becomes effective on January 1, 2019.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018.



MARK MARTIN
SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF ARKANSAS

Issue No. 2

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 91st General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 6, 2018, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 2. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This Amendment was proposed in the Regular 2017 Session by Representative R. Lundstrum and filed as HJR 1016.

ISSUE NO. 2

Popular Name

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ADDING AS A QUALIFICATION TO VOTE THAT A VOTER PRESENT CERTAIN VALID PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION WHEN CASTING A BALLOT IN PERSON OR CASTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

Ballot Title

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF VALID PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION WHEN VOTING; REQUIRING THAT A VOTER PRESENT VALID PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION WHEN VOTING IN PERSON OR WHEN CASTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT; AND PROVIDING THAT THE STATE OF ARKANSAS ISSUE PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION AT NO CHARGE TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS LACKING PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION.

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 3, § 1, is amended to read as follows:
§ 1. Qualifications of electors.
(a) Except as otherwise provided by this Constitution, any person may vote in an election in this state who is:
(1) A citizen of the United States;
(2) A resident of the State of Arkansas;
(3) At least eighteen (18) years of age; and
(4) Lawfully registered to vote in the election.
(b)(1) In addition to the qualifications under subsection (a) of this section, the General Assembly shall provide by law that a voter shall:
(A) Present valid photographic identification before receiving a ballot to vote in person; and
(B) Enclose a copy of valid photographic identification with his or her ballot when voting by absentee ballot.
(2) The General Assembly shall establish by law the types of photographic identification that a person may present to comply with subdivision (b)(1) of this section.
(c) The State of Arkansas shall issue photographic identification at no charge to an eligible voter who does not have a form of photographic identification meeting the requirements of the law enacted by the General Assembly under this section.
(d)(1)(A) A voter unable to present valid photographic identification when voting in person shall be permitted to vote a provisional ballot.
(B) An absentee ballot that is not accompanied by a copy of valid photographic identification shall be considered a provisional ballot.
(2) A provisional ballot under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall be counted only if the voter subsequently certifies the provisional ballot in a manner provided by law.
(e)(1) The General Assembly shall implement the provisions of this amendment by law.
(2) The General Assembly may provide by law for exceptions to the requirement that a voter:
(A) Present valid photographic identification before receiving a ballot to vote in person; and
(B) Enclose a copy of valid photographic identification with his or her ballot when voting by absentee ballot.
(f) A voter meeting the requirements of this section also shall comply with all additional laws regulating elections necessary for his or her vote to be counted.

SECTION 2. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election ballot:
(1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot title; and
(2) The popular name shall be “A Constitutional Amendment Adding as a Qualification to Vote that a Voter Present Certain Valid Photographic Identification When Casting a Ballot In Person or Casting an Absentee Ballot.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018.



MARK MARTIN
SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF ARKANSAS

Mushroom poisoning in dogs

With all the rain we have had over the past few days, many mushrooms have popped

up. Driving to work, I see many yards with beautiful white mushrooms growing. I go out every morning and check my dog pen for mushrooms and pull them up if I can. This is assurance that my dogs will not be victims of mushrooms. Below are tips about mushroom poisoning and how to protect your pet.

1. Onset of mushroom toxicity is 30 minutes to six hours after ingesting mushrooms.

2. Signs are not specific to mushroom toxicity. Other differential diagnosis are: ethylene glycol (antifreeze), head injury, low blood glucose, and epilepsy.

3. Acute signs are nausea, salivation, vomiting, diarrhea (sometimes bloody), dilated pupils, ataxia, tremors, muscle fasciculation, seizures, possibility of renal failure, possibility of kidney failure, coma, and death.

4. Most common sign seen

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Dr. Norette Underwood



in may be ataxia (staggering).

5. Baseline blood work to check liver and kidney func-

tion can be done.

6. Initial treatment: induce vomiting if dog is stable (which will physically remove mushrooms from stomach), followed by activated charcoal to bind any remaining toxin in the stomach or intestines. IV fluids to help the kidneys remove toxins.

7. Supportive treatment: IV fluids and monitoring. Some dogs with severe tremors or seizures require anti-seizure medication and more intense monitoring.

8. Animals typically recover from neurological signs within 24-48 hours and some have had liver or kidney failure.

9. Keep your dog on a leash to monitor what they eat.

If you have questions about Mushroom Toxicity contact Dr. Norette L. Underwood of the Trumann Animal Clinic and Best Friends Vet Mobile at catdoc56@gmail.com.

Opiod issue addressed

All 75 counties in the state and 375 Arkansas cities and towns have signed on to a lawsuit

against drug manufacturers and distributors of opioids.

The historic partnership between cities and counties is an indicator of the severity of the opioid epidemic in Arkansas.

City officials heard an update on the opioid crisis during the 84th Convention of the Arkansas Municipal League, held recently at Little Rock.

The state Drug Director told convention delegates that the volume of opioids being distributed in Arkansas makes enforcement and treatment extremely difficult.

He said that there are 108 prescriptions for every 100 people in the state. A couple of years ago the ratio was 114 prescriptions per 100 people, and the proportion has been more than 100 prescriptions per 100 people since 2007.

Another way of measuring the availability of the highly addictive drug in Arkansas is that more than 235 million pills were prescribed in a single year, in a state with a population of about three million people.

Opioids are painkillers such as hydrocodone, oxycodone, codeine, fentanyl and other prescription drugs.

Also during the convention, Municipal League delegates adopted more than 30 resolutions. One supports state legislation for the assessment and collection of local sales taxes on Internet sales.

A recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling, in a case titled *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, clears several obstacles that prevented local jurisdictions from collecting the sales tax on purchases made online.

The ruling was a victory for “bricks and mortar” retail stores that have been losing market share over the past decade, as Internet sales grow in popularity. Local business groups argued that they are at a competitive disadvantage because they collect sales taxes, which means their products will cost more than the same product sold online.

Last year Amazon, the giant online retailer, announced that it would voluntarily collect sales taxes.

The delegates adopted a resolution in support of legislation that would classify Internet providers as utilities. Another resolution by Mu-



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unicipal League delegates supports legislation that would allow cities and

towns to use electronic devices to enforce traffic laws.

Also, the Municipal League delegates endorsed a package of resolutions urging changes to the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act. One change they endorse is to address the problems that arise when a city official receives a request for records that are so voluminous that responding to the request disrupts basic city services and operations.

Another change endorsed by the Municipal League would amend the state Child Maltreatment Act so to protect the records of juveniles. Also, the Municipal League will work to strengthen protections of the identities of confidential informers.

The Municipal League was formed in 1934, with the support of mayors and local chambers of commerce, to represent the interests of cities and towns before higher levels of government.

The Municipal League has successfully pushed for passage of laws to provide local governments with tort immunity from lawsuits, to allow cities to pass local option sales taxes for paying off bonds, and to establish procedures for annexing suburban lands.

Wet Ink

By KEN WORTHINGTON

Last week we were discussing Revelation chapter 2 verse 7. As we review, we find the Lord Jesus warning the Church at Ephesus. As He concludes His warning, He encourages the Church to hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

This is unique, for our Lord taught in John 10:26, “When the Spirit comes, the one I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father—He will testify about me.” What is taught here is that when the Spirit of the Lord is present He is constantly testifying about Jesus.

It is always about Jesus, in John 16:12-14, “When the Spirit of truth comes He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will also declare to you what is to come. He will glorify me, because He will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” So we find Jesus teaching that the true presence of the Holy Spirit is a clear and present understanding of Jesus and His re-

demption. Imparting new lives to His new creations, that is the business of Jesus and His Holy Spirit.

Notice the Spirit is speaking to the Churches. This is the mandate. God blesses and sustains His churches. In Matthew 16:18 Jesus promises that the Gates Of Hell will not prevail against His Church. He did not promise this to any other entity. The family can break down, the marriage can break down but the Church will never be conquered.

Speaking of conquering, notice the next phrase in verse 7, “To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God”. Now what is conquered here in this teaching? It is, of course, their dullness of hearing. The Lord means for His people to know Him in real time and to hear what He is saying to the churches.

Most people know Jesus as an historical reality. But the true Christian understands a “present” reality of Jesus. Jesus working in the here and now in time and space. We as the people of God are to hear

what the Spirit is communicating to our churches!

To be a churchless Christian is to be a Christless Christian. The reward of this hearing is to be granted to eat from the “tree of life,” which is in the paradise of God. What is meant here literally is

restoration to the fellowship of God that was lost by Adam in the Garden of Eden. When you are nourished in God’s garden, it is “eternal” nourishment. Nourishment that has wondrous benefits. Godly Christian benefits.



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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 15, 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.

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902 W. Court St.
Paragould, Arkansas 72450
Phone: 870-239-4002
AR Bar No. 2006265

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Notice

ELECTION PROCLAMATION ELECTION COMMISSION NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION City of Harrisburg August 14, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by the authority vested in us, the Poinsett County Election Commission does hereby proclaim, publish and make known to all legal voters in Poinsett County that a SPECIAL ELECTION will be held in the City of Harrisburg, Arkansas (the “City”) on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at which there will be submitted to the electors the question of:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-007

An ordinance providing for the levy of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax within the City of Harrisburg, Arkansas, with three-fourths (3/4) of the revenue generated thereby dedicated to general operations of the police department and with one-fourth (1/4) of the revenue generated thereby to be used for the general operations of the fire department; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto; and declaring an emergency.

Only qualified electors of the City will have the right to vote, and the electors may vote either for or against the measure described above.

Early voting will begin on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 and continue through Monday, August 13, 2018; Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Poinsett County Annex Building located at 110 N. East Street, Harrisburg. The votes will be opened, processed, canvassed, and counted as soon as practicable following the closing of the polls at 7:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s office located in the Poinsett County Courthouse, 401 Market Street, Harrisburg. Absentee ballots are available by calling the County Clerk’s Office at 870-578-4410 Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Requests for absentee ballots by mail, fax or electronic mail must be made to the County Clerk’s Office no later than Tuesday August 7th at 4:30 p.m. Absentee ballots will be opened and processed beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Election Day and counted as soon as practicable following the closing of the polls at 7:30 p.m. in the Poinsett County Annex Building. The lists of appointed election officials will be prominently posted in the County Clerk’s office, which is located inside the Poinsett County Courthouse. The list of election officials working early voting was posted on July 20th and the list of election officials working and Election Day and absentees was posted July 25, 2018. Anyone wishing to make an objection to any person(s) appointed as an election official, a deputy county clerk (or additional deputies, if applicable) for legal qualifications or their relationship to a candidate may do so within ten (10) calendar days after said posting by contacting any member of the Poinsett County Board of Election Commissioners (names and numbers listed below), or by mail to 401 Market Street, Harrisburg, AR 72432.

**PRECINCT POLLING PLACE
CALVARY BAPTIST LIFE CENTER
(503 S. Illinois Ave, Harrisburg, Arkansas)
POLLS OPEN AT 7:30 A.M. UNTIL 7:30 P.M.**

Given under our hand this 27th day of July, 2018.

POINSETT COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
RUTH ORR, CHAIRPERSON 870-219-4523
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APRIL RICHMOND PLAINTIFF
VS. 56-DR-18-166
EDGAR EZEQUIEL LEAL SALAS DEFENDANT

WARNING ORDER

TO: EDGAR EZEQUIEL LEAL SALAS

You are hereby notified that April Richmond, Plaintiff, whose attorney is Richard Rhodes, and whose attorney's address is P.O. Box 971, Osceola, AR 72370, has filed a complaint herein against you, a copy of which complaint and summons shall be delivered to you or to your attorney upon request. You are also notified that you must appear and defend by filing your answer or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days of the date of the first publication of this Warning Order; and in the event of your failure to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint as circumscribed by the laws of this State.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my had and seal as Clerk of the Court on this 23rd day of July, 2018.

Misty R. Russell Clerk /s/ by Tomasina Rosa, D.C.
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PROVISION 2 NON BASE YEAR PUBLIC RELEASE SCHOOL YEAR 2018 - 2019

The Harrisburg School District is pleased to announce the district’s policy for providing **meals at NO CHARGE for all students** participating in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program, regardless of eligibility category, during the 2018 - 2019 school term unless otherwise notified. This is made possible through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Special Assistance Certification and Reimbursement Provision 2 Alternative. Federal reimbursement for meals is based on applications on file for the 2013 - 2014 Base Year for the district. These applications are filed and maintained at the Administration Building to ensure the strict confidentiality of each document and must remain safely filed for the entirety of the school district’s Provision 2 status. The information on the applications will be made available only to State and Federal officials for review. All adults, e.g., visitors, teachers, support staff members, and administrators of the district must assume the full cost of the meal which is \$2.00 for Breakfast and \$3.00 for Lunch.

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In accordance with Federal civil rights law and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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Sports

Arkansas State's Clifton added to award watch lists

Arkansas State Red Wolves' defensive back Justin Clifton has been added to the Jim Thorpe Award (top defensive back), Bronko Nagurski Trophy (best defensive player) and Wuerffel Trophy (community service award) watch lists for college football.

Clifton is one of just 35 players recognized by the organization after he compiled a stellar junior season for the Red Wolves. The Sun Belt Preseason First-Team All-Conference pick compiled 63 tackles to rank third on the team in 2017, while also collecting a career-best 13 pass break-ups and had two forced fumbles. He was the only player in the league to have 63 tackles and 13 pass break-ups.

The Tupelo, Miss., native also was posted multiple tackles in every game and accounted for at least one pass break-up in nine games. He returns for his senior season as the school's active leader in career tackles (179), tackles for loss (18), interceptions (4), pass break-ups (19) and forced fumbles (4). Clifton, is just one of 17

NCAA FBS players in the past decade (2010-17) to compile career numbers that feature 179 tackles, 18 tackles for loss and 19 pass break-ups. He is also one of just three in the nation to compile those numbers over the last three seasons.

He ended the 2017 ranked 32nd in the nation in passes defended and registered at least a half tackle for loss in six of the Red Wolves' 12 games. At the end of the season he was named to Phil Steele's, Street & Smith's, Lindy's and Athlon Preseason First-Team All-Conference. He was also ranked as the 45th Top Draft Eligible Strong Safety by Phil Steele by seasons end.

Clifton had been active in several community service projects since coming to Jonesboro and has been a leader in organizing events for fellow teammates. He also participated in charity events such as a Feed the Children project at the 2016 AutoNation Cure Bowl as well as Special Olympics and reading programs in the Jonesboro area.



ASU's defensive back Justin Clifton, seen here making a tackle against Troy last season, has been added to the Jim Thorpe Award, Bronko Nagurski Trophy and the Wuerffel Trophy watch lists for the upcoming college football season. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)

Marked Tree NEAYFL sign-ups next week

Marked Tree's Northeast Arkansas Youth Football League teams will have sign-ups for the 2018 football season on Tuesday,

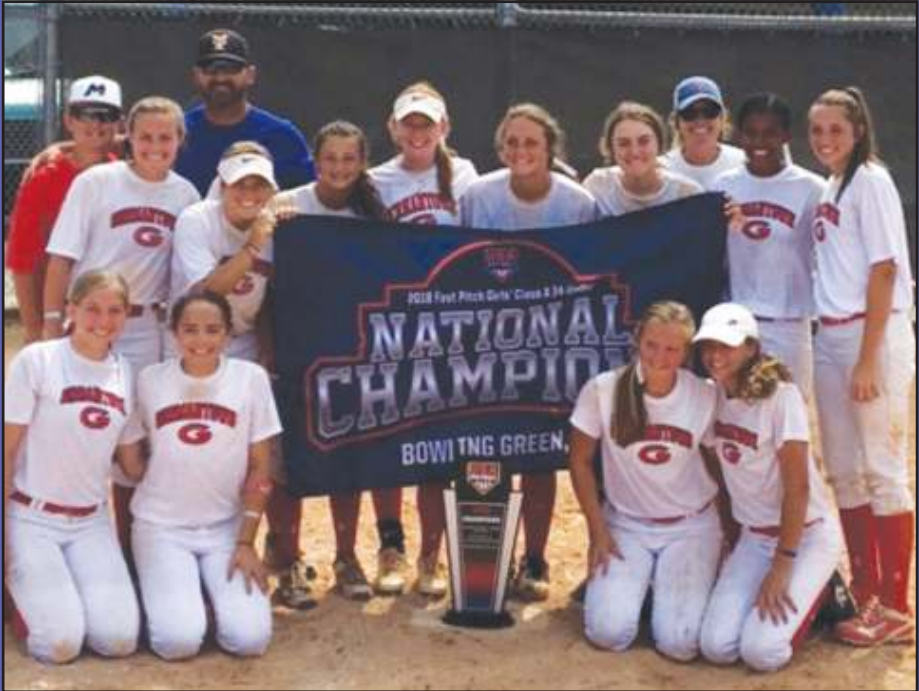
Aug. 7, and Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 6-8 p.m. at the Marked Tree Armory. This is for kids who will attend the Marked Tree

School District and are in grades 3-6. Practices will begin on Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m.



7U All-State

These area players from the Nemesis 7U AAA baseball team were chosen all-state played two games with other all-state players recently in Conway. Players are, from left, Trytan Tucker (Harrisburg), Kyler Carter (Trumann), Zevyn Wilson (Trumann), Eli Peek (Brookland), Cash Long (Trumann), Jace McPhink (Trumann), Don Coleman (Lepanto), Corey Mross (Harrisburg) and P.J. Powell (Marked Tree). (Photo provided)



14U Nationals

The Germantown Lady Red Devils recently won the ASA/USA 14U Class A Nationals in Bowling Green, Ky. Team members are, from left (bottom row) Therse Daigre (Germantown, Tenn.), Kyra Jaco (Kennett, Mo.), Mary Ansley Chrestman (Cleveland, Miss.) and Anna Gover (Stanton, Tenn.). (Middle row) Loren Reynolds (Morrliton), McKayla Betts (Greenbrier), Kinsley Gordon (Mrytle, Miss.), Annie Orman (New Albany, Miss.), Jessi Smith (Germantown, TN), Saige Teague (Conway), Cailin Massey (Fort Smith) and Kloeey Harlson (Harrisburg). (Back row) Coach Jason Jenkins, Assistant Coach Jackson Jenkins and Manager Angela Orman. (Photo provided)

Wildcat football practice



Jax Williams (right) breaks up a pass intended for Jaden Osment during the Wildcats' practice this past Monday. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)



Defensive lineman Jaden King breaks through the offensive line to stop assistant coach Greg White on a quarterback keeper during team defense drills. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)

Southern Bancorp announces Trumann promotions

Southern Bancorp recently announced two promotions in Trumann. Sheri Jones has been promoted to consumer loan officer, and Andrea Smith has been promoted to loan administrative assistant.

“As a values-based bank, we actively seek out employees who live out our mission of being wealth builders for everyone, both inside and outside the bank’s walls,” said Paul McNally, Trumann market president. “Sheri and Andrea do a great job of fulfilling that mission in both their professional and personal lives, and I am excited to watch them excel in their new roles and grow as mission-driven lenders.”

Trumann GT program accepting referrals

The Trumann School District is asking that parents think about making a referral of an exceptional student to the Trumann Gifted and Talented Program.

Gifted and talented children and youth are those of high potential or ability whose learning characteristics and educational needs require qualitatively differentiated educational experiences and/or services. Possession of these talents and gifts, or the potential for their development, will be evidenced through an interaction of above-average intellectual ability, task commitment and/or motivation, and creative ability.

The referral identification process is explained on the school’s webpage at <http://trumanschooldistrictgtwebsite.weebly.com/how-does-the-identification-process-work.html>. Also included is a page that compares bright versus gifted students at <http://trumanschooldistrictgtwebsite.weebly.com/bright-vs-gifted.html>.

Gifted identification begins at the end of the second grade and extends through to the twelfth grade. Referrals are accepted all year long, and anyone can make a referral (recommend a student for testing so they can then receive GT services). However, testing for identification purposes only occurs twice a year.

After a written referral has been made, a letter is sent home with the student that contains information about the Trumann GT program, the referral process, and a testing consent form. If testing consent is given, then the student is pulled for GT testing during the first two weeks of the school year or the last two weeks of the school year. Again, GT testing occurs during both the start-up and the closing of each school year.

Next, an identification committee will meet to look at the scores/data collected on a matrix with no identifying information (blind) to ensure an unbiased decision is made. Then the parents are notified by mail of the committee’s placement decision. Finally, the parent signs a consent form for placement—if that’s what the committee recommends. Otherwise, the parent is informed that the child’s needs are already being met in the regular classroom.

Anyone who would like to make a GT referral, should contact Kimberly Stevens, who would be thrilled to start the process. Mrs. Stevens can be contacted at kimberlystevens@trumanwidac.com or through the school at 870-483-5314.

Sheri Jones began her career in banking more than a decade ago. She graduated from Trumann High School in 1991 and continued her education at the Delta Vocational School in Marked Tree, receiving her secretarial degree in 1994. She has also obtained numerous certificates from the Kelton School in Jonesboro.

As a proud native of Trumann, Jones is very involved in the community, specifically the Trumann Athletic Booster Club. She is also a member of Healing Hands Community Church. She and her husband Adam have two sons, Austin, 21, and Taylor, 17.

Andrea Smith first joined Southern Bancorp in 2016.

She graduated from Trumann High School in 2001 and continued her education at Arkansas State University, receiving multiple certifications.

A lifelong resident of Trumann, Smith volunteers often in her community. She and her husband Justin have two sons, Seth, 16, and Carson, 12.



Sheri Jones



Andrea Smith

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