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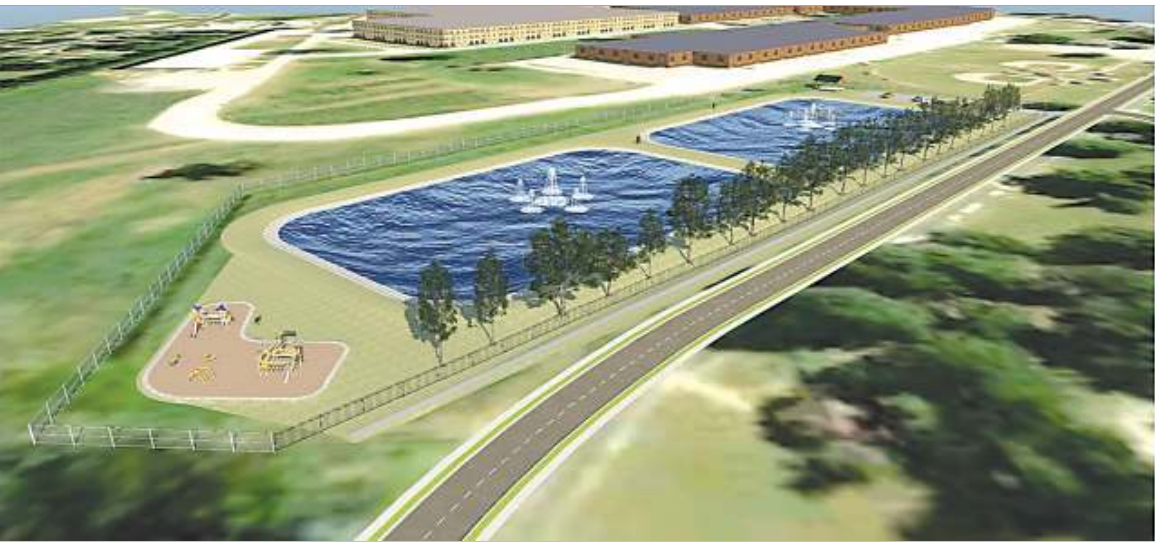


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This is a drawing presented to the city council of the proposed community fishing pond to be built in Trumann.

Trumann City Council approves community fishing pond project

By ANTHONY COSSEY
DT News Staff

The Trumann City Council voted 7-0 (three council members were absent) to proceed with plans for a community fishing pond in the city at the council's monthly meeting Tuesday.

Public Works Director Scotty Jones had the idea and approached Mayor Barbara Lewallen about the

possibility. "I thought it'd be something good for the entire city. Kids and adults alike would be able to use the pond. The pond would also be handicap accessible," Jones said. After doing some research, a city close by has a community pond, so Jones and Lewallen looked at it and thought it was very nice. "This project won't cost a ton of money to do. We have a person who wants to remain anonymous donate land

for the project, and there have been several businesses and individuals who have said they want to help," Jones said.

The council heard from Jones that the house at 504 Harrison can be taken down by the city and disposed of at the same rate as normal at the landfill. The house had been labeled uninhabitable by the Arkansas De-

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Quorum Court approves proposed tax ordinances

By ANTHONY COSSEY
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The Poinsett County Quorum Court had nine new issues to discuss and vote on at the monthly meeting Monday night. Justices Larry Steakley and Gene Terry were absent.

The two biggest issues on the agenda were the new ordinances pertaining to the proposed one percent sales and use tax on the November ballot. The previous ordinances were not processed correctly, and the new ordinances were to correct that. Ordinance 2018-12 is providing for the levy of a one percent sales and use tax within Poinsett County, and this new ordinance will replace Ordinance 2018-09. Ordinance 2018-13 is calling for a special election in Poinsett County on the question of levying a county-wide one percent sales and use tax, and this ordinance is to replace Ordinance 2018-10. Both ordinances were passed by the court.

In other new business, Juvenile Intake Officer Cindy Baty asked to move funds from one line item to another line item to hire two new employees for the office. The court didn't think this was a good idea as it might cause other departments to want to do the same.

Baty then asked if the new person could be hired for what they were already making and the other new hire would make what the position called for. It would be the same amount of money that is allocated

for the positions, but the pay would be a little different than what it shows on record for those positions. The court approved the hiring of the new employees.

The justices approved Resolution 2018-04 confirming the reappointment of Nathan Pierce to a five-year term as commissioner of the Poinsett County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Also approved was Marolyn Robbins-Guarr for a five year term to the Poinsett County Library Board on Resolution 2018-05.

The court also approved for Poinsett County Circuit Clerk and Recorder Misty Richardson to apply for an Automated Record Systems Grant. If approved the grant will cover updating software for her office. Amendments to the Poinsett County Personnel Policy stated in Ordinance 2018-11 were also approved by the court.

The court approved \$14,200 for Poinsett County Sheriff Kevin Molder to purchase a new truck to replace a patrol car that was totaled assisting in a chase in the county. The deputy came around a curve on a gravel road where a person was on a four-wheeler. The officer avoided a collision with the four-wheeler, causing patrol car to flip over.

The court also approved for the roof to be fixed at the Poinsett County Health Department in Trumann in the amount just over \$11,682.



DT photo/Corey Clairday

Donnie Taylor tells the Trumann Lions Club about a grant awarded to the Community House recently for renovation.

Taylor talks Community House

By COREY CLAIRDAY
DT News Staff

Donnie Taylor spoke to the Trumann Lions Club last week about the Community House.

Taylor said a few years ago, the Community House was awarded a grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP). That grant was for \$39,460 which went

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Marked Tree Council reinstates Anquion Williams a second time

By COREY CLAIRDAY
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During last month's Marked Tree City Council meeting, Anquion Williams appealed to be reinstated to the Marked Tree Police Department during a closed hearing. The council voted to reinstate Williams, but during this month's meeting Monday night, Williams was back to ask he be reinstated again after being terminated a second time. This time, Williams wanted to speak to the council publicly.

Williams told the council that when he was reinstated, effective July 9, he was put on third shift, but before his termination he had been on second shift. Williams also said his corporal rank was taken away because he had not been wearing his hat. His chief complaints were having his rank taken away and being put on a different shift, which interfered with his other job. Williams felt that when he was reinstated, "I should go back to the shift I was working and the position I was in. I shouldn't have to start at the bottom."

Williams read his letter of termination to the council, which listed his behavior and failure to report among his reasons for termination. Williams refuted the claim that he had failed to report, saying he had called in sick two days, and when he called the police chief, there was no answer, so he texted him. Williams said he had a doctor's note as well but added that the handbook only requires a doctor's note be produced on the third day. "I got fired for hav-

ing a kid, and I got fired for calling in sick," Williams said.

Williams told the council he felt he should be reinstated to second shift with his corporal ranking. Williams felt he had been fired as retaliation and criticized the way the department was being run. "This is going down the pipe fast. I'm not the first police officer to be fired for bullcrap," Williams said. "This police department has a big buddy system, and it needs to stop."

The audience clapped in support of Williams when he finished, and the council went into executive session to discuss the matter. When they came out, they voted 6-2 in favor of reinstating Williams with the rank of corporal, with Gail Nichols and Sooz Williams voting against. Mayor Steve Craig told Williams to meet with Chief Michael Matlock after the meeting to see when he can start back to work.

In other business, representatives with Snyder-Crown presented bids to the council regarding their plans to renovate their facility. The renovations they want to complete this year include repairing the roof, renovating the breakroom and bathrooms, redoing the front of the building to not be an eyesore, and installing a fan to vent the heat out of the building. They said the renovations would help them hire more employees and improve the facility.

There are more plans to improve the facility over the next three years, and they asked that the city help pay for half the cost of renovations.

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Harrisburg council passes grant resolutions

By COREY CLAIRDAY
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During the August meeting Tuesday night, the Harrisburg City Council passed three resolutions required for applying for a grant and discussed parked cars impeding traffic.

The resolutions are for an Arkansas Economic Development Commission grant the city is applying for through HUD. The first was to ensure the furtherance of fair housing practices within the city, the second was regarding an anti-displacement plan, and the third was to establish a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement against any engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.

In other business, Mayor Randy Mills said a citizen had come to him about cars parking on the street in places where it impedes traffic and had asked him to bring it up to the council. The council discussed the

matter with Mayor Mills saying he could research it more, see what other cities have done, and bring it back to the council.

The council heard the second reading of an ordinance amending the zoning code to delete a section requiring dwellings be built with a front door facing the street, and amending a section on mobile home replacement.

Mayor Mills informed the council the city has been awarded \$250,000 in state aid for street resurfacing, which will happen next year. During reports, the council heard from Police Chief Cassie Brandon, who said she is working on updating police handbook policies, going through the asset inventory, and getting the lay of the land. She said she is looking for ways to improve the operations of the police department and there has been one termination and two new hires. The two new hires are going through the academy.

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Perspective

Skillful diplomacy with Iran can avoid war

Decades ago, the United States and Iran were allies. We had extensive investments in Iranian oil and other resources. We gave Iran financial support and access to our military equipment and training. We supported Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, who ruled the country as a dictator.



Lee H. Hamilton

But the Shah was overthrown in 1979 by the Islamic Revolution, marking the dissolution of an imperial monarchy that had ruled for over 2,000 years. The revolution sought to create a more pious, more conservative, religiously oriented society, but with some elements of democracy. It supported anti-American and anti-Western governments and groups across the Middle East and beyond. A contentious relationship between the U.S. and Iran developed.

That difficult relationship, of course, continues today and has recently taken a turn for the worse.

President Obama believed that American goals in the Middle East could best be reached if we had a productive, stable relationship with Iran, which had growing influence in the region.

As part of that effort, the Obama administration signed a 2015 agreement with Iran and five other countries that curtailed Iran's path to developing nuclear weapons. That was a big step forward in weapons control and an improvement in the U.S.-Iran relationship.

President Trump rejected that agreement and made moves to withdraw the United States from the treaty, despite international opposition from key American allies. He and his team have set out maximum goals for the relationship and all but explicitly called for regime change in Iran.

With 80 million people, Iran is the second most populous nation in the Middle East, after Egypt. Its economy has weak points, including corruption, mismanagement and low private investment — but its growth rate is solid and inflation has stabilized. The sanctions that Trump has vowed to institute could limit Iran's participation in international trade and hurt its oil exports, but his approach to Iran has divided the international support for the sanctions.

Lacking conventional military strength, Iran has only a limited ability to project military power. With Shiite Muslims making up 95 percent of Iran's population, it is harder for Iran to extend its influence in the deeply split Muslim world. It is also engaged in a contentious rivalry with Saudi Arabia for influence in the Middle East.

Even so, Iran's spreading influence presents major challenges for U.S. foreign policy and its capacity to act continues to grow.

Iran's behavior is a threat to our interests and a deep cause for concern. It's developing a nuclear fuel cycle, building a missile arsenal, and using proxies like Hezbollah, across the region. 52 American hostages were seized by Iran in 1979, and 220 Marines killed in Beirut in 1983. Iran has supported terrorist groups. As Iran has become an important player in the internal politics of many Middle Eastern countries, it supports factions that are hostile to the U.S. and our allies.

It is not likely to give up its regional ambitions, which it has pursued for decades.

Trump's approach to Iran - sharply escalating our military response to Iranian forces and all but advocating regime change — only aggravates the relationship.

To avoid conflict with Iran, we will have to be at the top of our diplomatic game, putting together a comprehensive and effective policy.

Engaging with Iran will not be easy.

The threat of force should not be removed, but diplomacy is the preferred option.

We have to make clear what the red lines are that they should not cross, explain our views carefully, better understand the Iranians' intentions, and work with Iran in areas of common interest like fighting the Islamic state and stabilizing Afghanistan.

We should work closely with our allies to improve governance in the region, reduce civil wars, promote regional economic integration, and utilize the tools of U.S. diplomacy to constrain Iran's interventions in the region.

We should keep in place robust sanctions to pressure Iran's behavior, and make clear our disapproval of their human rights abuses. With sensitivity we should support democratic forces within Iran, and seek to maintain a balance of power among Iran, Israel, Saudi Arabia and other Arab states.

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In political season, Democrats wonder, 'Where's Obama?'

In political season, Democrats wonder, "Where's Obama?" "Join me on Team '18," Barack Obama wrote in a recent fundraising email from his old political group, Organizing for Action. "Every election, every ballot measure, every conversation between now and November ... it all matters."

It wasn't much, but the email was one of Obama's few public, political, overtly partisan appeals as the Democratic Party approaches midterm elections that could stop President Trump's agenda and boost Democratic prospects going into 2020. To have an ex-president who remains highly popular with his party sitting on the sidelines cannot be what Democrats hoped.

There are reports that Obama plans to campaign for some Democrats starting in September. But beyond simply hitting the stump for the midterms, Obama could be, if not the full-fledged leader of the Resistance, at least a constant and public critic of the direction taken by the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress.

Instead, Obama isn't seen much. At the end of July, he and former Vice President Joe Biden made a stir when they dropped by a Washington,

D.C., bakery for sandwiches. The visit had a purpose — the shop, Dog Tag Bakery, helps disabled veterans and their families — but besides shaking hands and posing for selfies, Obama didn't do anything that could be construed as politicking.

Obama did have a political message earlier in July, but he chose to deliver it in South Africa, thousands of miles away from U.S. midterm campaigning. Speaking at an event in Johannesburg honoring Nelson Mandela, Obama never mentioned Donald Trump's name, but his message was undoubtedly aimed at his successor in the White House.

"Look around," Obama said. "Strongman politics are ascendant suddenly, whereby elections and some pretense of democracy are maintained — the form of it — but those in power seek to undermine every institution or norm that gives democracy meaning.

"We see the utter loss of shame among political leaders," Obama continued, "where they're caught in a lie and they just double down and they lie some more."

Obama's speech got some coverage and some nostalgic comments by Democrats. But at the same time, President



Byron York

Trump is ramping up his political travel, headlining rallies just in the last week in the key states of Florida, Pennsylvania and Ohio — a combination of 2018 politicking for Republicans and 2020 politicking for himself.

A quick visit to a bakery is not quite the same.

There is no leader of the Democratic Party. A president is the leader of the party in the White House, and the opposition party doesn't really have a leader. For Democrats today, who would it be? Charles Schumer? Nancy Pelosi? One of the party's 2020 hopefuls? There just isn't one.

For Democrats, Obama, who isn't running for anything, could be as close to a leader as an out-of-power party can have until the Democrats' next presidential nominee comes along. But he's just not taking the job.

In June, New York magazine published an article with the almost plaintive headline, "Where is Barack Obama?" Writer Gabriel Debenedetti portrayed a former president who, for whatever reason, has decided not to stay up on

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Terrified, traumatized and tearful

Before the story fully fades from view, it's important to remember one of the most shameful episodes in a shameful presidency: the Trump administration's policy of "zero tolerance" toward illegal immigrants that separated more than 2,500 children from their parents.

Public outcries and legal challenges forced Trump to rescind the policy in June, but hundreds of children remain in government custody — "terrified, traumatized, tearful" reminders, as the Washington Post put it, of an administration that has been both colossally inept and cruelly immoral.

Officials were clearly and directly warned that their policy would divide families and cause permanent psychological damage to the abandoned children. And yet they went ahead anyway, pursuing their ruthless determination to "enforce the law" with no apparent concern for the damage they were inflicting.

But it's important to remember this period for another reason. It demonstrates that checks and balances still exist, that the judicial system remains a separate and vital branch of government capable of deterring this president's worst impulses. Civil rights lawyers sued the administration, and a coura-

geous federal judge, appointed by a Republican president, took their complaints seriously and ordered that families be reunited.

Judge Dana Sabraw ruled that the government's policy "arbitrarily tears at the sacred bond between parent and child." It was, he wrote in June, "brutal, offensive, and fails to comport with traditional notions of fair play and decency."

Last week, Sabraw again berated the government when it argued that civil rights organizations should be responsible for tracking down the parents of the children still held in detention. "This responsibility, of course, is 100 percent on the government," the judge declared. "The government has the sole burden and responsibility and obligation to make this happen."

The Trump administration "is at fault for losing several hundred parents" during its anti-immigrant crusade, Sabraw continued. And for every one who isn't found, "there will be a permanently orphaned child" — a living, lacerated legacy of this president's worst impulses.

The crackdown on illegal immigrants is not an isolated incident. It is part of a much larger pattern that combines extreme xenophobia with political opportunism.



Cokey and Steve Roberts

Even though Trump married two foreigners — and his mother was born in Scotland — he's tried at every turn to limit immigration to this country, both legal and illegal. One example: In the current fiscal year, the U.S. will admit only about 25,000 refugees — a disgracefully low figure compared to the annual quota of 110,000 during President Obama's last year.

On the campaign trail, Trump revels in whipping up nativist fury, denouncing immigrants as "animals" and encouraging chants of "build the wall," the ultimate symbol of his cynical conviction that demonizing foreigners benefits him politically.

Trump's war on immigrants is part of another pattern, as well: his adamant refusal to accept facts he finds inconvenient. Every study shows that immigrants commit fewer crimes than native-born citizens, but he continues to rail against "rapists" and "killers" he claims are pouring across the border to ravage innocent Americans.

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John Boxley

Not that you asked

Okay, I think I have some idea how modern conservatives think. They're not easy to figure out. The conservative movement was created by Ronald Reagan, and its members still begin each day kneeling in the direction of his grave to have a morning prayer. The problem is, they spend the rest of their day practically giving the Exalted One their middle finger.

While Reagan came into office declaring that Russia was an evil empire, President Trump and his base want to have Putin over for a sleepover. Reagan said, "Trust but verify," when it came to Soviet leaders. President Trump said that Putin was very strong in his denial of Russian interference in our election, and he believes him. Reagan is no longer just spinning in his grave, he's doing acrobatics.

Today's conservatives also have interesting ideas on what is acceptable in a political campaign. Now that even the President has said that the meeting in Trump Tower between his son, his son-in-law, his campaign chairman, and representatives of the Putin government were to get "dirt" on Hillary Clinton, it's no big deal. They say that is just how politics is run these days.

However, when the subject is about the Clinton campaign hiring a firm that had already been looking for dirt on Trump for one of his GOP rivals, you suddenly have a vast criminal conspiracy. When that firm goes out and subcontracts with a former British spy to look into the Trump company's dealings in Russia, it's not just a criminal conspiracy, but an act of treason.

Speaking of that infamous dossier, conservatives cling to the idea it is the reason that Robert Mueller was appointed as a Special Prosecutor. They also say that, since the dossier is fake, there is no reason for the Mueller investigation in the first place. That may be a good bedtime story to tell themselves so they can sleep at night, but it is more fantasy than fact.

The truth is that parts of that dossier have been proven, just not the really good parts we all giggle about. Furthermore, Mueller was appointed after Trump fired FBI Director James Comey then went on TV and said he fired him because he wouldn't end the Russia investigation.

Speaking of special investigations, conservatives used to love them but now hate them. They complain that the Mueller investigation has gone on too long, but when the person being investigated is named Clinton, they never want it to end. Under President Clinton, they began with the Travel Office firings, then to Hillary's law firm billing, Vince Foster's suicide, and then Whitewater. Thanks to Linda Tripp, they struck gold when they found out about Monica Lewinski. Suddenly the President's sex life was front page news.

In Hillary's case, the investigations began in 2012 after the terror attack in Benghazi and included one into her use of a private e-mail server. In all, there were eight investi-

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Harrisburg vote passes

During a special election Tuesday, Harrisburg voters approved reallocating and extending a one cent sales tax that was set to expire. According to unofficial results from the county clerk's office, the vote was 90 for, 46 against out

of the 136 ballots cast.

The tax was originally used to fund construction of a well and for wastewater plant upgrades and will be now be used for the police and fire departments.

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grant was for \$39,460 which went toward replacing the roof, windows, and a few other things. Recently, the Community House received another grant in the amount of \$10,000, which the Community House Foundation is matching with another \$10,000. Both grant applications were written by Barbara Lewallen.

Taylor said there are several things that need to be done such as renovating the bathrooms, installing a new heater, painting the outside, cleaning the floor, and getting new doors in the back. With the recent AHPP grant, Taylor said they will use it to do the three biggest things, which are renovating bathrooms, getting the new heater, and cleaning the floor. Lion Betty Payne, who serves on the Community House Foundation Board along with Taylor, pointed out the renovation will bring the bathrooms up to standard and make them handicap accessible.

Taylor thanked both Mayor Lewallen for writing the grants and the city of Trumann for funding the Community House and keeping it going. Taylor also pointed out the Community House will be 100 years old in nine years.

Taylor also serves as a justice of the peace on the quorum court, and he spoke briefly about the proposed one cent sales tax for the sheriff's office and detention center. "I've been on the quorum court for three years and have seen our money go out the door," Taylor said. "We just don't have the money to fund jail." Taylor asked that voters support the sales tax, saying that he's afraid the millage rate might go up if the tax doesn't pass.

In club business, Payne reported the club participated in Stuff the Bus the previous weekend and was able to donate 37 backpacks and two cases of hand sanitizer to the school.

HAMILTON

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So, Iran presents one of the most difficult foreign-policy issues facing America. Above all, we don't want to stumble into a war.

Iran is capable of causing America a great deal of trouble. But if we handle the relationship correctly, it can lead to a reduced threat of conflict and improved stability in the region.

Lee Hamilton is a leading

figure on foreign policy, intelligence, and national security. He served as Vice Chairman of the 9/11 Commission; Co-Chairman of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group; Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs; and Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence. Hamilton was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

ROBERTS

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Another example of Trump World's willful denial of reality: Commander Jonathan White of the U.S. Public Health Service recently told a congressional hearing that as the "zero tolerance" policy was being formulated, professionals in the Office of Refugee Resettlement "raised a number of concerns" about the potential consequences.

Decision-makers were warned, White said, that their policy would fracture families and damage children. "There's no question that separation of children from their parents entails significant potential for traumatic psychological injury to the child," White testified.

When lawmakers asked about the response to those warnings, White replied: "The answer I received was that family separation was not a policy." That was a ridiculous, even tragic, answer that totally ignored an entirely predictable outcome. It's like the administration saying, "We're going to blow up this dam, but the flooding we'll

cause is 'not a policy,' so it's not our responsibility."

The rampant self-delusion continues. Trying to paint a rosy picture of the situation, an official of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency described the facilities where some youngsters are detained as "more like a summer camp," with basketball courts and soccer fields.

That description is just another absurd comment that ignores the searing truth, described by Devin Miller of the American Academy of Pediatrics: "Toxic stress, which is caused by prolonged exposure to heightened stress, has detrimental short- and long-term effects."

That's why it's so important to remember what Trump has done. The detrimental effects on the children he's harmed are permanent. The detrimental effects on his political reputation should be permanent, as well.

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investigations into Benghazi, all finding that Clinton had done nothing wrong. In 2016, the chairman of the committee investigating her emails claimed that he had at least two more years of work to do. After Hillary lost the election, he resigned from Congress in June of 2017 to take a job with Fox News.

Put simply, the conservative movement that Ronald Reagan created is dead. Reagan was successful because he not only knew what he wanted to do, he was also likeable. Democrats and lib-

erals who disagreed with his policies got along with him, as did the public. Unfortunately, Reagan was followed by the likes of Newt Gingrich, Tom Delay, and now Donald Trump. These conservatives have a meaner vision of the world they want, and they are not likeable. The only reason they have been able to succeed is because Democrats and liberals are such pathetic opponents. While conservatives will use any means, right or wrong to win, Democrats and liberals worry more about fighting fair than winning.

Marked Tree Rotary planning September events

The Marked Tree Rotary Club has a couple events coming up in September.

First up, the club will be tailgating at the first Marked Tree High School football home game of the year on Friday, Sept. 7. They will be supplying chips and water as well as providing information on the club.

The Rotary Club is also gearing up for their annual Peggy Bankston Walk, Run, Ride, which will take place the morning of the Cotton Pickin' Jubilee on Saturday, Sept. 29, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and the walk starting at 8:30 a.m. This will be the 13th year the club has held the walk in honor of Bankston, who died of breast cancer in 2005.

Bankston was a Rotarian, life-long community advocate, and pianist/organist for First Baptist Church. Before she died, Rotarian Bill Stanley spoke with her about the club's plan for the walk, and she requested that the money raised go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The club has been doing the walk since 2006.

Order forms for t-shirts for the walk are currently available from any Rotarian or at Unico Bank in Marked Tree. The cost is \$25 per participant, and the deadline to get forms in is Friday, Sept. 7. The walk begins at First United Methodist Church and continues to the park by the bridge for a balloon release.

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partment of Environmental Quality. Owner Bob Stotts said at a previous meeting that he could afford the cost to have the house cleaned, so he would agree with whatever the city suggested. The council voted to have the house condemned and the city take the house down and dispose of it.

In new business, an ordinance was passed to approve the amending of the 2018 Municipal Budget. A resolution was also passed to remove old records from inventory and bids for property the city owns, 520 W. Main (\$2,751), 609 W. Speedway (\$1,000) and 209 Diamant (\$1,000), were accepted by the council.

Acting Police Chief Jon Redman told the council

Chief Chad Henson has a severe bruised heart from the recent shooting he was involved in. "Chief is on administrative leave until the investigation is complete and will be able to return to duty when the doctors have cleared him," Redman said.

Trumann Fire Chief Revis Kemper said the new building in the Industrial Park should be ready in 10-15 days. "We have just a little bit of work to complete, and we'll be done. We will come in around \$80,000 under budget for the project. The low bid was \$196,000, and we will finish somewhere between \$110,000-\$112,000. We were also happy to have purchased all our materials locally except for a few pieces of wood," Kemper said.

School lunch menus

Aug. 20-24 Trumann

Monday-chicken fried steak/ham and cheese wrap, grilled cheese (TES), pizza salad, green beans, fresh tomatoes and fruit.

Tuesday-enchilada/chicken salad sandwich, pizza burger (TES), egg chef salad, mexican corn, grape tomatoes and fruit.

Wednesday-chicken alfredo/turkey and cheese, hot dog (TES), caesar salad, celery sticks, eggplant and fruit.

Thursday-bacon cheeseburger/jerk chicken flatbread, General Tso chicken (TES), nacho salad, kickin pinto bean, fruit and baby carrots.

Friday-chicken waffle sandwich/parmesan flatbread, pepperoni pizza (TES), fruit salad, fruit, steamed broccoli and cucumber slices.

Harrisburg
Monday-pizza, steamed broccoli, carrots, fruit, crispy treat and milk.

Tuesday-chicken sandwich, quick baked potato, fruit, lettuce/tomato and milk.

Wednesday-fajita nachos, green peas, seasoned corn, salsa, fruit and milk.

Thursday-country steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fruit and milk.

Friday-cheeseburger, oven crisp fries, veg. beans, lettuce/tomato, fruit and milk.

EPC
Choice of entrees, salads and sides

Monday-bbq bacon wrapped hot dog, chicken and cheese quesadilla, french fries w/ketchup, cobb salad, blueberry muffin, garden salad and mandarin oranges.

Tuesday-chicken and waffles w/syrup, mozzarella duffers, strawberry chicken salad, Italian bread, spring salad mix, steamed broccoli and cinnamon apples.

Wednesday-chicken patty, spicy chicken patty, meatloaf, mandarin orange chicken salad, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, hot rolls and pineapple.

Thursday-super nachos,

chicken alfredo w/Italian bread, taco salad, cornbread, caesar side salad, refried beans and pears.

Friday-pepperoni pizza, fish and chips, chicken bacon ranch salad, pineapple muffin, fresh garden salad, roasted vegetables and tropical fruit.

Marked Tree K-6
Monday-country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, peaches and milk.

Tuesday-taco tuesday, pinto beans, salsa, lettuce/tomato, pineapple and milk.

Wednesday-chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, corn on the cob, roll, banana and milk.

Thursday-hot dog, tater tots, baked beans, mustard/ketchup, orange and milk.

Friday-ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce/tomato, baby carrots w/ranch, chips, sidekick and milk.

Marked Tree 7-12
Monday-country fried steak/beefy burrito, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, peaches/apple and milk.

Tuesday-taco tuesday/cheese pizza, pinto beans, salsa, lettuce/tomato, Spanish rice, pineapple/pear and milk.

Wednesday-chicken spaghetti/ham and cheese melt, tossed salad, corn on the cob, roll, banana/orange and milk.

Thursday-hot dog/rib sandwich, tater tots, baked beans, mustard/ketchup, orange/banana and milk.

Friday-ham and cheese sandwich/bacon cheeseburger, lettuce/tomato, baby carrots and celery sticks w/ ranch, chips, sidekick/juice and milk.

WILLIAMS

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For the work to be done in 2018, that's \$75,000. The council discussed approving the partnership one year at a time and unanimously approved giving Snyder-Crown \$75,000 for the renovations. Snyder-Crown will pay the other \$75,000 and will pay for anything else if the work goes over the initial bids.

The council also heard from citizens about various concerns in the city. Susan Macefe spoke about the Sports Complex. She spoke to the council in January and said that four of the issues she had brought up had been taken care of, but there was still a lot that needed to be done. Among the items on Macefe's list were: the flagpoles have never been put up, walking track is badly cracked, weeds becoming a problem, gates are always open, posts are bent, fences are not repaired, some of the new cement is falling out, restrooms are not clean, garbage not being picked up, storage facility not being taken care of, trash in the dugouts, cement at splash pad eroding, splash pad not repaired, basketball court water fountains have never worked, and other issues.

"I'm just surprised you seem to be so complacent about it," Macefe said. "The Sports Complex should be our shining star, and it's fading fast."

During discussion, City Clerk Pam Wright brought up the idea of hiring someone to handle maintenance at both the Sports Complex and Carver Park. "The list she's got, she's correct," Wright said. "And there's more every month." Alderman Jason Gilbert recommended putting together a committee, which could come up with a job description and recommend applicants to the council for hiring. The council approved appointing the committee.

Tom Rhoads addressed the council about several issues.

First, she asked about the handicap ramp the city was supposed to put in for Poinsett Cafe. Mayor Craig said he would make a call about it that night. Rhoads also spoke about getting the town cleaned up. "We've got to make trash in the town a priority," she said, listing places in need of cleanup, which included a house on 6th Street and the building next to the Dairy Freeze. Rhoads also asked about preventing big trucks from parking on the lot next to the Dairy Freeze, which the council agreed was dangerous for people trying to see around them when pulling out. Rhoads asked why the splash pad had not been repaired yet. Director of Public Works Wayne Hendrix said he had been sent the wrong part and had to reorder, but that it had come in. Rhoads also asked for a list of all committees and who's on them, including Youth Sports.

Joyce Upshaw spoke to the council about two dogs at Briar Estates. She said they are mangy, full of fleas, and not supposed to be on the property. Upshaw said she has called twice, but the situation has not been taken care of. Mayor Craig said he would get on it.

In other business, the council:

- *granted permission to sell Hale's Half Acre to the owner of Rusty's Garage for \$2,500 and the gas tank at the airport to Watson Oil Company for \$6,000.

- *approved the water audit.

- *heard from the mayor regarding limb pickup, which will now be done on the second week of each month. Household items will be picked up on the third week of each month.

- *approved paying Code Enforcer Jim Huff for mailouts.

- *approved hiring Glenn Light as a full-time police officer.

YORK

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day-to-day politics, focusing instead on the new Obama Foundation and on his memoirs.

"In private conversations, Obama rarely mentions Trump at all," Debenedetti reported. "Those who've visited the office he's leased from the World Wildlife Fund in Washington's West End say he's eager to talk for hours about the world's ills. When informed about the latest presidential tweetstorms aimed at him, he chuckles and changes the subject."

Debenedetti talked to Obama friends who marveled at the former president's "Zen-like" calm in the face of the Trump tumult. That, of course, was a phrase often used to describe Obama in the White House, too.

Maybe that works for him. But for his admirers — and many Democratic voters — Obama's absence borders on the mysterious.

"How did the most ubiquitous man in America for eight years virtually disappear?" Debenedetti asked. "What explains his near absence from the political stage, where he

might argue publicly against the reversals of his policy accomplishments, and also from American life more broadly?"

What could Obama do for Democrats this November? There are certainly states and districts in which candidates would welcome an appearance. But probably more important, he could travel the country raising millions and millions of dollars for Democratic candidates. For that job, the only thing better than an ex-president is a sitting president, and Democrats don't have one of those now.

Actually, one Obama is doing some shoe-leather work for the midterms. This week came news that former first lady Michelle Obama will travel around the country in a weeklong voter registration effort in late September.

That will certainly be welcome in many Democratic circles. But at the same time, no one should be surprised if party activists ask Mrs. Obama: "Where is your husband?"

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

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Zechariah King of Israel
II Kings 15

Zechariah son of Jeroboam II became king of Israel and reigned only six months. He, like his fathers, did evil in the sight of the LORD. Shallum son of Jabesh conspired against Zechariah and attacked him in front of the people, assassinated him and succeeded him as king. The word of the LORD spoken to Jehu was fulfilled that his descendants would sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.

Shallum King of Israel
II Kings 15

Shallum son of Jabesh became king and he reigned in Samaria one month. Then Menahem son of Gadi went from Tirzah up to Samaria. He attacked Shallum, assassinated him and succeeded him as king.

Menahem King of Israel
II Kings 15

Menahem attacked Tiphshah and everyone in the city and its vicinity, because they refused to open their gates. He sacked Tiphshah and ripped open all the pregnant women. Menahem reigned in Samaria ten years and he did evil in the eyes of the LORD. Never did he turn away from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit. Pul (Tiglath-Pileser) king of Assyria invaded the land and Menahem gave him a thousand talents of silver to gain his support and strengthen his own hold on the kingdom, money he exacted from Israel. Every wealthy man had to contribute fifty shekels of silver to be given to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria withdrew from Israel.

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Obituaries

Olivia Brewington

BENTON - Our beautiful, precious daughter and sister, Olivia Loren Brewington, 16, left this earthly life on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, to be with her Lord Jesus Christ. Born March 3, 2002, in Texarkana, Texas, without a speck of hair on her head and the vocals of a cheerleader, she brought a brightness to our lives with her sparkling personality. She was the prettiest baby her Adah Donnie had ever seen.

Olivia grew into a blonde-haired beauty with a loving heart, a unique style, and a fierceness that some might say was just plain hardheadedness. A true and beautiful soul, she touched the lives of all who knew her. She enjoyed hanging out with her closest friends, listening to music, taking photos, traveling, and shopping. Liv had a love for animals, rock band tee shirts, and all things tie-dyed. She didn't believe in dressy frills or wearing socks. She held firm to her faith and in living life to the fullest. To know her was to love her.

Liv would have started her junior year at Harmony Grove High School in Haskell, where she was an honor student. Being active in many things, she was a member of the HGHS tennis team and a former cheerleader. Olivia was a member of Beta Club and the yearbook staff.

Olivia was preceded in death by her biological father, Aaron Pruitt Ellis, and her maternal grandfather, Donnie "Adah" Haynes.

She leaves behind her dad and mom, Robert and Traci Brewington, and her "baby" sister Addison "Addie Boo"



Olivia Brewington

Brewington, all of Benton; maternal grandparents, Roger and Betty Steed, of Prescott; paternal grandparents, Ronald and Susan Brewington of Marked Tree; and great-grandmother Bernice Brewington of Tyrone. Aunts and uncles include Terrie (and Matt) Slatton of Delight; Don (and Brenda) Haynes of Prescott; Anna (and Chris) Smith of McKinney, Texas; Angela (and Scott) Ford of Jonesboro; numerous cousins and extended family. Olivia never met a stranger and leaves behind many, many dear friends.

Olivia had a positive vibe and an exuberant spirit that she leaves with all of her family and friends. We will carry her memory in our hearts forever.

A memorial service was held at Sharon Missionary Baptist Church in Benton on Aug. 15. Arrangements were made with Ashby Funeral Home of Benton. Memorials may be made to Sharon Missionary Baptist Church in Benton or the Harmony Grove School District in Haskell.

Online guestbook at www.ashbyfuneralhome.com.

Clifford Richardson

LAKE CITY - Mr. Clifford Boyd "Bo" Richardson, 60, departed this life on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, at the family residence. He was born on Saturday, Nov. 16, 1957, in Trumann and had lived most of his lifetime in the Lake City and Trumann area. He was a construction superintendent for Nabholz Construction and of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing and golfing.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Sabrina Michelle (Shelli) Richardson of the home; two sons, Andrew Malcom Richardson of Lake City and Alix Matthew Richardson of Roswell, N.M.; his parents, Clifford and Olivia Richardson of Trumann; four sisters, Vicki Lynn (Tip) Shipp of Trumann, Cheryl Ann (Sam) Lee of Lake



Clifford Richardson

City, Nita (Tom) Cabaniss of Foley, Ala., and Rita Byers (Hal) Howard of Daphne, Ala.; one granddaughter, Marley Lynn Richardson.

A celebration of his life was held Aug. 14 in the chapel of Thompson Funeral Home with Sam Lee and Jake Gilley officiating. Burial was private.

Memorials may be made to the National Wildlife Federation, P.O. Box 1583, Merrifield, VA 22116-1583

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

Horace Smith

LEBANON, TENN. - Horace B. Smith, 84, passed away Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at Tennova Health Care. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Smith and Joan Stanley Smith; brother, J.B. Smith and sister, Ola Mae Fletcher.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Joan Smith of Lebanon; sons, Mark (Ruthann) Smith of North Carolina and Greg (Debbie) Smith of Lebanon; grandchildren, Dawson (Danny) Smith of Alabama, Michael (Heather) Smith of Tennessee, Kristin Smith of Alabama, David (Rachel) Smith of North Carolina, and Matthew (Brooke) Smith of Arkansas; brothers, Gary (Lala) Smith of Arkansas, Von (Martha) Smith of Arkansas, and Jack Smith of Colorado; great-grandchildren, Kane and Kyle; and numerous other loving family members.

Horace was a member and former elder of College Hills Church of Christ. He was a service representative for 18 years with International Harvester in Libertyville, Ill., and worked for the State of Kentucky in Madisonville, Ky., for Shelter Workshop. He was an Army veteran, an avid fisher-



man, and an avid Arkansas Razorback fan.

A celebration of life was held Aug. 12 in the Partlow Funeral Chapel with Mark Smith and Greg Smith officiating. Interment was held Aug. 14 at the Jonesboro Memorial Gardens.

Active pallbearers were his grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers were the elders of College Hills Church of Christ and Mike Utterback. Thompson Funeral Home in Trumann will be in charge of out-of-town arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Manning Compassion Center at College Hills Church of Christ or to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Partlow Funeral Chapel 615-444-7007, Obituary Line 615-444-7700, www.partlowchapel.com.

Health fair is Friday

Trumann Family Health Center, located at 417 West Main, will have its annual health center fair from 3-4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17. There will be a bouncy house, free food,

door prizes, games, and they will give out backpacks and school supplies.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the fun.

Harrisburg Girl Scout signup is Aug. 24

Girl Scout signup in Harrisburg will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at the Harrisburg city pool. Membership is \$25.

For more information, contact Beth Kjolraug at 501-265-

9302 or Tisha Westerman at 870-930-4038.

Where seniors can get help with home chores and small jobs

Dear Savvy Senior,

What's the best way to find good, trustworthy, qualified people who can help seniors with home chores or small jobs?



Savvy Senior
Jim Miller

Dear Looking,

Getting help at home for any number of household tasks is a lot easier than it use to be thanks to a number of web-based tools that can quickly and easily connect you and your mom to a wide variety of skilled, carefully vetted workers. Here's what you should know.

Finding Qualified Help

One of the best ways to find qualified, reliable, trustworthy people that can help with home chores and other small jobs is through referrals from people you trust. But if your friends or family don't have any recommendations, there are a number of online companies you can turn to now like TaskRabbit.com and Takl.com.

These are on-demand service companies that can quickly and easily connect you to skilled workers to handle a wide variety of household chores and small jobs, like cleaning and house-keeping, moving and packing, lawn and yard cleanup, handyman tasks, grocery shopping, running errands, furniture assembly, picture hanging, closet organizing, and much more.

TaskRabbit currently has more than 60,000 Taskers (workers) in 47 U.S. cities, while Takl currently serves 75 U.S. cities with around 35,000 workers.

All you need to do is download their app, or go to their website, and select the service your mom wants done and set a time when she would like the worker to show up. The software then matches your request and provides you a list of qualified, feedback rated workers (including their hourly rate) from which to choose. Once the job is complete, payment is done through the company's app.

You should also know that all TaskerRabbit and Takl workers have to go through a thorough vetting process before they can join their respective company including extensive background checks.

If, however, you can't find a skilled worker through TaskRabbit or Takl, or if they don't serve

your area, another option is Amazon Home Services at Amazon.com/services. Like TaskRabbit and Takl, Amazon will connect you to qualified workers that handle dozens of household chores and other small jobs.

Amazon also screens all workers through media searches, online interviews, reference checks, and background checks. And all experts need to have licenses and insurance.

To purchase and book a service, you can either buy a pre-packaged service with a fixed price (like two hours of cleaning) or you can submit a custom request and receive estimates. When booking, you select three different dates and time frames and the pro confirms an appointment. All payment is done through your Amazon account.

Need a Tradesman

If your mom primarily needs a tradesman like a plumber, electrician, painter, roofer or carpenter for home repairs or remodel projects, you should also check HomeAdvisor.com and AngiesList.com. Both of these sites can connect you with prescreened, customer-rated service professionals in your area for free.

Senior Specific

Another option you should know about is AskUmbrella.com, which is a fee-based membership service for seniors 60-plus that provides qualified, vetted workers to do small jobs in and around the house for only \$16 per hour. Currently available in New York, they are expanding nationally over the next year.

Lower-Income Option

If your mom is on a tight budget, you should also contact her nearby Area Aging Agency (call 800-677-1116), who can refer you to services in her area, if available. For example, some communities have volunteer programs that provide chore and handyman services to help seniors in need. And some local non-profit's offer residential repair services that offer seniors minor upgrades and adaptations to their homes.

Pet Talk
Dr. Norette Underwood

Do you know dogs?

This week I thought a dog quiz might be fun!

1. How many recognized dog breeds are there in the world?

- a. Roughly 200
- b. More than 400

2. In the 19th century, dogs starred in British circus acts performing tricks such as jumping through hoops.

- a. True
- b. False

3. What is the most popular dog breed in the USA?

- a. Labrador Retriever
- b. Boxer
- c. Miniature Schnauzer
- d. Beagle

4. Dogs can hear how many times better than the average human?

- a. About equal
- b. 4 times better
- c. 10 times better
- d. 30 times better

5. Evidence of interaction between humans and dogs goes back how far?

- a. 700 years
- b. 5,000 years
- c. 14,000 years
- d. 1 million years

6. Dogs sense of smell is how many times better than the average human?

- a. About equal
- b. 4 times better
- c. 10 times better
- d. At least 10,000 times better

7. What percentage of U.S. households has at least one dog?

- a. 17 percent
- b. 37 percent

- c. 47 percent
- d. 67 percent

8. Dalmatian pups are born with spots?

- a. True
- b. False

9. About how many words can the average dog learn?

- a. 50
- b. 165
- c. 325
- d. 1,025

10. What breed of dog does former President Obama's family own?

- a. Greyhound
- b. Portuguese Water Dog
- c. Scottish Terrier
- d. Great Dane

Sources for these questions came from: The Merck Manual Pet Health Edition, NatGeo Research; NOVA Science Now, Humane Society of the United States, American Kennel Club; CNN; Animal Planet; and People.com.

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Lifestyles



Pictured are, from left: Hallie Orr, Judy May, Dorothy Ames and Nancy Voyles attending the Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs mid-year board meeting. (Photo provided)

Harrisburg Garden Club receives awards

The 2018 mid-year board meeting of the Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs (AFGC) was held Aug. 6-7 at The First United Methodist Church in Conway with 82 members present. AFGC President Derenda Stanley presided over the opening general session. State officers and state chairmen announced new projects, contests and events for the coming year. Dorothy Ames gave the treasurer's report and Nancy Voyles reported on the National Garden Club (NGC) Scholarship recipient. District Directors extended invitations to Fall District

meetings. Northeast Director Teresa Shannon announced the Northeast meeting will be held in Hughes on Oct. 6 with a program on Birds of the Natural State. Ronna Precure, AFGC Awards chairman, presented Regional and National Awards. Hallie Orr, Harrisburg Club president, accepted four awards on behalf of her club. They were Yearbook First Place-Regional, National Garden Week Second Place-Regional, MP-2 Certificate of Commendation for National Garden Week-National, and Yearbook First Place certificate-National. She also accepted youth awards for Re-

cycled Sculptures: Callie Rowland, fifth grade, First Place Regional and Second Place National; Jesalyn Carpino, sixth grade, First Place Regional and Honorable Mention National. After the business meeting, everyone enjoyed lunch and the program "Trends In Gardening" presented by Brett Battle, owner of The Plant Outlet in Conway. Attending from the Harrisburg Garden Club were Dorothy Ames, Hallie Orr, Judy May and Nancy Voyles. Hallie won a door prize of a beautiful caladium.

Trumann Senior Life Center "On the Go"

By HAZEL RILEY

On Monday, we played Wii bowling with the Jonesboro center and then stayed for lunch. Our center played dominoes and had puzzle club for the rest of the seniors. On Tuesday, the Red Hats went on their monthly trip to Jonesboro for shopping and

lunch. On Wednesday, we had newspaper day, food pantry, and special guest Bianca Burgess with the Jonesboro Public Library. She teaches art class. On Thursday, we play bingo and also exercise. On Friday, we have Points Derby. The leader last week was Ms.

Barbara B. with three home runs! Way to go Barb! The seniors from the Weiner center will be here next week for a bean bag baseball game. We will also have disaster training and homemade ice cream. Won't you join us here at 351 Campbell? Have a great weekend!



Marked Tree Senior Life Center Happenings
By Joan Campbell

We are doing good at the Marked Tree Senior Center. We wish you were here. We went to the Lepanto Senior Center on Aug. 9 to play bean bag baseball and have lunch with them. They also had a musician there and he was really good. Those who played ball were Winnie, Inez, Irma, Ruth, John, Cynthia, Carol Sue, Janet and Joan. Lepanto won both games, but we had a lot of fun. We love those people. They gave out commodities on Aug. 9 to those who meet the income guidelines. That food helps out a lot. We had

our council meeting on Aug. 6. There is a group that plays Chicken Scratch every day, a group that plays dominoes every day, and a group that plays rummikube every day, so if you would like to come and join us, we would like that. We also play bean bag baseball and Wii bowling too. We play bingo and have ice cream and cake once a month for those who have birthdays that month. If you want to come and join in the fun, come by and see Carol Crum or call her at 870-358-3751.

Hairdresser

A poem by SHIRLEY LONG
To be a hair-dresser is no easy task,
And you dread the words, I don't like it like that!
But bringing beauty into this world,
By styling the hair, of a boy and a girl,
Makes people feel good, and builds self-esteem,
And makes this world, a better place to be.
You're a counselor, a listener, and learn to endure,
For only a hair-dresser, knows for sure.
But never doubt your own true worth,
Because you bring beauty, to this earth.
Thanks for your hard work, and believe this is true,
That my favorite hair-dresser,
Will always be you.

What matters most: ethics or politics?

By Sherri Holliman



While laws carry with them a punishment for violations, ethics does not. In ethics, everything depends on the person's conscience and self-worth. Ethics comes from within a person's moral sense and desire to preserve his self-respect.

It is assumed that most of our elected leaders will be honest, just, and respectful of the truth and decisions of the votes, over the nations, states, regions and cities that they serve to intentionally seek to manage political issues with due respect for their constituents' best interest.

However, with the past history of politicians being dishonest, ethics has become a more concerning topic for the confidence of the voters and discouraged some people

from registering to vote or not vote. People do not place much trust in politics and politicians. Politicians are often seen as selfish and corrupt power-players, defending special interests instead of the common good and serving the population they were elected to represent.

"Ethics in politics" seems to many a contradiction in terms, even though many politicians try to give their best for the public cause of their community. Ethics in politics is about process and vision or political objectives. Politics has

lost its true intent of trust and confidence that was built with processes of respectful sponsors that was open to individualists and systems that were expected to match values. Actions as simple as filing for candidacy in an address that you are not residing in or announcing you are a Democrat when you are Republican, those are ethics violations not against the law.

These ethical dilemmas can create major distrust issues and challenges for everyone to restore trust with the public and jeopardize future elections. In addition, they weaken the credibility of viable candidates.

So voters and leaders, what is important to you: being ethical or political?

Food pantry holding benefit Sept. 9

Three Rivers Food Pantry in Marked Tree is having an Italian dinner to benefit the pantry. The dinner will take place from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Masonic Lodge located at 206 Liberty Street

in Marked Tree. Tickets are \$5 per person. Children 12 and under eat free when accompanied by a paid adult. Tickets go on sale beginning Friday, Aug. 17, and

may be purchased from Linda's Flower Shop, Sugar and Spice Salon, the food pantry when it is open, any pantry volunteer, or by calling Connie at 870-358-1310.

Pleasant Grove EHC talks community projects

Pleasant Grove Extension Homemakers Club met at San Francisco Bread Co. for their monthly meeting on Aug. 9. During the meeting, members discussed several ideas for their Community Service Project. They will vote on

projects during their September meeting. Program books for 2018-2019 were handed out. New by-laws were presented for members to read over and see if changes are needed. Jeanie Gibson gave a pro-

gram called "Grace Under Pressure: Dealing with Difficult People." Gibson also entertained members with a bingo game called "Find Someone Who..." Their next meeting is Sept. 6.

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Sports

Lanard Bonner added to Outland Trophy watch list

Arkansas State redshirt senior Lanard Bonner has been placed on the 2018 Outland Trophy Preseason Watch List after his outstanding performance on the Red Wolves offensive line in 2017. Bonner, an All-Sun Belt Conference Preseason First-

Team selection, started all 12 games at right tackle for a team that ranked No. 1 in the league in scoring offense (37.8 ppg), total offense (495.3 ypg), pass offense (342.2 ypg), third-down conversions (44.1 pct) and first

downs (322). He helped pave the way for 5,944 yards of total offense which stands as the third most in school history. The Birmingham, Ala., native was also part of an offensive line that blocked for

17 rushing and 38 passing touchdowns. Bonner also helped an offensive line that produced over 400 yards of total offensive in 10 of 12 games, including a school and Sun Belt record 781 yards against ULM.



Arkansas State's Lanard Bonner, seen here blocking a defender for Arkansas-Pine Bluff, has been added to the Outland Trophy Award watch list. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)

Last day for fall sports sign-ups

The last day to sign up for the fall sports programs for the Trumann Parks and Recreation will be Friday, Aug. 17. Anyone interested may contact Scott Shankle, Trumann Parks and Recreation Director, or call the Trumann Municipal Building at 870-483-5355 for more information.

Wildcat golfers take tri-match win

By ANTHONY COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Trumann's Luke Montgomery took medalist honors with a 35 to lead the Wildcats to a 117 team score beating Bay (128) and Harrisburg (146) in a play four count three tri-match this past Monday at the Trumann Country Club. Also for the Wildcats, Hayden Cook and Jake Robert each carded a 41 as Jackson Darr shot a 48.

For Bay, Jackson Hunt and Nathan Higgins each shot 41, Paiton Hartley added a 46 as Jordan Sparks finished with

a 58. Bryce Deckelman led Harrisburg with a 41, Hayden Creecy shot a 52, Jake Sample shot 53 with Casen Briley carding a 55. In the girls' match, Trumann took a one-stroke victory over Harrisburg, 167 to 168. Jana Morgan led the Lady Wildcats with a 54, Adrianna Patterson shot a 55, Harleigh Hamilton added a 58 as Mallory Hartley carded a 63. Harrisburg's Ansley Wixson took medalist honors with a 49, Cassie Armstrong shot 58, Kristin Vanaman shot a 61 with Gretchen Morgan shooting a 63.

Four A-State rugby standouts to attend All-American Selection Camp

Four rugby standouts will represent Arkansas State University at the Men's Collegiate All-American (MCAA) Selection Camp, Aug. 9-17, in Glendale, Colo. The quartet is among 83 collegiate players selected by USA Rugby.

The players are hooker Patrick Meagher of Brisbane, Australia; flanker Pedro Alvarez of Houston; flanker Tabo Maree of Amersfoort, South Africa; and center Zach Young of Gold Coast, Australia.

"I'm very excited for our young men to go out and represent our club to the best of their abilities," said Head Coach Blake White. "These guys are top quality players, but more importantly, top quality young men who will represent us with great pride."

The camp is held at Infinity Park, the home of the 2018 College 7s National Championships. It will be split into two halves, with a mixture of training and trial games occurring in the first four days. Following that portion of the

camp, the player pool will be reduced to 30 athletes who will remain to work with the men's collegiate All-American staff.

The camp will conclude with a match against the Glendale Raptors on Friday, Aug. 17. USA Rugby will announce the first, second and third team All-Americans following the match.

"Our coaching staff is thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the top collegiate players in the country," said James Willocks, head coach of the men's collegiate All-Americans. "It is always a challenge to identify the top players with the college game being so expansive. We believe that we have selected a wide squad of players available, with representation across most conferences, divisions and programs throughout the country."

A total of 60 players will represent D1A programs with the largest number of 24 players coming from the Mid South Conference of which A-State is a member.



Back to School Bash

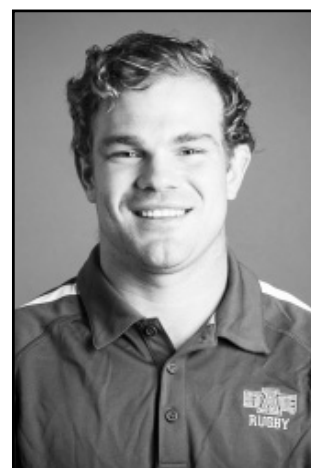
Fireball's Harley Daniels (Marked Tree) fires a pitch home during tournament play this past weekend at Southside Softball Complex in Jonesboro. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)



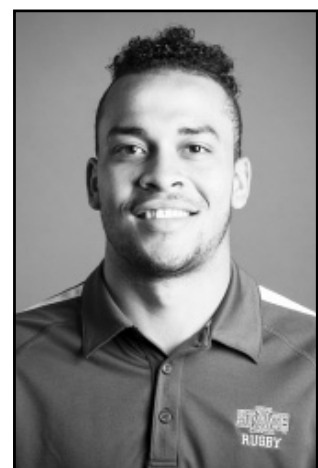
Patrick Meagher



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Municipal candidates continue to file

Filing for municipal candidates continues as the Aug. 17 filing deadline approaches. As of Tuesday, the following candidates have filed.

In Trumann, incumbent Barbara Lewallen, Sheila Walters, Gary Hill, and Keith Blasingame have filed to run for mayor. Carol Waleszonia has filed for city clerk. For city council, incumbent Donnie England has filed for Alderman Ward 2 Position 2, Carin McClung has filed for Alderman Ward 3 Position 1, Hazel Riley has filed for Alderman Ward 3 Position 2, incumbent James Baker has filed for Alderman Ward 5 Position 1, and incumbent Jason Stewart has filed for Al-

derman Ward 5 Position 2. In Harrisburg, incumbent Randy Mills, Wayne King and Justin Kimble have filed for mayor. For city council, incumbent Bobby Austin has filed for Alderman Ward 1 Position 1, Bernard Blancato has filed for Alderman Ward 2 Position 1, incumbent Jeff Spiegel has filed for Alderman Ward 3 Position 1, incumbent Vickie Lowery has filed for Alderman Ward 4 Position 1, and incumbent Jeb Bass has filed for Alderman Ward 4 Position 2.

In Tyronza, incumbent Charles Glover has filed for mayor. For City Council, incumbent Mike Hood has filed for Alderman Ward 1 Position

1, incumbent Kevin Skipper has filed for Alderman Ward 2 Position 1, incumbent Barbara Ross has filed for Alderman Ward 2 Position 2, and incumbent Zachary Tyler Permenter has filed for Alderman Ward 3 Position 1.

In Waldenburg, incumbent William Wood has filed for mayor, and incumbent Lottie Hall has filed for Alderman Position 1.

Four have filed for mayor of Weiner: Tyler Sitzer, Michael Frasier, Joe Trotter and Franklin Kimble. For city council, incumbent Jeremy Kimble has filed for Alderman Ward 1 Position 2, and Farrell Jones has filed for Alderman Ward 3 Position 2.

Ballot positions drawing set

The Poinsett County Board of Election Commissioners has announced there will be a public meeting at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, in the conference area of the Poinsett County Annex Building for candidates to draw for their ballot positions for the upcoming General Election and Annual School Election.

Anyone with questions regarding this may contact County Clerk Teresa Rouse at 870-578-4410 or any member of the Poinsett County Election Commission.

Filing deadline is Friday

The deadline for filing for all Trumann Municipal elected offices is Aug. 17 by noon. Trumann candidates may pick up forms at the Trumann Clerk/Treasurer's office at 225 Highway 463. All paperwork must be filed with the Poinsett County Clerk in Harrisburg.

Notice

POINSETT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-11
Sponsor: Justice Carmack Sanders

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF POINSETT, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINSETT COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

WHEREAS, the Poinsett County Personnel Policy was adopted by Ordinance No. 1998-11; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Personnel Policy was amended by Ordinance No. 2014-01 and in 2015 by Ordinance No. 2015-06; and

WHEREAS, certain amendments and corrections to the present personnel policy are needed and should be changed as follows:
1. Section 1.C – County Employment Policy - change the third sentence to read: Unless rehired by a newly elected supervising County Official, an employee's employment shall cease at the conclusion of the County Official's four year term.

2. Section 2.A. – Code of Ethics -Social Media Policy shall be added and shall read: Social Media Policy. Social media includes all means of communicating or posting information or content of any sort on the Internet. The same principles and guidelines applicable to County employee conduct also apply to County employees' activities online. Any conduct that adversely affects an employee's job performance, the performance of fellow employees, or otherwise adversely affects the interests of the County may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination. This policy applies to comments made under the employee's name or under a pseudonym used by the employee as a username. Harassment and cyber-bullying of any County employee will result in termination. Racist or sexist comments or comments that target the religious beliefs of others will result in termination. County employees should avoid posts, "likes," or other social media activity during work hours and on County-owned equipment, unless authorized to do so by a supervisor or consistent with County policy. State law prohibits electioneering by public servants during work hours.

3. Section 2.B -Employment Applications - under "Elected officials or department heads will require all applicants to undergo one or more of the following:" add * To promote and maintain a drug free environment in the workplace, drug screening is required before employment by the County. If the applicant refuses drug screening or if an applicant has a positive drug test result the applicant will be denied employment.

4. Section 2.D. – Work Requirements – Attendance – change the second sentence to read: All administrative offices will have at least one employee on duty during the normal working hours with the exception of offices that only have one employee.

5. Section 2.D. – Work Requirements – Personal Telephone Calls – "Personal Telephone Calls" shall be stricken and replaced with "Phone Policy" and shall read: At the discretion of their elected official and/or department manager, some employees are provided with telephones

and or cell phones for use in performing their duties. Limited incidental personal use is allowed provided no cost is incurred to the County. The employee is liable for any cost incurred for personal use. The County will not be liable for any cost incurred by personal use. Elected officials and/or department managers may establish rules to restrict or prohibit the carrying or use of personal cell phones in the workplace if it becomes a problem with the employee performing their duties.

6. Section 2.D. – Work Requirements – General Safety Rules -#5 Operating Trucks. Add sub-section d) that shall read: "d) all drivers must wear safety belts".

7. Section 2.D. – Work Requirements – General Safety Rules - add subsection #9. "Uniforms" that shall read: The Road Department will provide rental uniforms with the necessary components for high-visibility to Road Department employees at County expense. The uniforms shall be worn only when on official duty, or when it is reasonable to expect recall to duty. Employees are responsible for reasonable care of the uniforms and to deliver their soiled uniforms to the County Shop for pick up by the vendor. Employees may be required to reimburse the agency for the cost of uniforms when reasonable care is not exercised. Employees who are separating from employment are required to return uniforms to the Road Department manager

8. Section 3.D. – Overtime – Change last sentence in the first paragraph to read: Under no circumstance will accumulated compensatory time exceed 10 days with the exception of Detention Center and Sheriff 's Department employees.

9. Section 4.C – Vacation – The sentence "The minimum annual leave amount is one half day." shall be changed to read: The minimum increment set for Vacation Time is 1 hour.

10. Section 4.D.A – Sick Leave – "Sick Leave" shall be stricken and replaced with "Personal Time Off" and shall read: All regular full time employees of the County are eligible for Personal Time Off (PTO) with pay with a maximum benefit of 10 days per year after one year of employment. The unused earned PTO can be carried over to following years for a maximum accrual of 90 days for a one-year period of time. A full-time employee shall receive PTO pay at the rate of the employee's regular base pay. County employees, upon termination of their employment shall not receive compensation for accrued PTO, however, upon the death of a current employee accrued PTO shall be paid to his/her spouse or heirs. County seasonal or part-time employees shall not earn PTO. The minimum increment set for PTO is 1 hour.

11. Section 4.D.d – Funeral Leave - Change first sentence to read: Emergency leave with pay up to a maximum of (3) working days in case of death or imminence of death in the immediate family will be granted.

12. All mentions of "Annual Leave" in the Policy shall be changed to "Vacation Time".

13. All mentions of "Sick Time" in the Policy shall be changed to "Personal Time Off".

WHEREAS, this Amendment shall become a part of and apply to Ordinance No. 1998-11.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of August, 2018.

Approved:
Bob Cantrell,
Poinsett County Judge

Attest:
Teresa Rouse,
Poinsett County Clerk

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Equalization Board meets Wednesdays in August

The Equalization Board of Poinsett County will meet, by appointment only, tentatively every Wednesday in August. Anyone wanting to meet with

the board must have an appointment scheduled by Monday, Aug. 20. To schedule an appointment, call 870-578-4436 or 870-578-4435.

Municipal office filing deadline is Friday

County Clerk Teresa Rouse wants to remind everyone that individuals wishing to run for municipal office must do so by filing their petitions of nomination, affidavit of eligibility, and political practice pledge in her office by noon

on the Friday, Aug. 17, deadline.

Anyone with questions regarding this may contact the County Clerk's office at 870-578-4410 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF M.S.Mc, a minor PR-2018-57

KEITH YARBROUGH PETITIONER

WARNING ORDER

To: Candace Yarbrough:

You are hereby notified that Keith Yarbrough, Petitioner, whose attorney is Paul N. Ford, Ford & Cook, PLC, 527 W. Washington Avenue, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401, has filed a Petition for Temporary and Permanent Guardianship herein against you, a copy of which petition and summons shall be delivered to you or 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, the 17th day of July, 2018.

/s/ Kim Wallace, DC
PROBATE COURT CLERK

Prepared By:
Paul N. Ford
Ford & Cook, PLC
527 W. Washington Avenue
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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Notice

POINSETT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-13
Sponsor: Justice Randy Jones

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF POINSETT, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A COUNTY-WIDE ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-10.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Poinsett County, Arkansas (the "County") has passed on the 13th "day of August, 2018, Ordinance No. 2018-13 (the "Tax Ordinance") providing for the levy of a 1% "sales and use tax within the County (the "Sales and Use Tax"); and "WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to call a special election on the question of the levy of the "Sales and Use Tax; "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of Poinsett County, Arkansas: "

Article 1. There is hereby called a special election to be held on November 6, 2018, at which election there shall be submitted to the electors of the County the question of the levy of the Sales and Use Tax.

Article 2. The question of levying the Sales and Use Tax shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substantially the following form: 1% SALES AND USE TAX Adoption of a 1% local sales and use tax within Poinsett County, the net collections of which remaining after deduction of the administrative charges of the State of Arkansas and required rebates will be distributed only to the County and used for the purposes of operating, maintaining and repairing County Detention Center facilities and operating the County Sheriff's Department.

FOR

AGAINST.....

Article 3. The election shall be held and conducted and the vote canvassed and the results declared under the law and in the manner now provided for county elections and only qualified voters of the County shall have the right to vote at the election.

Article 4. The results of the election shall be proclaimed by the County Court, and such Proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper published in the County and having a general circulation therein, which Proclamation shall advise that the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty days after the date of publication.

Article 5. A copy of this Ordinance shall be (a) filed with the Poinsett County Clerk at least 70 days prior to the election date and (b) given to the Poinsett County Board of Election Commissioners so that the necessary election officials and supplies may be provided. A certified copy of this Ordinance and the Tax Ordinance shall also be provided to the Commissioner of Revenues of the State of Arkansas as soon as practical.

Article 6. The County Judge and County Clerk, for and on behalf of the County, are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to call and hold the special election as herein provided and, if the levy of the Sales and Use Tax is approved by the electors, to cause the Sales and Use Tax to be collected, and to perform all acts of whatever nature necessary to carry out the authority conferred by this Ordinance.

Article 7. Ordinance No. 2018-10 of the County is hereby repealed. All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Article 8. The provisions of this Ordinance are separable and if an article, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of August, 2018.

APPROVED:
Bob Cantrell,
Poinsett County Judge

ATTEST:
Teresa Rouse,
County Clerk

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Notice

POINSETT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12
Sponsor: Justice Randy Jones

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF POINSETT, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Poinsett County, Arkansas (the "County") has determined that there is a great need for an additional source of revenue to be used to operate, maintain and repair County Detention Center facilities and to operate the County Sheriff 's Department; and WHEREAS, Title 26, Chapter 74, Subchapter 2 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated (the "Authorizing Legislation") provides for the levy of county-wide sales and use taxes at the rate of 0.125%, 0.25%, 0.5%, 0.75% or 1%, or any combination thereof; and WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to levy a new county-wide sales and use tax at the rate of 1%, the net collections of which will be distributed only to the County and used to operate, maintain and repair County Detention Center facilities and to operate the County Sheriff 's Department; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of Poinsett County, Arkansas:

Article 1. Under the authority of the Authorizing Legislation, there is hereby levied a 1% tax on the gross receipts from the sale at retail within the County of all items which are subject to the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, as amended (A.C.A. §§26-52-101, et seq.), and the imposition of an excise (or use) tax on the storage, use, distribution or other consumption within the County of tangible personal property subject to the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, as amended (A.C.A. §§26-53-101, et seq.), at a rate of 1% of the sale price of the property or, in the case of leases or rentals, of the lease or rental price (collectively, the "Sales and Use Tax"). The Sales and Use Tax shall be levied and collected on the gross receipts, gross proceeds or sales price in the maximum amount allowed from time to time under Arkansas law, subject to rebates and limitations as from time to time required by Arkansas statutes for certain single transactions.

Article 2. The Sales and Use Tax shall be levied, and the net collections received after deduction of the administrative charges of the State of Arkansas and required rebates (the "Net Collections") shall be used to operate, maintain and repair the County Detention Center facilities and to operate the County Sheriff 's Department.

Article 3. The Net Collections shall be distributed only to the County and not to the municipalities therein.

Article 4. Ordinance No. 2018-09 of the County his hereby repealed. All other ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Article 5. This Ordinance shall not take effect until an election is held on the question of levying the Sales and Use Tax at which a majority of the electors voting on the question shall have approved the levy of the Sales and Use Tax.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 13th day of August, 2018.

APPROVED:
Bob Cantrell,
Poinsett County Judge

ATTEST:
Teresa Rouse,
County Clerk

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PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES WITH TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 TO AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2020

The Board of Directors of Harrisburg School District No. 6 of Poinsett County, Arkansas, in compliance with the "requirements of Amendments No. 40 and No. 74 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-622, has prepared, approved and hereby makes public the proposed budget of expenditures, together with the tax rate, as follows:

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| 1. Salary Fund Expenditures | \$8,844,000 |
| 2. Instructional Expense | 3,032,000 |
| 3. Maintenance & Operation Expense | 1,929,000 |
| 4. Dedicated Maintenance and Operation Expenditures | 0 |
| 5. Pupil Transportation Expense | 836,000 |
| 6. Other Operating Expense | 1,808,000 |
| 7. Non-Bonded Debt Payment | 100,284 |
| 8. Bonded Debt Payment | 544,050 |
| 9. Building Fund Expense | 1,860,000 |

To provide for the foregoing proposed budget of expenditures, the Board of Directors proposes a total school tax rate (state and local) of 41.0 mills on the dollar of the assessed value of taxable property located in this School District. The proposed tax includes the uniform rate of tax of 25.0 mills (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 41.0 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 16.0 mills voted for debt service. The 16.0 debt service mills will be a continuing debt service tax until the retirement of proposed bonds to be issued in the principal amount of \$8,155,000, and which will mature over a period of 21 years, and will be issued for the purpose of refunding the outstanding bonded indebtedness and for constructing, refurbishing, remodeling and equipping school facilities. The surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 41.0 mills represents a 1.1 mill increase for the taxpayers of the former Weiner School District (prior to the annexation by the Harrisburg School District) and a 5.5 mill increase for the other taxpayers in the District.

GIVEN this 13th day of August, 2018.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS

/s/ Frankie Lindsey
President of Board

/s/ Jeb Bass
Secretary of Board

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Stephen Hardy performs at the Lepanto Senior Center. (DT Photo/Corey Clairday)

Musician visits Lepanto Senior Center

By COREY CLAIRDAY
DT News Staff

The Lepanto Senior Center got a special treat last Thursday as Stephen Hardy was on-hand to perform music. Hardy played songs by such performers as Johnny Cash, Hank Williams and Carl Perkins, among other old favorites.

Originally from Brighton, Tenn., Hardy has lived in South Carolina the past 12 years. He came into contact with a few members of the Lepanto Senior Center when they saw him perform in "Million Dollar Quartet" at the Playhouse on the Square in Memphis. Hardy played the role of Johnny Cash in the musical about the gathering of Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley and Carl Perkins at Sun Studio in 1956. According to Mary Slack, during this particular performance last year, the power was out in Memphis, so the cast performed all the songs a cappella.

Since then, Hardy has been to this area a few times. He has played at the Johnny Cash Festival in Dyess and

played at the Lepanto Christmas party last year. Slack is also hoping he will be able to come back to play during the Terrapin Derby.

Hardy said his role as Johnny Cash in "Million Dollar Quartet" has given him a chance to tour the country. He performed Million Dollar Quartet all over the south and got the chance to perform in California in May. While there, they were close to Folsom State Prison, where Johnny Cash recorded his album "At Folsom Prison," and Hardy got the chance to visit it.

Hardy also mentioned he had gotten a chance to play Hank Williams recently, for a show called "Lost Highway," and he learned how to yodel for the role.

A year ago, Hardy recorded an album which he said was made up of a lot of old Sun Studio songs. "A lot of them are obscure songs I did my own take on, but it's still old country," Hardy said.

Hardy said that of the traveling he's gotten to do, his favorite place to visit was Memphis.

Pecan aphids

By CRAIG ALLEN
County Extension Agent,
Staff Chair

Calls have been coming in daily. What is this sappy mess dripping out of my pecan trees, and what can I do to stop it?

The answer is aphids, and the options are limited when it is a mature pecan tree in your yard.

Aphids are soft-bodied, sucking insects that appear in the summer and fall. Usually, serious numbers do not develop until the late in the summer. There are two species of aphids, the black pecan aphid and the yellow aphid. Heavy infestations may reduce the nut crop the current year and/or the following year. Aphids are considered secondary pests and often buildup following the use of pesticide sprays.

Black aphids cause yellow, angular spots on the leaves and premature leaf drop. Yellow

aphids secrete significant amounts of honeydew, which then becomes infested with sooty mold. This is what you find covering everything underneath the trees.

Narrow-range oil is the usual treatment for aphids, but spraying a 70-foot-tall mature pecan tree is likely more than you can manage. A landscaping service can spray the tree for you, and landscaping professionals are usually licensed to use a wider range of insecticides than those available to a homeowner. The downside to this, in addition to the cost, is whether or not you will be able to eat the pecans after certain insecticides have been applied. Unfortunately, this makes your prized bearer of nuts merely a shade tree, and one you can't sit under without being covered in sticky sap.

For more information contact your local Extension office at 870-578-4490.



Customer appreciation

In honor of July Customer Appreciation, First Delta Bank new and existing customers were able to register for a drawing for an Apple 32GB iPad. The winner of the iPad was Annette Wray. Pictured are, from left: Lisa Cavitt, First Delta Bank; Annette Wray; and Candida Robinson, First Delta Bank. (Photo provided)

Wet Ink

By DR. KEN
WORTHINGTON

We have now come to the ninth verse of the second chapter of the Revelation. Jesus is speaking to the church at Smyrna, "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan." What reassurance this employs. Jesus assuring them He knows their tribulation. Tribulation means a cause of great trouble or suffering. Knowing that the Lord knows should bring us comfort in these trying times.

As believers, we are defined by the way we respond to what the kingdom of darkness throws at us. Matthew, chapter 5, in His "Sermon on the Mount" our Lord gives detailed reactions His people should have in dire circumstances. It would be well for us to teach our children these principles of interacting with the systems of the world. In God's sovereign rule over us, He never allows things beyond our ability to comprehend that things happening to us displays His glory. In First Corinthians chapter 10, the Lord tells us that He will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able to handle.

Next the Lord told them, "I know your poverty (but you are rich)." He knows our earthly resources. He never expects performance beyond our means. Remember Jesus said, "blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." When a person is poor in spirit, He knows his need. This is the beginning

point of a relationship with the Lord Jesus. Knowing your need should lead you to cast yourself totally upon the finished work of redemption in Christ. Working and living under His banner is the joy and privilege of immense blessing. In knowing your need you learn to call upon God. Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." This is the heart of what it means to be a Christian.

And lastly, we come to the phrase, "and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not but are a synagogue of Satan." First thing to know here is the New Testament definition of a Jew. This is found in Romans 2:28-29, teaching us that a true Jew is one who has a circumcision of the heart, not the outward sign of the flesh. So a heart consecrated, dedicated to God is the key definition here.

A synagogue of Satan—a synagogue means a synthesized gathering. People coming together in purpose and doctrine. Jesus is clearly teaching here that the Jews who were persecuting the Christians in the first century were not following Old Testament doctrine, they had failed to receive Jesus as Messiah and as God's Son. John said it clearly in the epistle of First John, "He who has the Son has life, and He who has not the Son has not life." The church at Smyrna was clearly under attack by those claiming to know the God of the Bible. Jesus warned His disciples, "there will come a time when a man kills you will think He is doing God's service." John 16:2.



State Rep. Johnny Rye

Take your legislator to school month

A recent survey conducted with 1,400 adults found that only one-third could name all three branches of government. Only 37 percent of those surveyed can name rights guaranteed under the First Amendment.

This is not the only study that shows a need for more civics education. Studies also tell us that there is a clear relationship between informed citizens and active participation in government. That is just one of the reasons why we take the month of Septem-

ber to visit with schools in our district.

In the 2015 Regular Session, the Arkansas General Assembly passed a resolution designating September as annual Take Your Legislator to School Month. In addition to helping students learn more about the legislative process, this bipartisan initiative was also motivated by a need for members to fully understand the issues and challenges facing public schools. It also gives districts an opportunity to showcase innovative solutions developed by our educators.

The resolution encourages public school districts to plan special events with their local legislators. Examples could include allowing legislators to visit classrooms, reading to students, or present guest lectures. Districts could also sponsor panel discussions in which administrators and teachers

discuss issues facing their schools.

The information we learn from this face to face interaction becomes invaluable during the legislative session. Our education committee hears testimony on hundreds of bills every session. Knowing the needs of our schools in advance helps guide our decision making process in a fast-paced environment.

On our website, www.arkansashouse.org, we have a section titled "Kids in the House." There you will find all the materials your local school district will need to take advantage of this opportunity. In the materials, we have included a spreadsheet listing the members who represent all 257 districts in our state.

We hope all of you have a great first week back to school. We hope to see you very soon!

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