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## Jim Berry was a pillar of Marked Tree

By COREY CLAIRDAY  
DT News Staff

The Marked Tree community lost one of its pillars Monday in Jim Berry. Born in 1927, he would have been 91 on Sept. 15. Prior to Jim Berry's passing, this reporter was able to visit the Berrys last week and speak with their son, David Berry, about the lives of his father and mother.

"Some people have parent issues, but I'm not one of them. I had great parents," David said. David, who was born in 1968 when Jim and Melba were in their 40s, said the Berrys were nearly 40 when they got married, which was unusual at the time. Growing up, most of David's friends' parents were a generation younger than his own, but he always liked that. "They were stable, mature, kind parents," David said.

Both Jim and Melba were public school teachers, and David said because of their influence, he grew up interested in teaching and is currently a college music professor. "They're the kindest, sweetest

people," David said. "In a kind of selfish world, they're selfless. That's the wonderful thing about them."

Jim was born in Harrisburg, as was Melba. Jim was born a year before her, but he had pneumonia as a kid and missed so much school that he had to take a year over and wound up in the same class as Melba. "He would joke, that's when Mom caught up with him," David said.

Jim graduated high school just before the end of World War II in 1945. He wanted to go on to college but knew his draft number was coming up soon. David said he wasn't sure if Jim was drafted or if he enlisted first, but Jim served in the U.S. Army for year and a half and spent nine months in an Army base in Beijing, China. This was during the time when China resumed its civil war between Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist Party and Mao Zedong's Chinese Communist Party with the United States and the Soviet Union both trying to advance their interests in the country while offering limited military assistance. "He said

occasionally he could hear gunfire, but he was never in danger because he was on a military base," David said.

David said during the last few months of Jim's service, he was on a U.S. base, and his commanding officer asked him about his future plans. Jim told him about his college plans, and because the beginning of the school year was fast approaching, his commanding officer was able to pull some strings so that Jim could get out a week or two early to start school.

David said before his dad got into teaching, he had some side jobs, one of which was working for a credit company repossessing cars. "It's funny because he's so mild-mannered," David said, adding that no one ever tried to get violent with Jim.

Jim graduated from Arkansas State University—which was known as Arkansas State College at the time—in 1952. He taught junior and senior high for 36 years to



DT photo/Corey Clairday

Pictured are Jim and Melba Berry accepting an award at a Marked Tree Chamber Banquet.

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## Chief Brandon talks new program with Rotary

By ANTHONY COSSEY  
DT News Staff

Harrisburg Police Chief Cassie Brandon was guest speaker of the Harrisburg Rotary Club Thursday at the weekly meeting in Harrisburg.

Brandon brings 13 years of experience in law enforcement to her new job. She had previously worked for the Jonesboro Police Department. Brandon told the group the last two years in Jonesboro, she worked with the Community Outreach program, and one of their best programs was the Citizen Police Academy. "I'd like to have this program here in Harrisburg. I think it's a great tool to show the community to see how and why things are done at the police department," Brandon said.

Brandon told those in attendance that they taught six sessions a year with 30-35 members in each session. The sessions were once a week for 12 weeks. "We teach about building searches and traffic stops along with basic police procedure," Brandon said. "We'd also like to see if the Poinsett County Sheriff's Department would want to do a couple nights during each session too."

Brandon said one of her favorite parts of the academy was on search and seizure. "You know your neighbor is selling drugs, and we probably have a good idea they are, and you want us to come kick the door in and arrest them. It's not that easy. Knowing and being able to prove



DT photo/Anthony Cossey

Harrisburg Police Chief Cassie Brandon talks about the Citizen Police Academy to the Harrisburg Rotary Club.

are two different things. We have to make sure we have the all the criteria needed for the arrest," Brandon said.

The program has worked well in other communities, and Brandon thinks it would in Harrisburg too. "Television shows portray a very different image of what real life police work is, and we would like to see everyone have first hand information of what it's really like. We've had naysayers go through the course in the past, and their minds were changed," Brandon said.

Brandon answered a couple questions before she closed her presentation. Asked what police shows on television are most like real life, she responded, "Most are not very accurate, but Southland comes pretty close to what a police officer is really like. I don't watch many police shows anymore," Brandon said. She was also asked how much her belt weighed, and she said that she's weighed without the belt and her vest, and with the two it added 30 pounds.

## Trumann council votes to condemn four properties

By ANTHONY COSSEY  
DT News Staff

The Trumann City Council voted unanimously to condemn four properties Tuesday night at their weekly meeting at the court house in Trumann.

The properties voted to be condemned are 900 Hurd, 219 Gum, 337 Smith and 429 Douglas. The property on Hurd is going to be used by the Trumann Fire Department for training purposes before it's torn down and removed.

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## Harrisburg council approves using Trumann police for dispatch services

By COREY CLAIRDAY  
DT News Staff

The Harrisburg City Council approved a resolution Tuesday authorizing the Harrisburg Police Department to enter into a contract with Trumann Police Department to handle HPD's dispatch services.

Harrisburg Police Chief Cassie Brandon told the council of a couple issues they are currently facing in using the Poinsett County Sheriff's Office for dispatch. One she noticed is that because of the radios HPD uses, there are lots of dead spots in the city where they can't contact the Sheriff's Office. She said the only other option there would be to switch to the system the Sheriff's Office is on, but that would be prohibitively expensive. Another issue

is that if the night officer at HPD is indisposed, he can't answer the department phone at HPD, which could put someone in danger if they need help.

The Sheriff's Office cannot handle answering that phone as well right now due to their financial situation, but Trumann would be able to answer it on day one. As an added bonus, Chief Brandon said TPD has a computer dispatch system which will interface with HPD's reporting software, so she will be able to pull up detailed information on all the dispatch calls as soon as she gets to the office. Also, regarding the tornado siren, currently an officer has to go to the office to set off the siren, but TPD will be able to set it

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## Marked Tree Council approves money to Snyder, hears from citizens

By COREY CLAIRDAY  
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One of the top items of business for the Marked Tree City Council Monday night was something the council has discussed during the past couple meetings: covering half the cost for Snyder Industries to renovate and improve their facility. The council approved giving Snyder \$75,000 last month, and this month it became official with the

passage of an ordinance.

The ordinance authorizes the city to pay Snyder Industries \$75,000 to help with repairs to their facility in 2018. Invoices will be provided, and the city will reimburse Snyder for half of each invoice up to \$75,000.

Previously, representatives with Snyder presented bids to the council for this year's renovations, which 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. There are planned improvements over the next three years, and the council agreed last month to look at approving the partnership one year at a time.

The council also heard from several concerned citizens. Ruby Jean Boxley spoke about getting properties cleaned up, including lots on

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### This Week

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People line up for Three Rivers Food Pantry's Italian Dinner fundraiser. (DT Photo/ Corey Clairday)

## Food pantry holds successful fundraiser

By COREY CLAIRDAY  
DT News Staff

Three Rivers Food Pantry had a very successful Italian dinner fundraiser Sunday afternoon. Pantry director Connie Huff said she was "very thankful for all our volunteers and everyone who helped."

Huff said the pantry probably spent around \$50 on supplies for the dinner and ev-

erything else was donated. There was a great turnout with a line out the door, and by the first hour of the fundraiser they were able to raise around \$500 for the pantry. In total, they served 181 people at the fundraiser and raised \$1,195 for the food pantry.

Huff also said the pantry will have a slight schedule change. The pantry, which is housed in the old Marked

Tree armory, will still be open on the first and third Thursdays of the month but will no longer be open on the fifth Thursday. Huff said the good thing about this change is that they will be able to give out more food on the first and third Thursdays.

Additionally, Nov. 1 is the last day the pantry will register new clients for the year until January of 2019.

## Marked Tree Sr. Center Happenings



By Joan Campbell

We are busy playing games at the Marked Tree Senior Center. We wish you would come join us.

We were supposed to play chair volleyball with Lepanto, but they had to cancel. On Sept. 6, we played Medicare bingo.

We have a lady that comes to the center in a wheelchair when it is not raining or too hot or cold. Her name is Miss Mary Dennis. She is the bravest person I know. She always has a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. She loves to play chicken scratch. One day she was coming to the center, and her wheelchair battery went dead when she was on the railroad track. Thank goodness someone saw her and helped her off the track. Another time she was leaving the center when the battery went dead, and she sat there for 20 minutes before someone saw her. Another day she was going home from the center, and her wheelchair got stuck in the mud as she started through the tunnel under the railroad track, thankfully a friend came by and pushed her out. The Lord always sends someone along to help her.

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

## Trumann Senior Life Center "On the Go"

By HAZEL RILEY

On Monday, we exercised, played Wii bowling and went to the beauty school for hair and nails.

On Tuesday, we all remember that 17 years ago today (9/11) that our lives changed forever but not for the better.

We played Medicare bingo and brain teasers. We power walked on Wednesday. The weather has been perfect for this. Ms. Leigh Blythe was

our special guest this week. It was also newspaper day and CSFP Food Pantry giveaway.

On Thursday, we will play bean bag baseball, bingo at 10:30 a.m., and puzzle club led by Ms. Vera—she has started a new puzzle.

On Friday, we will be closing out the week with bargain hunt and a ballgame. Won't you join us here at 351 Campbell? Have a great weekend!

## God's New Life fundraiser set

God's New Life, M.B.T.C., 105 Hinson Road, Marked Tree, will be holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20.

The meal will include all you can eat spaghetti, salad and

bread. The cost is \$10 per person. Dine-in or carry-out is available. All funds raised will go toward building maintenance and repairs.

Call 870-358-4851 for more information.

## Garden Guild meets Thursday

A new volunteer organization, the Trumann Garden Guild, will discuss beautification projects at their first meet-

ing set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, behind the Community House located at the corner of Poinsett Avenue and West Main Street.

## Farm Bureau to host Meet the Candidates

Poinsett County Farm Bureau will hold a Member Appreciation/Meet the Candidate Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the PCFB Trumann office, located at 111 Highway 463 S. Lunch will be provided.

## Poinsett County EHCs seeking new members

Extension Homemaker Clubs in Poinsett County are reorganizing and are seeking new members and clubs for the 2018-2019 year.

The mission of Extension Homemakers is to empower individuals and families to improve their quality of living through continuing education, leadership development, and community service. Being an Extension Homemaker means belonging to the one of the largest adult volunteer organizations in Arkansas.

Poinsett County Extension Homemakers help extend the resources of the U of A Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service into their communities through educational opportunities and community service projects. Members have the opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends, and contribute to their community, county and state. "Extension Homemaker members come from diverse backgrounds, vary in age, and bring unique experiences to the program but all have a desire to make a positive impact in the commu-

nity. EHC provides an opportunity for individuals to serve the community and provide positive change for individuals and families," said Leigh Blythe, County Extension Agent-FCS/4-H.

During 2017-2018, Poinsett County EHC members provided Christmas stockings and supplies to the Department of Human Services Office and to the Bread of Life Food Pantry, medicine teaching dolls for the county Health Department, "fidget" vests for the local nursing home, and comfort items patients at NEA Hope Circle.

Poinsett County currently has two Extension Homemaker community clubs that meet on a monthly basis:

\*Whitehall EHC meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in various locations.

\*Lucky 13 EHC meets the third Monday of each month at 3 p.m. in various locations.

Contact the Extension office for upcoming meeting locations.

Contact the County Extension Office at 870-578-4490, email Leigh Blythe, CEA-Family and Consumer Sciences/4-H at lhelms@uaex.edu, come by the office located at 302 North Main Street in Harrisburg, or visit <https://www.uaex.edu/health-living/extension-homemakers/> to find out more information or to begin organization of an EHC Club in your community.



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# Perspective

## Achieving Middle East peace and the Indispensable Nation

The American president will always have a lot on his plate, but advancing a Middle East peace process should be a top priority for U.S. foreign policy.



**Lee H. Hamilton**

If it is not, the conflict will flare up even more intensely, and U.S. objectives in the region will further recede. The United States has a number of national security interests that are directly impacted by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Our counterterrorism priorities will be easier to pursue if we can alleviate the dispute. Our interest in economic and political reform in the region would be advanced, and so would prospects for regional cooperation on Iran and nuclear nonproliferation.

And, certainly, our commitment to Israel's security and well-being is well served by moving toward some kind of resolution.

The conflict is often in the headlines lately, as with the recent surge in violence involving Palestinian militants in Gaza and Israeli Defense Forces. It is an ancient rivalry involving disputes over borders, the rights of refugees, the status of Jerusalem and other related issues.

America's involvement is crucially important because the parties have shown, over and over again, that they will not resolve these issues themselves without U.S. prodding and support.

President Trump has not paid much attention to the region. He has assigned work on a Middle East peace agreement to his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, who appears to pursue the agreement episodically. His administration has said it will garner a "deal of the century" to resolve the dispute between Israel and Palestinians. More recently, however, it has shifted its focus to deal with the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

The U.S. should immediately appoint a full time, fully empowered and resourced special peace envoy to pursue an agreement. Having such an envoy is necessary, but it is not a substitute for the American president's active leadership on the issue. His administration must include a core group of seasoned Middle East experts who know the region and the demands and interests of the various parties.

U.S. policy has long favored a two-state solution to the conflict. Until recently, at least, polls found that a majority of Israelis and Palestinians favored such an agreement to end the conflict. But in the world today, the two-state idea seems to be losing steam. The parties have dug in their heels. Both sides now talk about a one-state solution, but they have dramatically different ideas of what it would look like.

Achieving a Middle East peace process is a goal worth pursuing. The process will be long and difficult with progress coming hard, slow and incrementally.

We had better bring an element of humility to the task. Every U.S. president going back at least to Lyndon Johnson has tackled this problem; every one, in a fundamental sense, has failed.

This has been an exasperating challenge for American foreign policy. Over seven decades, we have spent an enormous amount of energy, time and money on it because we have felt that our engagement advances our many interests in the region. We have made marginal progress at times, but we have not come close to resolving the conflict. At the moment we seem to be as far as ever from a solution.

The asymmetry of power between the parties — strong and robust Israel versus the weak and divided Palestinians - requires intensive American involvement to move the process forward.

Going forward, we should not try to impose a solution, but we should listen to the parties, consult with them, and offer suggestions.

We should support the emergence of a Palestinian unity government. So long as Palestinian leadership is divided between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, an agreement cannot be reached. We have to build up the Palestinians' capacity for governance, security and economic development.

And along with our solid support for Israel, we should press it to follow through on its commitment to freeze construction of settlements in the West Bank.

Our engagement must be done with bipartisan support, relentlessly pursued with political will, courage and skill.

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## Rural opioids crisis

How can local government make a positive impact with this rising opioid crisis? Local governments leaders should not be sitting on the sidelines in this opioid epidemic waiting on the issue to resolve itself. This opioid epidemic knows no boundaries. It has cut through communities of all sizes and families of all socio-economic backgrounds. In fact, the effects of the opioid epidemic are more intense in rural communities where employment opportunities are often limited and segregation is common.

While the opioid epidemic affects both rural and urban areas, the rise in death is largely a rural problem and represents a growing threat to quality of life and rural prosperity. If these issues are left unaddressed, the rural population will not only continue to decline, but the dependency ratio will increase.

Opioids are some of the most powerful, addictive drugs, and the most talked about opiates are morphine, codeine, oxycodone and hydrocodone. Although all opioids require a prescription by a licensed healthcare provider, every user does not have a prescription for the pain killers. Opioids are being sold without prescription to the addict by a friend or family member, which are mis-

used usually, causing overdose or death.

Many individuals who abuse opiate narcotics grow tolerant to the dosage they've been prescribed or, using illegally, find themselves taking more and more of the drug to achieve the same desired high. The effects of opiate addiction can be far-reaching and devastating to all involved. Not a single part of an opiate addict's life goes untouched by the narcotic. Some of the most common effects of opiate abuse include: job loss, incarceration, divorce, financial losses, domestic, child abuse and homelessness.

Healthcare plays a pivotal role in the treatment and prevention of addiction, but its outreach education resources are limited, particularly in rural areas. One solution for this crisis is improved access to mental and behavioral care, particularly access to prevention, treatment, and recovery resources, which is vital to addressing the nationwide opioid crisis and other substance misuse in rural communities. We are past the point of asking if local government has a role to play in fighting the opioid epidemic. It's time to discuss what local governments are or should be doing in this issue.



By **Sherri Holliman**

Local officials must set the tone and lead the conversation on opioids in their communities. Discussions about addiction and treatment cannot stay the topic for later discussions.

Elected officials should gather local leaders who can play a role in the fight against opioid abuse and form a community task force that looks for solutions to help stop the flow of drug abuse. A shift in mindset among is required to help support the realization that we cannot arrest our way out of the opioid crisis. Elected officials must work with local enforcement to find alternatives other than arrest for people with addiction who need access to treatment, not a jail cell.

On a state and federal level, local governments should advocate for residents by talking to their state and federal counterparts. Area officials must make it clear that the opioid crisis is having a deadly impact on local communities and that action must be taken to assist with this crisis.

Have you talked to your elected official about this crisis?

## Trump testifies against himself

The president continues to strengthen the case that he is obstructing justice. The latest evidence: a tweet in which Trump condemned his own Justice Department and Attorney General Jeff Sessions for pursuing criminal charges against two Republican congressmen running for re-election.

"Two easy wins now in doubt," he lamented. "Good job Jeff."

Compare that tantrum to Merriam-Webster's definition of obstruction: "The crime or act of willfully interfering with the process of justice and law especially by influencing, threatening, harming or impeding a witness, potential witness, juror or judicial or legal officer."

The attorney general is clearly a "judicial or legal officer." He is clearly being influenced, threatened and impeded — by his boss, no less: the president, who can fire him at any time. And those threats are clearly being launched "willfully," since they are only the latest of many salvos fired from the White House toward the Justice Department.

"This is not the conduct of a president committed to defending and upholding the Constitution," complained Sen. Jeff Flake, an Arizona Republican and frequent Trump critic.

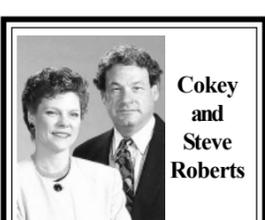
Sally Yates, fired by Trump as acting attorney general, called Trump's statements "nothing short of an all-out assault on the rule of law."

The attack on Sessions for indicting the two congressmen is just a sideshow to the main event: Trump's incessant attempts to undermine special counsel Robert Mueller, who is investigating possible connections between Russia and the president's 2016 campaign. In one typical tweet, Trump railed recently: "This is a terrible situation and Attorney General Jeff Sessions should stop this Rigged Witch Hunt right now."

Influencing? Threatening? Impeding? All of the above.

The public increasingly believes that the president is acting like a criminal. The latest ABC/Washington Post poll asked, "Do you think Trump has tried to interfere with Mueller's investigation in a way that amounts to obstruction of justice or not?" Fifty-three percent said yes, including 1 in 5 Republicans, while only 35 percent said no.

In the ongoing feud between Trump and Sessions, 62 percent back the attorney general and 23 percent side with the president. Almost two-thirds say Sessions should not be fired; a similar number supports Mueller's investigation. Overall, 3 in 5

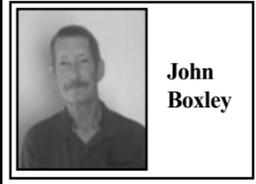


**Cokey and Steve Roberts**

disapprove of the president, while only 36 percent support him.

However, the public remains sharply divided over whether Trump should be impeached, a key reason why most Democratic candidates are downplaying the possibility of ousting the president should they take control of Congress in November. "There are more votes for 'contain' than there are for 'remove,'" cautioned Rep. Brad Sherman, a California Democrat, in *The New York Times*.

Trump is not the first modern president to face possible obstruction charges. The articles of impeachment filed against both Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton cited that crime, but there's one huge difference: Nixon and Clinton were accused of acting in private. Trump's sins are public and palpable, part of a calculated political strategy to rile up his core supporters and take down Mueller by demonizing the legal system itself.



**John Boxley**

## Not that you asked

There are two universal truths in today's politics. One is that in an era where Democratic and Republican legislators can't agree on anything, there is one area where they are still bipartisan—corruption. The other is that character no longer matters in a politician. Let's look at corruption first.

Corruption itself in politics is nothing new. In fact, we almost expect it from officeholders. What we are learning today, especially in the South where the once Solid Democratic South is now Republican red, is that politicians of both parties are equally open to it.

For years, Republicans in Arkansas would react to the latest Democratic scandal by telling us, "If you would only elect us, the corruption would end." Well, Republicans began taking over in 2010, and the corruption didn't end. It just started going mainly to people with an R by their name instead of a D.

So far, eight members of the Arkansas Legislature have either been convicted or accused of corruption. Most of them were involved in funneling money to a tiny Bible college in Northwest Arkansas. Paul Bookout was convicted of spending campaign donations for personal expenses, and Jeremy Hutchinson was just indicted for the same offense. Mickey Gates is charged with failing to pay state income taxes for years.

Some believe that the best way to fight corruption is with term limits, but that's just a false hope. If someone is willing to take a bribe, they will take it if they are in office six years or 60. Term limits would just accelerate the process. After all, if someone only has six years to rake in bribes, he or she is going to start the minute they take office. And the people out there willing to bribe them know this.

As for the second universal truth, there was a time when character was one of the most important factors in deciding to vote for someone. Everybody was taught in school that George Washington never told a lie, and Abraham Lincoln was called, "Honest Abe." Well, you can kiss that silly idea goodbye. Today you can be a cross-dressing atheist, and either party will support you as long as you push their agenda.

Back in the 1990s when President Clinton's behavior became public, a few progressives (including me) called on him to resign, but we were a small minority. Most Democrats and liberals played down his behavior or were willing to overlook it because they liked the things he was doing as President. Republicans on the other hand went crazy. They wanted Clinton impeached or worse and were generally horrified by his behavior.

Today we have another President whose behavior toward women is as bad as Clinton's or maybe worse. But this time he is a Republican pushing a GOP agenda. Republicans who were horrified with similar behavior in Clinton, are now willing to

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**Ahaz, King of Judah**  
II Kings 16; II Chronicles 28

Ahaz began his reign as king of Judah when he was twenty years old. Ahaz did not do what was right in the eyes of the LORD. He followed the actions of the kings of Israel and even sacrificed his son in the fire acting as the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites.

Ahaz offered sacrifices and burned incense at the high places, on the hilltops and under every spreading tree.

Rezin king of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel besieged Jerusalem. Ahaz invited Tiglath-Pileser, king of Assyria to come to his aid and gave him silver and gold from the temple.

Ahaz visited Damascus to meet Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria. Back home he had the priest build an altar like he saw in Damascus. He approached the new altar and presented offerings on it: burnt offering, grain offering, drink offering, and the blood of his fellowship offerings. He moved the bronze altar that stood before the LORD from the front of the temple and put it on the north side of the new altar. Ahaz ordered Uria the priest to offer daily sacrifices on the new altar and he would use the bronze altar for seeking guidance.

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# Obituaries

## Jimmy Berry

MARKED TREE - Jimmy S. Berry, 90, departed this life on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, at his home. He was born on Sept. 15, 1927, to Fred and Zona "Billye" Shelton Berry. Mr. Berry was a graduate of Harrisburg High School, a United States Army veteran, stationed in Beijing, China, and a member of The First United Methodist Church in Marked Tree. He taught for 16 years in the Cardwell, Mo., and Manila School Districts, then taught history and social studies from 1970 to 1990 in the Marked Tree School District. In 2007, the Marked Tree Historical Society celebrated Mr. Berry and his wife at their annual Spring Heritage Luncheon, the mayor declared it "Jim and Melba Berry Day,"

and they received a citation from the Arkansas House of Representatives. In 2014, they were co-grand marshals of Marked Tree Christmas Parade.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of 51 years, Melba Moore Berry of the home; a son, David Carson Berry, and his partner, Olga Staios, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and cousins, Randy and Diane Jones and family of Harrisburg. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held Sept. 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Marked Tree with Brother Dany Partlow officiating.

Delancey-Murphy Funeral Home is in charge of services.

## Odell Fitzgerald

CHERRY VALLEY - Mr. Limuel Odell "Odie" Fitzgerald, 76, departed this earth in the loving arms of his three children, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, at his home. He was born Oct. 30, 1941, in McCrory, the son of the late Johnny Claude Fitzgerald and Eithel Bell Burnett Fitzgerald.

Odell was a retired carpenter and loved hunting, fishing, and most of all spending time with his children and grandchildren. Odell always had a smile and a helping hand. To him, his greatest accomplishment in life was raising his three children, which he adored. He was of the Pentecostal faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnny and Eithel Fitzgerald; two brothers, Herschel and Charles Fitzgerald; and two sisters, Eithel Marvine Fitzgerald and Emma West.

He is survived by three children, Tami Fitzgerald Young (Chris) of Jonesboro, Terry Fitzgerald (Kim) of Lake City, and Jenny Fitzgerald-Wisdom (Josh) of Centralia, Mo.; four brothers, Jessie, Junior, Orville, and Wayne Fitzgerald, all of Harrisburg; three sisters, Ruby York Camper of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Lou Dobbins of Cherry Valley, and Linda Dobbins of Harrisburg; four grandchildren, Kaylee Fitzgerald, Emily Fitzgerald, Cameron Young and Calen Young, and anticipating the



**Odell Fitzgerald**

arrival of a great-grandchild, Claire Elizabeth Douglas. He is also survived by his life-long friend and confidant, Paulette Bass Worley, a dear friend, Brenda Bass, and a host of other family members and friends.

The family has hearts that are heavy, and their lives will never be the same, but they rejoice in his passing into his Father's arms. His life inspired many and he touched many lives, simply by knowing and loving him.

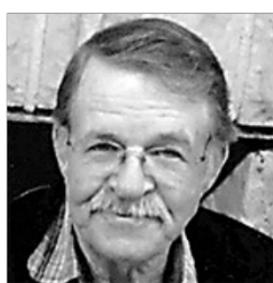
Funeral services were held Sept. 8 at the Gregg-Weston Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Donnell Hill officiating. Burial followed in Holly Springs Cemetery near Harrisburg. Pallbearers were Johnny Wayne Fitzgerald, Leon Fitzgerald, Tommy Fitzgerald, Scotty Fitzgerald, Johnathan Webb and Brian Webb.

Personal condolences may be made to the Fitzgerald family at [www.greggwestonfh.com](http://www.greggwestonfh.com) and donations may be made to the New First Baptist Spirit and Truth Holiness Church in Cherry Valley.

## Charles Williams

TRUMANN - Mr. Charles Madison Williams, 76, was born Friday, Dec. 12, 1941, in Fayetteville, Tenn., to the late Mr. George and Annie Bell McWhirter Williams. Charles met our Savior on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, at 5:51 a.m. at the Flo & Phil Jones Hospice House in Jonesboro. He was married to (and survived by) his wife of almost 57 years, Joann, on Dec. 22, 1961, and lived most of his life in Trumann. Charles drove a semi-truck for a short time before working as an auto body repairman for most of his life. He was an avid fisherman and loved to cook his catch for his family. He was happiest when surrounded by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and would light up when they walked into the room. He attended McCormick Baptist Church with his family.

Survivors include his three children, Lisa Samuel and husband Ronnie, Keith Williams and wife Pebbles and Danni Hicks and husband Barry; eight grandchildren, Ian Samuel (Ashley), Kalee Benson (Bo), Kara Williams, Luke Hicks, Rafe Samuel, Carlie Hicks, Jessica Taggart (Doug), and Caity Anderson (Cody); six great-grandchildren, Sydney, Gray, Revel,



**Charles Williams**

Alexis, Abram and Alden; seven siblings, Francis Lowery, Judy Garner, Debra Benson, Linda Collins, Tim Williams, Barry Williams, and Michael Williams; and his close friend, Danny Stevens.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Annie Bell Williams; one grandson, Ryan Williams; and five siblings, James Williams, Luther Williams, Pat Williams, Tony Williams and Nancy Lowery.

Funeral services were held Sept. 7 at McCormick Baptist Church in Trumann with Rev. Bobby Watts and Rev. Terry Tacker officiating. Burial followed in Nettleton Cemetery in Jonesboro.

Pallbearers were Kyle Beard, Scott Taylor, Jordan Long, Cameron Jones, Preston Jones, and Jeff Preston.

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

## James Davis

TRUMANN - Mr. James Ray Davis, 63, departed this life Monday, Sept. 3, 2018, in Jonesboro. He was born Nov. 27, 1954, in Marked Tree and lived the last 30 years in Trumann. He was a forklift driver and of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Ray Davis; three brothers, James Earl Davis, Bobby Lee Davis and Danny Davis; two sisters, Janie Eldridge and Helen Renshaw.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila Davis of the home; one son, Johnathan Davis of Trumann; one daughter,

## Eva Holt

STRAWBERRY - Mrs. Eva Pearl Moore Holt of Strawberry departed this life Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, at NEA Baptist Hospital in Jonesboro. She was born in and had formerly lived in Marked Tree and had lived in Strawberry since 2006. She was a retired insurance agent and of the Church of God faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernest Monroe Holt; one brother, Charles Moore; and her parents, Ollie Cleo and Eunice Huff Moore.

She is survived by one son, Chris Holt and wife Karen of Weiner; three grandchildren, Ashley Shick, Cortney Turner and Hunter Wolf; and one sister, Duvvie M. Hendrix of

## Doris Golden

BAY - Mrs. Doris Faye Golden departed this life Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, at St. Bernards Medical Center in Jonesboro. She was born in Trumann and lived most of her lifetime in Bay. Doris was a heart monitor tech and of the Pentecostal faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Ray Golden; three sisters, Francis Frazier, Susie Carter and Mary Seay; one brother, James Young; and her parents, James "Jack" Herman Young and Inez Harper Young.

She is survived by two sons, Mark Walls and wife Jane of Jonesboro and Eric Davis and wife Jessica of Bay; one brother, Jimmy Ledbetter of Morrison, Tenn.; two sisters, Shirley Rorex and Betty Philp and husband Lowell; and five grandchildren, Lane, Malorie, Jacey Davis, and Tyler and Tate Walls.

## E.H. "Butch" Hatley

TRUMANN - Mr. E.H. "Butch" Hatley III, 64, departed this life Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, at Flo and Phil Jones Hospice House in Jonesboro. Butch was born Dec. 11, 1953, in Jonesboro to E.H. Jr. and Christine Hatley. Butch was a member of Corner's Chapel Baptist Church in Payneway, a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp #584, Columbia, Tenn., and a Master Service Technician of John Deere University, Moline, Ill. Butch enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He also enjoyed being outdoors fishing and hunting. He always enjoyed being with his grandson. He enjoyed fishing with him and watching him "play ball." He always told his friends, "I love you and everybody you love."

He was preceded in death by his sister, Cara Bess Hatley; father, Elec Hatley Jr.; grandparents, Elec Sr. and Kate Hatley of Old Weona, and Talmadge and Cora Mae Wright of Harrisburg.

Survivors include his wife Sharon of the home; his daughter, Christy Hatley-



**James Davis**

Jackie Burchfield of Trumann; his mother, Edna Smith Davis and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 6 in the chapel of Thompson Funeral Home in Trumann. Burial was private.

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



**Eva Holt**

Marked Tree.

Mrs. Holt's husband, Vernest M. Holt died Saturday, Sept. 1. A joint graveside service was held Sept. 10 at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in Birdeye, with Bro. James Moore officiating with Thompson Funeral Home of Trumann in charge of arrangements.

Online guest book at [www.thompsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.thompsonfuneralhome.net).



**Doris Golden**

Funeral services were held Sept. 10 in the chapel of Thompson Funeral Home with Bro. Tommy Jordan officiating. Burial followed in Nettleton Cemetery in Jonesboro.

Pallbearers were Mitchell Wagner, Michael Wagner, Derek Williams, Paul Allred, Steven Dever, and Jacob Brown. Honorary pallbearers were Michael Calhoun, Danny Floyd, Jason Wilson, Jeremy Wilson, David Dever and Terry Allred.

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**E.H. "Butch" Hatley**

Davis (Donnie) and grandson Donald Ray "Trey" Davis III of Harrisburg; mother, Christine Hatley of Trumann; sisters, Regina Stacy of Trumann, and Anna Ware (David) of Collierville, Tenn.; nephew, Ian Ware (Blair and Lily June) of Knoxville, Tenn.; niece Ainsley Cameron Riker (Matthew) of Fort Collins, Colo.; stepson, Adam J. Smith of Payneway; stepdaughters, Sarah L. Dowdy of Jonesboro, and Amanda Kelly of Mammoth Springs; six stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life was held Sept. 11 in the chapel of Thompson Funeral Home with Bro. Glen Hurst officiating. Burial followed in Harrisburg Memorial Park Cemetery in Harrisburg.

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

## Nita Jo Porterfield

TRUMANN - Mrs. Nita Jo Porterfield, 90, entered her home in heaven on Tuesday morning, Sept. 4, 2018. She was born on Feb. 29, 1928, in Belmont, Miss. She was the oldest of seven children. Her early childhood years were spent in Belmont where she received much love and affection from her maternal grandparents, Charles and Laura Thorn. Her family moved to the Weona community near Trumann around the time she entered school. During her teen years, she met the love of her life, Floyd Neal Porterfield, who lived in the nearby community of Burns. They were married on Dec. 26, 1945. During his time in the United States Navy, they would make their home in Jacksonville, Fla., for a brief time before returning to Trumann. Their family grew from being a newlywed couple in 1945 to being the parents of five children by 1954.

With her hands and heart full, Nita Jo set about making sure her home was as happy as she could make it. When food and finances were meager, she welcomed family and friends. Never one to be still for very long or be afraid of hard work, she spent many years as a factory worker first for Singer (Poinsett Lumber and Manufacturing) and eventually for Salant & Salant. Aside from factory jobs, she picked cotton, worked in a cafe, a dry-cleaning business, and a pizzeria. Even after working long hours, nothing made her happier than a house full of family sharing conversation and a meal together. She enjoyed embroidery and quilting only when the weather wasn't conducive to fishing. A day spent on the lake fishing from their boat was considered to be a perfect day to her and Neal.

As the children married and grandchildren began arriving, she focused more of her attention on the grandchildren. This meant sharing stories of their parents' antics, preparing a favorite meal or treat, taking them to church with her, or teaching them something she enjoyed.

Aside from family and friends, she loved her church family. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Trumann, where she was active in WMU for many years and often found joy in serving a meal to others during their time of bereavement.

## Hershel Fitzgerald

JOPPA, ALABAMA - Mr. Hershel Lee Fitzgerald, 75, formerly of Harrisburg, departed this life Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018. He was born April 3, 1943, the son of the late Johnny Claude Eithel Bell Burnett Fitzgerald.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Virginia Lucille Huffstutler Fitzgerald of Joppa, Ala.; two sons, Tony and Andy Fitzgerald and Adam an adopted son; five daughters, Janis, Shannon, Jennifer, Angela and Sherry; 16 grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild and anticipating the arrival of another great-grandchild; five brothers, Jessie, Junior, Orval and Wayne, all of Harrisburg, and Odell Fitzgerald of Cherry Valley; three sisters, Ruby Camper of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Lou Dobbins of Cherry Valley, and Linda Dobbins of Harrisburg; several nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death



**Nita Jo Porterfield**

In November of 1991, her heart sank as she was forced to say goodbye for now to her husband of 46 years. After Neal's death, she struggled as most grieving spouses do to find a new normal. She became a frequent traveler with tour groups, attended dances with her friends, and continued to meet and make new friends, including one that became a little more special than the others.

She made the most of these years until a series of health concerns, including dementia, made it impossible for her to live alone any longer. She lived well.

We wish to thank the staff of Craighead Nursing Center and Hospice House of Jonesboro for their care and attention.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Neal Porterfield; two sisters, Jean Carlson and Annette Cronan; one brother, Charles Cox and her parents, Earnest and Virgie Bradley.

She is survived by three sons; Larry (Donna) Porterfield of Rudyard, Mich., Tony (Sharon) Porterfield of Olive Branch, Miss. and Ricky "Petey" (Charlotte) Porterfield Lunsford; two daughters, Diane Carr of Trumann, and Loretta (Phil) Harris of Moulton, Ala.; two brothers, Marvin Cox, Jr. of N.C. and Ronnie Cox of Wichita, Kan.; nine grandchildren, David Porterfield, Nathan Porterfield, Heather Pavlat, Tracy Dean, Dana Lands, Autumn Giovanna, Moses Porterfield, and Israel Porterfield; 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 6 at First Baptist Church in Trumann with Rev. John Maley officiating. Burial followed in Jonesboro Memorial Park Cemetery in Jonesboro under the direction of Thompson Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were James Dean, Chris Lands, Moses Porterfield, Tim Pavlat, Nathan Porterfield and Israel Porterfield. Honorary pallbearers were her Sunday School Class.

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**Hershel Fitzgerald**

by a grandson Anthony, who Hershel joined in Heaven to work on his maro; his parents, Johnny and Eithel Fitzgerald; one brother, Charles Fitzgerald, and two sisters, Eithel Marvine Fitzgerald and Emma Deloris West.

Funeral services were held Aug. 4, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Joppa with burial in the adjoining cemetery. Tony, Jennifer, Sherry, Danny, Ray, Adam, Darrel, Shannon and Lee served as pallbearers. Jason, Danny Joe, Rocky, Jeff, Roland and Tim served as honorary pallbearers.

# BERRY

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tal: two in Manila; 14 in Cardwell, Mo.; and 20 in Marked Tree before he retired in 1990.

At Marked Tree, Jim taught junior high social studies and history. "He really liked ancient cultures and was especially enthralled with Egypt," David said.

Jim and Melba were in their 70s when they retired, and David said they were able to travel to a lot of places around the world before Jim was diagnosed with bone cancer. "I don't think Dad had any regrets," David said, adding that Jim probably would have liked to see Egypt, but the country was not safe to travel to during their retirement years. David said his partner is from Greece, and when she showed Jim some of her pictures of temples and architecture over there, "That really perked him up."

Before they married, Jim and Melba had both been single a long time and had gone their separate ways. Melba taught home economics in Harrisburg. The two reunited in their late 30s, and David said a family member played matchmaker with the two and would bring Melba over to be with Jim's family as a pretense to get the two of them together.

They married in 1966. David said because they were older when they married, they decided to make their 40th anniversary a big celebration in case they didn't make it to 50. "But they did make it to their 50th," David said. They had a smaller celebration then since they had already done

their big one. During a surprise early birthday celebration a couple weeks ago, the two renewed their vows again on the spur of the moment. They were married a total of 52 years.

As many know, Jim and Melba were extremely involved in the community. They volunteered, donated, and always tried to help people. They volunteered in various capacities at First United Methodist Church in Marked Tree and at the Delta Area Museum. They were honored by the Marked Tree Historical Society in 2007, and the mayor proclaimed that day "Jim and Melba Berry Day." They also served as co-grand marshals of the Marked Tree Christmas parade in 2014. And a couple years ago, they received an award for Citizens of the Year from the Marked Tree Chamber of Commerce along with a citation from the Arkansas House of Representatives.

Sandy Teague, whose company took care of Jim during his final days, said, "He is just a pillar of this community. There will never be another Mr. Berry. He's an icon of Marked Tree."

David added that people recognized his parents everywhere they went, and the two were inseparable. "They only think of one another," David said. "He asks how Mom's doing, and she would be the same way. And you never see them apart. If you see one, you see the other. That's what everyone would say, that they were joined at the hand."

# ROBERTS

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Three left-leaning lawyers — Barry Berke, Noah Bookbinder and Norm Eisen — wrote in the Times last month that "from the publicly available information, it's now clear that Trump obstructed justice." And special counsel Mueller, they added, is quite likely to "have much more information" supporting an obstruction charge that has not yet surfaced.

A key element in any obstruction case, and one that's often difficult to prove, is criminal intent. That's why Trump's own words are so critical to any inquiry. The Times reported in July that Mueller wants to question the president directly about his tweets in order to demonstrate his mindset and reveal his true purpose.

Privately, the Times added, some of Trump's lawyers "have expressed concern that Mr. Mueller will stitch together several episodes, en-

counters and pieces of evidence, like the tweets, to build a case that the president embarked on a broad effort to interfere" with the special counsel's investigation.

"There's rarely evidence that someone sits down and says, 'I intend to commit a crime,' so any type of investigation hangs on using additional evidence to build a narrative arc that hangs together," Samuel W. Buell, a Duke law professor and former federal prosecutor told the Times.

So far, the president has refused to sit down with Mueller and answer his questions. But Trump is still a damaging and hostile witness to his own cause — the chief architect of the "narrative arc" that prosecutors will use against him.

*(Steve and Cokie Roberts can be contacted by email at stevecokie@gmail.com.)*

# CONDEMN

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In other new business, the council approved, on the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Committee, to rezone the property at 1237 Highway 69 West from A-1 to C-2 for the new Dollar Tree that will be built on the property. The council also reaffirmed that the street that runs beside the property is Willow Point Lane/Sidelines Drive.

After being questioned on the name, Trumann Mayor Barbara Lewallen said at some point the official name will be decided. The council also passed an ordinance to consolidate two accounts used by Trumann Water Works into one account to be named Trumann Waterworks Infrastructure Fund. The council also approved for fireworks to be shot during the school football games.

Trumann Parks Director Scott Shankle gave a report about things happening at the complex. "Fall sign-ups are going slow, and we are in need of a few coaches," Shankle told the council. He said a sprinkler system had been installed to help water the field to control the dust and that shade covers have been put up over the bleachers. "The fields are in great

toward the street and playing, causing traffic problems when cars approach. Mayor Lewallen said there are now ordinances on the books to deal with this matter. Civil Enforcement Officer Sergeant Gary Henry said that is a po-

lice matter, and they need to be called for the matter. England said he's also had calls about overgrown yards. Ward 3 councilwoman Debbie Cook reported she has had calls about the compress and the greenhouses.

# CHANGES

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off remotely through the dispatch system.

Chief Brandon said they currently pay the Sheriff's Office \$10,000 a year, split up into quarterly payments, and the contract with TPD would be \$15,000 a year. She said they will not have to buy new radios initially, but eventually TPD will upgrade their consoles, and HPD will have to upgrade radios then. The council approved the resolution authorizing the contract with seven for and one against.

The council also approved moving forward on the community building project. Mayor Randy Mills said the initial estimate was \$758,000, but he is sure they can get that number down because there is a lot of work the city can do itself. The city has already received \$15,000 in grant funds for the project and has applied for \$125,000 more. There is also FEMA money that will be applied for,

and both the chamber and fair board have obligated money to the project. The council also approved using \$150,000 in economic development funds for the project. With their approval to move forward, Mayor Mills said they would be able to take a deeper look at the details, see what FEMA grants are available, and see what can be cut from the initial estimate.

In other business, council: \*approved disposing of outdated equipment.

\*discussed the possibility of an ordinance restricting parking in streets.

\*heard an update on the asphalt bid to resurface some streets, which was \$80,000.

\*approved buying a flat bed and poly tank for the Fire Department's tanker 1, which will come of the Volunteer Fire checking account in the amount of \$31,250 total.

\*approved using \$25,000 out of the reserve fund to pay unexpected bills.

# MARKED TREE

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Birch Avenue and the park at the end of Frisco Street.

Tom Rhoads asked about citizens being denied an opportunity to be on the agenda, saying Anquion Williams, who was fired from the police department for a third time, had asked to be placed on the agenda and was denied. Mayor Steve Craig said Williams was supposed to write a letter and that they were following the personnel policy procedure. Williams, who was in the audience, claimed he had followed the same procedure as always but was denied, and Craig said they were not going to talk about it tonight.

Moving to another subject, Rhoads said the city was opening itself up to requests for donations after approving the Snyder Industries ordinance. On that note, she asked that the city immediately look into purchasing a new splash pad system instead of repairing the current system. "If we can give \$75,000 to an industry, we can give \$30,000 for our children," Rhoads said. Rhoads discussed the need to get the city cleaned up of weeds and trash before the upcoming Cotton Pickin' Jubilee.

Rhoads also said several citizens call her with issues to bring to the council, since she doesn't mind speaking at council meetings, and told the audience she would continue to be an advocate for them.

Mike McCullar was on the agenda to talk about the city working on the sidewalk at his business, but he said work had started so he wouldn't talk about that. He did ask

about the Snyder money and spoke about the possibility of getting the city to fix the lot next to Poinsett Cafe so it can be a parking lot. Alderman Jason Gilbert said the money that will be given to Snyder is from the Industrial Fund and could only be used in the industrial area.

Mary Smith spoke about difficulty seeing oncoming traffic at certain stop signs due to parked 18-wheelers and about the grass at the railroad needing to be cut. She asked the council to put up "No Parking" signs to alleviate the problem. She also said she was able to contact someone at the railroad about the grass and was told to call that person back if she saw no results in two weeks.

In other business, the council:

\*discussed a recommendation from Planning and Zoning to amend an ordinance to allow a trailer to remain at 230 Elm on conditional use. After discussion, the council voted to give a 90 day extension and revisit the matter.

\*approved paying the Code Enforcer for mailouts.

\*unanimously voted to not reinstate Eric Jackson to the police department.

\*approved hiring a street maintenance worker.

\*discussed a \$550-a-month maintenance agreement with Grace Communications to be on standby to service the radio tower at the police department and the repeater on the water tower. Fire Chief Jamie McCrary will check on other companies and bring it back before the council.

# BOXLEY

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accept it in Trump. Democrats who were willing to overlook Clinton's behavior are now horrified with Trump's. Even more amazing, evangelical Christians are even willing to give Trump a pass.

So this is the new reality. Democrats and Republicans can't even agree to pass a

budget but are all willing to sell their office for the right price. And neither party can claim any morality. Both have shown that they will accept any behavior in a politician as long as he or she toes the party line. Somewhere Gary Hart has to be shaking his head in amazement.

# Quorum court declares JOP vacancy in District 10

By ANTHONY COSSEY  
DT News Staff

Poinsett County Quorum Court approved Resolution 2018-07 declaring a vacancy in the Office of Justice of the Peace, District No. 10 of Poinsett County during the monthly meeting held this past Monday at the Courthouse Annex Building in Harrisburg.

Larry Steakley, who had held this office, passed away on Aug. 25. The governor will now appoint a new person to the court. Poinsett County Judge Bob Cantrell said he has a couple in mind to fill the spot and will speak to him about it. Poinsett County Clerk Teresa O'Brien told the court one person will be appointed to fill the remainder of the year and a new person, who can't be the person who filled in the year, will be appointed to fill the remaining two years.

In other new business, the court had approved to match

a state payment to Josh Bradley in the amount of \$500. Bradley, who is the only level 4 appraiser for the county, received the professional payment from the state in July. The court had already approved to match the payment in December of 2017, but the request was not turned in to the treasurer. The Quorum Court approved to have the money paid to Bradley. The justices also approved Appropriations and Transfer Ordinance 2018-14 with appropriations of \$171,340.16. This amount was largely involving insurance proceeds from Poinsett County Sheriff Department vehicles.

Cantrell told the court that road work is continuing around the county and that roads are being paved and potholes are being filled as fast they can be. "We just need everyone to be a little patient and know that we'll get the work done," Cantrell said.



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Arkansas Single Parent Scholarships were awarded to four in Poinsett County for the fall semester. (Photo provided)

### Four awarded Single Parent Scholarships

Four single parent students were recently presented scholarship award checks by the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Poinsett County. Lindsay Holiman, Jackaa Cypress and Shalonda Garner were presented awards funded in part by the ASPSF and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Bethany Morrow was presented an award funded by a sub-grant from Entergy.

The Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Poinsett

County is led by a team of volunteers who raise funds to support single parents in their pursuit of higher education or professional certification. The ASPSF Poinsett County team includes Scott Burcham, Gail Nichols, Josh Bradley, Bobbie Buchanan, Crystal Walton and Fonda Condra. Their efforts are supported by the state office of ASPSF, headquartered in Springdale, and a program manager, Wendy Stotts, located in northeast Arkansas.

With support from a number of partners and donors, Single Parent Scholarship Funds statewide award well over \$1.5 million in scholarships each year. A follow-up of 2017 scholarship recipients revealed that 87 percent of students stayed in school or completed their programs. Sixty-five percent of graduates were employed full-time within 3-6 months of graduation, and 90 percent of working graduates earned above-poverty wages.

### Marked Tree School's report to public is Sept. 17

Marked Tree School District will have its annual Report to the Public at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, in the distance learning lab at the high school. Everyone is invited to attend. The regular school board meeting will follow at 6 p.m.

### EPC report to public set Sept. 25

East Poinsett County School District will hold an annual public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Lepanto High School Library. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend.

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# Sports

## Wildcats fall in home opener to Shiloh Christian

By ANTHONY COSSEY  
DT Sports Staff

Trumann (0-2) didn't get the result they wanted this past Friday as they opened RMC Stadium against Shiloh Christian. The Wildcats hung tough the first half and only trailed 14-7 at the half. The Saints scored three times in the third quarter and held the Wildcats scoreless in the second half to take a 35-7 win.

Shiloh Christian got the ball first and wasted little time using four plays to reach the end zone. The point-after was good for a 7-0 Saints lead. Jay Morgan returned the ensuing kick-off out to the Wildcats' 44-yard line for Trumann's first possession. Three plays resulted in minus four yards as Trumann punted the ball away with 8:41 left. Shiloh Christian was forced to punt on their

next series only to try a fake punt the Jonah Haynie staying home and tackling the punter at the Saints' 48-yard line for a turnover on downs by the Saints. Trumann punted the ball back to Shiloh Christian with 3:17 left in the opening quarter. Milton Lewis came up big for Trumann as he intercepted a pass and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown with 3:07 left. Will White added the extra-point to make the score 7-7. The Saints were called for a block in the back on the kick-off return and then a holding on first down moving the ball back to their own six-yard line with 2:49 left. Shiloh Christian hit a 36 yard pass on third and sixteen to move the ball to their 42-yard line. The Saints moved the ball to the Wildcats' six-yard line as the quarter ended with the game tied at 7-7.

Facing fourth and six at the Trumann six-yard line to start the second quarter, Shiloh lined eight guys up on the far left side of field with three guys, center, quarterback and running back lined up on the far right side. The Saints had a player drop a pass in the end zone turning the ball over on downs to the Wildcats. Trumann got a break on their next possession as Shiloh Christian was called for holding prior to the ball being punted giving the Wildcats a first down on their own 20-yard line with 9:36. Trumann

had to punt the ball away just over three minutes later. The Saints got a good punt return to the Wildcats' 30-yard line before scoring on the first play with a touchdown pass after faking a reverse. The point-after was good to make it 14-7 Shiloh Christian. The teams traded punts before Trumann got a big pass from White to MJ Barnes down to the Saints' 23-yard line with 49 seconds left. The Wildcats couldn't capitalize as the clock would expire during the drive to end the first half with Shiloh Christian up 14-7.

Trumann got the ball to start the third quarter as Morgan bobbled the kick-off and was tackled his own seven-yard line. A block in the back was added moving the ball to the four-yard line. The Wildcats used a White to Morgan pass to move the ball to the 41-yard line only to see a White sack on third down to cause the Wildcats to punt. The Saints started their possession on their own 28-yard line. Shiloh Christian broke off a 58 yard touchdown run only to have it called back to the Trumann 27-yard line due to a penalty with 7:50 left. The Saints scored on a touchdown run 10 seconds later from 30 yards out. The successful extra-point made the score 21-7 Shiloh Christian. Trumann's next possession started at their own 31-yard

line as the offense sputtered with White being sacked again at his own 27-yard line forcing the Wildcats to punt. The Saints returned the punt for a touchdown to make the score 27-7. The point-after was good making it 28-7 with 5:11 left. Shiloh Christian tried to catch Trumann off guard with an onside kick as Haynie recovered the ball at Truman 49-yard line. White fumbled the ball a few plays later with the Saints recovering at their own 43-yard line with 2:52 left in the third quarter. Shiloh Christian used the run and pass to move the ball to the Trumann one-yard line before scoring on a yard run. The extra-point was good making it 35-7 Saints. The Wildcats started their next series at their own 33-yard and moved the ball to the 47-yard line before the quarter ended with Shiloh Christian up 35-7.

Trumann got a big play from Barnes on fourth and ten as he out jumped the defender for a pass and took it to the Saints' 11-yard line with 9:22 left in the game. The Wildcats could not take advantage as Conner McClain's fourth down pass fell incomplete giving the ball to Shiloh Christian on their own 10-yard line with 7:27 left. The Saints drove the ball to the Trumann two-yard line before fumbling the ball into the end zone with

Barnes recovering for the Wildcats giving Trumann the ball at their own 20-yard line with 3:32 left. Trumann had to punt the ball with Shiloh Christian taking over with 1:58 left and running out the clock for the 35-7 win.

"Our lack of depth and the heat hurt us in the second half. We've played two great first halves in our first two games but have run out of gas late in the game," Trumann head coach Craig Green said after the game. "I can't be more proud of our first half tonight. That interception return by Lewis changed the momentum for us and altered the course of the first half. We passed the ball pretty well tonight and that will help us in the long run. We got a lot of kids into a big game tonight to get them some game experience. It was a great night for the community and the kids to open this new stadium."

Morgan led Trumann in rushing with 14 yards on 11 carries as McClain had six yards on two carries. White completed three of eleven passes for 79 yards as McClain completed one of four passes for 42 yards. Barnes caught two passes for 69 yards, Morgan had one catch for 39 yards and Jesse Penter had one catch for 13 yards. Lewis had an interception return for a touchdown for the Wildcats defense.



Trumann's Jay Morgan jumps over a Shiloh Christian defender to gain a first down for the Wildcats in high school football action this past Friday at RMC Stadium. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)

## Marked Tree loses heartbreaker to Manila

By TRENT FLETCHER  
Town Crier Sports Staff

After losing their season opener in heartbreaking fashion last week at East Poinsett County, Manila entered the win column with a thrilling 27-24 come from behind victory Friday night at Marked Tree.

Trailing 24-21 with 3:30 left in the game, the Lions forced a Jarmaria Anderson fumble, recovering the ball at their own 38-yard line. Manila quarterback Layne Sims gained three yards on first down. The Lions were assessed a procedure penalty, pushing them back to the 36. On second and 12, Sims rolled to the right and found Ethan Navarro streaking down the sideline. Sims heaved a perfect throw, landing in Navarro's breadbas-

ket to complete a 49-yard pass play, giving Manila first down at the Marked Tree 16 with one minute to play. Sims gained eight yards on first down. On second and two, the senior signal caller went straight up the gut on a quarterback draw. The Indian defense seemed to stop Sims short of the goal line, but several Lion teammates pushed Sims into the end zone, giving Manila a three-point lead with just 20 seconds remaining.

Marked Tree threw three incompletions as the clock ran out, giving the Lions their first victory of the year.

Manila got on the board first when Sims connected with Dalton Slaughter on a 12-yard touchdown pass at the 4:41 mark of the first quarter. Abraham Lopez knocked through the point

after, giving the Lions an early 7-0 lead.

An Indian turnover gave the ball back to Manila, and the Lions proceeded to drive 62 yards in 10 plays, capped off by Sims' four-yard touchdown scamper with 11:13 left in the half. Lopez' point after gave Manila a 14-0 advantage.

The Indians answered when Anderson broke free and darted 66 yards untouched for Marked Tree's first score of the game. The two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving Manila with a 14-6 lead.

Manila took the ensuing kickoff and marched to the Marked Tree 20, but Jack Brown picked off a Sims pass, giving the Indians the ball back at their own one. On the next play, Marked Tree quarterback Eli McCrary lost

the handle on the ball and Lion David Keys jumped on the fumble in the end zone for a Manila touchdown. Lopez' kick put the Lions ahead 21-6 with 6:23 to go in the half.

The Indians got their second score of the night with just 20 seconds left before intermission on a five-yard touchdown pass from McCrary to Brown. The two-point run failed, leaving the Lions up 21-12 at intermission.

Marked Tree pulled closer late in the third quarter when Kylan Johnson scored from 12 yards out at the 2:13 mark. The two-point pass fell incomplete, but the Indians were within 21-18 entering the fourth quarter.

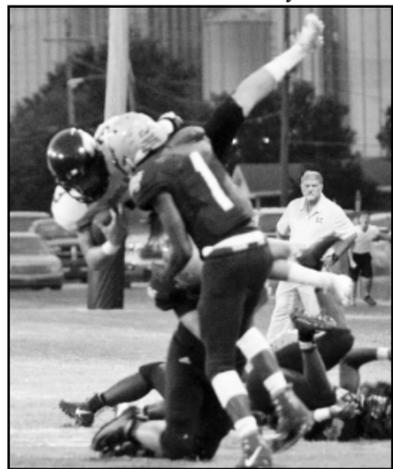
The Indians took their first lead of the night with 8:51 left in the game on an eight-yard Anderson touchdown run. Anderson's score was set up when Johnson galloped 53

yards, giving Marked Tree a first and goal inside the Lion 10.

Marked Tree outgained Manila in total yards, 430 to 281. The Indians picked up 312 yards on the ground, led by Anderson's 12 carry, 132-yard performance. Anderson also scored two touchdowns. Johnson finished with 11 carries for 66 yards and a score. McCrary completed four of 16 passes for 118 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Manila had 167 yards rushing, led by Sims who carried 21 times for 131 yards and two touchdowns.

Brett Carter had 11 totes for 33 yards. Sims completed seven of 20 passes for 114 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Slaughter caught three passes for 52 yards and a score. Navarro snared two receptions for 53 yards while Jacob McCollum had one for nine yards.



Jack Brown (1) and a Marked Tree player team up to tackle a Manila player. (Photo/Trent Fletcher)

## Area Sports Roundup

By ANTHONY COSSEY  
DT Sports Staff

The EPC Junior Warriors (1-0-1) beat Walnut Ridge 34-14 this past Monday night in a game that was postponed from August 30 due to inclement weather. A request for stats was not returned to paper by press time.

Trumann took a 25-13, 25-21, 25-18 win over Cedar Ridge in high school volleyball action this past Monday at Wildcat Gym. Haley Mathis led the Lady Wildcats with nine kills and six blocks as Maci Williams had eight assists and three aces. The Junior Lady Wildcats (7-1) won their match 25-7, 25-20.

Harrisburg dropped a 3A-East conference match to Piggott, 13-25, 25-18, 25-9, 25-17, this past Monday at Harrisburg. Destany Lovell had five kills and four blocks as Chloe Morgan finished with six kills. Carly McCrary had 11 digs and four aces,

Jadyn Hesse had 10 assists as Shaw Faulkner had 11 digs.

EPC (1-1) went on the road to Walnut Ridge and were handed a 41-18 loss by their hosts. Rayshon Gates led the Warriors in rushing with 15 carries for 39 yards and a touchdown as Jonathan Gilmore added 37 yards on four carries. TJ Bush had a touchdown catch as Andrew Harston returning a kick-off for a touchdown. Gavin Constant had seven tackles to lead the defense with Harston added five tackles.

Harrisburg (1-1) scored all their points in the first half of a 35-0 win over Cedar Ridge this past Friday. Jett Jackson led the Hornets' offense completing nine of eleven passes for 145 yards and two touchdowns. Ross Heeb finished with five catches for 67 yards and two touchdowns along with a rushing touchdown. Tayshaun Warren had a touchdown rushing and a two-point conversion run.

Parker Jones kicked three extra-points on the night.

Enellio McGinnis had four tackles to lead the defense as Ray Michael Jones, Kaden Lindsey and Jered Lindsey each had a sack. Layne Tucker, Heeb and Mason Summers each had a fumble recovery with Summers running his back for a touchdown.

Trumann (1-1) lost 14-8 on the road to Batesville-Southside last Thursday in junior high football action. Gaven Guy scored all of the Junior Wildcats' points with a touchdown run a two-point conversion run as he finished with 63 yards on 17 carries. Rian King chipped in 47 yards on 10 carries. Guy and Azani Smith led the Trumann defense with four tackles each.

Marked Tree (0-1) lost 28-22 to Manila in junior high football last Thursday. A request for stats was not returned to paper by press time.

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# Junior Hornets cruise to win over Cedar Ridge

By ANTHONY COSSEY  
DT Sports Staff

Harrisburg (2-0) jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the opening quarter and never looked back in a 38-8 win over Cedar Ridge in junior high football action this past Thursday at Hornet Stadium.

The Junior Timberwolves got the ball first as Jace Heeb's sack on third down forced Cedar Ridge to punt the ball to Harrisburg. The Junior Hornets started on the Cedar Ridge 48-yard line with 5:20 left. Colby Summers had a big run to the 34-yard line before carrying the ball to the 24-yard line with the next two carries. Samuel Moore rolled out and kept the ball scampering 24 yards for the touchdown with 3:35 left. Moore found James Pender with the two-point conversion pass to make the score 38-0 Junior Hornets. Cedar Ridge was forced to punt the ball on their next series as Hayden Lindsey got a hand on the punt with Summers catching the blocked punt and returning it to the Junior Timberwolves' 11-yard line. Harrisburg wasted little time as Moore hit Trey Davis with a quick pass as Davis took it to the end zone for a touchdown with 15 seconds left. Moore ran in the two-point conversion to make it 16-0

Harrisburg. Cedar Ridge fell on the ensuing high pooch kick on their own 32-yard line. The quarter ended before a snap could be made with Harrisburg up 16-0.

Harrisburg was flagged for pass interference on third and long giving Cedar Ridge a first down on their own 45-yard line. The Junior Timberwolves went for the first down on fourth and one only to cough the ball up with Pender recovering for the Junior Hornets at their own 46-yard line with 4:07 left. Moore hit River Carter for a 25 yard gain before Moore carried the ball to the Cedar Ridge 17-yard line. Summers capped the drive with a 16 yard touchdown with 3:10 left. Moore again ran in the two-point conversion making it 24-0 Harrisburg. Cedar Ridge had to punt the ball away on their next possession with the Junior Hornets taking over at the Junior Timberwolves' 38-yard line with 58 seconds left in the half. The half ended during Harrisburg's drive with the Junior Hornets up 24-0.

The Junior Hornets got the ball first in the third quarter starting at their own 25-yard line after the kick-off. Harrisburg used their running game to move the ball to the Cedar Ridge nine-yard line before a bad snap moved the ball

back to the 22-yard line. After an incomplete pass on third down, Harrisburg went for it on fourth down with Moore being flushed from the pocket and tackled at the Cedar Ridge 10-yard line turning the ball over on downs. The Junior Timberwolves punted the ball after gaining only three yards on three downs as Harrisburg took over on Cedar Ridge 38-yard line with 2:19 left. Summers sprinted 24 yards on the first play as Noah Brooks carried it in from four yards out on the next play for the Junior Hornets. Brooks added the two-point conversion run to make it 32-0 with 1:36 left in the third quarter. Cedar Ridge started their next drive and moved the ball to the Harrisburg 49-yard line at the quarter ended.

The Junior Timberwolves had a bad exchange on the play as the ball hit the ground only to see Cedar Ridge pick the ball up and gallop 49 yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion run was good to make it 32-8 Harrisburg with 7:48 left to play. Skyler Duncan returned the Cedar Ridge kick-off to the the Harrisburg 30-yard line for the Junior Hornets' next series. Harrisburg put together a 70 yard drive capped off by Pender's three



Samuel Moore runs behind the block of Colby Summers for a two-point conversion during Harrisburg's win last Thursday at Hornet Stadium. (DT Photo/Anthony Cossey)

yard touchdown run. Davis was stopped on the two-point run leaving the score 38-8 Junior Hornets with 3:02 left. Davis got an interception for Harrisburg on defense as the Junior Hornets took over at their own 49-yard line with 1:48 left. Harrisburg ran out the clock for the 38-8 win.

"I thought we played well coming out and hitting them pretty good," Harrisburg head coach Robert Killebrew said after the game. "For the most part, we kept our foot

on the throttle. It was real encouraging to see a lot of kids step up tonight. Our defense played really well tonight."

Moore led the Harrisburg with 72 yards rushing with a touchdown and two two-point conversion runs while hitting three of four passes for 40 yards, a touchdown and a two-point conversion pass. Summers finished with 82 yards on five carries with a touchdown, Brooks had nine carries for 30 yards, a touch-

down and a two-point conversion run as Pender added a touchdown run and a two-point conversion catch. Carter had one catch for 25 yards as Davis added a catch for 11 yards and a touchdown.

Heeb and Carter led in tackles on the night as 19 different Junior Hornet players recorded a tackle on the night. Lindsey had a partially blocked punt as Davis added an interception on defense for the Junior Hornets.

# Junior Warriors battle to tie with Piggott

By TIM BLAIR  
Times-Democrat Sports Staff

The Piggott Mohawk and East Poinsett County Warrior junior high football teams met Thursday, Sept. 6, in non-conference action and played to an 18-18 tie. Actually, over three minutes remained in regulation at Piggott's Parker Field, but an electrical outage prompted the officials to call the game early.

The previous week the Mohawks had visited the Rector Junior Cougars in non-conference play, and saw that contest called at the halftime break due to lightning and approaching severe weather. Thursday night the rain was light, but nearby lightning played a role in ending the contest in yet another draw.

The Mohawks drew first

blood in the contest, capping a second quarter drive at the 7:55 mark with a five yard touchdown run by Joe Carpenter. But, as it was throughout the night for both teams, the conversion attempt was no good.

The Warriors answered at the 5:28 mark of the second, as Candon Argo broke loose on a 58 yard touchdown run. Again the conversion attempt was no good, and the score stood at 6-6.

The Mohawks scored again late in the first half, as quarterback Jackson Howell took it in the keeper from one yard out. Again, failing to convert, the home team took a 12-6 advantage into the locker room at the half.

The Warriors struck early in the third to tie the game, as they got a 67 yard touchdown run from Barry Rossell on a swing pass to the left side. Missing the conversion at-

tempt pass, the score was knotted at 12-12.

Neither team scored the remainder of the third, or the early part of the fourth quarter. Finally, the Mohawks broke the deadlock with 5:19 to play in the ballgame. Scoring from one yard out was Kyler Smith, but again the conversion attempt was no good as the score moved to 18-12.

Argo would once-again tie the contest with 3:58 to play, as he broke a 37 yard touchdown run for the Warriors. And, the Mohawk special team was up the task yet again, as they were able to stop the two point conversion attempt and maintain the tie at 18-18.

Moments later the power went out across the city of Piggott, including the football field, as a lightning strike at Malden interrupted the main feed. The power came

back on a short time later, but due to the time required to re-



Candon Argo of EPC runs the ball against Piggott during their game last Thursday in Piggott. (Photo/Tim Blair)

start all the lights—and the amount of time left in the

game, the officials decided to send the crowd home early.



## Gold Buckle

Griff Evans, son of James and Manessa Evans of Trumann, took the gold buckle in the Mutton Busting competition at the Greene County Fair Rodeo. (Photo provided)

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I am so glad that we have an election every four years otherwise nothing would ever be accomplished, but at the same time it seems that some think that it's OK to tell lies. For Example: One of my opponents is telling folks that I had a stroke four years ago, and I shouldn't be Mayor because the pressure may cause another stroke. I am so thankful that people are concerned about my health, it warms my heart. But the truth is I've never had a stroke, I had Bell Palsy, it makes you look like you had a stroke but it doesn't affect you mentally or physically other than showing in your face.

If people are concerned about the stress, they don't know what stress is. I have been under stress for the last 52 years like no one could ever understand. My opponents don't know what stress is and I pray that they will never have to know.

This past week I received a phone call and wanted to know if I had DIED. The rumor going around was that I had died, well I might look like death and after mowing the grass and weed eating I might even smell like death, some may even wish I was dead, and some disappointed that I'm not dead, but I'm alive and kicking high.

My opponents are afraid, they know that if you vote for me, things will change big time. We will work tirelessly to bring jobs to Trumann, clean out the ditches, clean up the streets, fill the pot holes, fix the sidewalks, build a swimming pool for the youth, youth center, use the ball fields to the fullest extent and have jobs for the youth in the summer if they want to work. **AND I WILL NOT VOTE FOR, SIGN, OR ENCOURAGE A TAX INCREASE.**

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# Trumann FD answers 53 calls during August

The Trumann Fire Department answered a total of 53 calls in the month of August. Of those, 25 were medical calls. The rest are as follows:

Aug. 1: fire alarm at 11:25 a.m. on Poinsett Avenue; trash fire at 1:25 p.m. on Ellis.

Aug. 5: motor vehicle accident at 12:50 p.m. on I-555 S and Tulot; motor vehicle accident at 2:13 p.m. on W. Main and Poinsett.

Aug. 7: animal rescue at 12:40 p.m. on Pine Street.

Aug. 8: motor vehicle accident at 1 p.m. on Hwy. 163 S and Pineview Road.

Aug. 9: motor vehicle accident at 2:39 p.m. on W. Main

Ext.; public assist at 4:45 p.m. on Hwy 463 S.

Aug. 15: structure fire at 11:00 a.m. on Hwy. 14 East.

Aug. 17: tree on fire at 6:09 a.m. on Diamant and Lunsford; vehicle fire at 8:55 p.m. on I-555 N.

Aug. 19: search and rescue activation at 10 p.m. on W. Main.

Aug. 20: motor vehicle accident at 10:55 a.m. on Commerce Drive; smoke inside a residence at 6:05 p.m. on Hwy 463.

Aug. 22: fire alarm at 9:01 a.m. on Hwy. 463 S; brush fire at 8:05 p.m. on Glasgow Road; distress animal at 9:28 p.m. on

Ellis. a.m. and 9:50 a.m. on Oak Street.

Aug. 23: false alarm at 9:53 a.m. on W. Main.

Aug. 29: lift assist at 9:25 p.m. on Oak Street.

Aug. 30: lift assist at 1:25 p.m. on Oak Street.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ILA MAE McDERMOTT, DECEASED      PR-2018-70  
NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: Morningside Assisted Living, Jonesboro, Arkansas  
Date of Death: March 15, 2018

The undersigned was appointed executor of the estate of the above named decedent on the 28th day of August, 2018.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. Provided that claims for injury or death caused by negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of the notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in such estate.

This notice first published the 6th day of September, 2018.

Mike McDermott, Executor of the Estate of  
Ila Mae McDermott, deceased  
c/o Kara L. Byars  
107 North Gould Harrisburg Arkansas 72432  
(870) 578-5403

Published 9-6,13-2018

## Notice

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ORDINANCE NO. 479

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LEPANTO, ARKANSAS, AND OTHER AFFECTED PERSONS, THE QUESTION OF ANNEXATION TO SAID CITY OF CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it appears to the City Council of the City of Lepanto, Arkansas, that the annexation of certain hereinafter described territory, contiguous to the City of Lepanto, is necessary for the orderly growth and development of the City;

WHEREAS, the lands furnish the abode for a densely settled community or represent the actual growth of the municipality beyond its legal boundary; and

WHEREAS, the lands are platted and held for sale or use as municipal lots, or whether platted or not, the lands are held to be sold as suburban property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEPANTO, ARKANSAS:

1. That there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City and of the following described area the question of annexation of the following described territory to the City of Lepanto:

TRACT I: A 38.00 acre tract of land lying in Section 34 and 35, T-12-N, R-7-E, Poinsett County, Arkansas, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northern city limits line of the City of Lepanto which lies on the East line of the Replat of the Grady Watkins 1st . Addition, Subdivision to the City of Lepanto, said point being 208.70 feet East of the East right of way of State Highway 140; thence northerly parallel with the East right of way of State Highway 140 and said Replat of the Grady Watkins 1st . Addition to a point lying in the center of Ditch No. 51; thence northwesterly along the centerline of said Ditch No. 51 to a point lying 250 feet west of the west right of way of Highway 140; thence southerly parallel with the west right of way of State Highway 140; to a point on the north line of the existing city limits of the City of Lepanto; thence S84°55'00" E a distance of 250.00 feet; thence N5°05'00"E a distance of 57.10 feet; thence S84°51'01"E along the existing city limits to the point of beginning, containing 38.00 acres, more or less.

TRACT II: A 28.50 acre tract of land lying in Section 3, T-11-N, R-7-E, Poinsett County, Arkansas, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of the existing city limits and the centerline of Didemma Street; thence East along the centerline of Didemma Street to the point of intersection with the centerline of J. Martin Road; thence South along the centerline of J. Martin Road a distance of 1550.00 feet; thence West a distance of 800.00 feet more or less to a point; thence North along the existing city limits line to the point of beginning, containing 28.50 acres, more or less.

A map depicting said annexation area is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

2. The question of annexation of the territory described above in Section 1 shall be submitted to the electors qualified to vote on this issue at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Once this ordinance takes effect, the City Clerk shall immediately notify the County Election Commission and the County Clerk by forwarding to each a certified of this ordinance and the map showing the area to be annexed.

3. If at such election a majority of the qualified electors voting in such election shall vote for such annexation, the annexation shall be effective and the territory included within the corporate limits of the City thirty (30) days following the county clerk's certification of the election results and recording of the same, along with the description and a map of the annexed area, in the county records, and filing a certified copy thereof with the Secretary of State; or in the event an action is filed with the circuit court, on the date the judgment of said court becomes final. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the issue at the election vote against the annexation, the annexation ordinance shall be null and void.

4. No later than forty-five (45) days prior to the election, the City shall identify all persons who reside within the area proposed to be annexed, and the County Clerk shall assist the City in determining the names and addresses of all qualified electors residing within that area.

5. The City Clerk shall give notice of the election by publication by at least one (1) insertion in some newspaper having a general circulation in the City.

6. If the annexation is approved and becomes final, the governing body of the City shall, by ordinance, as soon as practical after the annexation, attach and incorporate such annexed territory into one (1) or more wards of the City lying adjacent thereto, and the territory so assigned and attached to a ward shall thereafter be considered and become a part thereof as fully as any other part of the City.

7. If the annexation is approved and becomes final, the following services shall be extended to the area within three (3) years:

SERVICE	DATE
Police Protection	Immediately
Fire Protection	Immediately
Solid Waste Collection	Upon Annexation

The schedule of services shall be included in the annual written report required by A.C.A./ § 14-40-2201.

8. The ballots used at said election on the question of annexation shall be marked as follows:

[ ] FOR annexation of the territory described in Ordinance No. 479.

[ ] AGAINST annexation of the territory described in Ordinance No. 479.

9. Notice. Within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this ordinance the City Clerk shall provide written notice, along with complete documentation, to the County Clerk.

10. Emergency clause. This ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, as well as compliance with election statutes, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be effective and in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval:

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of July, 2018:

City of Lepanto

ATTEST: /s/Tamara Wyatt  
City Clerk

BY: /s/Dale Dunlap  
Mayor

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## Notice

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Notice of Application  
For NPDES Permit AR0035637

Under the provisions of Act 163 of the 1993 Arkansas Legislature, this is to give notice the Office of Water Quality of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has received a renewal application on August 27, 2018, with additional information received August 29, 2018, for an NPDES Permit No. AR0035637 from the following facility:

Tyronza Water Works - City of Tyronza  
143 S Main Street  
Tyronza, AR 72386

The application has been deemed administratively complete and is undergoing technical review by the Office of Water Quality for compliance with State and Federal regulations. The facility under consideration is located as follows: Highway 63 South, Tyronza, in Poinsett County, Arkansas.

Interested persons desiring to request a public hearing on the application may do so in writing. The Department shall have the discretion to decide whether to hold a public hearing, unless otherwise required by law or regulation. If a hearing is scheduled, adequate public notice will be given in this newspaper. All requests shall be submitted in writing and must include the reasons for the necessity of a public hearing. All requests should be received by ADEQ within 10 business days of the date of this notice and should be submitted to:

Zachary Carroll  
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
NPDES Branch, Office of Water Quality  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317  
Telephone: (501) 682-0623

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## Notice

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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 on 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:  
/s/ Bob Cantrell  
Poinsett County Judge

ATTEST:  
/s/ Teresa Rouse  
County Clerk

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## Notice

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APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS  
ORDINANCE 2018-14  
SPONSOR: ELIZABETH SCHWARZ

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ENTITLED:  
APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS ORDINANCE 2018-14

The following Appropriations and Transfers are made to the 2018 budget previously approved.

APPROPRIATIONS  
COUNTY GENERAL

<b>HEALTH DEPT</b>	
To Code 1000-300-3011 – Building and Improvements (Quorum Court approved 8-13-18)	11,675.00
<b>SHERIFF</b>	
To Code 1000-400-2023 – Parts and Repairs (Insurance proceeds from Gallagher Bassett)	4,710.16
To Code 1000-400-3009 – Other Professional Services (Insurance proceeds from Gallagher Bassett)	274.38
To Code 1000-400-4005 – Vehicles (Insurance proceeds from Gallagher Bassett)	15,800.62
To Code 1000-400-4005 – Vehicles (Insurance proceeds from Shelter Insurance)	20,644.69
To Code 1000-400-4005 – Vehicles (Quorum Court approved 5-14-18)	9,355.31
To Code 1000-400-4005 – Vehicles (Quorum Court approved 8-13-18)	14,200.00
<b>OEM</b>	
To Code 1000-500-3100 – Other Miscellaneous (Multi-Hazard Mitigation Grant)	6,000.00
<b>ROAD</b>	
To Code 2000-200-3009 – Other Professional Services (Insurance proceeds from Gallagher Bassett)	1,670.00
To Code 2000-200-4005 – Vehicles (Insurance proceeds from Gallagher Bassett)	86,660.00
<b>JAIL</b>	
To Code 3400-418-3009 – Other Professional Services (Insurance proceeds from Gallagher Bassett)	350.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$171,340.16</b>
<b>INTRA-DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS</b>	
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$171,340.16</b>

Dated and approved this 10th day of September, 2018.

Bob Cantrell, County Judge  
Attest: Teresa Rouse, County Clerk

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Case No.	Name of Estate	Name and Address of Personal Representative	Nature of Account	Date Filed
PR2012-70 08/21/2018	Geneva Inez Sills	Jo Ann Goff  6853 Bay Lane Harrisburg, AR 72432	Accounting by  Personal Representative Or Guardian	
PR2018-70 08/23/2018	Ila Mae  McDermott	Mike McDermott  P.O. Box 331 Weiner, AR 72479	Accounting by  Personal Representative	

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018

Teresa Rouse,  
Probate Clerk of Poinsett County, Arkansas

Ashton Casebier,  
Deputy Clerk

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Sealed bids will be received at the Poinsett County Courthouse, 401 Market St, Harrisburg, AR 72432 until 9:30 a.m., October 1, 2018 and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Arkansas, ACA 17-25-101 et seq. All bonds on this project shall comply with the Arkansas Statutory Performance and Payment Bond Law, ACA 18-44-501 et seq. Pursuant to ACA 22-9-203. Any bids not submitted on time will be ineligible. Poinsett County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities. Poinsett County encourages all small, minority, and women business enterprises to submit bids. Encouragement is also made to all general contractors that in the event they subcontract portions of their work, consideration is given to identified groups.

### 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:

1. Salary Fund Expenditures	\$	8,844,000
2. Instructional Expense	\$	3,032,000
3. Maintenance & Operation Expense	\$	1,929,000
4. Dedicated M & O Expense	\$	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	\$	494,229

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 (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 30.5 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 10.5 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by 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 5.5 mill increase for the electors of the Harrisburg School District No. 6 of Poinsett County, Arkansas prior to the annexation of Weiner School District No. 2 of Poinsett County, Arkansas (the "Weiner District") and a 1.1 mill increase for the electors of the former Weiner District.

GIVEN this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

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

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Superintendent Graham cuts the ribbon officially opening RMC Stadium.



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The Wildcats run pre-game drills with back of the new indoor facility in the background.



Trumann School Superintendent Myra Graham talks to the crowd during pre-game festivities.



Members of the Roach family were on hand for the opening ceremonies at RMC Stadium.

Democrat Tribune  
photos  
Anthony Cossey



The Trumann High School choir sings the national anthem this past Friday.



Black and gold balloons were released by the Trumann cheerleaders along with Wildcat fans.



The entrance on the home side of the football stadium.



There was standing room only on the Trumann side this past Friday night at RMC Stadium.



The Trumann logo blazes on the new video board at RMC Stadium.