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Harrisburg council hears about student work program

By COREY CLAIRDAY
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The Harrisburg City Council heard from representatives with the school Tuesday night regarding a state funded work program for students.

Last year, Harrisburg School District was chosen as one of the first 15 schools in the state to participate in the OWL program (Opportunities for Work-based Learning). This program gives kids the opportunity to work and gain job experience while in school. According to Chrissy Parks with the school, students get paid by the state, and the school gets money as well for being a part of the program. She said ten kids were in the program last year, and 25 are in it this year. Some of the places students have worked include both on campus in the office, in custodial, and the bus shop, and off campus in places such as restaurants, banks, and others. Parks addressed the city council about the school partnering with the city to come up with more places for students to work through the program. She said the city would only have to provide places to work, and the school would handle transport, forms, etc. There are two groups of students that work from either 9-11:30 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. The council agreed the city should get involved with the program, and Mayor Justin Kimble said he would meet with department heads to see what they can do.

In other business, Mayor Kimble



Harrisburg City Council members are sworn in by Judge Ron Hunter prior to the meeting. (DT Photo/Corey Clairday)

said the Sheriff's Office typically does dispatch for the city and that the price has gone up this year from \$10,000 to \$16,000. Mayor Kimble said he talked to Sheriff Kevin Molder and made a counter offer of \$13,000, which the sheriff was agreeable to. However, Mayor Kimble said that at the time, the county judge would not budge on the \$16,000 figure. He said he was

going to meet with the county judge on Wednesday to discuss matter, and the dispatch agreement would be brought before the council at the next meeting.

The council passed a resolution waiving competitive bidding on a tractor for the Street Department. The tractor in question is a John Deere that is two years old with 200 hours on it. It is being sold at

an auction. Mayor Kimble said the price range should be within \$60-65,000, but since it will be at an auction, he was asking the council to approve up to \$80,000. The tractor it is replacing will go to Water and Gas, which is in need of one.

In other business, the council:

- *approved a resolution giving signatory authority to the mayor to sign checks and other documents

related to city business.

- *approved a resolution adopting the 2019 budget.

- *approved council rules and procedures with no changes.

- *elected Alderman Rachel Morgan as Mayor Protempore to fill in for Mayor Kimble should he be unable to preside over a meeting in the future.



The Trumann City Council approved a contract with EA Sports Management, LLC, owned by Scott Shankle, to oversee activities at the Trumann Sports Complex. (DT Photo/Corey Clairday)

Trumann Council has first meeting 2019

By COSMO COSSEY
DT News Staff

The Trumann City Council held their first meeting of 2019 and welcomed four new council members this past Tuesday night at the Trumann Court Room.

In new business, the council approved a request from Janna Stotts to have a bucket brigade at the traffic light at Highways 463 and 69 on Feb. 15 from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to collect money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Jason Hogan was also approved by the council for another term on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The ordinance to amend Ordinance 434, pertaining to lot sizes, was read for the second time and then rules were suspended so it could be read a third time by title only so it could be approved at the

meeting. The ordinance passed.

The final new business of the night was the city council voting on a resolution to enter into a contract with EA Sports Management, LLC, owned by Scott Shankle, to oversee all activities at the Trumann Sports Complex, thus relieving Trumann from running the complex. "The Trumann sports leagues will always be the first priority for the complex," Shankle said. The ordinance stated this contract will result in saving taxpayer money without diminishing the quality of youth and adult recreational sports programs offered to the citizens of Trumann. The resolution passed unanimously.

There were no department reports, but Trumann Mayor Barbara Lewallen did introduce Police Chief Chad Henson, Fire Chief Revis Kemper, Public Works Director Scotty Jones, Sports Director Scott

Shankle, and Code Enforcement Officer Captain Gary Henry to the large crowd in attendance.

Ward reports had Ward 1 council member Hollie Stevens reporting calls about the yard at 526 Maple and kids playing basketball in the street on Lewis Street. Ward 3 council member Matthew Miller had calls about street lights being out and a tree that is hanging over Clifton Street. Ward 4 council member Steven Hammell had a call about a water meter on Bell Street and several calls about how to get the East Arkansas News-Leader to stop throwing newspapers at houses not wanting it. Lewallen said she was aware of all these problems and most were being worked on. About the News-Leader, Lewallen said people can call the company, and they will stop throwing it at the houses that request not to get it.

Harrisburg Police Chief Brandon resigns

By DT News Staff

Harrisburg Police Chief Cassie Brandon announced she is resigning from the position. Chief Brandon posted to Facebook Monday to publicly announce she is resigning effective Jan. 31.

"To stem any rumors that may develop," Brandon wrote, "my resignation was not forced or requested. In fact, I had assurance from Mayor Kimble that he had no intention of replacing me. Rather, I made this decision mostly for personal reasons but also because I believe Mayor Kimble should be able to work with a chief of his choosing to provide the most productive working relationship possible."

"I can't express my gratitude enough to those who were instrumental in helping me get the job in the first place. The support I have from my community of family and friends is something I always treasure."

"I have really enjoyed my time with HPD and I feel like we definitely made some progress in a short period of time to make it a great department. I hope whoever picks up the torch from here continues in that direction."

Chief Brandon was sworn in last July and came to the job with over 13 years of experience in law enforcement, having served with the Jonesboro Police Department.



Harrisburg Police Chief Cassie Brandon



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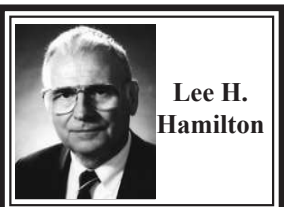


Perspective

What a changing climate means for government

Looking back at 2018’s weather-related news, it seems clear that this was the year climate change became unavoidable. I don’t mean that the fires in California, coastal flooding in the Carolinas, and drought throughout the West were new evidence of climate change. Rather, they shifted the national mindset. They made climate change a political issue that cannot be avoided.

The Earth’s climate changes all the time. But what we’re seeing today is different: the increasing frequency and severity of extreme weather. Wet places are becoming wetter; dry places are growing dryer; where it was hot a generation ago, it’s hotter now; where it’s historically been cool, it’s growing warmer. The global impact of human activity — specifically, the burning of hydrocarbons — is shuffling the deck. And we’re only beginning to grasp the impact on our political and economic systems.



Lee H. Hamilton

Warmer overall temperatures, for instance, have lengthened the growing season across the U.S. — by about two weeks compared to a century ago. But the impact on fruit and grain production isn’t just about the growing season: plant diseases are more prevalent, and the insects that are vital to healthy agricultural systems are struggling. Insects that spread human diseases, like mosquitoes and ticks, are flourishing.

Precipitation is also changing. There will be more droughts and more heat waves, which will become especially severe in the South and West and in cities. This is troubling news. Extreme heat, according to the Centers for Disease Control, “often results in the highest number of annual deaths among all weather-related hazards.” In other words, it kills more people than other weather-related disasters. The human cost and strain on public resources of prolonged heat waves will be extensive.

The rise in sea levels will be even more disruptive. Sea levels have been increasing since we began burning fossil fuels in the 1880s, but the rise is occurring at a faster rate now, something like six to eight inches over the past century — compared to almost nothing during the previous two millennia. This already poses a threat to densely populated coastal areas — in the U.S., about 40 percent of the population, or some 120 million people, lives directly on the shoreline.

And that’s without the very real potential of melting glacial and polar ice, with calamitous results. It’s not just that this would affect coastal cities, it would also scramble the geopolitical order as nations like the U.S., Canada, and Russia vie for control over the sea lanes and newly exposed natural resources.

I’m not mentioning all this to be alarmist. My point is that dealing with climate change constitutes a huge, looming challenge to government. And because Americans are fairly divided in their beliefs about climate change — a division reflected in sharp partisan disagreements — policy makers struggle to come up with politically viable approaches. This makes the adverse impacts of climate change potentially much worse, since doing nothing is clearly a recipe for greater disaster.

The problem is that politicians in Washington like to talk about climate change in general, yet we haven’t seen any concerted consensus-building effort to deal with it. Occasionally you’ll see bills being considered in Congress to study it more, but unless we get real, this will dramatically change our way of life.

And despite the growing impact of extreme weather, the opposition’s point — that policies to fight climate change will impose hardship on working people, especially in manufacturing states — still has some merit and political legs. In response to inaction in Congress and the administration, some states have taken important steps to address climate change, even though it’s best dealt with on the federal level.

Still, newer members of Congress appear to have more of an interest in addressing climate change than older, senior members. And the issue holds particular resonance for younger millennial voters, whose political influence will only grow over coming elections.

Only recently have thoughtful politicians I talk to begun to ask whether the political system can deal with the challenges posed by climate change before its impact becomes unstoppable. The one thing we agree on is that climate change and how to deal with it will place real stress on the system in the years ahead.

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Racism affects health

People cope with daily discrimination, whether it be overt or subtle. Racism is not only a danger to a person’s legal rights, which guarantee equal protection under the law, it is also a danger to its victim’s health.

Racism is harmful to the mental and physical health of those who are the targets, yet little research has explored the impact of racism on those who perpetrate racism. In terms of mental health, racism costs people their sanity. Those who felt victimized by discrimination and forms of racism were twice as likely to develop psychotic episodes. Being on the receiving end of racism creates intense and constant stress, which boosts the risk of depression, anxiety, anger and of course, because of the mind/body connection, factors like depression, stress, and anger can lead to or aggravate high blood pressure and heart disease. Recent literature shows that racism and discrimination harms

health by raising the risk of many emotional and physical problems. Discrimination has been shown to increase the risk of stress, depression, and mental disorders.

This stress is the leading cause to poorer mental and physical health, not only because stress breaks the body down but also because stress pushes people to cope in unhealthy ways. When people feel stressed from discrimination, they sometimes cope by picking up unhealthy habits such as drinking an excess amount of alcohol, misusing pills, and when they turn to a drink, they may also want a cigarette (tobacco) to go along with it for a perfect quick fix.

But discrimination is not just any form of stress. It is a type of stress that disproportionately affects minorities. Racism works in a cycle to aid with damaging health. People at a social disadvantage are more likely to experience stress from racism, and they are less likely to have the



By Sherri Holliman

resources to extinguish this stress because they are at a social disadvantage.

It gets worse. Just the fear of racism alone will cause one’s body to switch on the body’s stress-response systems. If the individual thinks their environment contains threats, then they will be on guard causing emotional stress.

Explaining racial differences in health in terms of individual biology or behavior may be difficult, but it can assist with locating health problems in the bodies of those most negatively affected by social inequalities. In this sense, the explanations are consistent with the “colorblind” tactics that are often abused by many implicit racists. The fact is,

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New Hampshire prepares for 2020

HART’S LOCATION, N.H. — “In our town, we like to know the facts about everybody.”

The words were Thornton Wilder’s, they were written more than three-quarters of a century ago, and they can be found in the lines of “Our Town,” the quintessential New Hampshire drama — quintessential, that is, unless you are talking about the drama that just now is unfolding in small North Country hamlets like this one or in the cities in the central and southern parts of the state.

Because what began taking form last week here in the site of the first primary of the 2020 presidential election has the makings of quite a drama. As many as 20 candidates. New faces, familiar faces, some very old faces. Lust for the White House after two years of Donald J. Trump as president.

This is where the knowing all the facts about everyone comes in. Hart’s Location, with a population of 41, is the smallest town in New Hampshire and one of a handful permitted what is known as “midnight voting,” the privilege of casting ballots at the very first moment of Election Day. Everyone knows all the facts about everyone in a place like this, but the broader point is that everyone knows the facts about all the candidates in a state like this.

Before long the state will be overrun by candidates. “If politicians show up in New Hampshire this season without skis,” says Manchester immigration lawyer Ron Abramson, “they’re running for president.”

Voters here get to scrutinize the candidates in multiple encounters. The presidential race in New Hampshire — a contest to choose the commander in chief of the most powerful armed forces in the history of the world, the chief executive of a formidable economic power — has the character of a contest for town selectman.

Before the ball fell on the revelry at Times Square, Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts declared her candidacy. Later this week, Sen. Kamala Harris of California will essentially do the same as she conducts book unveilings in New York City and Washington, D.C.; a political figure widely mentioned as a presidential candidate doesn’t write a biography published the year before the election if her aspirations are merely to exchange her seat on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee for one on Foreign Relations.

After her, the deluge. Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey? Certainly. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York? Bet on it. Sens. Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota? Don’t be surprised; they just won big battles for their third terms. Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania? Anything’s possible. Former Rep. Beto O’Rourke of Texas? Some of his supporters don’t know a thing about him. And that’s without mentioning those who have sat in governors’ chairs: Terry McAuliffe of Virginia and Steve Bullock of Montana. Never heard of them? Had you heard of Sen. Barack Obama in 2006 ... or



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Gov. Jimmy Carter in 1974?

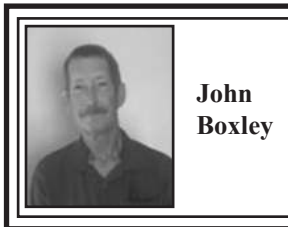
The big questions involve two old guys, former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. (78 on Inauguration Day) and Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont (79 on Inauguration Day). Both have run for president before, and both fell short. Both are symbols of opposition to President Donald J. Trump, and both have big dreams.

One thing unites the Democratic activists who are just now evaluating the field but who, in the months to come, will comprise the ground troops of New Hampshire presidential politics. “We need someone who has built a career on unification,” says the Concord lobbyist Jim Demers, who has been prominent in the state’s politics and who already has signed up with Booker. “People are tired of divide-and-conquer leadership.”

The problem is that the 2020 Democratic nomination struggle has all the characteristics of divide without the inevitability of conquer.

With as many as 20 Democratic candidates, the vote here and in Iowa, which holds its caucuses eight days before New Hampshire’s primary, necessarily will be deeply divided. It won’t be like the 2000 New Hampshire primary, when Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Bill Bradley

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John Boxley

Not that you asked

Sorry about last week. The paper sent me an email about the earlier deadline, but guess who didn’t get around to checking his email until it was too late?

If you haven’t made a new year’s resolution yet, or have already broken the one you made, here are two that you should consider. One is to stop getting your news from social media and the internet. The other is, if you still cannot accept that President Trump lies almost every time he speaks or tweets, at least start being more skeptical of what he says.

If you really want to know what is going on around you, the best source is a good newspaper. It doesn’t matter if the paper is liberal or conservative in its editorials. Both The Sun and The Democrat-Gazette write conservative editorials and feature mostly conservative op-eds, but their reporting is not only accurate but unbiased. Social media on the other hand is just an electronic version of The National Enquirer. Here’s a recent example to prove my point.

Last week, a posting on Facebook asked the following question: Where was the media outrage when 18 children died in U.S. custody during the Obama Presidency? Since these posts sometimes have a small bit of truth to them, I decided to try to find out if anything like that had happened. It turned out that the story was totally false. No immigrant children died in captivity when Obama was President. The story was repudiated by multiple sources.

Unfortunately, too many people get all of their news and information from places like Facebook. While they don’t trust newspapers or tv, they will believe anything the computer tells them without question. Right now, there might be some of you who are reading this that saw that post and thought it was real.

As for the second resolution, one result of having grown up during Vietnam and Watergate is that my generation has always been skeptical of our presidents and the government. The people who make up Trump’s base are completely opposite. The believe everything he says without question. When one of his lies is exposed, his base chooses to attack those who exposed it.

For reasons known only to himself, Trump announced during a Cabinet meeting that the Russian invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 was not only justified, it was an effort to fight terrorism. That statement was not only incredibly wrong, it was incredibly stupid.

Think about this. If you are a President whose campaign is under investigation for possibly working with Russia to win the office, the very last thing you want to do is justify the Russian invasion of Afghanistan or anywhere else. No wonder his lawyers won’t let him talk to the Special Prosecutor.

The statement is also a complete rewrite of history. Russia didn’t invade Afghanistan

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istan to fight terrorism. They went there to put down resistance to the Soviet-backed Communist government running the country. You may believe that if you’ve grown up in the age of terrorism, but Trump is old enough to know better.

Trump also refused to budge on his demand for a wall, keeping the government shut down. This is silly because the wall isn’t really needed, and the shutdown is a gift to terrorists. First of all, according to ICE, fewer people are trying to sneak in

from Mexico, and second, more of the people who do are being caught. Also, most terrorists have come here through airports, and due to the shutdown, the people who are supposed to stop them there aren’t coming in to work because they won’t be paid.

So for this new year, resolve to do two things. Find a good newspaper and read it, and don’t accept anything from the President without being skeptical about it. We’ll all be better off if you do.

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racism continues to extract a toll from people of color in terms of physical and mental health. It brings on death sooner because of the many health issues that are associated with dealing with its many inequalities.

There will always be numerous matters of disagreement among society involving the matters of inequality issues that are wrong. There will always be very slow movement towards the ways that we can dismantle racism and improve everyone’s health. It is easier to continue the current system of inequality that systematically and disproportionately benefits the health of the colorblind.

We shouldn’t wait until we have all the answers before

taking action. The government efforts to address systemic discrimination are more likely to have the greatest impact because they should disrupt pathways that lead to poor health. It’s much easier to point our fingers at obvious racism instead of trying to fix the education system and criminal justice system. These are systems we can change with our votes, and holding our elected officials accountable for addressing these issues can prevent racial disparities from occurring.

Is it possible to prove that racism is bad for our health? Yes! Listen to the stories of people who have experienced racist behavior.

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ley of New Jersey accounted for 95 percent of the vote as the only major contestants.

A field of 20 almost certainly will result in a winner with a small margin of victory — and little momentum for succeeding contests in Nevada and South Carolina.

There’s one way for Democrats to avoid that problem, and that would be for an early entry of Biden and perhaps Sanders. “Sometimes if the big names get in,” says Neil Levesque, who directs the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College in Goffstown, “it might suck the oxygen, which is to say the money, out of the process.”

The key is the word “sometimes.” Though Sanders’ 2016 activists have distributed a poll saying 76 percent of his convention delegates remain loyal, some of the senator’s backers are peeling away, in part because of complaints of sexism. “There was a window for being ideological and idealistic,” says Abramson, who was host for a Sanders event at his home and was on his 2016 steer-

ing committee here. “But right now, we just need to be practical.”

Being practical in the parlance of 2020 politics means finding a candidate who can topple Trump, who came within less than a percentage point of winning this state in the general election in 2016.

There’s more than one dimension to politics 2020 here. A year-end NPR/PBS NewsHour poll conducted by the respected Marist Institute for Public Opinion showed that seven in 10 Americans believe political rancor in Washington to have grown since Trump’s ascendancy. (The press does not escape blame for this development.)

Will the tone of Granite State politics simply intensify that rancor? “There is nothing that a New Englander so nearly worships,” the famous cleric Henry Ward Beecher said in 1887, “as an argument.”

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From the House of Representatives

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This is the year for legislative action. The elections are past, and it is now time for newly elected and re-elected state officials to begin the 2019 term in office, as the 92nd General Assembly. The Arkansas State Constitution requires the General Assembly to meet in regular session on the second Monday in January of each odd-numbered year. Therefore, the 92nd General Assembly will convene at noon on Monday, Jan. 14. The Arkansas Senate and the House of Representatives will meet in respective chambers at the State Capitol.

On the House side of the Capitol, the Secretary of State will announce the election results for each of the 100 districts. Shortly thereafter, the duly elected members will be sworn in to office by Chief Justice Dan Kemp of the Arkansas State Supreme Court. The House of Representatives will then elect a member to preside as Speaker of the House. The Speaker will announce committee membership, including committee chairs and vice chairs. After organizational details are finalized, the House of Representatives will notify Governor Hutchinson and the State Senate that the House is organized and ready for business. Upon notification, pre-filed bills will be read and assigned to respective

committees--where the bills will be debated and voted on at a later date.

On the second day of the General Assembly, Tuesday, Jan. 15, the Arkansas House and Senate will meet in a joint session at 10:30 a.m. After the 2018 Arkansas general election results are announced the duly elected state constitutional officers will be sworn in to office by the Chief Justice. The order of the swearing-in ceremony is: (1) Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin; (2) Secretary of State, John Thurston; (3) Treasurer of State, Dennis Milligan; (4) Auditor of State, Andrea Lea; (5) Attorney General Leslie Rutledge; and (6) Commissioner of State Lands, Tommy Land. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House then call the Governor into the chamber to be sworn-in and to deliver his inaugural address to the joint session. The Governor then proceeds the steps of the Capitol building where he publicly delivers the inaugural address. After the pomp, circumstance, and speeches of the swearing-in ceremonies are over, the state’s elected officials will get to the business of enacting legislation and appropriating necessary funds to operate the state for the next fiscal year.

Phillips earns degree from SAU

Tristan Phillips graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Arkansas University at the Fall Commencement ceremonies held on Dec. 7, 2018.

Phillips, from Trumann, majored in Psychology in the College of Liberal and Performing Arts.

At this Fall Commencement, a total of 125 candidates from the School of Graduate Studies were honored and 170 undergraduate

candidates were recognized from SAU’s four academic colleges.

Southern Arkansas University “feels like home” with personalized tour visits, faculty and staff who care about student success, and a caring campus community. SAU also offers traditional and unique academic degree programs that are ranked nationally for quality and affordability.

Corneal ulcers of the eye and your pet

Pet Talk

Dr. Norette Underwood

A corneal ulcer happens when the epithelial cells are damaged more quickly than new ones can be produced. This results in a thinning of the cornea (which is the clear outer part of an eye) and eventual exposure of the inner layers. Severe cases can progress to perforation of the cornea, which can lead to blindness or loss of the eye. Eye problems are emergencies.

Mild ulcers may come and go without ever being noticed. If your pet starts to show signs of an eye problem, they should be examined promptly to resolve the issue before it can cause permanent

damage. Signs of a corneal injury are:

- *Squinting
- *Rubbing at the eye
- *Discharge from the eye
- *Cornea appears cloudy
- *Visible damage to the cornea
- *Hypersensitivity to bright light

Corneal ulcers are painful, so your pet will usually show signs of being uncomfortable. Try to prevent your pet from pawing the eye and causing more damage.

If you notice any of these signs with your pet contact your veterinarian for prompt treatment.

If you have questions about eye problems and your pet contact Dr. Norette Underwood of Best Friends Vet Mobile and Trumann Animal Clinic at catdoc56@gmail.com.

Savvy Senior: smart home devices that can help seniors age in place

Savvy Senior

Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,
I recently read an article about how “smart home” devices can help seniors with aging-in-place. What types of smart home products can you recommend that can help with this?

Inquiring Senior
Dear Inquiring,

There are actually a wide variety of affordable smart home devices you can add to your home that can help make it safer and easier to live in as you age. Here’s what you should know.

Smart Home Technologies
While most Americans today use technology and enjoy the conveniences they provide, there are millions of seniors who still don’t have much use for it. But you don’t have to like technology or be tech savvy to benefit from the many different smart home automation devices that can help seniors age-in-place.

Smart home devices can also give family members and caregivers the ability to electronically keep tabs on their elder loved one when they can’t be there, which provides peace-of-mind.

If you’re interested in adding some smart home products to your house, you need to know that these devices require home Wi-Fi, and for many of the products, you’ll need either a smartphone, tablet or voice-enabled assistant to operate them. Here are some popular aging-in-place smart home products to help you get started.

Voice-enabled assistant: Popular products like the Amazon Echo (Amazon.com/echo), Google Assistant (Assistant.google.com) or Apple HomePod (Apple.com/homepod) will let you operate compatible smart home products with simple voice commands.

These devices can also play your favorite music, read audiobooks, make calls, set timers and alarms, provide reminders for medications, appointments and other things, check traffic and weather, ask questions, and much more—all done by voice commands.

Smart lights: Falls are common concerns among elderly seniors, which are often caused by fumbling around a

dark room looking for a light switch. Smart light bulbs like the Philips Hue (MeetHue.com) can turn on and off the lights by voice command, smartphone or tablet. These bulbs can also dim the lights and you can program them to turn on and off whenever you want.

There are also smart electric plugs like the Wemo Mini (Wemo.com) that offer remote control automation for lamps, fans, or other electrical devices.

Video doorbell: Safety is also a concern for seniors who live alone. Smart doorbells like the Ring video doorbell (Ring.com) would allow you to see, hear and speak to someone at her door (via smartphone, tablet, Google smart displays, Amazon Echo Show or Spot) without having to open it.

Stovetop shut-off: To help seniors prevent home cooking fires, stovetop shut-off devices like the iGuard-Stove (iGuardFire.com) uses motion sensors to turn off electric and gas stovetops when left unattended for a predetermined amount of time. It will also alert family members via text.

Medication management: Seniors on a complex medication schedule can benefit from a smart medication tracking system like the Pill-Drill (PillDrill.com) that reminds you when pills are due, tracks that you’ve taken them, and notifies loved ones.

Home monitoring: Family members can keep tabs on older loved ones from afar with smart home video cameras like Lighthouse AI (Light.house/elderly-care) or a smart home sensor system like TruSense (MyTruSense.com).

Other options: Some other helpful smart home products to consider include smart door locks like Kwikset Kevo (Kwikset.com), smart thermostats such as the Nest (Nest.com), and smart night-lights like Aladin (Domalys.com), which detects falls and alerts caregivers.

The costs for most smart home products range anywhere from a few dollars to several hundred dollars and can be found in many local home improvement stores as well as online.

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

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Obituaries

Gerald Wayne Blagg

JONESBORO - Gerald Wayne Blagg of Jonesboro passed away Dec. 29, 2018, at the age of 75. He was born Nov. 21, 1943, in New Albany, Miss., to Marion and Frankie Kelly Blagg. He was a retired mechanic.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jewell Blagg; one son, Gene Blagg; four brothers, Heckle Blagg, Marvin Blagg, Billy Blagg, and Kelly Blagg; and two sisters, Shirley Wren and Ladell Blackwood.

He is survived by his sons,

Ruby Juel York Camper

DONIPHAN - Ruby Juel (Fitzgerald) York Camper, 73, of Doniphan, Mo., departed this life Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018, at the Westwood Hills Nursing Center in Popular Bluff, Mo. Mrs. Ruby Camper, daughter of Johnny Claude and Eithel Bell (Burnett) Fitzgerald, was born Aug. 26, 1945, in Smith Center, Ark.

She has been a seamstress at an alteration shop. Ruby was an excellent homemaker and caregiver and loved her family, always helping anyone she could. She also enjoyed going to flea markets and yard sales. She attended the Pentecostal Church.

She was first married to Clarence York, and he preceded her in death in 2006. She later married Alvin Camper, and he preceded her in death as well. Ruby was also preceded by two sisters, Eithel Marvine Fitzgerald and Emma West; and three brothers, Odell, Charles, and Herschel Fitzgerald.

She is survived by two children, Brenda Juel Addington



Ruby Juel York Camper

of Poplar Bluff and Clarence (Cleo) York Jr. of Doniphan; her only granddaughter, whom she raised, Tracy Juel Huffstutler of Doniphan; two sisters, Lou Dobbins of Cherry Valley, Ark., and Linda Dobbins of Harrisburg; four brothers, Jessie, Junior, Orval, and Wayne Fitzgerald, all of Harrisburg; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Arrangements were by Edward Funeral Home, Inc. of Doniphan, Mo. Graveside services were held at Wilson Cemetery Doniphan, Mo., on Dec. 22, 2018.

Billy Ray Gregory

TRUMANN - Mr. Billy Ray Gregory, of Trumann, departed this life on Friday, Jan. 4, 2019, at the family residence at the age of 72. He was born on Aug. 16, 1946, in Trumann, where he lived most of his lifetime. He was a supervisor for Great Dane Trailers, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War, and a member of the Central Missionary Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, E.M. Gregory. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Linda Fay Presley Gregory of the home; two sons, William (Melissa) Gregory of Jonesboro and David (Karen) Gregory of Hoxie; one daughter, Amanda West and husband Nick of Trumann; his mother, Ola Mae Gregory of Trumann; one sister, Carolyn Hendrix Mealer of Trumann; one brother, James Gregory of Trumann; eight grandchildren, Zachary Drew Gregory, Lauren Elizabeth Gregory, Shawna Marie Gibson,



Billy Ray Gregory

Tanner Paul Gregory, John Bratcher, Robert Bratcher, Daniel Kyle Gregory and James Gregory and four great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life was held in the chapel of Thompson Funeral Home with Bro. Joel McMaster and Bro. Miles Evans officiating. Entombment followed at Jonesboro Memorial Park Cemetery in Jonesboro.

Pallbearers were Jimbo Presley, Mike Gann, Larry Gregory, Scott Presley, Scotty Spence, and Matthew Barnes.

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

Dennis Granville Martin

BAY - Mr. Dennis Granville Martin of Bay departed this life on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2018, at Flo & Phil Jones Hospice House in Jonesboro at the age of 67. He was born June 1, 1951, in Jonesboro, was a warehouse foreman for Jonesboro Bearing, veteran of the U.S. Marine serving in Vietnam, and a member of the Christian Church of Christ in Bay. He was known as Pappy to the neighborhood children.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Michael Ray Martin, and his parents, Earnest "Hambone" Ray and Wanda Lee Cochran Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Lynn "Reed" Martin of the home; one daughter, Amy Smith of Bay; two brothers, Eddie and Paula Martin of Bay and Kenny and Kesa Martin of Jonesboro; two grandchildren, Faith Gibson (Drake) and Ethan Smith; and four great-grandchildren, Brinley, Jace, Remi Grace,



Dennis Granville Martin

and Cache.

Visitation was held at Thompson Funeral Home in Trumann. Graveside service was held at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in Birdseye, Ark.

Pallbearers were Billy Williams, Drake Gibson, Keith Smith, Jack Knight, Marc Brewington, Doug Luster, and Tommy Simmons. Honorary pallbearers were Larry Rawls, Freddie Lee, Larry Hall, Butch Yager, Bill Hampton, Randy Ferguson and Elbert Bradford.

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

Mildred Faye Rodriguez

JONESBORO - Mildred Faye Rodriguez, "Milli," 44, of Jonesboro, died Dec. 30, 2018, at Baptist Memorial in Memphis, Tenn. She was a homemaker and a member of Revival Center in Lepanto. Milli was born Aug. 15, 1974, in Hot Springs, Ark., to Jerry and Mildred Sheppard Collins.

She is survived by her parents, Jerry and Mildred Collins of Caraway, Ark.; her husband, David Rodriguez of Jonesboro; two daughters, Chasity Huffins of Lepanto and Kim Huffins of Jonesboro; three brothers, Jerry Collins, Jr., of Caraway,

Allen Roberts and Bruce Roberts, Jr., of Magazine, Ark.; three sisters, Anna Collins of Caraway, Ark., Carolyn Sue Ellison of Luxora, Ark., and Sylvia Roberts of Charleston, Ark.; and three grandchildren, Juan Herrera, Eric Herrera, and Ninbe Meza of Lepanto.

Visitation was held Jan. 1 at Wilson Funeral Home in Osceola, Ark. The funeral was held on Jan. 2 at Revival Center in Lepanto. Burial was at Garden Point Cemetery in Etowah, Ark., with Bro. Daniel Nooner officiating. Wilson Funeral Home in Osceola, Ark., is in charge.

James Dale Pruitt

TRUMANN - Mr. James Dale Pruitt, 36, of Trumann, departed this life on Dec. 30, 2018, at NEA Baptist Hospital in Jonesboro. He was born in Jonesboro and lived most of his lifetime in Trumann. Mr. Pruitt was a truck detailer for Polland Repair and of the Christian faith.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jimmy Dale Pruitt. He is survived by his mother, Mildred Blade Pruitt of Trumann, one son, Austin Dale Pruitt of Trumann, and two sisters, Lisa Marie Pruitt of Trumann and Metisha Tinajero of Illinois.



James Dale Pruitt

Funeral service was held in the chapel of Thompson Funeral Home. Burial was private.

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

Wet Ink

Wet Ink
By DR. KEN WORTHINGTON

Today we are back in our Revelation study. We are looking at Revelation 2:18-29, which discusses the Church at Thyatira. The complaint in verse 20, "you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols."

Located in the city of Thyatira was a temple dedicated to a heathen god, Sumbethe. Presiding over this shrine was a prophetess who uttered the sayings which this deity supposedly gave to his worshipers. This prophetess is the symbol from which Jezebel is drawn. The name Jezebel is of course synonymous with enmity against God and His

worship, since the infamous wife of Ahab, king of Israel, was responsible for introducing the worship of Baal into the nation of Israel.

The real likeness, however, is that of a corrupt Church. It deliberately led Christians into sexual immorality and encouraged violation of conscience regarding food sacrificed to idols. These corruptions are best understood as actions Jezebel encouraged to enable Christians to get along with the pagan society around them. "If you can't beat them join them." We are not told nor does it matter how "Jezebel" came to be so persuasive. What matters is that some Christians of Thyatira were brazenly practicing open sexual immorality in the name of "being tolerant." This is the opposite situation of the Ephesian Christians, who had tested and rejected false teachers.

Verse 24 offers an import-

ant clue about this immoral teacher with immoral teachings: Satan's so called deep secrets. Cults and "mystery religions" flourished in the first century. A common feature was the promise that after person were initiated into the cult, they gained "deep secrets" or special wisdom.

No doubt this was part of Jezebel's allure. The irony was that she who claimed to be God's prophet supplied only knowledge from hell. Christ's servants must stay alert never to be enticed away from the simple, pure, holy teachings of the gospel of our Redeemer.

Trumann Senior Life Center "On the Go"

By HAZEL RILEY

We had a council meeting for the month of January. We also did brain teasers, power walked, played dominoes, Wii bowling, and beanbag baseball. Repeat of last year, but it is something to do on these cold days.

Monday we took a trip to The Dollar Tree, and Tues-

day we went to Pancho's. Wednesday was CSFP Food Pantry Day plus newspaper day. On Thursday we played bingo at 10:30 a.m. and had puzzle club. Friday we are going to power walk and have the penny auction!

We would love for you to join us here at 351 Campbell. Have a great weekend!

two days for New Years. We will be so happy to start playing beanbag baseball, Wii bowling, and other games. We need that young feeling in our bones. Our faces are old, but we need that spring back in our steps.

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ice cream on Dec. 27 but no bingo.

I would like to say thank you so much to Monty, Sherry, and Bliss Bradford for the nice Christmas card you sent me telling how much you liked my article in the paper. I needed that nice card. Thank you so much.

The center was closed two days for Christmas and also

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Marked Tree Sr. Center Happenings

By Joan Campbell

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Sports

Wildcats roll over Salem in Kell Classic opener

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Trumann took the lead early and never gave it up as the Wildcats beat Salem 63-43 this past Saturday in opening round action of the George Kell Hall of Fame Classic in Swifton.

Salem scored the first points of game to go up 2-0 only to see Trumann score the next eight points as Ben Turner hit a three-pointer and scored inside, Lewis Milton, III hit one of two free throws and Turner added another basket inside to make it 8-2 with 4:10 left. The Greyhounds cut the lead to 8-7 as Zach Buchanan scored inside for the Wildcats to make the score 10-7 Trumann. Salem hit one of two free throws, Mario Burks canned a three-pointer for the Wildcats as the Greyhounds hit two free throws to make the score 13-10 Trumann. The Wildcats got one of two free throws from Buchanan and a basket inside from Turner making it 16-10 Wildcats at the end of one.

Turner had an electrifying two-handed dunk alley-oop

dunk off a pass from Will White for Trumann to open the second quarter before Salem scored the next six points to make it 18-16 Wildcats. Trumann scored the next 10 points as Turner and Aaron Phelan hit back to back three-pointers as MJ Barnes scored back to back baskets to make it 28-16 Trumann with 1:39 left. The Greyhounds scored inside as Buchanan scored inside for the Wildcats to make the score 30-18 Trumann at the half.

The Greyhounds opened the third quarter with back to back baskets as Trumann got one of two free throws from Milton and a stick back basket from Buchanan to make it 33-22 Wildcats. Salem hit a three-pointer, Turner stuck back an offensive rebound for Trumann, the Greyhounds hit a jumper as Turner stuck back another offensive rebound to make it 37-27 Wildcats. Salem canned a three-ball, Barnes had back to back baskets for the Wildcats as the Greyhounds scored inside making it 41-32 Trumann with 2:55 left. Turner scored

inside for the Wildcats, Salem hit a jumper in the lane, Barnes hit a jumper for the Wildcats as the Greyhounds hit two free throws making it 45-36 Trumann. Buchanan added a basket last to make it 47-36 at the end of three.

Salem cut the lead to 47-40 with back to back baskets early in the fourth quarter only to see the Wildcats score the next 10 points. Turner scored inside, Burks canned a three-ball, Turner scored inside again as Burks canned another three-ball to make it 57-40 with 2:34 left. The Greyhounds hit a three-pointer before Trumann scored the last six points on a one-handed alley-oop dunk by Gordon off a pass from Buchanan, a basket down low from Buchanan and a stick back basket from Jesse Penter to set the final score at 63-43 Wildcats.

Turner led three Wildcats in double figures with 26 points as Buchanan and Barnes had 11 and 10 points respectively. Burks added nine points, Phelan netted three points as Milton and Penter chipped in two points each for Trumann.



Lewis Milton, III of Trumann takes a shot in close for the Wildcats as MJ Barnes (11) looks on during Kell Classic action this past Saturday. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

Hornets fall short in Kell Classic opener



Hornet Presley Witt shoots a jumper in the lane during game action in the George Kell Hall of Fame Classic basketball tournament this past Saturday in Swifton. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Harrisburg's push in the fourth quarter wasn't enough to overcome the double digit lead Cross County had entering the quarter as the Hornets lost 58-51 this past Saturday in the opening round of the George Kell Hall of Fame Classic being played in Swifton.

Cross County got on the board first with a jumper as Presley Witt scored inside for Harrisburg to tie the game at 2. The Thunderbirds scored the next six points to go up 8-2 with 5:12 left. Ray Michael Jones got a stick back for Harrisburg as Chase Faulkner hit one of two free throws for the Hornets to cut the lead to 8-5 Cross County. The Thunderbirds scored the next five points before Witt scored inside making it 13-7 Cross County. A three-pointer by the Thunderbirds and a basket inside from Jones made it 16-8 as Cross County scored the last four points to take a 20-9 lead after one.

Layne Tucker scored inside for Harrisburg as Cross County got inside for a basket to make it 22-11 early in the second quarter. The Hornets scored the next nine points as Witt scored back to back baskets, Faulkner hit one of two free throws, Tucker hit two free throws before Jamason King hit a running jumper to make it 22-20 Cross County with 4:30 left. The Thunderbirds hit back to back baskets as Tucker got a stick back for Harrisburg as Witt added a runner to make it 26-24 T-birds. Cross County ended the quarter on a 5-2 run as Witt scored inside for Harrisburg's points to make it 31-26 at the half.

The Thunderbirds scored the first seven points of the third quarter to go up 38-26 before the Hornets got an inside basket from King, two of four free throws from Tucker on consecutive trips to the line before adding a stick back basket to make it 38-32 Cross County with 1:20 left. The T-birds scored the last six points of the quarter to take a 44-32 lead to the fourth quarter.

Cross County scored inside before Harrisburg reeled off 10 points as Witt canned a three-ball and had a stick back basket, Tucker went coast to coast for a layup and King drilled a three-pointer to cut the lead to 46-42 with 4:13 left. The Thunderbirds hit one of two free throws, Tucker hit a jumper in the lane for Harrisburg, Cross County hit four straight free before Tucker hit two free throws for the Hornets making it 51-46 T-birds. Cross County again hit four straight free throws, Witt put back an offensive rebound for Harrisburg as the Thunderbirds hit two more free throws making the score 57-48 Cross County. Caleb Neal canned a three-pointer for Harrisburg as Cross County hit a free throw late to make the final score 58-51 Thunderbirds.

Witt scored 19 points to lead Harrisburg as Tucker added 16 points. King finished with seven points, Jones netted four points, Neal had three points as Faulkner chipped in two points for the Hornets.

Junior Hornets drop conference game at home

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

A scoreless third quarter spelled doom for Harrisburg as the Junior Hornets fell to Riverview 59-21 this past Friday in 3A-2 conference play.

Riverview jumped out to a 7-0 lead before River Carter scored back-to-back baskets for the Junior Hornets to cut the lead to 7-4 with 2:23 left. The Junior Pirates scored the next three points as Samuel Moore hit a three-pointer to make the score 10-7 Riverview after one.

The Junior Pirates hit a jumper in the lane to open the second quarter scoring as Carter scored off the fast break for Harrisburg to make the score 12-9 Junior Pirates. Riverview hit another jumper in the lane only to see Carter score

again off the break and Jason Thomas hit one of two free throws for the Junior Hornets to make it 14-12 Junior Pirates. Riverview scored inside, Will Cronin scored inside for the Junior Hornets only to see the Junior Pirates score the next seven points to go up 23-14 with 1:49 left. Carter scored off the fast break for the Junior Hornets, Riverview scored inside, Dylan Sweeney hit a jumper for Harrisburg before the Junior Pirates scored the last five points of the quarter to take a 30-18 lead at halftime.

Riverview scored the first 12 points of the third quarter before Harrisburg had their first scoring chance only to see Moore miss two free throws to leave the score at 42-18 Junior Hornets. The Junior Pirates added three more points

as Harrisburg had another scoring chance as Michael Deckleman missed two free throws before Riverview hit two free throws making it 47-18 at the end of three quarters of play.

The Junior Pirates hit a three-pointer to open the fourth quarter making it 50-18 invoking the mercy rule as Deckleman hit one of two free throws for Harrisburg to make it 50-19 Riverview with 4:12 left. The Junior Pirates ended the game on a 9-2 run with Deckleman getting stick back to Harrisburg to make the final score 59-21 Riverview.

Carter scored 10 points to lead the Junior Hornets as Moore and Deckleman scored three points each. Cronin and Sweeney had two points each as Thomas added one point for Harrisburg.



Michael Deckleman (50) of Harrisburg saves a ball from going out of bounds during the Junior Hornets' game with Riverview this past Friday at the Hornets' Nest. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

Lady Hornets ousted in Kell Classic opening round

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

The Lady Hornets’ slow start put them in a hole they couldn’t climb out of as Izard County Consolidated (ICC) posted a 62-36 win over Harrisburg this past Saturday in the opening round of George Kell Hall of Fame Classic in Swifton.

ICC opened the game with a 15-0 run before Kristin Vanaman and Cassie Armstrong each hit two free throws for Harrisburg to make the score 15-4 Lady Cougars with 3:34 left. ICC scored the next six points as Armstrong went coast to coast for a Harrisburg layup to make the score 21-6 Lady Cougars at the end of one.

The Lady Cougars pushed their lead to 25-6 early in the second quarter before Vanaman hit a jumper in the

lane to make it 25-8 ICC. The Lady Cougars hit a jumper as Armstrong hit a three-pointer from the top of the key and added two free throws to make the score 27-13 ICC with 3:56 left. The Lady Cougars scored the next six points to push the lead to 33-13 before Harrisburg got a stick back from Gretchen Morgan, one of two free throws from Lessie Dowty and a fast break layup from Morgan to make it 33-18 ICC. The Lady Cougars added a basket inside to take a 35-18 lead to the half.

ICC hit a three-pointer early in the third quarter as the Lady Hornets got a basket inside from Anna Walker, a three-pointer from Ansley Wixson and two free throws from Armstrong to make the score 38-25 Lady Cougars. ICC scored the next 16 points to push their lead to 54-25 as

Armstrong scored inside for the Lady Hornets to make the score 54-27 Lady Cougars. ICC added a basket last to make it 56-27 at the end of three.

The Lady Cougars scored inside to invoke the mercy rule before added two more baskets to go up 62-27 with 4:50 left. Harrisburg scored the next nine points as Morgan canned a three-pointer, Walker scored inside, Armstrong scored inside before Walker scored inside again to set the final score at 63-36 Lady Cougars.

Armstrong led Harrisburg in scoring with 15 points as Morgan added seven points. Walker finished with six points, Vanaman pitched in four points, Wixson scored three points as Dowty chipped in one point for the Lady Hornets.



Lessie Dowty of Harrisburg shoots a jumper during the Lady Hornets’ game with Izard County Consolidated this past Saturday in Swifton. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

Junior Lady Hornets fall at home to Riverview

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Harrisburg to off to a slow start and could never recover as the Junior Lady Hornets lost 37-29 to Riverview this past Friday night at the Hornets’ Nest.

Both teams struggled in the first quarter as Riverview scored the first points of the game to go up 2-0 with 5:02 left. Neither team could get a shot for the most of the quarter until the Junior Lady Raiders hit one of two free throws with four seconds left to take a 3-0 lead at the end of one.

Harrisburg got on the board when Carly Casebier hit one of two free throws making it 3-1 Riverview with 4:03 left. The Junior Lady Raiders got a stick back basket as Khalan Jones hit one of two free throws fro the Junior Lady Hornets to make the score

5-2 Riverview. The Junior Lady Pirates hit five of six free throws on four straight trips to the line before Allison Harris hit a jumper for the Lady Hornets to make it 10-4 Riverview. The Junior Lady Pirates ended the quarter with back to back baskets to take a 14-4 lead at the half.

Nala Wallace canned a three-pointer for Harrisburg to make it 14-7 early in the third quarter as Riverview answered with a three-ball to make it 17-7. Wallace hit a baseline jumper for the Junior Lady Hornets as the Junior Lady Pirates scored back to back baskets to make the score 21-8 with 2:45 left. Jones hit a jumper for Harrisburg only to see Riverview score the next six points making it 27-10 Junior Lady Pirates. Wallace hit one of two free throws for Harrisburg as Riverview hit a jumper and one of two free

throws to make it 30-11 at the end of three quarters of play.

Wallace hit four free throws on back to back trips to the line for Harrisburg as Lilly Betts canned a three-pointer for the Lady Hornets to cut the lead to 30-18. Riverview converted a conventional three-point play, Wallace canned a three-ball for the Junior Lady Hornets, the Junior Lady Pirates hit a three-pointer before Haylee Buckley scored inside to make it 36-23 Riverview with 1:44 left. The Junior Lady Pirates hit one of two free throws before Wallace hit back to back three-pointers for Harrisburg to make the final score 37-29 Riverview.

Wallace scored 18 points to lead the Junior Lady Hornets as Jones and Betts each scored three points. Buckley and Harris scored two points each as #14 chipped in one point for Harrisburg.



Harrisburg Carly Casebier (14) battles a Riverview player for a rebound as Khalan Jones (10) looks to help during junior high girl’s basketball action this past Friday in Harrisburg. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

Area sports roundup

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Jack Brown scored 23 in leading Marked Tree to a 62-51 win in 2A-6 conference action this past Tuesday in Lepanto. Israel Malone added 16 points for the Indians as Trayvius Brown finished with 14 points. EPC got 17 from newcomer Lavonta Taylor as Jonathan Gilmore scored 10 points for the Warriors. In the junior high game, BJ Marshall scored 20 points for Marked Tree as the Junior Indians won 46-16.

Ben Turner scored 31 points as Trumann beat Corning 68-42 this past Tuesday in Trumann. In the junior high game, Drew Osment score 26 points in leading the Junior Wildcats to a 52-31 win.

Trumann picked up a 46-42 over Walnut Ridge this past Friday in boys’ high school basketball action at Wildcat Gym. Ben Turner scored 21 points to lead the Wildcats as Zach Buchanan had 10 points and Mario Burks added nine points. The Junior Wildcats were also winners on the night as Drew Osment scored 16 points in the 39-32 win.

EPC downed rival Marked Tree 62-42 this past Tuesday in Lepanto. Keragan Gordon led the Lady Warriors with 15 points as Bre Ward added 14 points. Kayla Reel and Kaylee Hood each scored nine points for the Lady Warriors. EPC traveled to Cross County this past Friday and came away with a 55-43 2A-6 conference win over the Lady Thunderbirds. Reel led

EPC with 18 points.

Trumann built a huge lead before hanging on to beat Corning 65-58 this past Monday at Corning. Mallory Hartley led Trumann in scoring with 18 points as Hannah McLaughlin added 15 points and Kayla Spence netted 10 points. Corning won the junior high game 33-30 as Kayde Jones scored 23 points for Trumann. Last Thursday Trumann got 19 points and 10 rebounds from Mallory Hartley as the Lady Wildcats downed Walnut Ridge 66-46 last in Walnut Ridge. Mycha Wilson and Tay Smith added nine points each. In the junior high game, Walnut Ridge posted a 33-28 win as Nygeria Jones scored 11 points for the Junior Lady Wildcats.



Lady Red Wolves

ASU’s Jireh Washington glides past ULL’s Ty’Reonne Doucet for a basket during their game last Thursday at First National Bank Arena in Jonesboro. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

A-State unable to recover from slow start at ULM

By ASU SPORTS INFORMATION

The Arkansas State men’s basketball team saw ULM race to a 24-8 lead and could not recover in a 85-75 loss to the Warhawks at Fant-Ewing Coliseum Saturday afternoon.

Ty Cockfield scored 16 points in the second half and finished with 20 points to lead A-State (7-8, 1-1). Marquis Eaton (17), Tristin Walley (14) and Grantham Gillard (13) also finished in double figures. Walley had eight rebounds to pace A-State. Daishon Smith led four ULM (9-5, 2-0) players that finished in double figures with a game high 24 points.

“I was concerned about our energy coming into this game following the win Thursday at Louisiana,” said head coach Mike Balado. “That was such an emotional game on Thursday, but just like losses, you have to put it to bed. You have to give ULM credit, because that is the best ULM team I’ve seen. They beat us up pretty good in the first half and I told our guys at halftime, you can’t spot a team 19 points on the

road and expect to win. ULM played really well and we did not come ready to play.”

ULM scored the first eight points of the game and nailed 6-of-11 from 3-point range to open an early 24-8 advantage. A-State got to within 24-12, but the Warhawks stretched their lead to as many as 19 points late in the half. Eaton drained a 3-pointer just ahead of the halftime buzzer to see the Red Wolves trail 48-32 at the break.

A 24-8 spurt saw the Red Wolves cut the deficit to 56-53 with 9:31 to play, but ULM answered with a 7-0 run to regain a double-digit advantage. A-State answered back with the next six points, but ULM did not allow the Red Wolves to get closer than four the remainder of the game. The Warhawks knocked down 15-of-18 (83 percent) at the charity stripe in the second half to hold off the furious rally by the Red Wolves.

The Red Wolves shot 50 percent (28-56) from the field for a second consecutive outing, but hit just 8-of-25 (32 percent) beyond the arc. A-State struggled at the stripe, converting just 11-of-

17 (65 percent). ULM buried nine 3-pointers in the first half, but converted just two in the second half to finish 11-of-29 (38 percent) shooting 43 percent (25-58) from the field. The Warhawks were an efficient 24-of-28 (86 percent) at the stripe.

After being out-rebounded 20-11 in the first half, A-State won the boards 21-13 in the second half to finish with a 33-32 deficit on the glass. The Red Wolves held a 32-26 advantage in the paint and a 21-2 edge in scoring off the bench. ULM held a 17-10 advantage in points off turnovers with A-State committed 13 turnovers to the Warhawks seven.

“I’m happy with the win back on Thursday, but for us to get where we want to be and change the culture and expectations of this program, these are the games we need to win,” said Balado. “To be champions, you have to be one of the best road teams in the league. We have to learn to do a better job of being prepared mentally. The win. This ULM team is a very good team, but I thought we played a very good final 20 minutes.”

East Poinsett County Honor Roll announced

The following students made the Honor Roll at EPC during the second nine weeks.

*First grade: (A Honor Roll) Kaden Bennett, Jaxson Easley, Kailyn Kimble, Alexander Phillips, Noah Stevens, Jaci Stone, and Raylee Thompson. (AB Honor Roll) Hugh Adams IV, Karis Anderson, Aubrey Bennett, Kaden Bennett, Jase Boyles, Jon Easley, Lily Freeman, Emmaline Guerra, Aubree Hicks, Emily Holmes, Parker Howard, Presley Jennings, Willow Kelems, Madalyn Killion, Ariana Kirk, Jazzmin McCullar, Ninbe Meza, Payton Motes, Maci Murphy, Keely Neal, Damon Needler, Edith Patterson, Natalie Raines, Brooke Raney, Brasher Reeves, Maliyah Rivas, Maxxwell Ruiz, Noah Stevens, Brayden Tate, Traeger Vaughn, and Corbin Weaver.

*Second grade: (A Honor Roll) Jayce Dwyer, Brian Foster, Jr., Caitlynn Harbin, A'maya James, and Brilee Reeves. (AB Honor Roll) Collins Argo, Billy Bishop, Riley Bodry, Paxton Brown, Rylie Fine, Rylee Foster, Jackson Fox, Jasper Gillmore, Aubrey Gonzalez, Olivia Guerra, Landon Hawkins, Jeb Holiman, Tay-

lor Lawrence, Easton Scott, Bentley Wroten, and Alex Tacker.

*Third grade: (A Honor Roll) Carter Austin, Samuel Daniel, Mia Flemming, Adam Gaines, Shyane Shipman, Adalene Turner, and Conner Weaver. (AB Honor Roll) Makenna Ainsworth, Kaylee Bell, Kaden Collins, Kenlea Dawson, Tynan Elsey, Kenya Harston, Sofia Hernandez, Cali Holt, Isabella Kimbrell, Mattie London, Kayla Roark, Gage Sanders, James Sparks, and Lilly Tarlton.

*Fourth grade: (A Honor Roll) Addison Branch, Evan Brewington, Lynden Collier, Riley Daniel, Ryder Gill, Charles Glover, Carter Greer, Johnna Jackson, and Kar-men Jones. (AB Honor Roll) Madelyn Freeman, Eli Gill, McKinley Helms, Kendra Hood, Emma Jenkins, Madison Jones, Hannah Maddox, Candence Moore, Evelyn Morgan, Carlee Parham, Quincy Perry, Norma Robertson, Acey Sharpe, Trenton Stone, Aiden Thompson, Eulalia Vazquez, and Melzariah Young.

*Fifth grade: (A Honor Roll) Bradley Dwyer, Kyleigh Gann, Jayden Greene, Joshua Hardin, Brooklynn Kirk, Jacob Lipford, Amy Martinez,

Cole Meyer, Kenadi Raines, Jaylynn Randall, Hayden Stone, Maelynn Tacker, Miranda Tejada, Madison Thomas, Gabrielle Weathers, Kaylee Welch, Mary Wilson, and Olivia Wray. (AB Honor Roll) James Benton, Wesley Benton, Emmaline Byers, Darion Cooper, Lane Carpenter, Aiden Dewailly, Dakota Ferguson, Sarah Fisher, Aiden Holt, Colton Huff, Jarius James, Leighann James, Marissa Jones, Ken-travious Joplin, Cayden Kimbrell, Tessa McClure, Cheyanne McCorkle, Abby Menz, Caroline Miller, Cread Neal, Emma Parham, Jay-lynn Randall, Jezarius Reel, Kristopher Sfakianos, Harlie Sparks, Julia Stutts, Miranda Tejada, Kaylee Welch, and Olivia Wray.

*Sixth grade: (A Honor Roll) Kamryn Bryan, Isabella Cockrell, Cali Davis, Michael Ford, Reagan Holloway, Mercedes Reel, Shelton Shipman, and Lillie Smith. (AB Honor Roll) Amber Biddle, Madison Brown, Isabella Cockrell, Kaylee Cox, ShyAnne Crouch, Aden Foster, Raegan Greene, Rylee Greene, Kyla Harston, Alyssa Menz, Joshua Philyaw, Sophia Sharpe, Gracelyn Weaver, Avah Wiggins, Jonathan Williams, and Gwyneth

Zimmerman.

*Seventh grade: (A Honor Roll) Cameron Argo, Parker Carroll, Mason Collins, Reagan Collins, Samuel Hosman, Terrin Powell, Payton Rains, Lane Smith, Frankie Tejada, Ava Willingham, and Emma Wray. (AB Honor Roll) Cooper Argo, Lane Blagg, Brinley Brewer, Michael Collins, Arthur Cuble, Havyn Driver, Kelis Garrett, Francisco Hernandez, Mattalynn James, Chloe Laden, Tyler Moore, Moises Penaloza, Elizabeth Pilgrim, Mia Ramirez-Olguin, Olivia Rhinehart, Jesse Cole Sexton, Charles Thomas III, Benjamin Wilson, and Xzandria Young.

*Eighth grade: (A Honor Roll) Caden Brown, Jaycee Davis, Addison Fithen, John Holiman, Dakota Kain, Keegan McCorkle, Haley Meyer, and Ayla Roach. (AB Honor Roll) Canaan Bryan, Denissa Gaines, Jacob Henry, Will Knapp, Ava Lipford, Anna Lung, Kenley Miller, Paige Nooner, Devon Ross, Madison Scoggins, Scott Scroggins, Seth Shipman, Evan Tacker, Carter Smith, and Ashley White.

*Ninth grade: (A Honor Roll) Paige Fithen, Madiline Glover, Breanna Hillis, Haven Jones, Aaliyah Joplin, and Aiden Thacker. (AB

Honor Roll) Candon Argo, Wyatt Boxley, Kamryn Burt, Dixon Carroll, Maegan Easley, Peyton Edings, Austin Hindman, Isabel Hinson, Sophia Hinson, Jacey Hood, Kayden Jennings, Kaleb O'Connor, Chloe Parnell, Peyton Philyaw, Cierra Reel, Barry Russell Jr., Destiny Rowland, Eryn Smith, John-Keith Walling, and Logan West.

*Tenth grade: (A Honor Roll) Brianna Dewailly, Keragan Gordon, Andrew Lung, Emili Mangrum, Beatris Melendez, Preston Rains, Edith Santos, Bailey Scoggins, and Shane Yerbey. (AB Honor Roll) Lauren Baugus, Brandi Bishop, Maycee Brewer, Cameron Burcham, Robert Collins, Jamario Burrus Crawford, Yadira Davila, Cody Fore, Carson Griffin, Noah Hamblen, Jaxon Harris, Bobby Jenkins, Crystal Jobe, Mia Nooner, Rebecca Miller, Andrea Pilgrim, Cameron Rhodes, Amaya Tejada, Xitalali Tejada, Sarah Truelove, and Jacob West.

*Eleventh grade: (A Honor Roll) Meagan Allen, Hunter Blagg, Jessica Gonzalez, Hailey Kelems, Monica Penaloza, Chloe Pilgrim, and Veronica Raines. (AB Honor Roll) Madelyn Anguiano, Isabelle Bachman, Yamilet

Barreto, Jordan Barrett, Jordyn Brewer, Candice Bromley, Tommy Burcham, Briah Carroll, Whitney Coats, Emily Fisher, Hannah Evance, Rayshon Gates, Tailyn Goss, Heather Herrera, Sydney Hood, Sarah Lard, Luis Lopez, Alyssa Lovelace, Kalandra Madden, Garrett Partain, Savannah Roach, James Tacker, Levonte Taylor, Holly Thompson, Virginia Vallely, Tana Weaver, and Samantha Woods.

*Twelfth grade: (A Honor Roll) Leo Anguiano-Tapia Jr., Megan Brown, Zachary Chastain, Carson Collier, Ryleigh Dawson, Savanna Drace, Allison Fisher, Olivia Gish, Grace Glover, Dakota Harris, Brandi Higginbotham, James Lard, Mika McCullar, Ethan Moore, Kaylaneisha Reel, Brandon Skipper, and Tileyah Ward. (AB Honor Roll) Joshua Ashley, Abby Barnett, Faith Criswell, Adriana Cruz, Yanelly Davila, Cloey Elrod, Tysean Garrett, Andrew Harston, Julianne Herrera, Harmoni Hillis, Trolicia Johnson, Delainey Lucas, Hannah Lucas, Matthew McCullar, Hailee Newingham, Ethan Slaught-ter, Aubree Smith, Maccray Smith, Zoie Tyler, Breundria Ward, Hunter Welch, and Allison White.

Promises

A poem by SHIRLEY LONG

He didn't promise all days would have sunshine,
But he did say he'd be there to calm the storm.
He didn't promise there wouldn't be heartaches,
But he did say he'd keep me from harm.
He didn't promise our load would not be heavy,
But he did say that the

load he would share.

He didn't promise my eyes would not have tears,
But he did say he'd hear my humble prayer.
Men will make promises and men will break them,
As all have been known to do.

But just remember always,
That God's promises are true.

Extension winter meetings set

The following is the County Extension Service's winter meeting schedule.

Rice/Soybean Production meeting: 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Jan. 14, at the Rice Festival Building in Weiner.

Cotton/Corn Production meeting: 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 18, at Dixie Gin (Old Dixie Gin Equipment Building) in Trumann.

Pesticide Applicator Trainings: 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Dixie Gin in Trumann; 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Rice

Festival Building in Weiner; 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, at the Harrisburg Annex Building.

CEU credits are available for the Rice/Soybean Production meeting and the Cotton/Corn Production meeting.

All meetings announced are all open to everyone regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status, and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Persons with

disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension

office as soon as possible prior to the activity.

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

Notice

POINSETT COUNTY QUORUM COURT
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01

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

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE QUORUM COURT

WHEREAS, A.C.A. 14-14-904 provides that, "The justices of the peace elected in each county shall assemble and organize as a county quorum court body on a date chosen by the county judge and held within five (5) days, excepting holidays, after the justices' term in office. If the first meeting is not held on the quorum court's established regular meeting day, the quorum court may declare the first meeting to be in lieu of the established January meeting. Thereafter, the justices shall assemble each calendar month in their respective counties to perform the duties of a quorum court, except that more frequent meetings may be required by ordinance. The time and place of the initial assembly of justices shall be designated by written notice of the county judge. Thereafter, the justices shall meet as a quorum court at a regular time and place established by ordinance."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF POINSETT, STATE OF ARKANSAS THAT:

The regular monthly meeting of the Poinsett County Quorum Court shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex Building, Harrisburg, Arkansas during Daylight Savings Time. When Daylight Savings Time ends in November, Quorum Court meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. until Daylight Savings Time begins again in March.

Emergency Clause: This ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public's peace, health and welfare, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and that this ordinance should be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this 1st day of January, 2019

Approved: _____
Bobby Cantrell
Poinsett County Judge

Attest: _____
Teresa Rouse
Poinsett County Clerk

Published 1-10-19

Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY,
ARKANSAS

PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC
PLAINTIFF

V. CASE NO. 2018-009

VICTORIA RAULSTON DEFENDANT

WARNING ORDER

TO: VICTORIA RAULSTON

You are hereby notified that Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, Plaintiff, whose attorney is Lori Withrow, whose address is 12410 Cantrell, Suite 100, Little Rock, AR 72223, has filed a lawsuit herein against you, a copy of which shall be delivered to you or to your attorney upon request. You are also notified that you must appear and defend by filing your answer or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days of the date of the first publication of this warning order; and in the event of your failure to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint as circumscribed by the laws of the State of Arkansas.

IN WITNESS Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal as Clerk of the District Court of Poinsett County, on this 26th day of October, 2018.
(SEAL)

Donna Wood

Clerk

By: Poinsett County D.C.

Approved as to Form:

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Marked Tree
Monday: country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, roll.
Tuesday: Taco Tuesday, lettuce/tomato, pinto beans, salsa, pineapples.
Wednesday: chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, corn on cob, banana, roll.
Thursday: hotdog, tater tots, baked beans, ketchup/mustard, orange smiles.
Friday: turkey sandwich, lettuce/tomato, baby carrots with ranch, chips, sidekick, milk.

Trumann fire runs for December reported

The Trumann Fire Department answered a total of 55 calls during the month of December. Of those, 31 were medical calls, and the rest are as follows:

Dec. 5: Unlock at 7:07 a.m. on Reed, grass fire at 4:51 p.m. on Glasgow Road.
Dec. 6: Public assist at 7:30 a.m. on Oakland, lift assist at 10:03 a.m. on Hwy 69, lift assist at 10:08 on Lewis.
Dec. 7: Public assist at 6:07 p.m. on South Magnolia.
Dec. 8: False alarm at 8:34 p.m. Poinsett Ave.
Dec. 9: False alarm at 12:12 a.m. on Melton Ave, structure fire at 6:26 p.m. on Cedar.
Dec. 11: Burn complaint at 9:46 p.m. on Diamant Ave.
Dec. 13: Motor vehicle accident

Scholarships available to students of Poinsett County through A-1 Auto Transport

As a leader in the auto transport industry, A-1 Auto Transport is looking to award scholarships to eligible students in Poinsett County. These scholarships range from \$250 to \$1,000. Any full or part-time student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher is qualified for the scholarship. If won, the money is directly sent to the financial office of the accredited institute where the student is enrolled.

To enter the scholarship program, qualified students must submit an essay of at least 1,000 words. The essay mustn't be published anywhere else. All essays are also checked for plagiarism. A-1's Scholarship Committee will review all submissions. Examples of great essay topics may include:

- *Moving long distance
- *Motorcycle shipping
- *International car shipping
- *Overseas Relocation
- *Auto transport services
- *Freight shipping
- *Enclosed or open-air shipping

Public comment period set for proposed dicamba regulations

A 30-day public comment period and a public hearing date has been set for proposed regulations that allow the use of dicamba in Arkansas on soybean and cotton varieties resistant to dicamba.

Written public comments will be accepted from Jan. 7 through Feb. 5. Comments may be mailed to: Attn: Pesticide Division, Arkansas State Plant Board, P.O. Box 1069, Little Rock, AR 72203. Comments will also be accepted online at www.agriculture.arkansas.gov starting Jan. 7.

A public hearing on the proposed regulations will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Embassy Suites, 11301 Financial Centre

EPC
Monday: roasted chicken, sandwich, sloppy Joe, french fries with ketchup, cobb salad, blueberry muffin, fresh garden salad, mandarin oranges.
Tuesday: sausage and egg grilled cheese, chicken and waffles with syrup, italian chef salad, italian bread, fresh garden salad, steamed broccoli, cinnamon apples.
Wednesday: meatloaf, chicken patty, chicken caesar salad, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls.
Thursday: chicken enchilada with white queso, bbq bacon, cheeseburger nachos, taco salad, cornbread, fresh garden salad, refried beans, pears.
Friday: fish sandwich, pepperoni pizza, popcorn chicken salad, pineapple muffin, fresh garden salad, roasted vegetables, tropical fruit.

Harrisburg
Monday: pizza, steamed broccoli, carrots, crispy treat, fruit.
Tuesday: fajita nachos, green peas, seasoned corn, salsa, fruit.
Wednesday: crispito, carrots, seasoned corn, fruit
Thursday: country steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, hot roll.
Friday: cheeseburger, oven crisp fries, lettuce/tomato, veg. beans, fruit, dessert.

Clowser joins Arkansas Farm Bureau

Jessica Clowser has been hired as the Director of Commodity Activities and Economics for Aquaculture, Forestry and Specialty Crops at Arkansas Farm Bureau, where she is responsible for directing commodity-specific programs and activities. She will address legislative, regulatory and economic affairs important to Farm Bureau members and manage administrative functions for commodity check-off boards.

Clowser has spent the last four years in Washington, D.C., working as a Legislative Assistant for U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer of Nebraska, where she advised on legislative issues for the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee as well as the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. She also managed the senator's legislative priorities in agriculture, energy and environment, water infrastructure, biofuels and trade policies. Clowser facilitated discussion between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Nebraska Department of Agriculture on behalf of Fischer in a successful effort to open the Israeli market to Nebraska beef for the first time since 2003. Before working for Fischer she served as a Legislative Aide for U.S. Senator Mike Johanns of Nebraska, in his D.C. office.

"I am excited to serve as part of the Farm Bureau team," said Clowser. "I look forward to meeting the farmers and ranchers of Arkansas and will work as hard as I can to promote priorities and policies related to Arkansas agriculture."

Clowser holds an undergraduate degree in animal science from the University of Nebraska and two graduate degrees, one in business administration from Indiana University and the other in agricultural economics from Purdue University. As a partner in Clowser Angus



Jessica Clowser

Farm, she oversees production decisions, breeding program selections and marketing of the cattle on her family-owned farm in Nebraska. She also interned with the U.S. Meat Export Federation, where she coordinated with international offices and U.S. producers and worked with check-off organizations to create global promotional material for U.S. beef, pork and lamb.

"Jessica's work experiences and personal values align very well with our mission at Arkansas Farm

Bureau," said Evan Teague vice president of commodity and regulatory affairs. "We are excited for her to bring her expertise in agriculture and her on-farm experience to promote and advocate production agriculture and to help Arkansas farm families to succeed."

Arkansas Farm Bureau is a private advocacy organization of more than 192,000 families throughout the state working to improve farm and rural life.

Arkansas salt has long history

Salt making in Arkansas has long been a source of curiosity, and its production played an important role in Arkansas's history.

American Indians began extracting the mineral from the earth before the arrival of European settlers. Indigenous peoples, and later settlers, made salt in Arkansas for at least 600 years and left behind historically significant sites that researchers continue to study.

Salt making was first recorded in "A Gentleman of Elvas," a document written by an unidentified member of Hernando de Soto's expedition. The explorer documented de Soto's trek across south Arkansas in 1541 and recorded American Indian's salt-making process.

"The river ebbeth, leaving it upon the upper part of the sand...because they cannot take it without much sand mingled with it, they throw it into certain baskets which they have for the purpose, broad at the mouth and narrow at the bottom, and set it into the air upon the bar and throw water into it, wherein it falleth," according to the document. "Being drained and set to boil upon the fire, when the water is a sodden away, the salt remaineth at the bottom of the pan."

American Indians provided de Soto's men with much-needed salt during their Arkansas expedition. Tribes repeatedly used Bayou Sel, near Arkadelphia, to make salt. The area serves as one example of salt-making's lengthy historical significance.

Americans settled in Blakelytown, now Arkadelphia, in the early 1800s. One settler, John Hemphill, brought his large family and acquired land near the Ouachita River in 1811. He thought salt production was a worthwhile enterprise and started manufacturing it using iron kettles to boil the salt water. He sold his salt to settlers. Hemphill's venture was among Arkansas's earliest manufacturing operations.

Hemphill expanded his salt-manufacturing business in 1814. He traveled to New Orleans and bought vessels that had been used to boil sugar cane juice. Some of the vessels held up to 200 gallons. Once back in Clark County, he put his new kettles to use in his ever-expanding business.

Unfortunately, Hemphill died in 1818 or 1819. His widow, Nancy, leased his salt works, but the arrangement failed. Her son-in-law,



Farmer W.J. Menasco stands with small salt kettle in Sevier County in 1920. (Photo provided)

Jonathan O. Callaway, managed the business for several years but couldn't keep it going. The mine closed in 1851.

The salt wells reopened temporarily during the Civil War, when salt became scarce. The Confederate army supplied salt to the Army of the Trans-Mississippi, which was a major Confederate army under the Department of Trans-Mississippi. Soldiers built a large furnace and made salt-making vessels out of previously sunken ships abandoned along the Ouachita River. Salt production at the site stopped when Union army Gen. Frederick Steele and his troops advanced on the wells during the Red River Campaign in 1864.

After the Civil War ended, businessmen J.M. and George Ashby produced salt until at least 1875, according to a local newspaper.

Little is known about the physical appearance of salt-making facilities, but Civil War-era records refer to the Confederate army using two

wells and a large furnace to make salt. Harvard University researchers found portions of a brick structure in 1939. Other archeological excavations have uncovered evidence of considerable architectural construction and extensive habitation areas of American Indians. The Bayou Sel site was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

For more information on Arkansas salt works and salt-making in Arkansas, visit <http://archives.arkansas.gov>.

About the Arkansas State Archives

Arkansas State Archives is a division of the Department of Arkansas Heritage and is responsible for collecting and maintaining the largest collection of historical materials on Arkansas in the world. The State Archives has two branch locations at Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives in Powhatan and the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives in Washington.