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Coach Thornton talks about proposed multi-purpose field

By COSMO COSSEY
DT News Staff

Harrisburg head football coach Aaron Thornton was the guest speaker last Thursday at the weekly meeting of the Harrisburg Rotary Club.

Thronton told the club that the the school has reopened the process of getting funds to have a multi-purpose artificial turf installed at the football stadium. "Last year was bad timing with the millage increase on the ballot, but we think now is a good time to try and get this done for our kids," Thornton said. The plan is to have the new field, a new track, and new bleachers on the visitor's side.

"We need to give our kids the best available opportunity to get better at their sport. This field can be used by not only football but by baseball, softball, track, band, and cheerleaders," Thornton said.

Thornton told those present that last year in February, it was 60 degrees and yet the football team had to slip around in the gym instead of getting on the field due to it being wet. "With this new field, we can train year-round and not have to worry about a wet field. Our 50 plus track kids will have a place to practice and get better. We can make our kids more competitive with these improvements," Thornton said.

Thornton said the cost of the renovations will be $1,000,000 with about about $800,000 of that needing to be raised with the school giving what was used to maintain the grass field. "We will not use any new money or any money from the millage increase. This will be an inclusive fundraiser. Our goal is to raise the entire $1,000,000 so the school can use the money that was allotted for the field elsewhere in the school," Thornton said.

Thornton said the field could be used for field days, graduation, Relay For Life, Fields of Faith, and community events such as a movie night. The pew wee football pro-

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Pictured is the design for the proposed multi-purpose field. (Photo provided)

Filing period for school board begins

Filing for school board (for those schools who have chosen to have their annual school election in May) will begin at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 13, and end at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

When filing, candidates must have their petition of candidacy, a political practice pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility. Write-in candidates may file a notice of intent along with their other paperwork during this time period also.

This school election will be held Tuesday, May 21, with early voting running from May 14 through May 20. Anyone with questions regarding this may contact County Clerk Teresa Rouse or her office at 870-578-4410 Monday through Friday during the regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

First copy

As promised, Kathy Roach presented the first copy of her book, "Anchored: My Sea and Air Days," to Trumann Mayor Barbara Lewallen. "Everybody has a story," Roach said. The book is available in the Trumann Library. (DT Photo/Corey Clairday)

Tyronza Elementary celebrates World Read Aloud Day

By COREY CLAIRDAY
DT News Staff

Tyronza Elementary students packed the gym last Friday for a dramatic reading of a book for World Read Aloud Day, and each one received a free book thanks to the 4-H Cloverbuds. The Cloverbuds raised money and bought books so that each student could take one home.

Teacher Megan McWayne entertained the kids by reading "Dragons Eat Noodles on Tuesdays." World Read Aloud Day is an event that has been going on for ten years now. It is a global effort to emphasize the importance of sharing stories aloud that is celebrated in over 173 countries. Before receiving their books, students were encouraged to read every night for at least 30 minutes and to read aloud to their siblings.

"With today being the tenth anniversary of World Read Aloud Day, there's no better day to get free books," said school librarian Brandy Carlisle.

Other projects the 4-H Cloverbuds have been involved with include buying earbuds for each student during Kindness Week, hosting a movie night, and delivering a Valentine's basket to the Northeast Arkansas Humane Society. 4-H sponsors are Brooke Phillips and Jan Mullins.

Pictured are the 4-H Cloverbuds along with the books they raised money for. (Photos by Corey Clairday)

Librarian Brandy Carlisle passes out books to students.

Megan McWayne reads to Tyronza Elementary students for World Read Aloud Day.

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Perspective

The rise of the disrupters

Cokey and Steve Roberts

Howard Schultz, the former head of Starbucks, and Larry Hogan, the governor of Maryland, could seriously disrupt the political landscape if they decide to run for president next year. And for anti-Trumpers, the choice is clear: Encourage Hogan to get in, and tell Schultz to get lost.

Hogan, a highly popular Republican in a deep blue state, is contemplating a challenge to President Trump in the Republican primaries, and history teaches a powerful lesson. Over the last 50 years, four incumbent presidents have faced severe primary opposition, and the internecine warfare left every one of them mortally wounded.

Gerald Ford in 1976, Jimmy Carter in 1980 and George Bush 41 in 1992 were all defeated for re-election. In March 1968, Sen. Gene McCarthy won 42 percent of the vote against President Johnson in New Hampshire's Democratic primary, and a few weeks later, Johnson ended his campaign.

In 2016, Bernie Sanders badly damaged Hillary Clinton by refusing to concede defeat until July and instigating his followers to distrust the nominating process and disdain the Democratic nominee. Academic analysts estimate that between 6 and 12 percent of Sanders voters backed Trump, enough to swing three states that provided the president's margin of victory -- Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Schultz is threatening to run as a third-party "centrist independent," and his vast wealth plus a vow to qualify in all 50 states is causing nasty flashbacks for Democrats. The virtually unanimous reaction among party leaders was expressed by Washington state chairman Tina Podlodowski: "I have just two words for Howard Schultz on a potential run for president as an independent. Just. Don't."

Democrats bitterly recall that Ralph Nader received about 97,000 votes in Florida in 2000, while George Bush 43 beat Al Gore in that state -- and clinched the presidency -- by a mere 537 votes.

Democrats also resent two other insurgent candidates, libertarian Gary Johnson and green party nominee Jill Stein, who together won about 6 million votes in 2016. "A small but still significant number of left-wing voters may well have thrown the election to Trump," wrote Hillary Clinton.

Of course, the Clintons also profited from a third-party candidate in 1992, when Ross Perot garnered 19 percent of the vote and helped Hillary's husband Bill defeat Bush 41 while winning only 43 percent.

All this talk of primary and third-party challenges is turbocharged by the elections last fall and the recent government shutdown that devastated Trump's standing. Suddenly, the president seems more vulnerable than ever, and The New York Times reports that Trump advisers are "growing anxious that he could face a draining primary" next year. Moreover, "they are pessimistic about his path to 270 electoral votes after his party's midterm defeats" in key Midwestern states.

Trump's core supporters remain fervently loyal, but they account for roughly one-third of the electorate, not nearly enough to guarantee him a second term. A new Washington Post/ABC poll finds that only 28 percent of all voters say they will "definitely" support the president for re-election, with another 14 percent saying they are possible Trump voters. A clear majority of 56 percent say they will "definitely not vote for him."

Trump's approval rating stands at 37 percent, down 4 points from October, and only 1 point above his career low. Over his first two years in office, Trump's average favorable score stands at 38 percent, by far the lowest of any of the 12 presidents who have served since modern polling began after World War II. This dismal showing is fueled mainly by women, with only 27 percent liking the president these days, down 9 points since November.

The government shutdown hurt the president badly. In an AP survey, 60 percent placed a "great deal" of the blame on his shoulders, while only about one-third said building a wall on the Southern border would make the country "safer." That episode exacerbated doubts that already existed about Trump's personality. Only 35 percent in the ABC/Post survey trust him to "make the rights decisions" for the country, about the same number that finds him "honest and trustworthy."

Trump is in serious trouble, and the forthcoming report from special counsel Robert Mueller is likely to ignite even more political turmoil. Hogan and Schultz are only the first of many disrupters who will take

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Responsibilities of local government

Sherry Holliman

Local government is the public administration of towns, cities, counties, and districts. Notice that this type of government includes both county and municipal government structures. It can be challenging, but these entities must work together to administrate a particular geographic area.

As citizens, we have much more contact with our local governments than we do with the federal government. This is because local government runs our city utilities, libraries, fire departments, public swimming pools, parks, local law enforcement, and many other areas of our everyday lives. The citizens of an area elect most of their local government officials. This includes mayors, county commissioners, city councils, sheriffs, and many other local government positions at both the county and city levels.

Local governments carry a heavy burden, usually with little money. Local councils are responsible for looking after many services in the local community. They decide what the community needs and provides services so that these needs are met. The services they provide range from waste disposal to recreation and parklands.

Specific areas of responsibility for local governments include the following: road construction, where councils must build and repair local roads, control traffic, and provide adequate parking facilities; public work, where councils build and maintain parks and public buildings such as community halls; waste disposal, which is the job of disposing the community's wastes. In order for this to happen, the council organizes for the wastes to be picked up and taken to dumps where it becomes landfill or is recycled. The council also ensures that footpaths and all other public places are clean.

More responsibilities they have undertaken involve: planning and ensuring that new buildings and houses develop in a coordinated and well-constructed manner. They develop plans on how the environment should be developed and set rules on enforcing these plans. When a new building is in prospect, for example, permission from the council must be obtained before the building is created. Recreation: facilities such as libraries, playing fields, golf courses, tennis courts, and community centers are all provided by the local council. Public Health: making sure the community is healthy is partly the responsibility of the council. They do this by providing public toilets, making sure public places, including restaurants, are clean, and ensuring pets are registered and returned to their owners when lost.

Not every council does all of the above activities. Different councils do different things, depending on what their community wants and how much money the city budget has. Voters are responsible for attending meetings to share their concerns about the conditions of their city. They should know who their elected officials are and how to get in contact with them. They should not complain if they have not given their representative an opportunity to resolve the complaint or concern.

In border talks, a new fight for barrier deniers

Byron York

A House-Senate conference committee is beginning work on a package of border security policies that, it is hoped, can win the support of both Democrats and Republicans. The final product is certain to include several measures that already have full, bipartisan approval: more immigration judges, more technology to detect illegal drugs at ports of entry, more humanitarian aid for migrants in custody, etc.

The hang-up, of course, will be a border barrier. President Trump insists on money -- his demand is $5.7 billion -- that would build new steel-slat barriers along about 230 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border. About 80 miles of that would replace current, dilapidated, inadequate fencing, while 150 or so miles would cover currently unfenced areas.

On the other side are Democrats led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who has called a border wall "an immorality between nations" and denies evidence that a barrier would increase border security by decreasing the number of illegal crossings into the United States.

Pelosi won the 35-day partial government shutdown by sticking to her position. The new negotiations will test whether she and other Democratic barrier deniers can prevail again.

The need for new and improved barriers along some parts of the border is in the news almost daily. Take, for example, the events of Jan. 24 near Lukeville, Arizona, in the Tucson Sector of the border. Even though there is a six-lane crossing at Lukeville, migrants seek to enter the United States illegally in nearby areas that have ineffective fencing. Thus, on the 24th, Border Patrol agents found a large group -- 242 people, most from Central America -- who illegally crossed the border west of Lukeville.

"Agents discovered the group after they crawled over and under the crude vehicle barrier separating the United States from Mexico," the Border Patrol said in a press release.

Just a week earlier, a group of 84 migrants arrived nearby in a tour bus, and then crawled under the fence into the United States, where they were taken into custody by Border Patrol agents.

On Dec. 19-20, in nearly the same place, the Border Patrol apprehended 306 Central American migrants crossing illegally into the U.S.

Clearly, the fencing in that part of the Tucson Sector is not working.

The border is 1,954 miles long. Everyone agrees that big parts of it do not require any fencing because the terrain is so rough that it makes crossing very difficult.

On the other hand, a significant part of the border does need barriers. Right now, there are about 705 miles of fencing -- about 405 miles of pedestrian fencing and about 300 of vehicle fencing, which blocks vehicles but allows people on foot to cross easily.

The vehicle fencing did nothing to stop recent crossings near Lukeville and in other places on the border. In addition, some of the pedestrian fencing is easy to breach because it is old, falling apart and was never that imposing in the first place. The Trump administration seeks to do three things: 1. Replace some ineffective pedestrian fence; 2. Replace current vehicle fence with new pedestrian fence; and 3. Build new pedestrian fence in some currently unfenced areas.

The construction of barriers dramatically reduces illegal border crossing attempts. Looking at the Yuma Sector along the border in western Arizona, in 2005, before the construction of barriers, the Border Patrol caught 138,438 illegal crossers, according to figures compiled by the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors greater restrictions on immigration. Last year, with barriers, there were 26,244 such apprehensions in the Yuma Sector.

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Not that you asked

John Boxley

I'm just going to cherry pick through the news this week because there is just so much going on I can't settle on one topic. Besides, isn't that what you expect from the "fake" news media?

First of all, it's time for Sarah Huckabee Sanders to resign as Press Secretary and come back to Arkansas and save whatever is left of her dignity. For one thing, she has stopped giving press briefings, which means she isn't doing the job anyway. Secondly, the pressures of the job have finally gotten to her. Last week in a TV interview, she actually said that Donald Trump was God's choice for President in 2016. Now, you might expect a tin hat wearer like Roger Stone or Alex Jones to say something like that, but Sarah Huckabee Sanders? She was raised by a Baptist preacher. I doubt that she was taught that a man like Donald Trump would be God's choice for any position other than garbage collector.

In fact, if Sara tries real hard she might remember that that same Baptist preacher, Mike Huckabee, was also a candidate for President in 2016. Did she really mean to say out loud that God chose Trump over her father? If so, the holidays are going to be a real fun time for the Huckabee clan this year.

Now let's try to figure out what is really going on with the Great Wall with Mexico the President wants. Based on what he told reporters last week, I'm not sure he wants money to start the wall or if it's almost finished. First he would say that he had to have money for the wall, and in the next breath he was bragging about how much of it had already been built. Then he would go back to saying he needed money for the wall, and in the next breath tell them how many miles of existing wall or fence had been refurbished.

So what is the true story? Do we need to start building the wall, or is it already being built? How many miles of fence or wall have already been refurbished? If, as the President claims, hundreds of miles of barrier are already in place, how can we have a crisis at the border? Just wondering.

As for the wall, I have a suggestion. Lately, the President has stopped saying that Mexicans are the problem; it's all of those people coming through Mexico from Central America. If that's the case, let's just force Mexico to build a wall at its Southern border.

All Trump has to do is threaten not to honor the new trade agreement with Mexico or cut off any further foreign aid. That's nothing new for him. He has a long history of not paying debts or not honoring agreements, contracts, or marriage vows.

Lastly, when I look at the long list of Democrats who want to run for President, my first reaction is that we should call off the election and just go ahead and swear Donald Trump into his second term now. It meets all of the political correctness tests with men and women, African Americans, Hispanics, and

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program would also be able to use the new field. "Wouldn't it be great that the time they start practice, we are finishing up, and our kids could go down and talk to and support those kids cause one day they will want to be doing the same thing when they are that age?" Thornton said.

Thornton said the fundraising is financed over a ten-year period, and it is tax deductible. "We'll have opportunities for advertisements on the field, and there will also be a large sign out front with every donor listed, no matter the size of their donation. We want the whole community to be involved with this venture," Thornton said.

Thornton also addressed a few questions he said have come up: Why do we need this? "We want the kids to have the best to be successful. We want to make our kids better so they compete better." We need a new gym. "I agree with that, and we also need a new school. But we can benefit the most kids at this time with the bang for our bucks."

Thronton said it will take six to eight weeks to complete if the weather cooperates. "I'd love to have our kids walk across it for graduation this year. But if not, we'd love to start on it after spring football and have it ready in August," Thornton said.

One of the Rotary members made this comment about the new field, "Whether you are a football fan or not, or even a sports fan or not, if someone wants to give our school a $1,000,000 for something, we'd be crazy not to take it."

Thornton had this to say in closing, "We have to keep our kids here. Most of our athletes who leave are also good students. We have to have pride in our school, and this new facility along with our Fine Arts Center, those are things our kids and community can take pride in."

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The San Diego Sector in California is a case study in the effectiveness of a border barrier. In 1986, before the construction of a barrier, there were more than 628,000 apprehensions, while untold numbers of others successfully made it across the border illegally. In 2017, after the construction of extensive barriers, there were 26,086 apprehensions, according to the Border Patrol.

Would anyone argue that border barriers had nothing to do with those striking before-and-after reductions? And, given what is happening in the Tucson Sector and other places today, would anyone argue that new, more daunting barriers such as the Trump administration proposes would not reduce the number of illegal crossings?

The effectiveness of border barriers is a settled fact. Yet some Democrats, led by the speaker of the House, deny that fact and insist that new and improved barriers would not increase border security. Other prominent Democrats, such as recently declared presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, have called the Trump barrier proposal a "medieval vanity project."

At the same time, other Democrats seem more willing to take a fact-based approach. "In the past, we have supported ... enhanced fencing," Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, a member of the Democratic leadership, said recently. "And I think that's something that's reasonable that should be on the table."

Who will prevail in the border talks? Will it be Pelosi and her fellow deniers, or Jeffries and the reality-based community? The president and Congress have two weeks to find out.

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

Perfect attendance

Harrisburg Elementary School had 23 students that achieved perfect attendance for the first semester of the school year. The students celebrated this achievement with a trip to Ultimate Air on Friday, Jan. 25. Pictured, from left, are: (front) Owen Wake, Ross Williams, Dutch Cox, Oakley Mills, Jamie Walker, and Corey Mross, (middle) Natalie Mendez, Emma Harris, Cooper Murrell, Allie Norris, Morgan Kirby, Remington Rapert, Sophia Moore, Klaire Sutton, and Audrey Shannon, (back) Mitchell Kirby, Jillian Sutton, Austin James, Sofie Mooney, Addison Hall, Lena Lindsey, Aubrie Carlson, and Makenzie Kirby. (Photo provided)

Harrisburg Planning and Zoning meeting set

There will be a Harrisburg Planning and Zoning meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15, in the Harrisburg Municipal Building located at 201 North East Street to consider rezoning from R-1 to C-2.

The section up for consideration is part of Section 19, Township 11 North, Range 4 East, Poinsett County, Arkansas.

For further information, call city hall 870-578-5467.

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turn in the spotlight and make the next 21 months one of the most volatile and unpredictable periods in recent political history.

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

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the gay mayor of South Bend. The only problem is that none of them will appeal to the voters in fly-over country.

There is one Democrat that could capture those voters, along with all of the regular Democratic base voters. He is Sen. Jon Tester of Montana. He is pro-gun and tough on immigration. He's a solid moderate who is pro-abortion rights, but he can live with people who aren't.

I'd love to see he and President Trump in a debate. Tester is a big guy who looks like a Marine DI. There's no way Trump could stalk him on the stage or get away with his tough guy act.

The only problem is, he doesn't show any interest in running. If the Democrats know what is good for them, they will beg him to get into the race.

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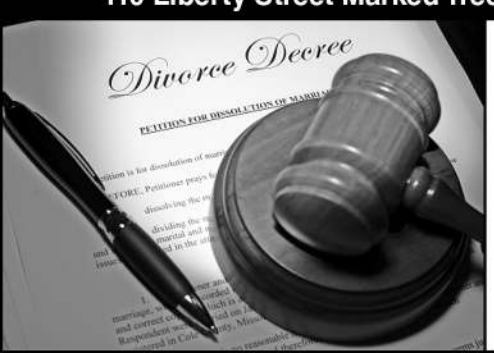

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Commodity distribution set

A commodity distribution for Poinsett County is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m. until noon or until food supplies are gone. The distribution will take place at three locations: Marked Tree Fire Station at 102 Liberty, Trumann Sports Complex at 16179 Pecan Grove Road, and Weiner City Hall at 123 W. 2nd Street.

According to Keith Livesay, USDA Coordinator for the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas, persons receiving the USDA food must reside in Poinsett County. Recipients must also meet the income guidelines that have been set for the emergency food assistance program.

At the time of the distribution, information cards will be filled out for all recipients. Recipients will need to provide the following information: name, address, family size and combined monthly income of the household. An appropriate form of identification such as a driver's license, social security card, or picture identification card must be shown.

Recipients will only be allowed to pick up commodity foods for themselves and one additional household. To pick up food items for a shut-in, elderly person or other qualified household, the person picking up the food must have a signed Authorization Slip with the following information on it from the person he or she is picking up for: name, address, family size and combined monthly income of the household receiving the food. Case workers picking up for large groups must make prior arrangements with the Program Coordinator.

Commodity foods are distributed on a first come, first served basis. The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas and the U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, handicap, religion or national origin. Bi-lingual translators are not available on site. For more information about the distribution of commodity foods, questions concerning eligibility for this program, contact Keith Livesay at the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas by calling 870-932-3663.

Beard receives degree at FHU

A student from Poinsett County was among approximately 80 students receiving degrees from Freed-Hardeman University Dec. 14, 2018.

Jeremy Beard of Harrisburg received a Bachelor of Science in computer science.

Freed-Hardeman University, with locations in Henderson, Memphis and Dickson, Tennessee, provides an exceptional education from a distinctly Christian perspective. The university's mission is to help students develop their God-given talents for His glory by empowering them with an education that integrates Christian faith, scholarship and service. FHU offers bachelor's, master's, specialist's and doctoral degrees. More information is available at http://www.fhu.edu.

February is Pet Dental Month

Pet Talk
Dr. Norette Underwood

Is dog teeth cleaning really necessary?

The importance of cleaning dogs' teeth is starting to become more and more apparent as veterinary medicine advances. At first, it started with pet owners complaining about their dogs' bad breath and wanting solutions. As veterinarians investigated the problem further, a disturbing recognition came to light: at least 80 percent of dogs over two years of age (and close to the same number of cats) suffer from some level of pet dental disease.

Pets with periodontal disease may have excruciating pain that may not be apparent to the owner. Nasty teeth harbor bacteria that can invade your pet's bloodstream. The bacteria can invade the heart, liver, and kidney, causing health problems for your pet. Yes, regular dental cleaning is one of the secrets to your pet living a long, healthy life.

Symptoms of pet dental disease

Your pet may be one of the 80 percent in need of pet dental care if he or she:

*Has very foul breath
*Drools excessively
*Has red, swollen and/or bleeding gums
*Has loose or missing teeth
*Has crusty, yellow or brown buildup on the teeth
*Has chew toys stained with blood
*Seems in pain when eating or drinking
*Has any lumps or bumps on or under the tongue or gums
*Has never had a pet dental checkup

If you notice one or more of these symptoms, your pet needs to be seen by your veterinarian. But keep in mind: many pets hide their dental pain well, so even if no symptoms are readily apparent, there may still be a problem. So schedule an appointment with your veterinarian to have your pet's mouth examined.

The importance of cleaning dogs' teeth

Keep in mind that regularly scheduled dog-dental cleaning costs far less than having to treat organ and tissue damage caused by unchecked dental disease. Your veterinarian will thoroughly examine your pet's teeth under anesthesia. The anesthesia is important because your pet needs to remain absolutely still during the cleaning process; the dental tools are sharp and a nervous flinch from even the calmest pet can lead to injury. This will also enable your veterinarian to give the most thorough cleaning and check for any other problems. If your pet's dental problems are severe, your veterinarian can also perform extractions or other oral surgery

If you're still asking if dog teeth cleaning is really necessary, remember that daily brushing will keep your dog dental cleaning costs down. It will give your pet a longer, healthier, less-painful life. Without regular home care for teeth, plaque builds up and becomes cement-like tartar. It can become a breeding ground for harmful bacteria that can damage gums, facial bones, teeth, and internal organs.

If you are not sure about how to train your pet to accept a daily tooth brushing, your veterinarian and their hospital team can give you advice, instructions, and even outfit you with the appropriate toothbrushes and toothpastes that will work for your pet. (Note: Do not use human toothpastes for your pet as these can upset your pet's stomach. Besides, specially-formulated pet toothpastes come in yummy flavors like chicken, tuna, and peanut butter, flavors more enjoyable for your pet!)

If you have questions about dental care contact Dr. Norette L. Underwood of the Trumann Animal Clinic and Best Friends Vet Mobile Service at catdoc56@gmail.com or call 870-483-6275.

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God Has Spoken
(Hebrews 1:1-5)

The Apostle Paul visited Thessalonica to preach the gospel. He had some success there but was forced to leave before he wanted. He and Silas made their way next to Berea where they were received differently. Of the Jews in the synagogue there, the Bible says, "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). The New King James Version describes them as being "fair-minded." This word refers to the mindset that makes one noble in character, like being open-minded, receptive, and willing to listen. Those Berean Jews left us a wonderful example to follow.

Whenever we listen to Bible teaching, we should never allow things like traditions, prejudices, and preconceived ideas to color how we think about what is being said. The Bereans received the word with all readiness. They were eager to hear and to learn. Too many times people think they already know what the Bible says on something, or that they already know what the speaker is going to say, and they close their minds. No one knows everything about the Bible, so everyone has something to learn. Maybe the teacher you're listening to has something to teach you.

Open-minded listening is important, but it cannot end there. As the Bereans did, we too must search the Scriptures daily to find out whether the things we hear are true. Personal feelings, traditions, and experiences do not determine what is true; Scripture does. After listening carefully to what a teacher says, we must never take his word for the standard. People can reach wrong conclusions, be misled, or simply be dishonest. The Bible always has the answer. So, listen carefully, but then go to the Scriptures to verify what is true.

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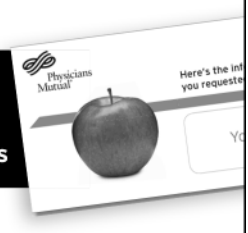

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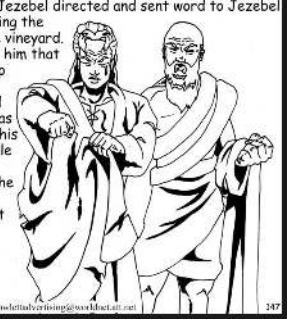
TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Naboth's Vineyard
I Kings 21

Naboth owned a vineyard near the palace of Ahab and Ahab asked Naboth to let him have the vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it was close to his palace. Ahab offered to give Naboth a better vineyard or pay him whatever it was worth. Naboth refused because the vineyard was the inheritance of his fathers. Ahab became sullen and angry and lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat. His wife Jezebel told Ahab that she would get get him the vineyard. She wrote letters in Ahab's name and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city telling them to proclaim a day of fasting, seat Naboth in a prominent place among the people and seat two scoundrels opposite him and have them testify that he had cursed both God and the king. Then they were to take Naboth out and stone him to death. The elders and nobles did as Jezebel directed and sent word to Jezebel that Naboth had been stoned and was dead. Hearing the news Jezebel told Ahab to take possession of the vineyard.
The Lord sent Elijah the Tishbite to Ahab to tell him that the LORD says: "In the place where dogs licked up Naboth's blood, dogs will lick up your blood, yes, yours!" Elijah told Ahab that because he had sold himself to do evil in the eyes of the LORD, God was going to bring disaster on him. He would consume his descendants and cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel. Elijah also told Ahab that dogs would devour Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. Hearing the words from Elijah, Ahab tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and fasted. He lay in sackcloth and went around meekly.
The Lord then told Elijah that because Ahab had humbled himself before Him, He would not bring this disaster in his day, but He would bring it on his house in the days of his son.



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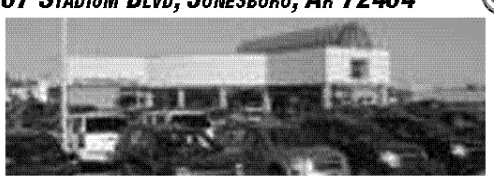

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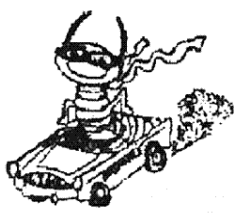

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Obituaries

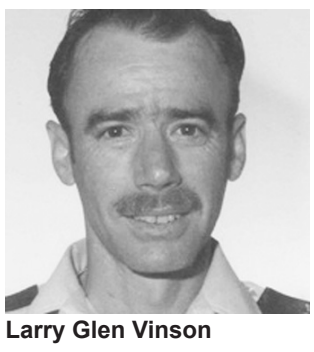
Larry Glen Vinson

TRUMANN - Mr. Larry Glen Vinson, 71, of Trumann departed this life on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, at NEA Baptist Hospital in Jonesboro. He was born in Swifton, Ark. After retirement form the Air Force, he lived in Trumann. Mr. Vinson was a retired Master Sergeant from U.S. Air Force, a supervisor of the meat department at Wallace & Owens, and a member of Church of God of Prophecy on Christy.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Faye Allred Vinson, and his parents, Rassie Harlan "Red" and Juanita Worthington Vinson.

He is survived by three sons, Glenn David Vinson of Trumann, Michael Wayne Vinson and wife Anna of Jonesboro, and Larry Duane Vinson and wife Melanie of Paragould, Ark.; four brothers, Jerry L. Vinson and Robert E. Vinson of Trumann, Ira Wayne Vinson of Jonesboro, and Ricky H. Vinson of Birmingham, Ala; two sisters, Sheralyn Holder of Jonesboro and Carolyn S. Moss of Harrisburg; and three grandchildren, Christian Vinson, Emery Vinson, and Evelyn Vinson.

Funeral service was held on Feb. 6 at Church of God of Prophecy on Christy with Bro. Larry Tribble officiating. Burial followed in Jonesboro



Larry Glen Vinson

Memorial Park Cemetery in Jonesboro with military honors. Pallbearers were Scott Mangrum, Jerry Vinson, Paul Willenbrock, Alan Wingo, Lynn Moss, Gary England, and I.J. Holder.

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

Betty Jo Wallace

TRUMANN - Mrs. Betty Jo Wallace of Trumann passed away on Monday, Jan. 28, 2019, at NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jonesboro at the age of 84. She was born Saturday, Sept. 1, 1934, to the late James Otis Cook and Ruby Odena Holt Cook Hancock and was a lifetime resident of Trumann. Over the years Betty worked at Salant & Salant, Obion, and Hightower Tastee Freeze and was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, W.R. Branch and Jack Wallace; one son, Chris Branch; and her parents.

She is survived by two granddaughters, Autumn Hicks (David) of Trumann and Libby McDaniel (Seth) of Paragould; one grandson, Tyler Branch of Trumann; one sister, Bonnie Mixon of Trumann; one step-son, Greg Wallace; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A celebration of her life was held at Thompson Funeral Home on Jan. 31 with Rev. Anthony Patterson officiating. Private burial held at Jonesboro Memorial Park Cemetery in Jonesboro.

Betty Jo Wallace

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How to save money on your medication

Savvy Senior

Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

I take several medications for multiple health conditions and the prices keep going up, even with insurance. Can you recommend any tips that can help me save?

Price-Gouged Patty

Dear Patty,

The rising cost of prescription drugs is a problem that stings millions of Americans. While there's no one solution, there are some different strategies and resources that can help reduce your drug costs, so you can afford what you need. Here are several to consider.

If you have insurance, know your drug formulary: Most drug plans today have formularies (a list of medications they cover) that place drugs into different "tiers." Drugs in each tier have a different cost. A drug in a lower tier will generally cost you less than a drug in a higher tier, and higher tier drugs may require you to get permission or try another medication first before you can use it.

To get a copy of your plan's formulary, visit your drug plan's website or call the 800 number on the back of your insurance card. Once you have this information, share it with your doctor so, if possible, he or she can prescribe you medications in the lower-cost tiers. Or, they can help you get coverage approval from your insurer if you need a more expensive drug.

You also need to find out if your drug plan offers preferred pharmacies or offers a mail-order service. Buying your meds from these sources can save you some money too.

Talk to your doctor: Ask your doctor if any of the medications you're currently taking can be reduced or stopped. And, find out if the ones you are taking are available in generic form. About 80 percent of all premium drugs on the market today have a lower-cost alternative. Switching could save you between 20 and 90 percent.

Ask for a three-month prescription: This can be significantly cheaper for drugs you take long-term. If you use insurance, you'll pay one co-pay rather than three.

Split your pills: Ask your doctor if the pills you're taking can be cut in half. Pill splitting allows you to get two months' worth of medicine for the price of one. If you do this, you'll need to get a prescription from your doctor for twice the dosage you need.

Find and use online discounts: Start by trying GoodRx.com, BlinkHealth.com or WeRx.org. They will ask for the name of the drug, the dose, the number of pills, and where you live. Then they will show you what you can expect to pay at various pharmacies if you use their discount coupons or vouchers, which you can print out or download to your phone to show a pharmacist.

Pay cash: Most generic medications cost less if you don't use your insurance. For example, chains like Target and Walmart offer discount-drug programs that sell generics for as little as $4 for a 30-day supply and $10 for a 90-day supply if you pay out-of-pocket. While some insurance companies charge a $10 copay for a 30-day supply.

Also ask your pharmacy if they offer a drug discount card program and compare costs with your insurance plan. You can also find free drug discount cards online at sites like NeedyMeds.org, which can be used at most U.S. pharmacies.

Shop online: You can also save by using an online pharmacy like HealthWarehouse.com but be sure to use an online retailer that operates within the U.S. and is licensed. The site should display the VIPPS symbol, which shows it's a Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Site.

Search for drug assistance programs: If your income is limited, you can probably get help through drug assistance programs offered through pharmaceutical companies, government agencies and charitable organizations. To find these types of programs use sites like BenefitsCheckUp.org, PatientAdvocate.org, RxAssist.org and NeedyMeds.org.

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.

Wet Ink . . . . . .

By DR. KEN WORTHINGTON

Today we are considering Revelation 3:1-6. The apostle John is writing to the Church at Sardis as directed by the Lord Jesus.

Sardis lay about 30 miles southeast of Thyatira, and its acropolis, rising above the valley with almost perpendicular sides, provided a natural and virtually impregnable citadel. Once the center of the Lydian Empire (sixth century BC) and one of the most powerful cities in the ancient world, Sardis had waned somewhat in significance by the first century AD. In AD 17, a devastating earthquake in the region hit Sardis especially hard. The emperor Tiberius granted Sardis an enormous amount of aid and exempted the city from paying taxes for five years.

Jesus identifies himself as "him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars." If the seven spirits represents the Holy Spirit, then the close association between Jesus and the Holy Spirit here is striking. The seven stars, which Jesus is said to hold in his right hand, have been previously identified as the seven angels of the seven churches. Perhaps the emphasis on the "Sevens" here is intended as a warning that no church--even one that seems alive--escapes the notice and watch eye of our Lord Jesus.

This is the first letter that contains no praise for the church at the beginning. Jesus' charge that, "you have the name of being alive, and you are dead," contrasts starkly with his self-description as the one who died and came to life. The church at Sardis apparently had an excellent reputation; Jesus sees through the reputation to the reality within.

Jesus goes on to speak of "what remains and is on the point of death;" he has not "found your works perfect in the sight of my God." Specifics about the church's problems are not given, but clearly its situation is grave. Indeed, that the Christians in Sardis have "soiled" their robes suggests accommodation to the pagan culture around them.

Jesus' charge to the church is fivefold, First, the church is to "awake." The second element is in view that if the church does not "awake," he "will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you." Third, the church is to "remember" what it received and heard. Fourth, it is to "keep" what it received and heard. Fifth, it is to "repent."

Despite the grave state of the church overall, Jesus does observe that there are "a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments." These people are further declared to be "worthy," a word that will normally be reserved for God and the Lamb, but that will be used of "the saints and the prophets" in chapter 16:6. To these believers Jesus promises that "they shall walk with me in white." White, a color used in victory celebrations by the Romans, is already associated with Jesus and with a promise to a conqueror see 2:17. May we walk worthy as Ephesians 4 instructs us.

Trumann Senior Life "On the Go!"

By HAZEL RILEY

Council meeting, exercise, and a trip to the Dollar Tree is how we started off our week.

Tuesday was brain teasers, ball practice, and a ball game with Jonesboro. We played two games, and they stayed for lunch.

Wednesday was Newspaper Day. Special guest was Ms. Cynthia Alde. She talked to us about fall prevention.

Thursday is bingo at 10:30 a.m.--always fun--along with exercise and puzzle club.

Friday is power walk, points derby, and tic tac toss. We also voted (secret ballot) for our 2019 King and Queen for Valentine's Day.

Next week is Red Hats, food pantry, and basketball at Wynne. They are having a Valentine's party for the centers.

Have a great weekend.

Marked Tree Senior Life Happenings

The people at the Marked Tree Senior Center are doing okay. We wish you were here.

On Jan. 29, we had ice cream and cake for everyone. Joan Campbell had a birthday. She turned 81, but she turned it around, and now she is 18. The ice cream and cake and some of the gifts were furnished by Three Rivers Nursing Home. Thank you.

Eva made some real good caramel corn. It was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you, Eva.

We have been playing bean bag baseball at the center.

We are taking orders for Valentine candy at the center. We have to raise $2,000, so making candy is our first fundraiser. It will be ready for pickup Feb. 13. The cost for most of it is $5 per pound. So please call the center, or call someone who goes to the center, and place your order.

Marked Tree Sr. Center Happenings

By Joan Campbell

The number for the center is 870-358-3751.

If you would like to come to the center, call Carol Crum or drop by and talk to her.

A Valentine's Day

A Poem by SHIRLEY LONG

A long time ago, I gave away my heart,
And from that day I made a new start.
Though others had broken my heart in two
I heard Jesus say, "I'm doing this for you."
As he hung there in shame and agony
He gave his life so I could be free.
Though candy and flowers he never gave
He paid a great price so I could be saved.
And on Valentine's Day, his love will never part,
He gave up his life, so I gave him my heart.

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Sports

Indians get hard fought win at Bay

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Marked Tree scored six of the last seven points on the night to come away from Bay with a 49-42 win in high school boys' basketball action.

Israel Malone gave Marked Tree an early 3-0 lead with one of two free throws and a basket inside before Bay got back to back three-pointers from Layne Austin and Dax Gibson making it 6-3 Yellowjackets. The Indians scored the next 10 points as Jack Brown canned a three-pointer, scored inside and converted an old-school three-point play as Eli McCrary scored off the fast break to make it 13-6 Marked Tree with 2:34 left. Gibson hit a jumper in the lane for Bay, Malone scored inside for the Indians as Gibson drilled a three-ball for Yellowjackets to make it 15-11 Marked Tree after one.

Austin canned a three-pointer for Bay to open the second quarter as Brennon Honeycutt hit a jumper for the Indians to make the score 17-14 Marked Tree. Malone stuck back an offensive rebound for the Indians, Gibson scored from the paint for Bay, Trayvius Brown got inside for a Marked Tree before Jay Jones canned a three-ball for the 'Jackets to make it 21-19 Indians with 1:58 left. Malone had a one-handed slam dunk for Marked Tree only to see Slade Grove get back to back stick back baskets to make it 23-23 at the half.

Hartgen gave Bay a 25-23 lead with the first points of the third quarter as McCrary tied the game at 25 with a basket for the Indians. Zach Hampton scored inside for the Yellowjackets only to see Marked Tree get a three-pointer from Honeycutt, a jumper in the lane from Malone and a stick from Jack Brown to make it 32-27 Indians with 2:50 left. Austin canned a three-pointer for Bay, Jack Brown netted a three-pointer fro Marked Tree as Austin canned another three-pointer for the Yellowjackets to make the score 35-33 Indians. Honeycutt drilled a three-ball for Marked Tree before Gibson made back to back baskets to make the score 38-37 Indians at the end of three quarters of play.

Jack Brown scored inside and canned a three-pointer to push Marked Tree's lead to 43-37 early in the fourth quarter as Grove hit one of two free throws for Bay making it 43-38 Indians. Gibson hit two free throws for the Yellowjackets as Hampton scored inside to make the score 43-41 Marked Tree with 48 seconds left. Jack Brown hit one of two free throws for the Indians as Trayvius Brown converted an old-fashioned three-point play for Marked Tree to make it 47-41 Indians with 15 seconds left. Hampton hit one of two free throws for Bay as Trayvius Brown hit two free throws for Marked Tree to set the final score at 49-42 Indians.

Marked Tree's Jack Brown shoots a jumper in the lane as Bay's Slade Grove tries to block his shot as Yellowjackets Paiton Hartley (2) and Layne Austin (22) look on during game action this past Tuesday in Bay. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

Jack Brown led all scorers with 19 points for Marked Tree as Malone finished with 11 points. Honeycutt netted eight points, Trayvius Brown added seven points with McCrary tossing in four points for the Indians.

Gibson scored 15 points to lead the Yellowjackets as Austin added 12 points. Grove and Hampton scored five points, Jones had three points and Hartgen chipped in two points for Bay.

White selected for all-state football team

BY COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Will White did a little bit of everything for the Trumann Wildcats this past football season. White was selected for the Class 4A all-state football for his accomplishments on the field this past season.

White completed 40 of 78 passes for 625 yards and six touchdowns while rushing for 740 yards on 112 carries and 14 touchdowns. White also had a kick-off return and kicked extra-points for the Wildcats. On the defensive side, White had 45 tackles, two interceptions (one returned for a touchdown) and one fumble recovery.

Wildcat Will White, recently named to the Class 4A all-state football team. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

"Will was our leader on and off the field this year. He led the team in workouts this summer and continued that leadership into Friday nights. Whenever we needed a big play we called his number and he delivered, whether it be offense, defense or special teams. He can do it all," Trumann head coach Craig Green said.

Volleyball players garner all-conference selections

Poinsett County had ten players recently selected to junior and senior high all-conference volleyball teams for this past season.

In senior high volleyball, Harrisburg's Shaw Faulkner along with Trumann's Sydney Callahan and Hannah McClaughlin were chose for the 3A-East all-conference team.

In junior high, Kaylin Gipson, Molly Bates and Kloe Weeks of Harrisburg were chosen as were Trumann's Isabella Davis, Lynlee Morgan, Anna Lebo and Jayda Halfacre.

Junior Hornets win district opener over Palestine-Wheatley

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Harrisburg outscored Palestine-Wheatley 13-4 in the fourth quarter and hung on for a 36-35 win over the Junior Patriots in the opening round of the 3A-2 junior high district tournament this past Saturday in Newport.

Palestine-Wheatley hit one of two free throws to take the early lead before Trey Davis hit one of two free throws for Harrisburg and Justin Clem canned a three-pointer for the Junior Hornets to make it 4-1 Harrisburg with 2:43 left. The Junior Patriots responded by scoring the next eight points to take a 9-4 lead after one quarter of play.

The Junior Patriots converted a conventional three-point play to push their lead to 12-4 as Michael Deckelman hit one of two free throws for Harrisburg to make it 12-5 Palestine-Wheatley. The Junior Patriots made five straight trips to the free throws line hitting only three free throws to make it 15-5 before Davis converted an old-school three-point play and Deckelman scored inside making the score 15-10 Junior Patriots with 1:32 left. Palestine-Wheatley hit a jumper and a three-pointer to make it 20-15 as Dylan Sweeney hit a jumper for Harrisburg to make it 20-12 Junior Patriots at the half.

River Carter and Samuel Moore each hit one of two free throws for Harrisburg early in the third quarter to make it 20-14 as the Junior Patriots hit two free throws making it 22-14. Carter hit two free throws and scored inside for Harrisburg around a three-pointer from the Junior Patriots to make it 25-18 Palestine-Wheatley with 3:20 left. The Junior Patriots hit one of two free throws, Sweeney netted a three-ball for Harrisburg before Palestine-Wheatley got back to back jumpers making the score 30-21 Junior Patriots. Moore went coast to coast for a Harrisburg layup as the Junior Patriots hit one of two free throws making it 31-23 at the end of three.

Harrisburg's Justin Clem makes a basket inside during the Junior Hornet's win over Palestine-Wheatley in opening round play of the 3A-2 junior high basketball tournament in Newport. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

Harrisburg opened the fourth quarter with a 9-0 run to take a 32-31 lead as Sweeney hit a jumper, Moore hit two free throws, Deckelman stuck back an offensive rebound, Clem scored inside and Jadyn Easter hit one of two free throws. The Junior Patriots scored inside to take a 33-32 lead as Moore hit a jumper in the lane to make it 34-33 Harrisburg with 1:30 left. Palestine-Wheatley scored inside to make it 35-34 Junior Patriots only to see Carter hit a runner with 22 seconds left to give the Junior Hornets a 36-35 lead. Harrisburg denied a last second shot by the Junior Patriots to get the win.

Sweeney and Clem each scored seven points to lead Harrisburg as Davis finished with six points. Deckelman, Moore and Carter all scored five points each as Easter added one point for the Junior Hornets.

Harrisburg had to face top seeded Newport his past Monday in the tournament and were handed a 65-19 loss by the Junior Greyhounds. Will Cronin and Deckelman scored four points each to lead the Junior Hornets.

Hornets drop home conference game to Cave City

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Harrisburg let Cave City get out a 16-2 lead after the first quarter as the Hornets couldn't fight their back from the deficit as they lost 60-23 to the Cavemen this past Friday night in Harrisburg.

Cave City jumped out a 12-0 lead before Presley Witt stuck back an offensive rebound to make it 12-2 Cavemen with 3:21 left. Cave City added two more baskets over the last three minutes to take a 16-2 lead after the first quarter of play.

The Cavemen scored the first five points of the second quarter before Jamason King hit a jumper in the lane for Harrisburg to make it 21-4 Cave City. The Cavemen netted a three-ball, Caleb Neal hit one of two free throws for the Hornets as the Cavemen hit one of two free throws and three-pointer to push their lead to 54-28 with 4:25 left. Chase Faulkner drilled a three-pointer for Harrisburg, the Cavemen hit a three-pointer before Witt scored inside and King canned a three-ball for Harrisburg making it 31-13 Cave City. The Cavemen hit two of three free throws late in the quarter after being fouled attempting a three-pointer to make the halftime score 33-13 Cave City.

Layne Tucker scored back to back baskets for Harrisburg around a Cavemen basket to make it 35-17 Cave City two minutes in the third quarter. The Cavemen scored back to back baskets before Faulkner hit a jumper for the Hornets to make the score 39-19 Cave City with 4:50 left. The Cavemen scored the next five points as King hit a running jumper for Harrisburg to make it 44-21. Cave City scored the last six points of the quarter to go up 50-21.

Harrisburg's Tzu-Hsiang Hsiao passes the ball to a teammate during high school basketball action this past Friday in Harrisburg. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

Tucker hit a jumper in the lane to make it 50-23 Cavemen early in the fourth quarter only to see Cave City score inside and can a three-pointer to make it 55-23 invoking the mercy rule with 7:01 left. The Cavemen added five more points in the quarter to take a 60-23 win over the Hornets.

King scored seven points to lead Harrisburg as Tucker netted six points. Faulkner added five points, Witt tossed in four points as Neal chipped in one point for the Hornets.

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Junior Lady Hornets hold on to win district opener

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Harrisburg held off Newport's charge in the final minute to capture a 34-33 win in the opening round of the 3A-2 junior high district tournament this past Saturday in Newport.

The Junior Lady Greyhounds jumped out to a 5-0 lead before Harrisburg got a jumper in the lane from Allison Harris, a three-pointer from Lilly Betts and one of two free throws from Betts to make it 6-5 Junior Lady Hornets with 1:12 left. Harris hit two technical free throws for Harrisburg, the Junior Lady 'Hounds hit one of two free throws as Haylee Buckley hit a jumper to give the Junior Lady Hornets a 10-6 lead at the end of one.

Newport canned a three-ball to open the second quarter as Harleigh Speer hit a jumper for the Junior Lady Hornets to make it 12-9 Harrisburg. The Junior Lady Greyhounds scored inside, Speer got a basket in the paint for Harrisburg as Newport scored the next nine points to go up 20-14 with 48 seconds left in the half. Betts drilled a three-pointer for the Junior Lady Hornets only to see Newport answer with a three-pointer to make it 23-17 Junior Lady 'Hounds at the half.

The Junior Lady Greyhounds stretched their lead 25-17 with a basket early in the third quarter before Harrisburg went on a 12-0 run over the rest of the quarter. Khalan Jones started the run with a basket inside as Nala Wallace hit one of two free throws making it 25-20 with 4:35 left. Wallace netted a three-pointer as Jones hit a jumper and followed with two free throws making it 27-25 Harrisburg. Harris connected on a jumper for the Junior Lady Hornets with less than a minute left to make it 29-25 Harrisburg at the end of three quarters of play.

Allison Harris of Harrisburg blocks the shot of a Newport player during district tournament action this past Saturday in Newport. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

The Junior Lady Hornets pushed their lead to 32-25 early in the fourth quarter as Wallace hit one of two free throws and Harris scored inside. Newport got a stick back basket and hit one of two free throws to cut the lead to 32-28 with 2:36 left to play. Jones hit two free throws for Harrisburg before the Junior Lady 'Hounds hit three of four free throws on back to back trips to the line and scored a basket inside to make the score 34-33 with 41 seconds left. Harrisburg ran the clock out to get the win.

Harris and Jones scored eight points each to lead Harrisburg as Betts finished with seven points. Wallace netted five points, Speer had four points as Buckley chipped in two points for the Junior Lady Hornets.

The Junior Lady Hornets managed only 13 first half points as they were ousted from the tournament this past Monday with a 49-13 loss to Tuckerman. Jones led Harrisburg with four points.

Lady Hornets drop home finale to Cave City

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Harrisburg was outscored 24-17 in the second half by Cave City as the Lady Cavewomen broke an 18-18 tie to take a 42-35 win over the Lady Hornets this past Friday in the Hornets' Nest.

Anna Walker and Cassie Armstrong scored back to back baskets in the paint to give Harrisburg an early 4-0 lead before Cave City hit a jumper to make it 4-2 Lady Hornets. Armstrong hit one of two free throws, Cave City hit a three-pointer before Armstrong canned a three-ball for the Lady Hornets to make it 8-5 Harrisburg with 1:30 left. The Lady Cavewomen converted a conventional three-point play to tie the game at eight only to see Gretchen Morgan drill a three-pointer for Harrisburg to make it 11-8 Lady Hornets at the end of one.

Cave City hit two free throws and went coast to coast for a layup early in the second quarter to take a 12-11 lead as Walker scored inside and Armstrong netted a three-pointer for the Lady Hornets to make it 16-12 Harrisburg with 3:17 left. The Lady Cavewomen hit two free throws and scored a basket inside to tie the game at 16 before Walker scored inside for Harrisburg to make the score 18-16 Lady Hornets. Cave City added a basket late to make it 18-18 at the half.

Both teams struggled for the first five minutes of the third quarter until Cave City got inside for basket to take a 20-18 with 59 seconds left in the quarter. The Lady Cavewomen added two free throws with 17 seconds left to take a 22-18 to the final quarter.

The offenses for both teams showed up in the fourth quarter as the teams scored almost as many points in the quarter as they had the first three quarters. Cave City scored back to back baskets to take a 26-18 lead as Kristin Vanaman hit a jumper for Harrisburg to make it 26-20. The Lady Cavewomen hit two free throws before Armstrong hit a three-ball and went coast to coast for a layup the Lady Hornets cut the lead to 28-25 Lady Cavewomen with 4:54 left. Cave City hit two free throws, Vanaman canned a three-pointer for Harrisburg, the Lady Cavewomen scored inside as Lessie Dowty hit one of two free throws for the Lady Hornets making it 32-29 Cave City. The Lady Cavewomen scored inside as Vanaman scored inside and Armstrong hit one of two free throws for Harrisburg to make the score 34-32 Cave City. The Lady Cavewomen scored the next eight points to go up 42-32 as Morgan hit a three-pointer late for Harrisburg to set the final score at 42-35 Cave City.

Cassie Armstrong signals a play to her team during the Lady Hornets game with Cave City this past Friday in the Hornets' Nest. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

Armstrong scored 15 points to lead Harrisburg as Vanaman finished with seven points. Walker and Morgan each had six points with Dowty chipping in a point for the Lady Hornets.

Junior Lady Wildcats drop road contest at Hoxie

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Trumann was held to eight points in the first half as Hoxie opened a double digit lead on their way to a 36-23 loss at Hoxie this past Friday.

The Junior Lady Mustangs opened the game with a 7-0 run before Kayde Jones hit a jumper for Trumann and Nygeria Jones scored inside for the Junior Lady Wildcats to make it 7-4 with just over a minute left in the quarter. Hoxie added a basket in the paint to take a 9-4 lead at the end of one.

Hoxie scored the first six points of the second quarter to stretch their lead to 15-4 with 3:17 left in the half. The Junior Lady Wildcats got back to back baskets from Tonia Barnes and Kayde Jones to make the score 15-8 Junior Lady Mustangs. Hoxie ended the second quarter on an 8-0 run to take a 23-8 lead at the half.

The Junior Lady Mustangs pushed their lead to 28-8 with the first five points of the third quarter before Kayde Jones drilled a three-pointer for Trumann and Nygeria Jones hit one of two free throws for the Junior Lady Wildcats to make it 28-12 Hoxie with 1:46 left. The Junior Lady Mustangs hit a jumper in the lane as Kayde Jones made two free throws fro Trumann to make the score 30-14 Hoxie after three quarters of play.

Dajunique Jones of Trumann drives past a Hoxie defender during basketball action this past Friday at Hoxie. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

Dajunique Jones canned a three-pointer for Trumann for the first points of the fourth quarter to make it 30-17 Hoxie only to see the Junior Lady Mustangs get back to back baskets to make it 34-17 Hoxie. The Junior Lady Mustangs scored inside before Kayde Jones hit two free throws for Trumann making it 36-19 Hoxie with 2:39 left. The Junior Lady Wildcats got a jumper in the lane from Tonia Barnes and a jumper from Sonia Barnes to set the final score at 36-23 Junior Lady Mustangs.

Kayde Jones led Trumann with 11 points as Tonia Barnes finished with four points. Nygeria Jones and Dajunique both netted three points as Sonia Barnes added two points for the Junior Lady Wildcats.

Lady Wildcats fall 65-31 to Hoxie

By COSMO COSSEY
DT Sports Staff

Trumann had no answer for Hoxie this past Friday as the Lady Mustangs led from start to finish in a 65-31 3A-3 conference win at Hoxie.

The Lady Mustangs jumped out a 4-0 lead before Hannah McClaughlin hit a baseline jumper for Trumann making it 4-2 Hoxie. The Junior Lady Mustangs had a stick back as Mallory Hartley scored inside to make the score 6-4 Lady Mustangs. Hoxie scored back to back baskets, Mycha Wilson scored inside for Trumann as Hoxie hit two free throws making it 12-6 Lady Mustangs with 4:26 left. Trumann got one of two free throws from Hartley and a baseline jumper from Kayla Spence to cut the lead to 12-9 before Hoxie hit a jumper to make it 14-9 Lady Mustangs. Hoxie hit three of four free throws in the last minute of the quarter to take a 17-9 lead at the end of one.

Trumann got a jumper in the lane from Wilson to open the second quarter, the Lady Mustangs answered with a jumper as Hartley scored inside for the Lady Wildcats making it 19-13 Hoxie. The Lady Mustangs canned a three-ball, Spence hit a jumper for Trumann only to see Hoxie drill another three-ball to make it 25-15 Lady Mustangs. Tay Smith hit one of two free throws for the Lady Wildcats, Hoxie hit one of two free throws as Hartley hit two free throws for Trumann to make it 26-18 Lady Mustangs with 3:25 left. Hoxie reeled off the next points making it 35-18 as Spence hit a jumper late for Trumann to make the score 35-20 Lady Mustangs at the half.

Hoxie hit a jumper in the lane for the first points of the third quarter making it 37-20 before Haley Mathis scored inside for Trumann to make the score 37-22 Lady Mustangs. Hoxie hit a three-pointer and a jumper to push their lead to 42-22 as Haley scored inside making it 42-24 Lady Mustangs. Hoxie scored the next eight points before Wilson hit one of two free throws for Trumann to make the score 50-25 Lady Mustangs with 2:39 left. Hoxie scored inside, Wilson scored in the paint for the Lady Wildcats before Hoxie hit one of two free throws and got a stick back basket to go up 55-27 at the end of three.

Hoxie scored off the break to make it 57-27 invoking the mercy rule before scoring six more points as Christina Jean-Paul hit one of two free throws for Trumann to make the score 63-28 Lady Mustangs with 2:58 left. Caroline Morgan netted a three-pointer for the Lady Wildcats as Hoxie added two free throws to set the final score at 65-31 Lady Mustangs.

Christina Jean-Paul tries to deny the Hoxie player access to the basket during 3A-3 conference action this past Friday. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

Wilson and Hartley both scored seven points to lead Trumann as Spence finished with six points. Mathis tossed in four points, Morgan had three points, McClaughlin had two points as Smith and Jean-Paul pitched in one point each for the Lady Wildcats.

AJ Storm

The AJ Storm 14-4 volleyball team recently placed in two tournaments. The Storm took second place in the Ice Breaker Tournament in Jonesboro and place first in the silver 14/15 division of the Rumble on the White River held in Batesville. Team members are, from left, (front row) Charlie Stallings (Brookland), Kaylee Johnson (Westside) and Mallory Deuter (Annie Camp), (back row) Tylin Bennett (MacArthur), Kinley Davis (Walnut Ridge), Zoey Craig (Trumann), Autumn New (Trumann), Sophie Newberry (Valley View), Kendall Prater (Nettleton) and Coach Blake Davis. (Photo submitted)

2,000 points

Trumann's Mallory Hartley was presented a game ball for scoring 2,000 points and getting 1,000 rebounds in her high school basketball career. Hartley scored her 2,000th point on Jan. 9 at Piggott and grabbed her 1,000th rebound this past Monday night in Trumann. Pictured are, from left: Trumann girls' basketball coach Aaron Ballew, Shanta Hartley, Hartley, Matt Hartley (holding niece Tinsley) and Trumann Superintendent and Athletic Director Myra Graham. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

School lunch menus

Feb. 11-15

Trumann

Monday: chicken patty sandwich, hot dog, ham and cheese sandwich, nacho salad, steamed carrots, tomato wedges, assorted fruit.

Tuesday: mac n cheese with ham, quesadilla, turkey sandwich, ham salad, peas and carrots, cucumber slices, assorted fruit.

Wednesday: nacho tater bites, meatloaf, three cheese wrap, egg salad, mixed veggie blend, celery sticks, assorted fruit.

Thursday: homemade chili and cinnamon roll, ham/turkey sandwich, turkey chef salad, campfire beans, baby carrots, assorted fruit.

Friday: cheese pizza, grilled cheese, honey mustard wrap, popcorn chicken, salad, steamed broccoli, red pepper slices, assorted fruit.

Marked Tree

Monday: taco salad, pinto beans, salsa, peaches.

Tuesday: macaroni and cheese, green peas, steamed carrots, cornbread, raisels.

Wednesday: popcorn chicken, bbq dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, madarin oranges, roll.

Thursday: pizza bagel bites, tossed salad, corn, ranch, mixed fruit cup.

Friday: cheeseburger, sandwich salad cup, french fries, ketchup/mustard, apple.

Harrisburg

Monday: pizza, steamed broccoli, carrots, crispy treat, fruit.

Tuesday: chicken strips, potato bites, green beans, fruit, roll.

Wednesday: crispito, seasoned beans, salsa, fruit.

Thursday: spaghetti w/meatballs, carrots, seasoned corn, fruit, hot roll.

Friday: corndog, oven crisp fries, Lettuce/tomato, veg. beans, fruit.

EPC

Monday: corn dog, pork tacos, taco salad, cornbread, fresh garden salad, texas pintos, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday: bbq beef on bun, krispito, french fries with gravy, cobb salad, blueberry muffin, fresh garden salad, banana orange mix.

Wednesday: meatloff, chicken patty, chicken caeser salad, mashed potatoes with gravy, parmesan roasted carrots, peaches, hot rolls.

Thursday: chicken nuggets with Italian bread, Egg, bacon and cheese burrito, Italian chef salad, fresh garden salad, corn, applesauce.

Friday: parmesan chicken sandwich, pepperoni pizza, popcorn chicken salad, pineapple muffin, fresh garden salad, broccoli cheese soup, pineapple.

Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
LARRY DAVID MORRIS,
DECEASED **CASE NO. 56** **PR-2019-14**

NOTICE

Name of Decedent: Larry David Morris
Last Known Address: 14964 Walnut Grove Lane
Trumann, Poinsett County, AR 72472
Date of Death: June 7, 2018

On January 24, 2019, an affidavit for collection of small estate by distribute was filed with respect to the estate of Larry David Morris, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the circuit court of Poinsett County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distribute or his attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate.

The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee's attorney is:
Aarika Kilgore Thompson
HARRIS, MORRISON & THOMPSON
118 W Walnut Street
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Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **NO. PR-2019-12**
ANN SORENSON, DECEASED

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 451 Wayne Street
Trumann, AR 72472

Date of Death: December 14, 2018

The undersigned were appointed Co-Administrators of the estate of the above named decedent on January 28, 2019.

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

This notice first published the 31st day of January, 2019.

CHARLES SORENSON AND STEPHEN SORENSON
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Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF **DECEASED**

CAROLYN MILLS-MADDEN, DECEASED **NO. PR# 2019-20**

NOTICE OF PROBATE

Name of the Decedent: Carolyn Mills-Madden

Last Known address of decedent: 916 Patterson Drive, Sarasota, Fl. 34234

Date of Death: November 27th, 2015

On 2-1-19, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributees was filed with respect to the estate of Carolyn Mills-Madden, deceased, with the clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Poinsett County, Arkansas, under ARK. Code Ann. 28-41-101.

Legal Description of all real property listed in the affidavit:
AN UNDIVIDED ONE-FOURTH INTEREST IN AND TO:
The North Half of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, excepting the North 14.76 acres, all in Township 111 North, Range 6 East; and
The North 6.38 acres of the South Half of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 6 East.

All persons having claims against the estate are required to exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributees or his/her attorney within three (3) 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.

The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distibutee or distributee's attorney is:
Michael Mills, 3717 Spainwood Drive, Sarasota, FL 34232.

This noticed first published on the 7th day of February, 2019.

Published 2-7-19, 2-14-19

Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Probate Code, Sec 152, notice is given that accounts of the administration of the estates listed below have been filed, on the dates shown, by the names personal representatives.

All interested persons are called on to file objections to such accounts on or before the sixtieth day following the filing of the respective accounts, failing which they will be barred forever from excepting to the account.

Case No.	Name of Estate	Name and Address of Personal Representative	Nature of Account	Date Filed
PR2017-111	Larry Jerome Carter	Evelyn Irene Carter 211 N Ballard Rector, AR 72461	Annual Accounting	01/17/2019

Dated this 1st day of February, 2019

Teresa Rouse
Probate Clerk of Poinsett County, Arkansas

Emily Hamrick,
Deputy Clerk

Published 2-7-19

Notice

PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES
WITH TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 TO AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2021

The Board of Directors of Marked Tree School District No. 28 of Poinsett County, Arkansas, in compliance with the requirements of Amendment No. 40 and No. 74 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and of Ark. Code Ann. Section 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	$3,720,000
2. Instructional Expense	257,000
3. Maintenance & Operation Expense	796,000
4. Dedicated M&O Expense	0
5. Pupil Transportation Expense	246,000
6. Other Operating Expense	161,000
7. Non-Bonded Debt Payment	52,898
8. Bonded Debt Payment	379,620

To provide for the foregoing proposed budget of expenditures, the Board of Directors proposes a total school tax rate (state and local) of 39.5 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 bu the School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in the District. The total proposed school tax levy of 39.5 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 14.5 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 39.5 mills represents the same rate presently being levied.

GIVEN this 28th day of January, 2019.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MARKED TREE
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 OF POINSETT
COUNTY, ARKANSAS
/s/ Bryan Parrish
Bryan Parrish, Board President
s/ Jessica Fernandez
Jessica Fernandez, Board Secretary

Published 2-7-19

Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF VANESSA KAREN MITCHELL, DECEASED **PR-2018-51**

NOTICE

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF DECEDENT

629 Christy Ave.
Trumann, Arkansas 72472-1605

DATE OF DEATH: October 23, 2018

The undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the above-named decedent on the December 26th Day of 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 the negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from and benefit on such Estate.

This notice first published on the 31st day of January, 2019.

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Responsibilities

- Develop maintenance procedures and ensure implementation
- Carry out inspections of the facilities to identify and resolve issues
- Check electrical and hydraulic systems of buildings to ensure functionality
- Plan and oversee all repair and installation activities
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- Monitor equipment inventory and place orders when necessary
- Monitor expenses and control the budget for maintenance
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- Keep maintenance logs and report on daily activities
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Requirements

- Proven experience as maintenance manager or other managerial role
- Experience in planning maintenance operations
- Solid understanding of technical aspects of plumbing, carpentry, electrical systems etc.
- Working knowledge of facilities machines and equipment
- Ability to keep track of and report on activity
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Outstanding organizational and leadership abilities
- High school diploma or equivalent
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Backpack program donation

Harrisburg Elementary School would like to thank Ryatt Murphy, pictured with his Grandma Kathy Murphy, for supporting Harrisburg School District's food backpack program. For his first birthday, Ryatt asked party guests to bring donations of food in place of presents. Ryatt presented the donated food to Elementary School Counselor Christy Buchanan for use in the school's Food For Kids Backpack Program. The programs aims to ensure no Harrisburg School District student goes without food on the weekend. This program would not be possible without the support of community members like Ryatt. For more information, or to donate to the Elementary School Food for Kids backpack program, contact Christy Buchanan at 870-578-2413. Ryatt's parents are Hayden and Ryan Murphy. (Photo provided)

School update

Trumann Middle School Principal Jay Nance gives an update on how the school year is going at the Truman Lions Club. Pictured with Mr. Nance are assistant principals Janet Marks and Terry Flowers. (DT Photo/Cosmo Cossey)

A-State announces 2018 Fall Chancellor's, Dean's Lists

Students on the Chancellor's and Dean's Lists for fall 2018 at Arkansas State University have been announced. Combined, the group numbers 2,421 students. The lists include 98 students from Campus Querétaro, Mexico, who met the academic requirements for the two categories.

The two lists recognize undergraduate students who achieved the highest grade point averages while enrolled in 12 or more credit hours of study.

The Chancellor's List (designated as CL) includes students who earned a grade point average of 3.80 to 4.0 for spring classes. The Dean's List (DL) includes students with a grade point average of 3.6 to 3.79.

*Harrisburg: Kennedy Capps, CL; Cristal Coronado, CL; Keely Curtis, CL; Noah Duncan, CL; McKenzie Laughton, CL; Elizabeth Leonard, CL; Mallory Long, CL; Taylor Martin, CL; Morgan Osment, CL; Carly Shannon, CL; Emily Walton, CL; Edwin Brietz, DL; Colton Creekmore, DL; Brandi Deckelman, DL; Natalie Eaton, DL; Collin McCrary, DL; Alivia Rouse, DL; Christi Schreck, DL.

*Lepanto: Julia Hudspeth, CL; Zachary Maddox, CL; Abby Ruiz, CL; Brittany Stephens, CL.

*Marked Tree: Bailey Dunn, CL; Kaylan Erving, CL; Taylor Ratton, CL; Cameron Willoughby, DL.

*Trumann: Blaire Brown, CL; April Doty, CL; Alicia Dyer, CL; Brooke Hazelwood, CL; Whitney Holman, CL; Alejandra Morales, CL; Andrea Oldman, CL; Austin Phelan, CL; Alecea Raymond, CL; Katelyn Stanton, CL; Emilee Timbs, CL; Allison Victory, CL; Lauren Walker, CL; Danielle Webb, CL; Chandler Weitkamp, CL; Cain White, CL; Jedidiah Whitt, CL; Taylor Wilson, CL; Amber Kent, DL; Bradlee McAnally, DL; Rachel Rowlett, DL; Kristen Taylor, DL.

*Tyronza: Jacob Ellis, CL; Hannah Hale, CL; Courtney Hardin, CL; Hunter Hardin, CL; Kimberly Hardin, CL; Martha Kay Mettler, CL; Stacey Mott, CL; William Mott, CL; Brittany Pharis, CL; Andrew Cavitt, DL.

*Weiner: Lora Sullins, CL; Caitlyn Lyerly, DL.

From the House of Representatives

Rep. Johnny Rye **Rep. Dwight Tosh**

House members are now preparing for the fourth week of the 2019 Regular Session. We are expecting to review and possibly vote on big issues such as tax cuts and teacher salaries.

The Governor's tax cut proposal has now been filed. This bill will start in the Senate. SB211 would cut the state's top individual income tax rate from 6.9 percent to 5.9 percent. The reduction would be phased-in over a two year period.

Other tax cut proposals are expected to be filed. The House Revenue and Taxation Committee will hear details of any tax proposal and vote on the matter before legislation goes to the House floor for a vote.

Meanwhile, the House Public Transportation Committee recently heard testimony on the needs for our state highway system. The director of the Arkansas Department of Transportation told the committee that the agency maintains more than 16,000 miles of highway and more than 7,300 bridges. Arkansas has the 12th largest highway system in the country. However, our state comes in 42nd in highway revenue per mile.

Various proposals addressing funding have been filed and more are expected.

We have posted the presentation to the Transportation committee on our website. The presentation breaks down how much additional revenue could be gained through various proposals such as increases in gasoline tax, registration fees, and extensions of existing sales tax.

Another big issue to be addressed in the fourth week of the session will be teacher salaries.

On Tuesday, the House Education Committee will take up HB1145. This bill is titled the Teacher Salary Enhancement Act. This legislation would raise the minimum starting teacher salaries from $31,400 to $36,000 over a four year period. The minimum salary is adjusted based on the number of years of experience.

The House State Agencies Committee continues to review government transformation legislation. The proposals will ultimately consolidate 42 state agencies under the leadership of 15 separate departments.

We are posting daily updates at www.arkansashouse.org. On the website you can also watch committee meetings and House floor proceedings.

State Capitol Week in Review Senator Dave Wallace

The governor and legislators presented the details of the signature issue of this year's session, a reduction in personal income taxes.

The proposal would lower the top marginal rate from 6.9 percent to 6.6 percent the first year, which would be calendar year 2020. Then the rate would drop to 5.9 percent, beginning in 2021.

The governor assured legislators that no one would pay more income tax due to being bumped into a higher bracket.

When fully in place, the reduction would save Arkansas taxpayers about $97 million a year. The top rate in Arkansas would be lower than in Louisiana, South Carolina and Georgia and equal to the top rate in Missouri.

The tax cut reduction is in Senate Bill 211, which will go first to the Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation for review by committee members and for public comment.

SB 211 is the culmination of two years of work that began soon after the General Assembly adjourned the 2017 regular session. One goal of SB 211 is to provide tax relief to the taxpayers who were not included in the major tax cuts enacted by the legislature in 2015 and 2017.

The legislature lowered taxes for middle-income families in 2015, saving them about $100 million a year. The legislature next focused on low-income families, who saved about $50 million a year from tax cuts enacted in 2017.

Also, the Senate approved SB 17 to reduce the fee for a permit to carry a concealed handgun. It would lower the current fee of $100 to $50, and for applicants who are aged 65 or older the fee would drop from $50 to $25.

The House Judiciary Committee gave SB 17 a do-pass recommendation, so the next step is a vote in the entire House.

The Senate approved SB 153 to establish more rigorous reading and literacy standards. Schools would have to include scientific reading methods in a literacy plan, which would have to be included in their annual school improvement plans.

The goal is to train and equip teachers with the materials necessary to bring up literacy rates. One method would be to more efficiently diagnose students who have dyslexia, and then to re-structure their reading classes accordingly. On standardized tests, only 38 percent of Arkansas third graders score at "ready" or "exceeding" in reading.

The Senate approved Senate Joint Resolution 3 calling for Congress to call a constitutional convention, which could consider amendments to establish fiscal restraints on the federal government and limits on terms of members of Congress.

Firefighters have an interest in a couple of bills that have been introduced. House Bill 1299 would provide firefighters with a year of paid sick leave if they are diagnosed with certain types of cancer. It was referred to the House Committee on City, County and Local Affairs.

The bill adds "cancer leave," to the types of leave that a firefighter with five years' experience can receive. It lists types of cancer that firefighters are more likely to get, compared to the general population, because of repeated exposure to hazardous substances and carcinogens.

SB 168, which was endorsed in committee and brought to the entire Senate, would add fire stations to the Arkansas Safe Haven law. It lists locations such as police departments and hospitals as places where people can leave newborn infants without risking prosecution for child endangerment.

Harrisburg student named to the Dean's List at Ohio Christian University College

Nicole Clinton-Farmer has been named to the Dean's List at Ohio Christian University College of Adult and Graduate Studies for the Fall 2017 Semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or better and be enrolled in at least 12 "graded" semester hours.

Ohio Christian University is committed to offering a complete education that develops students intellectually, professionally, and spiritually. OCU offers degree programs for residential undergraduate students, graduate students, and adult and online students.

Additionally, students can participate in OnlinePlus which provides undergraduate classes online with the option of participating in for-credit enrichment experiences on campus or abroad. The Trailblazer Academy allows high school students to complete college classes. All programs are designed to equip students to become leaders in their careers, communities, families, and the world.

Schwarz named to fall 2018 Chancellor's List at UA Little Rock

John Schwarz of Weiner has been named to the fall 2018 Chancellor's List at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

UA Little Rock recognizes superior academic performance at the end of each semester in which certain qualifications have been met. More than 700 UA Little Rock students were named to the Chancellor's List for the fall 2018 semester.

To be named to the UA Little Rock Chancellor's List, a student must have completed at least nine credit hours with a grade of A, B, C, or "credit," and maintained at least a 3.9 grade point average. In addition, the student must not have received a grade of D, F, I or "no credit."

Adams named to UA Little Rock Dean's List for fall 2018 semester

Taylor Adams of Trumann has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, recognizing more than 900 students with superior academic performances at the end of the semester.

To be on the Dean's List, UA Little Rock students must have completed at least nine credit hours and earned at least a 3.5 grade point average. The student must not have any D, F, I, or "No Credit" grades on their semester grade report.

With about 11,000 students and 100 programs, UA Little Rock offers learning, research, service, social and career opportunities that can only be found at a metropolitan university located in Arkansas' capital city.

Caregiver Support Group meetings set

The Family Caregiver Support Program of East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging will hold monthly scheduled meeting for residents of Craighead and Poinsett County Monday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m. A second meeting of the support group and a group for caregiver support will be held Tuesday, Feb. 19, at noon. The meeting will be held at the Agency's offices at 2005 E. Highland Drive in Jonesboro.

The support group provides those who are caring for elderly or disabled adults the opportunity to meet others who share the same responsibilities. Groups are run by professionals and can help caregivers devise productive strategies for dealing with stress that may arise around difficult decisions. The group provides education on diseases and conditions, stress and managing the care of others, available resources, emotional support and a quarterly newsletter.

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

President Bill Clinton to speak at Riceland Hall

President Bill Clinton, the founder of the Clinton Foundation and 42nd President of the United States, will speak at Riceland Hall of Fowler Center on the Arkansas State University campus, Monday, Feb. 11.

"An Evening with President Clinton" will be part of the Riceland Distinguished Presentation Series, and will begin at 5:30 p.m.

William Jefferson Clinton led the United States to the longest economic expansion in American history, including the creation of more than 22 million jobs. After leaving the White House, President Clinton established the Clinton Foundation in order to continue working on the causes he cared about. Since its founding, the Foundation has endeavored to help build more resilient communities by developing and implementing programs that improve people's health, strengthen local economies, and protect the environment.

In addition to his Foundation work, President Clinton served as the top United Nations envoy for the Indian Ocean tsunami recovery effort and the UN Special Envoy to Haiti, and he has partnered numerous times with Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush to support relief efforts for communities devastated by natural disasters.

Admission is free, courtesy of the Riceland Distinguished Presentation Series, but all seats are reserved and must be requested in advance.

Tickets may be requested online at AState.edu/RicelandSeries, with the ticket portal opening on Monday, Feb. 4, at 10 a.m. Students, faculty and staff will be asked to verify themselves as members of the A-State community. A number of seats will be available to the general public through the portal on a first-come, first-served basis. Only one seat per person may be requested.

Fowler Center is located at 201 Olympic Drive in Jonesboro. For further information, contact Fowler Center at 870-972-3471 or FowlerCenter@AState.edu.