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Treasurer candidates differ on job description

Stockdale

Toth

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The two candidates vying for Garland County treasurer are polarized by dueling notions on the office's proper scope.

Republican and two-term incumbent Tim Stockdale maintains it should function as prescribed by the state Constitution, serving as a clearinghouse for the approximately $500 million it processes each year. Mark A. Toth, his Democratic opponent, said treasurers' custodianship of county finances obliges them to scrutinize other departments' expenditures.

The treasurer draws an annual salary of $63,865, oversees two employees and a budget of more than $200,000. A 2-percent commission charged on all transactions except those involving grants and school district money fully reimburses the county general fund for its operating expenses.

"It can be narrowly defined simply as writing the checks and keeping the account records," said Toth, a former staff accountant for a CPA firm who currently runs a personal and business accounting service, and, according to his campaign literature, was prompted by quorum court members to run. "I believe the treasurer has an added responsibility, because he sees every check written, every dollar that goes out the door, he can speak up when he thinks there's wasteful spending or imprudent financial deci-

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: Mike Ross, Democratic candidate for governor, told the Arkansas Environmental Federation Convention Thursday that he would strive to make the availability of pre-K education a priority if elected Tuesday.

Gubernatorial hopefuls would 'stand up' to EPA

DON THOMASON
The Sentinel-Record

Two of the state's gubernatorial candidates said Thursday that they would "stand up" to the Environmental Protection Agency and oppose the federal government's overreaching rules and regulations.

"Eight years ago, if I'd talked about overreaching regulations, no one would have known what I was talking about, but today, the EPA comes to mind," Republican candidate Asa Hutchinson said while addressing a morning session of the Arkansas Environmental Federation's 47th Annual Convention at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

"What comes to mind, if you believe in the Second Amendment, is the president wanting to regulate firearms. What comes to mind when it comes to health care is the Affordable Care Act and the overreach of the federal government. People understand the reach of the federal government into our everyday lives, so it's up to the states — not in an overly contentious way, but in a leadership way — to say 'back off, federal government, we want to be able to manage our affairs,' or 'you're hurting our state in what you are planning to do,'" Hutchinson said.

"I will stand up to the EPA

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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: Republican gubernatorial candidate Asa Hutchinson told the Arkansas Environmental Federation Convention Thursday morning that he would stand up to the Environmental Protection Agency and overreaching federal government rules and regulations.

HSSD thanks Thea Foundation for gift

JAY BELL
The Sentinel-Record

Hot Springs Middle School hosted a reception Tuesday afternoon to show gratitude to the Thea Foundation and two local women for their donation of $3,500 worth of dance shoes and attire for students in grades 7-12.

The Thea Foundation, Robyn Horn and Dorothy Morris donated the supplies to the dance programs at the middle school and Hot Springs High School. Amy Bramlett, the dance teacher at both schools, is a Hot Springs graduate and a past recipient of a scholarship from the foundation.

Paul Leopoulos, founder of the Thea Foundation, attended Tuesday's reception, but Horn and Morris were unable to be present. Dance students from

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The Sentinel-Record/Mara Kuhn

FLASH DANCE: Eighth-grade dance students at Hot Springs Middle School perform during a surprise Halloween show for their classmates Thursday. Seventh-graders in the dance program performed in a separate show for their classmates. Amy Bramlett's dance classes prepared a special Halloween routine to songs such as "Disturbia," "The Monster" and "Thriller."

Suspects held for allegedly robbing, beating homeless man

STEVEN MROSS
The Sentinel-Record

Hot Springs police arrested two suspects Wednesday in connection with the robbery of a homeless man last week who was allegedly beaten with a baseball bat.

Andrew Lamont Millsap, 29, who lists an address of 111 Leonard St., Apt. 4, and Tyshawn Dewond Anderson, 23, who lists an address of 216 Wood St., were both charged with aggravated robbery, a felony punishable by up to life in prison.

Millsap

Anderson

According to the affidavit, on Oct. 22, shortly after 7:30 p.m., HSPD officers responded to the 400 block of Broadway Avenue regarding a battery and upon arrival made contact with the victim, 52, who stated two black males he knew as "Drew" and "Tashion" had just beaten him up with a baseball bat.

The officers noted the victim had numerous injuries to his face and head including one laceration that required stitches.

The next day, detectives were following up with the victim who told them he was homeless and that the suspects had also stolen his cellphone and gone through his pockets following the attack.

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House fire

The Sentinel-Record/Richard Rasmussen

The Hot Springs Fire Department fought a fire in the back of a home at 307 Congress on Thursday. Flames were showing on the northwest corner of the home when firefighters arrived at 9:12 a.m., but they were able to confine the fire to a bedroom. Eleven firefighters and five administrators were on hand to fight the fire. The home is owned by Charles Edwards. The resident, Michelle Riley, who was not at home at the time, received assistance from the Garland County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Music festival board appoints new director

ALISON B. HARBOUR
The Sentinel-Record

Hot Springs District 1 Director Suzanne Davidson has been named executive director of the Hot Springs Music Festival.

The music festival's board of directors announced her appointment at a festive fundraising event hosted by Dorothy Morris on Thursday evening at Gallery Central, to help kick off a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the music festival in 2015.

"The Hot Springs Music Festival board is delighted to welcome Suzanne Davidson as the new executive director and she will be taking over the duties of overseeing the preparation for the festival," Lynn Payette, chorus director of the HSMF, told *The Sentinel-Record*.

Davidson will serve in the position Marcy Mermel held.

"Marcy is pursuing other interests and we are thrilled that Suzanne is willing to collaborate with us," Payette said.

As the representative for District 1 on the Hot Springs Board of Directors, Davidson is one of the major supporters of the recent efforts to revitalize the downtown and encourage its economic development, a news release said.

She has also just been appointed to a second four-year volunteer term on the Arkansas Arts Council by Gov. Mike Beebe, it said.

She is a working artist and is a board member of the Hot Springs Cultural Alliance, which organized a tour of artist studios in Hot Springs, and is now working toward the 2015 Arts & the Park Festival, including the Hot Springs Music Festival and Chorus.

She is a member of Park Avenue Community Association, the Gateway Community Association and the Whittington Valley Neighborhood Association.

She began her professional career as an art teacher.

At her first music festival board meeting held Wednesday evening, Davidson thanked the board members for their confidence in her.

"We had Laura (Rosenberg, founder) on the phone and another board member who is in Michigan. I had no idea of the breadth of support here in Hot Springs for the music festival. Everybody loves it and wants to see it continue and would like to see it grow. I am very excited in being involved in a music organization again and being around musicians," Davidson said.

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