

THE PULSE OF PINE BLUFF

"THE HEART BEAT OF THE CITY"

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Pet Oxygen Masks Donated to the Pine Bluff Fire Department

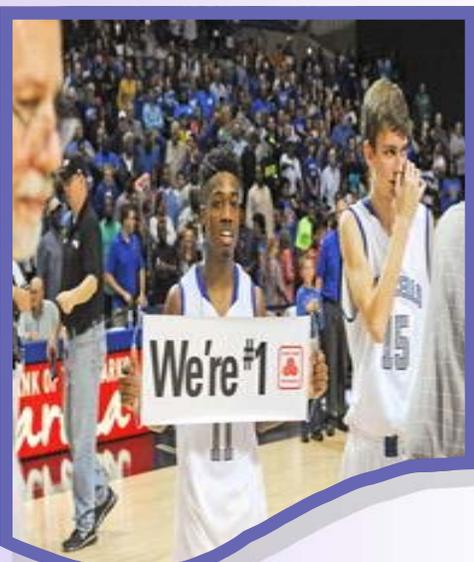
On February 12, 2015, Pine Bluff Fire & Emergency Services responded to a structure fire with a report of a possible victim inside; when the responding companies arrived on scene a search of the house revealed no human victims, but a dog and a cat were found. Firefighters Keaton Reynolds and Alexander Bryant started resuscitative efforts which brought the pets to a state of recovery. Upon learning about the incident. Ms. Housley had been searching for something she could do for the City of Pine Bluff in memory of her late parents, Mr. Cravens Housley and Mrs. Lora Housley. Ms. Housley searched to find an oxy-

gen kit for pets which were suitable for dogs or cats in need of oxygen. 10 of these kits have been placed on each fire apparatus to insure that a kit would be on scene if at any time it should be needed. The Pine Bluff Fire and & Emergency services recognized Ms. Liz Housley on March 5th, at the Fire and Emergency Training Academy, and thank her for her unselfish gift in the memory of her lovingly devoted late parents. This is a gift that will not soon be forgotten, thanks to Ms. Liz Housley.

Fire Chief Shauwn Howell



Pine Bluff High Zebra's Take 6A Championship



The Pine Bluff Zebras basketball team ended their regular season play with a record of 12 – 13. In order to capture the 6A title game, the Zebras had to get through three No. 1 seeds; Alma 6A west, Park View 6A South and Jonesboro 6A East and one No. 2 seed, Marion.

The Zebras dug deep and found inner strength to defeat Marion 58-51 in the first round, Parkview 49-48 in the quarterfinals and Alma 75-59 in the semi-finals and to advance to the championship game in Hot Springs. This determined Zebras team then defeated Jonesboro 46-43 last month, to clinch the school's first state title

in basketball since 2003.

Junior Guard Marcus Thomas did an incredible job and was named tournament MVP. In addition, Thomas was named All Conference Player. Senior Michael Sission and Junior Marquie Smith were selected to the All-Tournament Team.

Pine Bluff is now title town, owning only the third football-boys basketball title double in at least 15 years. The basketball team was coached by first year Head Coach Clarence Finley and Assistant Coach Billy Dixon, bringing the Zebra's to a monumental victory.

Ms. Kennetta Ridgell

Mayor Hollingsworth Reports:

“April Showers bring May flowers.” That certainly holds true this year as the colors throughout the city are spectacular. Spring is a marvelous time of year as we are able to witness new growth all around us and in various forms. The new growth we are focused on at this time, however, is the dawning of a new economic era for our community. Looking forward through the eyes of a professional imaging firm; our city will systematically transform from an area which has suffered from years of inattention and

neglect, to a region teeming with opportunities for every one of all ages. So many have caught the vision and gained hope for the future of Pine Bluff and it’s that level of hope that drives the concept of prosperity to a reality. As Mayor, I ask the citizens of our community to grasp this exciting vision and let’s move our city into greater success for “A Greater Tomorrow.”

Mayor Debe Hollingsworth



Arts & Science Center Summer Camp 2015



The Arts & Science Center is receiving applications for their annual kids Summer Camp 2015. The summer program through the Arts & Science Center, not only involves kids of all ages, it encompasses a variety of interests such as; Summer Camps, Performances, Hands-on Tinkering, 2nd Saturday Family FunDays, Tinkering with Arts & Science Videos and Tinker Fest.

This years activities include: Art I and II (drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, photography, and sculpture), for ages 6-17; Messy Science (experiments which include slimy science, propulsion, the science of color and more), for ages 6-11; Steam Camp (science experiments, intro to engineering and technology, tinkering with LED lights and motors) for ages 12-17; Theater I and II (fundamentals of acting: voice, body, imagination text, conflict resolution and

partner acting exercises) for ages 8-18 and Engineering & Technology I and II (Hands-on building, experimentation, games, introduction to electronic circuits, LED’s, switches, stop-motion animation, beginner computer coding and apps, conductors and semi-conductors and programming motors), for ages 7-17.

Education, Enrichment and fun are in store for everyone who enrolls this summer! Don’t miss this opportunity! Camp and financial-aid applications can be located online at ASC701.org.

(The Arts & Science Center (ASC), located at 701 S. Main St. in Pine Bluff, is open normal business on Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 1-4 p.m., and closed on Sunday and Monday)

Dollarway School District Brings Home Six Wins



The Arkansas Art Educator Association recently hosted their annual Southeast Regional Art Show at the University of Arkansas at Monticello earlier this

month, and Dollarway School District Students came home with SIX WINS! Dollarway School District students, first-time entrants into the art competition, competed against 120 other districts, and 42 other schools, in 8 other counties. In response to the wins Kathryn Dokes, Dollarway art teacher said, "I am so proud of my students. It is our first year of competition and we made a statement!" Those to be congratulated are: **Morehead Middle**

School – Laila Baker – 6th grader – 3rd place, Da'vion Branch – 6th grade – 5th place; **Dollarway High School** – Alyse Mitchell – 9th grader – 3rd place, Jonathan Craig – 12th grader – 3rd place, Wesley Evans – 12th grader – 6th place, Michael Ferrell – 12th grader – 7th place, **Art work submitted:** TyAna White —10th grader, Antonio Smith – 12th grader.

A reception and awards ceremony was held on April 4, 2015 at the UAM Spencer

Galley at the Fine Arts Center, as well as, Dollarway School District – Administration Building, April 14, 2015 to recognize these exception students . All art work was on display for the public to view. Congratulations to the students of the Dollarway School District for this incredible accomplishment.

*Tameka White
Dollarway High School*

Kionna Henderson Runs for Miss Arkansas International

Kionna Henderson, a native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the daughter of Leevell and Erma Henderson, has accepted the challenge of running for the Miss Arkansas International 2015, with the title of Miss Pine Bluff. She is currently a junior at the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff and she chose to attend college as a building block to her future goals, and believes education is key to anyone's success.

This pageant provides an environment for young women to gain self-confidence, individual pride, and a sense to better their community. Designed to encourage excellence in young women and assist them in developing life skills, she believes this pageant will be a positive asset to the Pine

Bluff community. Her goal is to provide a positive representation for this state and encourage our young women to become more than just statistics. Her desire is to encourage them to go far beyond the status quo. She had previously entered the Miss Arkansas USA pageant. She enjoyed competing in this pageant as she had an opportunity to meet beautiful young women from all over Arkansas. Her success brought her to the semi-finals in that system.

She is looking forward to the experience and challenge of competing for Miss Arkansas International.



Neighborhood Watch Making a Difference



Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the world bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer. Neighborhood Watch started in 1972 when night watchmen patrolled the streets and in response to requests from sheriffs and police chiefs who were looking for a crime prevention program that would involve citizens and

address increasing numbers of burglaries. This process works better because it reduces opportunities for crime to occur while communities keep a trained eye and ear open. We have 13 neighborhood watch groups that is active here in Pine Bluff, and they are: Central Park, 3rd Avenue, Southside, Belmont/Broadmoor, Cherry Ridge/Indian Hills, Sheraton Park, Westside Loop, Dollarway, University Park, Riverside/Pot Liquer, Jefferson Heights, Shady Grove 34th.

We all work together trying to take our city

back one neighborhood at a time. We have different community outreach activities to involve the children as well as their parent's such as block parties, movie nights, back to school events, etc. For a list of our meeting days and times please visit pinebluffpolice.com and click on Neighborhood Watch.

*Ja'Xmyne Burnett
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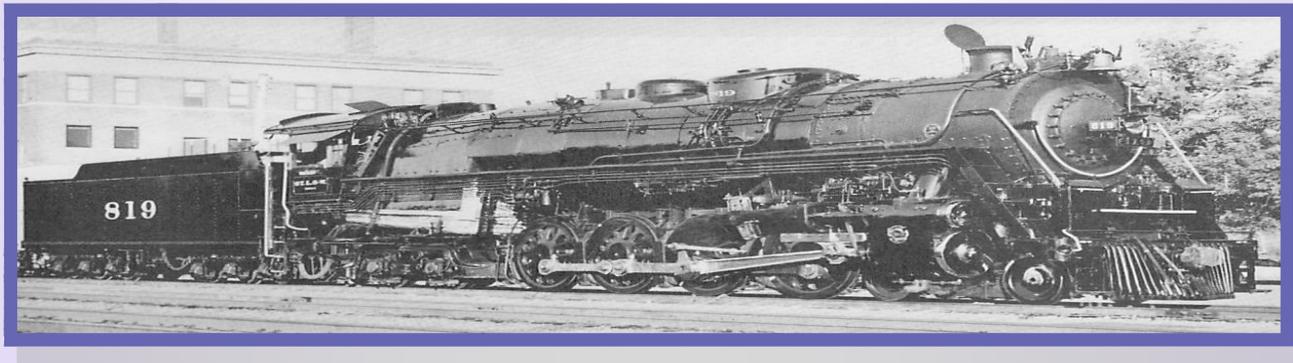
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www.cityofpinebluff.com

STREET DEPART-

- ◆ Sleet, snow and Ice storm: employees worked around the clock salting bridges, overpasses, and slick spots in the street right-of-way. Picked up limbs and brush from the storm and trimmed trees.
- ◆ Repairing cave-ins and washouts
- ◆ Patching potholes
- ◆ Installing pipes from property owners
- ◆ Cleaning ditches and pipes
- ◆ Check catch basins and replace basin tops
- ◆ Jet rodding pipes
- ◆ Sweeping Streets: (3) Sweepers; total blocks swept: 14,000
- ◆ Routine Maintenance of traffic lights and signs
- ◆ Check street lights after dark for outages

20th Annual Railroadania Show and Sale



Coming this April the Pine Bluff Railroad Museum will be holding their 20th Annual Railroadania. The event will begin at 9:00am and run until 4:00pm on Saturday, April 11, 2015. This event features the largest collection of railroad memorabilia and collectables in Southeast Arkansas. There will also be hourly door prizes. The Mu-

seum exhibits Historic engines, passenger cars, cabooses and massive snowplow. This event is sponsored by The Cotton Belt Railroad Historical Society, Inc. and The Arkansas Railroad Museum. Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 6-12 years of age. Children accompanying a paying adult will be free. The Railroad Museum also fea-

tures Engine 819 Steam Locomotive built in 1909, along with The

Baldwin-Built 336. Among these mentioned above they also exhibit rare diesel locomotives, a complete steam wrecker train, cabooses, etc. This will be an incredible event for all ages.