



Fun in the Sun at Regional Park



Saturday May 2nd was a day to be remembered! Pine Bluff's 1st Annual "Family Fun Day" was held and it became a great success. City-wide businesses, churches and organizations participated in a variety of tailgating, vendor booths and competitions for all ages. Fun Day attendees were able to sample food items from hamburgers and hot dogs to ribs and fried catfish from the tailgate area. Other free samples included: soft drinks, ice cream, potato salad, french fries, dill pickles, cookies, and candy.

Several awards were given out Saturday for various competitions. The "Show Your Stuff" competition was won

by the Pine Bluff City Police Dept., as was the most creative tailgate area. Their jail front tailgate booth brought many on lookers and partakers of the free food samples. There was also equally as eager participation in the chicken wing and hot dog eating contest.

The Pine Bluff's Got Talent contest was graced with talent from three different high schools; Pine Bluff High, Watson Chapel High, and Ridgway Christian Schools. After extensive judging, Pine Bluff High secured first place and Ridgway followed by bringing in second and third. All entries were extremely talented and judging was

challenging. Each talent was judged on the quality of their talent, professionalism and stage presence. All contest entries received a framed certificate of participation.

There will be a meeting of the City Celebration Committee on May 14th to begin plans for next year.

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war era; remembering those who gave their lives to improve the lives and lifestyles of many of our ancestors.

Arkansas' First Lady Visits Pine Bluff

A reception was held to celebrate an exhibition of the pictorial history of our state by students involved in ASC's Heritage Detectives and to welcome the First Lady of Arkansas, Susan Hutchinson. This event was held on Thursday, April 30, 2015 and the reception was held from 11am - 3pm and highlighted the Heritage Detectives Project which discovers Arkansas' Hidden Heritage. The project



placed a historian and an artist in Pine Bluff, Dumas, McGehee, and Lake Village classrooms to uncover and depict

the diverse cultural influences of Southeast Arkansas. The Arkansas Arts & Science Center's Heritage Detectives Project is a wonderful program involving young people in the excited experience of investigating Arkansas history. This program takes a step back in time, through the incredible artwork of some extraordinary young people from the civil

Mayor Hollingsworth Reports:



The month of April and the first week of May have been more than amazing. We began April with a Community-wide Easter Sunrise Service which was beautiful; next, we celebrated the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States with the "Let Freedom Ring" Commemoration Ceremony on the steps of the Civic Center. Then, on Saturday, May 2nd, the City of Pine Bluff and the City Celebration Committee hosted the 1st Annual Pine Bluff City

"Family Fun Day." This event was the first of its kind and was a tremendous success. The participation was regional, as well as, city-wide, and we look forward to a larger turn-out next year with an even greater attendance. In addition, Thursday, May 7, 2015 the Pine Bluff Convention Center held the 2015 Business Expo. This is an event which had something for everyone. The Expo Breakfast began at 7:00am, the VIP Premier was at 9:00am, and doors opened to

the general public at 10:00am. And last, but not least; Pine Bluff's Church Outreach Committee, along with the City of Pine Bluff, will be hosting the 2nd Annual National Month of Prayer Pastors and Community Prayer Luncheon on May 20, 2015 at 11:30am. This event will be held in the Main Banquet Hall of the Convention Center at 11:30am. The lunch is free to the community; so, we are looking forward to everyone joining us.

Mayor Debe Hollingsworth

Salvation Army Hosts "Celebration of Hope"

"Success is not a title or the amount of your financial worth; it is the sum total of the journey which leads to success; enjoy the journey."

Zig Ziegler

The Salvation Army hosted there "Celebration of Hope" event at the UAPB STEM building on April 29th. Their central focus was to share with Pine Bluff and surrounding communities the work and service of the Salvation Army through small gatherings entitled "Beyond Bell Ringing." Approximately 150 invited guests attended the event.

Those who attended heard the vision for the future of the Salvation Army in Pine Bluff from Captain David Leonard, Commanding Officer of the Pine Bluff location. A video was shared with additional stories from individuals whose life was forever changed because the Salvation Army was there for them in their most desperate time of need.



Captain David Leonard

Coffee With the Chiefs Held at First Assembly



Rev. Derick Easter, of New St. Hurricane Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, AR, was be the guest speaker at this months Coffee with the Chiefs. Pastor Gary Bell and First Assembly Church, located at 1002 Ridgeway Rd., hosted this event for May.

Rev. Easter is a native of Little

Rock, AR and a graduate of Philander Smith College. As a Pastor with more than 10 years of experience in ministry development, collaborative leadership, outreach planning, Christian Education Engagement, and Congregational Care, Derick has developed a sincere ability to bridge the gap from traditional

to contemporary to win souls for Christ.

Rev. Easter states "I cherish continuing education – holiness, humility, and a continuous pursuit for excellence, honor, and knowledge. I have established my ministry on these core values and consider them to be paramount to my service."

SAFE Team Holds Clean Sweep

Many staff members from public safety organizations were joined by volunteers from every area of the community Wednesday, May 6th with their focus set on cleaning and restoring personal pride in neighborhoods dealing with elevated crime.

The Clean Sweep initiative began at 8:30 a.m. at Old St. James Missionary Baptist Church on West 16th Avenue, then traveled throughout the surrounding neighborhood, collecting trash, cutting weeds, over grown grass and talking to residents about maintaining clean property in their area.

“Whatever we do is driven by crime rates,” said Deputy Chief Susie Powell, Director of the Police Department’s Quality of Life Division. “The City is divided into four different areas; Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta. We have already gone to Alpha, Bravo and Delta and performed clean sweeps there, and the crime rate has gone down.”

Powell said an effort was also made to clean up Charlie area, however, the crime rate remained elevated due to “the criminal element pushed back.”

“We decided to increase our efforts and do at least surface tasks, focusing



on abandoned houses, junk cars and so on,” Powell stated. “When citizens believe that nobody is noticing or paying attention to their area, that’s when crime rate escalates, so we’re giving them an obvious message that certainly we are paying attention.”

National Prayer Month Pastors and Community Luncheon



Pastor Happy Caldwell
VTN Channel 25

The Mayor’s office and Pine Bluff’s Church Outreach Committee (COC) will be hosting a National Prayer Month Pastors and Community Prayer Luncheon on Wednesday, May 20th at 11:30am. The luncheon will be held at the Pine Bluff Convention Center in the Main Banquet Hall. Tyson Foods, Inc. of Pine Bluff has graciously donated the entire

meal so the luncheon will be at no charge to the community. This luncheon is open to everyone in our community.

The Keynote Speaker for this event will be Pastor Happy Caldwell of VTN Channel 25 and Agape Church in Little Rock. Several pastors from in and around our community will

be praying over critical topics concerning key aspects of our city, state and country. The COC is expecting a large turnout for this event. For further information regarding the luncheon and making your organizations’ reservation, contact the Mayor’s office at 870-730-2000, x7.



Business Expo Brings in Thousands

On May 7, 2015 the Pine Bluff Convention Center held the 2015 Business Expo. This event brought in thousands of attendees and had something for everyone. The Expo Breakfast began at 7:00am, the VIP Premier was at 9:00am, and doors opened to

the general public at 10:00am. Some of those who were booth participants included: Simmons Bank, Deja Vu Upscale Consignment, Trotter Ford, The Pine Bluff Arsenal, Relyance Bank, the Pine Bluff Police Department, KTRN Radio Station with their live

radio feed from the expo and much, much more. This is an eagerly awaited annual event which brings samples, free food, T-Shirts, discounts and opportunities for everyone from young and old alike. This year was a tremendous



success for everyone involved.

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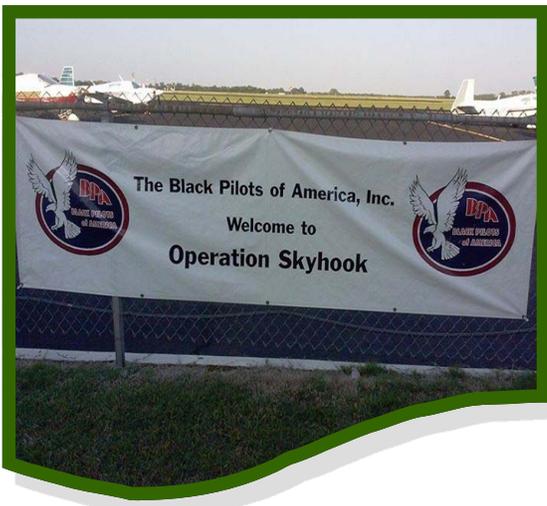
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When the power of love becomes greater
than the love of power, then our city will see
peace!

- ◆ Forming and pouring curbs at the Splash Park on Pullen
- ◆ Repairing cave-ins and washouts, painting lines at Lake Saracen
- ◆ Formed curbs on Pullen between Walnut and Beech
- ◆ Grass cutting along street right-of-ways
- ◆ Patching pot holes
- ◆ Installed pipes for property owners
- ◆ Jet rodding pipes
- ◆ Cleaning ditches and pipes
- ◆ Cleaning basins
- ◆ Street sweeping, (3) sweepers, picking up limbs, and leaves
- ◆ Weed-eating around signs and bridges
- ◆ Routine maintenance on street signs and traffic lights

Black Pilots of America, "Operation Skyhook"



The 19th Annual Black Pilots of America (BPA) Memorial Day Fly-In (Operation Skyhook) in Pine Bluff, Arkansas will be held on May 22, 2015 at the Pine Bluff Regional Airport next

week, Friday. This outstanding event has been anticipated by Pine Bluff residents as it offers the community a complete weekend filled with aviation fun for all ages. Since 1997 the Black Pilots of America has shown their dedication to promote flight-related opportunities and has provided an atmosphere of aviation instruction for everyone, as well as, the opportunity for someone to purchase their own personal aircraft. BPA Pilots also serve as mentors and positive role models to all children who may consider exploring the possibili-

ties of aviation. The festivities begin at 9:00am and a schedule of competitions and classes will be available at the event. For more information contact Doug Hale at 536-4131.

