

The Pulse of Pine Bluff

"Heart Beat of the City"

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UAPB: THE PRIDE OF SOUTHEAST AR-

Mayor Debe Hollingsworth delivered greetings at the 2015 UAPB Pep Rally held in the Hyper Complex Arena on Sunday, August 23, 2015. The event was well attended as there were hundreds who gathered to support the 2015 UAPB Football Team and this year's season. Pine Bluff is proud of the UAPB Golden Lions and we look forward to great things this year. For your added convenience, the upcoming Golden Lions Football schedule is printed on page 4 of this publication. Get ready because the Lions are on the prowl!



B.R.A.V.E.'S PROJECT FRESH START A HUGE SUCCESS

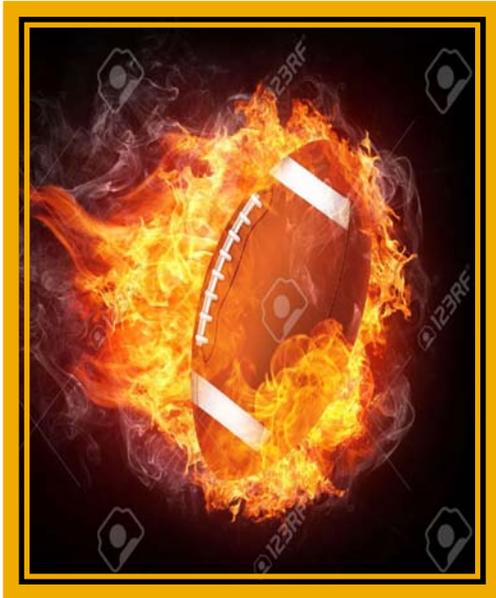


This was the scene at the Pine Bluff Convention Center during the B.R.A.V.E (The Pine Bluff Black Firefighters Association) Project Fresh Start School Supply Give-away on Saturday, August 15, 2015. Hundreds of parents and children attended the event to receive school supplies, school uniforms, special information and food. A large bounce house slide was available for young kids to play on during the event and several of the Pine Bluff Fire Department and B.R.A.V.E. members were on hand to guide and direct people to the age appropriate lines. The express goal of Project Fresh Start was to give all children the opportunity to start school with as many supplies and correct information as possible for a smooth and successful 2015-2016 school year.

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MAYOR HOLLINGSWORTH REPORTS:



Our city is on fire and excited! As you know, our city is in the midst of some amazing transformations. And with that comes the promise of a community with improved curb appeal, greater opportunities and a warm, family friendly atmosphere. As Mayor, it is my desire that our wonderful city become, not only the flagship of Southeast Arkansas, but a beautiful and hospitable gateway to the South. One of the most visual examples of our progress is the widening and renovation of University Drive. Other locations would include the work on our down-

town region and the improvements planned for our city’s main entrances. We are Pine Bluff Proud and hope that “Bluff Fever” will reach our entire community, which will create a type of southern hospitality which will be second to none. Your support in improving and renovating our city is tremendously appreciated and cherished. Please continue your support as there is much to accomplish before we are finished. Let’s make sure we stay fired up so we are able to reach our intended goal.

TORII HUNTER HONORED AT BANQUET

A banquet was held Friday evening, August 14, 2015 at the White Hall Community Center acknowledging the 14 Year Old Babe Ruth World Series. Due to his extensive involvement with the Babe Ruth Organization, Torii Hunter, who was instrumental in supporting the Babe Ruth World Series here in Pine Bluff, was honored with a proclamation declaring August 14, 2015 as “Torii Hunter Day.” Accepting the award on his behalf was his mother, Shirley Hunter, who also received the “Babe Ruth Mother of the Year Award.” Torii is in the midst of an illustrious career as he was selected as the

Minnesota Twins' first-round pick in 1993 out of high school, and made his debut with the Twins as a pinch runner in Baltimore on August 22, 1997. However, it was not until 1999 that Hunter began starting regularly, playing in 135 games for the Twins. He finished with only one error in 292 chances in the outfield. The City of Pine Bluff thanks Torii Hunter for his contributions and dedication to the Babe Ruth Organization and the 14 Year Old World Series.



JEFFERSON COUNTY 5K RUN/WALK/DANCE



Jefferson County will be holding a 5KRun/Walk/Dance “To End Child Obesity,” on September 26th at Regional Park. The race begins at 8:00am and registration will be held from 6:30am to 7:30am. The registration fee is \$20.00 which also includes a T-Shirt and bag. 10 and under will be able to participate

for free and that does not include a T-Shirt or a bag.

The race will begin at the Regional Park Amphitheater and end at Saracen Landing. The Health Department will be available for free screenings and health information. Other organizations will be on hand with handouts and information for participants and spectators alike.

This will be a fun time for everyone.

It’s time to add years back to our children’s lives through physical fitness. Come join the movement to end childhood obesity in the state of Arkansas.



REV. JESSE TURNER RECEIVES HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Rev. Jesse Turner received the Humanitarian Award from Breath of Life Church and Rev. Kerry Price on Aug. 19, 2015. Rev. Turner has gone above and beyond for many organizations, projects, events and individuals in this community. He's not only the CEO of the Pine Bluff ICVR, he has also been instrumental in the success of the Martin Luther King Day Parade. Rev. Turner heads up the Pen or Pencil Youth Program founded by the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (NAFJ) for youth age 8-17 years. He has received

numerous awards for his outreach to the youth and the citizens of our community. He is the Pastor of Elm Grove Missionary Baptist Church and Co-Chair of the City's Church Outreach Committee. Rev. Turner, along with Pastor Gary Bell of the First Assembly of God Church in Pine Bluff, also heads up the Annual National Month of Prayer Community Prayer Luncheon. Rev. Turner is appreciated for the many contributions he's made to the City of Pine Bluff.



Pine Bluff Fire & Emergency Services Promotes 15 Employees



On Monday, August 24, 2015 fifteen Pine Bluff Firefighters were promoted at a ceremony held at the Pine Bluff Convention Center. Assistant Chief Ernest Jones called the ceremony to order, Mayor Debe Hollingsworth gave remarks, Judge Kim Bridgeforth performed the swearing in and Chief Shawn Howell gave the closing remarks. Those who received promotions were: Harold Clark,

Jr., James M. Hipp, Russell Carothers, James Logan, Bryan Moore, Rance Dukes, Jerry Garganeous, Lee Bateman, Fredrick Bateman, Joshua Suitt, Larry Murray, Antonio Scott, Harold Miller, Joseph Kisel, and Aechia Armstrong.

The City thanks you for your dedication and commitment to watching over and serving the citizens of our city. Congratulations to all!

GRIDER FIELD RECEIVES GRANT MONEY

Grider Field, at Pine Bluff Regional Airport, received a check for \$199,036.80, which signifies the state's segment of a grant from the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics, Thursday morning to members of the Pine Bluff Aviation Commission.

Airport Director, Doug Hale, stated that the check was part of a 90/10 grant, with the airport having to come up with

\$22,618.07 themselves.

State Representative Mike Holcomb confirmed that the state funds were the result of legislation placing a tax on the sale of aircraft, aviation fuel and aviation-related products, and the revenue collected is funneled back to airports throughout Arkansas in the form of grants.





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Babe Ruth World Series a Great Success

The Babe Ruth World Series was a tremendous success. The City of Pine Bluff sends it's gratitude to the Babe Ruth Baseball Commission, the participating teams, Mr. Jim Hill and his crew, all volunteers, the city employees who assisted in preparing the city for the World Series and most of all.....the citizens who attended

the championship. Without all these elements in place, the week long competition would not have been as successful. Thanks to all!!



- Overlay Middle Warren Road from Old Warren to Ridgway
- Overlay Port Road
- Milling Harding Street between Ohio and Main
- Put sand down on Hazel –oil spill
- Painted crosswalks at Taylor Field
- Worked Fireworks Display at Taylor Field during Babe Ruth World Series

UAPB FOOTBALL SCHEDULE:

September:

South Carolina State
Sun. 6 - Orlando, Fla. 3:30pm EST

Morehouse College
Sat. 12—Pine Bluff, Ark. 6pm

Alcorn State
Sat. 3 - Little Rock, Ark.. 4:00

Jackson State
Sat. 24—Jackson, Miss. 2pm

Southern
Sun. 7 - Pine Bluff, Ark. 2:30pm

Miss. Valley State
Sat. 21—Itta Bena, Miss. . 1pm

Texas Southern
Sat. 19—Pine Bluff, Ark. 6pm

Alabama A&M
Sat. 26—Normal, Ala. 1pm

Alabama State
Thurs. 15—Pine Bluff, Ark. 6pm

Prairie View A&M
Sat. 31—Waller, Texas. 1pm

November:

Grambling State
Sat. 14—Pine Bluff, Ark. 2:30pm