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The Pulse of Pine Bluff's 1st Anniversary

It has been one year since our publication was first posted and it is with great joy that we celebrate our first full year of "The Pulse of Pine Bluff," The Heart Beat of the City. We have had many suggestions and additions to the newsletter since it's inception and creation. We would like to thank our city leaders, city departments and local businesses for allowing us to feature many different aspects of our wonderful city and to highlight the great things happening in Pine Bluff. This next year there will be some exciting additions to our format which will include special

sections for new topics. We also continue to welcome suggestions and feedback on what we can focus on and cover in this publication. We encourage you to write, email, or call (870) 730-2004 with your valuable input so we can continue to put forth this newsletter with accuracy, variety and integrity.

Over the next year we will continue to strive to bring you pin-point encouraging, enlightening and pertinent information keeping you informed of the important things going on in your city.

It has been my pleasure to serve as columnist, editor and publisher of the city's newsletter. The thoughts and ideas I have already received from many of you has been inspiring and greatly appreciated. It is my hope that all of you have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year.

E. Kelley Bohlmann
Special Projects Coordinator

68th Annual Christmas Parade



The 68th Annual Christmas Parade was presented by the Jefferson County Civitan Club, the theme for the 68th annual Pine Bluff Christmas Parade was "Celebrate Christmas." It was held on Dec. 5th at 2:00pm. The Parade Marshall this year was Craig O'Neill! Entry fees were a minimum of two toys per entry brought to the Santa Float on parade day which were donated to the Salvation Army. The parade route began on Fifth Avenue and Georgia Street and continued down Fifth Avenue to Cherry Street. Spectators lined the streets to witness this time honored celebration of the beginning of our city's holiday season. We encourage everyone to shop local and support our local businesses. We appreciate the hard work of the J.C.C.C. as their efforts bring smiles to the faces of children and adults alike every year during Christmas.

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Mayor Hollingsworth Reports:



This has been an incredible year. We have seen some positive change in the city which has spilled over into the spirit of the holidays. During the 2015 holiday season be sure to remember the gift of giving. If there is a need in your neighborhood, church or surrounding area; endeavor to meet the need. As we make an effort to give of our time and talents to those around us, it becomes contagious and others begin to give. Someone you know will not experience

the joy of a gift on Christmas, or family members coming to visit. Reach out and lend a hand, cook a meal or give a gift to a less fortunate child. The return on an investment such as this far out ways the cost you would incur. Pine Bluff is a city with wonderful, loving hospitality, let's allow that to captivate our great city this Christmas.

Mayor Dale Hollingsworth

The Salvation Army Christmas Luncheon & Festivals of Tables

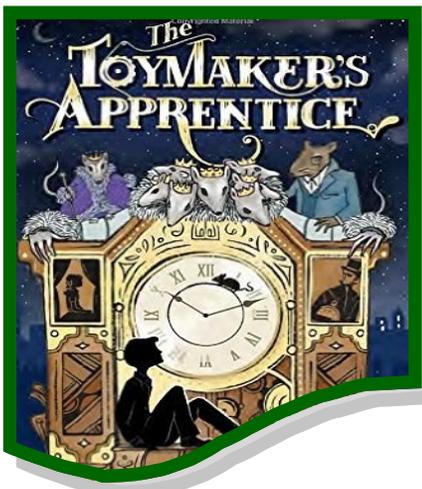
The Salvation Army Auxiliary hosted the Annual Christmas Luncheon and Festival of Tables. The event was held in the Great Hall of First United Methodist Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00p.m., Friday, December 4, 2015.

In addition to lunch, there were tables decorated by individuals, organizations and businesses of all types. Each Table was transformed with a beautiful array of holiday cheer and Christmas fantasy. Gifts for each attendee accompanied the elegant place settings

and ranged from ornaments to beautiful gift bags. The entertainment was provided by the Jenkins Choir as they joyfully caroled for a multitude of citizens as they enjoyed their lunch. The afternoon was topped off with a number of door prizes donated just for this event. Proceeds from the luncheon will provide scholarships for summer camp, for local youngsters, and Christmas gifts for senior adults, as well as fund other projects for the local Salvation Army.



The Arts & Science Center Presents "The Toymaker's Apprentice"



The Arts & Science Center presents Arkansas Arts Center Children's Theatre on Tour "The Toymaker's Apprentice".

When Jack and Libby both apply for the new apprentice position at Gideon's Toy shop, old Gideon just can't decide which youngster would make the better toy maker. So he agrees to hire them both for one year to see which of the two will best live up to his company motto: The Best Made is the Best Played. Each child

gets an equal chance, but only one will win the job in this sweet holiday musical celebrating hard work, fair-mindedness, and the joy of artistry. This event will be held on Friday, December 11, 2015 at the Arts & Science Center and performances will be at 10:00 a.m.&1:00 p.m. each day. Admission will be \$5.00 for the general public - (teachers free with class of 10 or more). For more information please call 870.536.3375.



UAPB Vesper choir to present Handel's Messiah



The UAPB Vesper Choir

The Music Department at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff will present the UAPB Vesper Choir in its 61st annual performance of Messiah by G.F. Handel, on Sunday, Dec. 7. The free, public event will begin at 3 p.m. and will be held in the J.M. Ross auditorium of the Hathaway-Howard Fine Arts building. This choral masterpiece occupies a unique place in music literature — it was composed in just 24 days and was judged by one newspaper critic during that era to be the

“finest composition of Music that ever was heard. ”Messiah” is composed of 53 separate recitatives, arias, choruses and instrumental selections, of which, the “Hallelujah Chorus” is the most famous. The Vesper Choir, soloists and orchestra will perform nearly all of this composition. The tradition of performing Handel’s Messiah signals the start of the Christmas celebration on the university’s campus. For more information contact UAPB’s Dept. of Music at 870-575-7001.



19th Annual Enchanted Land of Lights and legends



The Pine Bluff Festival Association, Inc., a non-profit organization, welcomes visitors to the Pine Bluff / Jefferson County Regional Park every year from the 3rd Tuesday in November to the 31st of December for the celebration of the “Enchanted Land of Lights and Legends.” This display of lights, established in 1997, is made possible by your continued support of this project and the opportunity for

expansion in years to come due to your generosity. This is Arkansas’s largest drive-thru display of holiday lights with 1.3 miles of more than 240 displays, many of which are animated. The display is open from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and is free to the public, but donations will be accepted at the end of the drive-thru. For additional information, on times and entries for next year call 870-536-7600.

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Because our city's trees are still in the process of dropping leaves, please be sure to appropriately bag your yard debris as fall and winter leaves will clog the drains and culverts. With the excessive rains we have had, leaves left to blow in the ditches and drains can cause flooding for many of our neighbors and the surrounding area. We appreciate your assistance.



From the Mayor's Desk



*To our City's Elected Officials, City Leaders,
Hard-working, Dedicated City Employees,
Tireless, Committed Volunteers, and
The wonderful citizens of Pine Bluff;
Have an amazing Christmas and a
prosperous New Year!*

Debe Hollingsworth— Mayor