

THE PULSE OF PINE BLUFF

“THE HEART BEAT OF THE CITY”



The City of Thanksgiving



For Many years Pine Bluff has been known for its crime and confusion; but, behind the scenes lay a multitude of citizens who choose to look forward to a brighter future. Our great city is vastly becoming a city of thanksgiving instead of a city forgotten. The generosity of our community is often overwhelm-

ing and extremely humbling. Our faithful volunteers bring a glow of commitment where previously there has been none. Many city corporations have given unselfishly to several projects requiring a much needed financial boost. It is this type of dedication which cultivates the spirit of Thanksgiving. That being said, we are a blessed community and the flavor of brotherly love in our city is compelling and sweet.

As Autumn embraces Pine Bluff with the ambiance of its radiant color, remember the person next door, or the shut in down the street. We are a city that promotes people caring for people. It's that care that illuminates and paves the path to success. Hearts lifting up

hearts and hands joining hands. Together we can make a difference in the lives of those who view their environment from a dim and hopeless perspective. Southern hospitality is not a myth or a concept of the past. It is a very present reality which our visitors and guest perceive through the giving which blankets our community in so many ways.

With the Christmas Holidays quickly approaching, keep in mind that an unexpected smile, a hand extended, or the aroma of compassion brightens a day and lifts the heart of a solitary moment. Be apart of the warmth of thanksgiving this year and help re-create the time honored tradition and magic of giving.

E. Kelley Sohlmann



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Arts & Science Center: Potpourri Fundraiser

Potpourri—Encore takes the stage December 5 and 6, 2014 again transforming the Arts & Science Center's Catherine M. Bellamy Theater into a ballroom. The event unfolds in this extraordinary party-space: Friday night's dance party with award winning DJ

Mario Luna, libations, and heavy hors d' oeuvres, and, the Saturday night "classic" evening that includes a silent auction, art exhibition and sale, dinner, and live auction. Laura Smart and Amber Robinson Co-Chair this event. If you attended in

2012, you already know this is not your ordinary fundraiser. If you didn't make it to that event—because they were sold out—you won't want to miss the 2014 encore event. You get a triple impact

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The Arts & Science Center: Continued

for the \$60 Friday night and \$100 dollar Saturday night ticket; 1) you support free gallery admission at the Arts & Science; 2) you help provide free STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) learning for all children; and 3) you are going to have a blast.

Most important of all—The Arts and Science Center has been at

the corner of 8th and Main in Pine Bluff for twenty years. It has existed in this community for approximately 50 years—your attendance at potpourri helps guarantee that we will continue to serve for generations to come. For more information regarding Potpourri—Encore visit their website at:

www.asc701.org



Mayor Debe Hollingsworth Reports

“Thanksgiving is not just a time of year, but an attitude of the heart.”

With Thanksgiving upon us and the holiday season near, I truly feel blessed to be Mayor of such a great city. Our work at City Hall is important, but the real strength and progress of our community comes from its people.

We have an active, diverse, and caring citizenry—residents who look out for one another; those who

take the time to get involved in their local government. Thank you all for everything you do to make this an outstanding community! This holiday is an opportunity to reflect on the many things in life that we often take for granted. As you gather with family and friends, I hope you will remember to give thanks simply for the opportunity to be together again. In addition, Thanksgiving consists of reaching out to those in our community who are less fortunate,

expressing gratitude for our Police, Firefighters and First Responders who work tirelessly to keep us safe. Moreover, we need to pray for our brave men and women at home and abroad fighting to maintain our freedom and liberty. On behalf of the City, all elected officials and the Hollingsworth’s Family, Happy Thanksgiving to all, and best wishes for a joyful and safe holiday season.

Mayor Debe Hollingsworth

Police Dept. to Feed Families at Thanksgiving

“Operation Goodwill”

“Operation Goodwill” is held every November for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Police Department prepares a pre-cooked Thanksgiving dinner, which includes a smoked ham, dressing, 3 sides (vegetable), gravy, rolls and dessert. The dinners are distributed to our community’s seniors and the devastated victims of Homicide, Rape, Burglary and other

types of crimes against persons. It is the central focus of the PBPD to promote the well-being of each family, with a sense of hope for the future, through the care and continued concern of the Pine Bluff Police Department. So, from the all the ranks of the PBPD; **Happy Thanksgiving!**



Enchanted Land of Lights and Legends

The Pine Bluff Festival Association welcomes visitors to the Pine Bluff / Jefferson County Regional Park every year (from the third Tuesday of November through 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 oppor-

tunity for expansion in years to come, due to your generosity. This is Arkansas's largest drive-thru of holiday lighting, with 1.3 miles of more than 240 displays, many of which are wonderfully animated. For \$25, you can purchase your own lighted star which will be displayed along Beachfront Drive at the park as an "In Honor Of," or "In

Memory Of" a person or organization of your choice. The stars will be displayed from Nov. 18 - Dec. 31. Call 870-536-7600 for an application. The Enchanted Land of Lights and Legends will be available for viewing from 6:00pm to 9:00pm every evening until Dec. 31st. Donations are accepted.



The New Community Theatre



You will surely hear "White Christmas" from Bing Crosby impersonator Duke Hazlett, when you attend one of two performances, in his tribute performances, "Bing Crosby Reflections and Christmas Songs." This event will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 here at the New Community Theatre in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Duke Hazlett continues to garner rave reviews

performing his tribute to Bing Crosby. Donning the pork pie hat and sporting his trademark pipe, Duke bears an amazing resemblance to the renowned Bing Crosby. Then, when he begins to croon the Old Groaner's legendary tunes, the illusion becomes a reality and his audiences are mesmerized by the feel and presence of the legendary Bing Crosby. Mr. Haz-

lett has proven himself one of the best in the incredible field of impersonations. At first glance, you'll be amazed, as you transport back in time through his amazing voice and perfection in impersonations. The evening performance is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, now available on-line and will be available at the theatre box office on the day of the shows. The New Community Theatre is located at 207 W. 2nd. Ave., Pine Bluff, AR,

Pine Bluff's 67th Annual Christmas Parade

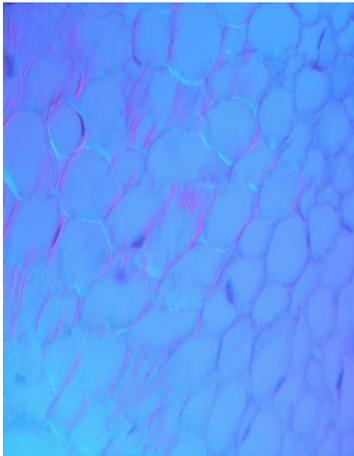
The Jefferson County Civitan Club will be sponsoring the 67th Annual Pine Bluff Christmas Parade at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The theme of this year's parade will be "Christmas in the City." The expected parade route will be from Alabama St. all the way down 5th Ave. Registration fee of two toys per entry will be donated to the local Salvation Army for the our community's less fortunate children. Monetary donations will also be accepted. A parade entry form can be picked up at the Alliance Office. The deadline for entries is November 24th. For further details please call Angela Thayer at 870-267-0875.



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Dr. Sederick C. Rice is conducting the first recruitment tour in the Lion Cave and demonstrating immersive 3-D visualization.

Great things are happening at UAPB! Dr. Sederick Rice's and Dr. Antonie Rice were recently awarded a \$176,000 grant from the Arkansas IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE), to develop a 3-D Visualization center at UAPB. With support from Dr. Charles Colen and Mr. O.C. Duffy, the Lion CAVE, "The Immersive 3-D Visualization Teaching, Research, and Community Outreach Visualization Center," has become a hub where faculty, staff, students, and community members can be immersed in 3-D visual learning. This type of

learning sparks interest and creativity in Science Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). The Lion CAVE was also envisioned to support STEAM faculty development and improve outreach to partnership with K-12 school districts throughout the Arkansas Delta. Further projects in education and training, architecture, engineering and prototyping, scientific visualization, 3-D printing, tele-immersion and collaboration, visual simulation, and gaming will serve to make Lion CAVE a powerful resource for UAPB.

Sports and Other Events:

- ◆ Flag Football Season will begin Dec. 3, 2014 for information call 870-536-0920
- ◆ The Pine Bluff 67th Annual Christmas Parade, Dec. 6th at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ SEARK Fall Graduation, Dec. 12th at the Pine Bluff Convention Center
- ◆ PBSO presents "The Spirit of the Holidays: Music of the Season" Dec. 14th at the Pine Bluff Convention Center / Auditorium
- ◆ The Mayor's "Listening Tours" beginning in January of 2015
- ◆ City Celebration coming in May of 2015

