



The Pulse of Pine Bluff

“The Heart Beat of the City”

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Pine Bluff’s Corporate and Industrial Influx

The City of Pine Bluff and Jefferson County has experienced recent Corporate and Industrial growth. In light of that fact, this issue of “The Pulse of Pine Bluff” will be dedicated to informing our community of the type and caliber of corporate interest and investment our region has received.

As you read about the industry which has decided to call the Pine Bluff / Jefferson County area home, please note the

possibility for expansion and further development within each company. Pine Bluff is on an upward trend economically and with that comes the future possibility for an increase in additional corporate and industrial interest.

Our city is on the fringes of a marvelous financial come back. The key to this type of growth, however, is to look forward into the 21st century and the opportunities that follow for the near and distant future of our city.



Energy Security Partners



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Energy Security Partners is a leading developer of commercial-scale natural gas-to-liquids (GTL) projects in North America. With the abundance of clean, sustainable and affordable natural gas resources in the United States and Canada, North America has enormous potential to realize significant economic and energy security benefits from converting domestic natural gas resources into liquid transportation fuels while reducing dependence on off shore petroleum imports.

Their mission is to develop GTL infrastructure projects at strategic locations in North America. They are actively cultivating relationships with gas suppliers, technology providers, liquid fuel distributors, and financial partners who believe as they do – that America has abundant domestic energy resources that can be efficiently developed to meet existing and future energy needs while strengthening the nation’s economy and revitalizing the industrial manufacturing asset base. ESP believes there are immediate solutions to America’s energy bottleneck and they are committed to deploying all of their resources to achieve a sustainable and secure energy future. This solution involves using

proven GTL technology to convert clean natural gas into ultra-clean liquid transportation fuels. The same petroleum-based fuels and industrial chemicals that power the global economy can be produced efficiently and economically from abundant natural gas. They seek to work with the best industry partners to employ 21st-century technologies that unlock the economic potential of North America’s domestic energy resources.





Mayor Hollingsworth Reports:

It is my hope that the information given in this month's newsletter will increase understanding of the incredible growth and potential advancement our city is in position for. With a attitude of positivity and forward thinking, the City of Pine Bluff will emerge the prosperous and vibrant municipality it's meant to be.

The corporations mentioned in this publication are only a fraction of what's possible for our community and surrounding area. As we move forward

toward a greater tomorrow, let's keep in mind that it takes the whole of the city to accomplish great things. Together, Pine Bluff has taken great strides to create a family friendly, safe and wholesome environment in which to live. Let's continue the upward trend as we work towards enhancing and improving our quality of place and quality of life in our community. Pine Bluff's future is brighter and even greater than before.

Mayor Debe Hollingsworth

Southwind Milling Company

Southwind Milling, based in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is primarily focused in the industrialization and marketing of Rice. The company is committed to quality through technology, timely service and specialized people. Controlling the process from when the rice is grown in its farms until the rice is delivered to its final customers, SWM manages every aspect of the production chain improving product quality every day.

Southwind Milling strategic intent is to establish itself as a vertically integrated leader in the production and processing of rice and rice based products. The company will achieve its goals by executing several key objectives. The company is installing

modern milling and packaging equipment that will maximize yield and lower production and packaging costs. SWM is also investing in technology that will enable the company to sell its broken, bran and hulls into value added markets already established by the company. Furthermore, the company will protect and preserve the identity of its rice and co-products.



Highland Pellet Company

Highland Pellets is a privately held company with industry veterans from the wood pellet, finance, and energy markets. Wood pellets are a sustainably sourced feedstock for use by European industrial utilities to lower their carbon footprint and provide sustainable base load power.

“While this plant is the first built under the Highland brand, our colleagues Mike Ferguson and Scott Jacobs bring decades of industry leading experience in the engineering and operating of industrial wood pellet plants,” Highland Pellets Chairman Tom Reilley said. “Together with Highland’s leadership team who are veterans of Cargill, Black River, JP Morgan and EnerNOC, we are excited to complete our Pine Bluff facility and



expand our footprint.”
“This is another great example of matching Arkansas’s workforce and resources with a company that sees the potential for success here,” former Governor Mike Beebe said. “It speaks highly of southeast Arkansas that the business-savvy leaders of Highland Pellets chose Pine Bluff for this investment and this plant.”

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission and Economic Development Alliance for Jefferson County worked closely with Highland Pellets on this project.

Alliance President Lou Ann Nisbett said, “We are elated that Highland Pellets has chosen Pine Bluff for this major new operation.”

Highland Pellets is working with first-class industry partners, including a leading forestry company, to provide sustainable fiber feedstock and Cooper/Consolidated for the management of the logistics supply chain for



Kiswire Incorporated

Abiding by its mission statement, KISWIRE, as a special steel wire manufacturer, will contribute to national economic development. The Company is promoting creativity, trust, perseverance and internal productivity as its business philosophy. Living by that philosophy, the Company will serve both its customers and the community, and will contribute to the well-being of mankind. To remain a global company and to realize its mission statement and corporate philosophy, the

entire staff of KISWIRE strives for competitiveness, rational management, globalization and a fulfilling workplace. To continue as the global leader in the special steel wire industry in the 21st century, KISWIRE has established a long-term management plan, “KISWIRE VISION”, to promote quality products, innovative technology, human resource development and globalization. KISWIRE has earned worldwide recognition through competitiveness in quality, price, service and new product development, as well as



through globalization of KISWIRE will focus on developing high value-added products and next generation special steel wire products by forming joint ventures with leading companies around the world. Also, the Company will introduce advanced technology as well as develop its own in-house technology, technology and universality of its brand names.





First Presbyterian Church Summer Fun

The First Presbyterian Church at 717 W 32nd Ave Pine Bluff, AR 71603 will be holding many exciting summer activities beginning next month.

be held June 6th at 7:00pm in McColgan Hall and will inspire everyone as you will hear from many very special, talented and gifted youth.



- **Annual Block Party at Fire Station #3** is being held on June 4th at 11:00am in conjunction with the Pine Bluff Police Dept. The Fun will include: Games music, hot dogs, bounce houses, fire safety house and more.
- **Knox Presbyterian Youth Celebration Choir.** This event will

- **Tuesday Farmer's Market. June 14th - Sept. 27th, 4:00pm to 6:00pm.** Here you will find locally grown fresh fruits and other produce of the season.

For information on these and other events throughout the year please contact Pastor Susie Wiggins at (870) 534-7831

Pine Bluff Parks and Recreation Summer Event Schedule

- **Volleyball** (Co-ed, men, women) Entry deadline Wednesday, June 22nd, Managers/ participants meeting on Wednesday, June 22nd, at 6:30pm. Play begins on Tuesday June 28th. The location will be Chester Hynes Park and the entry fee will be \$250 per team.
- **3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament** (men and women) Entry deadline is Wednesday June 22nd, Managers/ participants meeting on Thursday June 23rd at 6:00pm. Play begins on Saturday June 25th and the location will be Townsend Park. Entry fee will be \$60 per team.
- **5 vs. 5 Flag Football Tournament** (men, women) Entry deadline is Wednesday June 13th and Managers / participants meeting at 6:30pm. Play begins on Saturday July 16th and the location will be at Regional Park. Entry fee will be \$150 per team.

For Our Spectators:

- **Co-ed Crazy Kickball** will be held at Regional Park and play begins on Monday June 6th.
- **Basketball** (Co-ed, men, women) will begin June 6th at Regional Park.
- **Girls Softball League** will begin play at Regional Park on Monday, June 6th.
- **Girls / Boys Basketball** will be held at Chester Hynes on Monday June 6th.
- **Flag Football** (Co-ed, girls, boys) will be held at Regional Park on Tuesday June 7th.

For entry deadlines and team fees for the sports listed above please go the Mayor's Facebook page at: Mayor Hollingsworth Reports. All enrolling information will be posted as they will have begun before this edition of the newsletter is published. For further information pleas contact:

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Family Church 2500 Hwy 104 - White Hall, AR 71602. VBS will be held the week of July 18-22 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Also there will be VBS (One day only) on Saturday, July 9th at their Redfield Campus from 9am—12noon, located at 721 Sheridan Rd. Redfield 72132 For more information contact Ms. Cindy Hegwood at 247-3300, x106.

Barraque Street Missionary Baptist Church 1800 W. Pullen St. VBS will be held the week of June 6th—9th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. For more information contact Ms. Etta Kuykendall at 536-0582.

Watson Chapel Baptist Church 5514 Pinnacle Ln. Pine Bluff, AR 71603. VBS will be held the week of June 13th thru 17th from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Age group will be from K thru 6th grades. For more information contact Ms. Anna Sparks at 879-1370.

First Assembly of God Church 1002 Ridgway Rd. Pine Bluff, AR 71603 will be holding the annual VBS during the week of June 26 - 29 from 7:15pm until 8:30pm. For more information please contact Pastor Bryan McDowell at 535-0371.

Highland Baptist Church, 1320 S. Peach St. Pine Bluff AR 71603, will be

Vacation Bible School Listings

Lakeside United Methodist and First United Methodist will partner together for VBS July 18, 2016 thru July 21st from 5:30pm until 8:00pm. First United Methodist Church 200 W. 6th Ave. Pine Bluff, AR. For more information please contact Ms. Jennifer Fox at 535-0935.

First Presbyterian Church 717 32nd Ave. Pine Bluff, AR 71603. VBS will be held the week of August 1st thru August 5th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. VBS will be accepting children who will be entering the 1st grade thru children who will be entering the 6th grade. VBS will be held in the Youth building across from the church. For more information call 534-7831.

holding their VBS during the week of July 11th thru July 15 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. For more information contact Ms. Yolanda Riley at 535-3601.

St. Peter Catholic Church 207 E. 16th Ave. Pine Bluff, AR 71601 will be holding their VBS during the week of June 6 - 10 from 8:00am thru 1:00pm. The age group this year will be 5 yrs. to 11 yrs. of age. For more information contact St. Peter Catholic Church at 534-6418.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church 4807 W. 6th Ave. Pine Bluff, AR 71602 will be holding VBS on June 9th and 10th with a Fun Day On Saturday the 11th. Classes will run from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Fun Day will run from 10:00am to 12:00noon on the 11th.. For more information please contact Janette Welch at 870-692-5394.

Allen Temple AME Church 1125 S. Virginia Pine Bluff, AR 71601 will be holding their VBS on June 13 - 15 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. For more information call Ms. Penny Waddle at 870-692-3398 or Ms. Lanette Frazier at 870-575-3619.

Southside Baptist Church 2309 Poplar St. Pine Bluff, AR 71603. Block Party will be in place of VBS this year will be held on **July 30th 9:00—2:00pm** For more information call 534-6301.

New Harvest Church of God - 9016 Hwy 270 Pine Bluff, AR 71602. VBS will be held July 11th thru the 15th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information regarding Vacation Bible School please call 247-0316.

St. Luke United Methodist Church 32 School St. Pine Bluff, AR 71601. VBS will be held the week of June 6th thru the 17th from 10:00am until 12:00noon. For more information contact Ms. Vikki Hamilton at 535-2291.

