

AREA BRIEFS

S-Rock to meet

SULPHUR ROCK — The Sulphur Rock City Council will have its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday.

The agenda includes general business and paying bills, said Ann Heathwaite, recorder.

Hillcrest sets registration

LYNN — Hillcrest Elementary kindergarten registration will be held at the office on the Lynn campus from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 24-26.

Children must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 2017 to attend kindergarten the 2017-18 school year. Children do not have to be present at registration.

Parents/guardians should bring the child's birth certificate or other official document indicating the child's age, shot record or Arkansas Department of Health exemption as well as his or her well-child health physical documents.

Those who cannot attend registration are asked to call the elementary office at 870-528-3110, ext. 253, or visit the campus to complete a registration packet.

Meanwhile, kindergarten screenings are scheduled for May 11 and May 17 at the preschool on the Strawberry campus.

James Taylor & Carole King Tribute Concert set

For the second year in a row, the Bob and Gerry Carius Concert Series will be held in downtown Batesville at the historic Melba Theater. "A Tribute to the Artistry of James Taylor and Carole King" is scheduled for April 29 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a stage full of musicians and singers including: Danny Dozier (guitar), Tim Crouch (fiddle and guitar), Ken Loggains (drums and percussion), Irl Hess (bass guitar and vocals), Mike Foster (keyboard), Jerry Bone (bass guitar), Gary Rounds (vocals and guitar), Daniel Haney (vocals and guitar), Nick Fudge (vocals), Keith Symanowitz (vocals & guitar), Pam Setser (vocals), Penny Wolfe (vocals), and Erin Walters (vocals).

The band and vocalists will be covering songs written and performed by James Taylor and Carol King that come from a catalogue of hits that go back to the '60s and span 40 years of the pop music culture.

Tickets are \$10 and currently on sale at Merchants & Planters Bank and online at www.melbatheater.org.

CC sets spring cleanup

CAVE CITY — Cave City's annual spring cleanup will be held April 17-21 and 25, according to officials.

Residents must have items out by the road beginning Monday as it is not known what side of town crews will begin work.

Items that will not be picked up include tires, car batteries, paint, gas, hazardous materials, electronics, red medical waste, florescent bulbs, dead animals, anything with freon, construction materials, motor oil or any free-flowing liquids or yard waste.

The city will be picking up tree limbs the final day of the cleanup — the 25th — and electronics can be dropped off at a trailer to be located at city hall.

For questions, call 870-283-5455.

Husband arrested after woman badly burned

CONWAY (AP) — Police say an Arkansas woman is expected to recover after being badly burned and her husband is in custody.

Conway police spokeswoman LaTresha Woodruff says the husband was arrested Wednesday in North Little Rock on a domestic battery allegation and will be returned to Conway.

Woodruff said a neighbor of the couple called police Tuesday when the woman went to his home seeking help.

Woodruff said the woman told officers she and her husband were arguing when he began beating her, then put a belt around her neck and doused her with lighter fluid and set her on fire.

The woman said she managed to get into a shower to put out the fire, then escaped the home. Though badly burned, Woodruff said the woman is expected to recover.

Man scrapping bicycles arrested for theft by receiving

MELBOURNE — Charles Russell Earl, 64, was arrested in Izard County on methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia charges, according to Chief Deputy Earnie Blackley. A hold was placed on Earl by Arkansas probation and parole. Formal charges will follow.

In other arrests: Johnny Wayne Stowe, 44, was arrested Saturday for theft by receiving scrap metal, a class A misdemeanor. Stowe was scrapping two kids' bicycles and the owner found them.

Stowe bonded out on a \$200 cash bond and is scheduled to appear in district court on May 4.

Johnathan Shawn Milton, 29, was arrested April 5 for driving with suspended license. Milton has a \$365 cash or pro bond. Milton is to appear in Izard County District Court in Horseshoe Bend on May 2.

Daniel Isaac Yancey, 35, was arrested April 4 for failure to pay fines and failure to appear. Yancey had a bond of \$1,240 and an April 27 district court date.

Tim Samuel Greenway, 31, was arrested April 2 for possession of control substance (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia, both class A misdemeanors.

Greenway's bond was set at \$2,370 and he is to appear in district court on May 4.

William Paul Gillepsie, 50, and John Michael Payne, 53, were both arrested Saturday for reckless driving and DWI-1st offense.

Both were given a \$1,010 pro bond and a district court date of June 29.

Dan Meldron Holland, 45, was arrested April 3 for failure to pay fines. Holland was released on a court order from Judge David Miller and was given a district court date.

Kyle Bradley Taylor, 26, was arrested Friday for driving while license suspended or revoked. Taylor had a \$365 cash bond. Taylor is to appear on May 18 in district court.

Jerry Patrick Walsh, 27, was arrested Sunday for failure to pay fines. Walsh has a \$2,180 cash bond and a May 4 district court date.

—from submitted reports

Students win at Big Pitch festival

CAVE CITY — Even vampires don't like cigarettes. Some might even venture to say they're "grosser than garlic."

For several students at Cave City High School, however, the 30-second commercial for the Stamp Out Smoking initiative won them \$500 for their TV program during this year's Big Pitch Film Festival in Little Rock. TV instructor Carey Byars reported the win at the Cave City School Board's recent meeting.

The commercial was produced by Courtney Edwards and stars Alexandra Headley, Kyle Wilkins, and Benjamin Johnson. The group placed second statewide in the intermediate division of the contest.

Meanwhile, a 15-second social media video produced by Dakota Levitt, starring Hunter Edwards and Kyle Branscum placed third, winning \$75. Courtney Edwards' crew won \$30 each and Levitt's group won \$20 each.

Both videos tout the harmful effects of smoking. "Grosser than Garlic" and "Stuntman" can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/lbdc8y> and <http://tinyurl.com/m5upzbw>, respectively.

TV students were also the overall runners-up at Arkansas State University's Communications Day. All students competing placed or won in their category. They received a plaque. Those representing Cave City included Courtney Edwards, Dakota Levitt, Ralynnda March, Kyle Wilkins, Alexandra Headley, Benjamin Johnson, Haley Quearry, Kyle Branscum and Hannah Tipton.

Meanwhile, Patricia Hinds reported that 13 students represented Cave City at Key Club Convention in Springfield,

Missouri, winning first place "Flags for Veterans" in the Single Service Project category.

Hinds said the group was one of five clubs in Missouri and Arkansas to be recognized as distinguished clubs, based on projects, participation, fundraising, and service hours, which last year totaled 1,604.

Courtney Edwards' recruiting video won second place at convention. Lillian Pinkston was recognized as an outstanding Key Club Member, and students Bradyn Snow and Kyle Wilkins were elected lieutenant governors and will represent multiple clubs.

In other business, the board:

- hired Tommy Britt as head football coach, Sheila Conyers as elementary custodian, Melissa Taylor and Carla McComas as cheerleading sponsors, Jason Farley as bus driver, Kristi Parker Wiles as a special education teacher and all other recommended certified staff.

- accepted resignations from Carrie Johnston as cheerleading sponsor and Elizabeth Davidson as cook.

- recognized the district for receiving awards from the Office of Education Policy. The OEP at the University of Arkansas creates an annual report titled the Outstanding Educational Performance Awards highlighting the highest-performing schools in Arkansas.

- approved next year's academic calendar after employees voted 92 to 47 to have two full weeks off for Christmas break and one full week off for Thanksgiving. School will start Aug. 14 with the last day of school tentatively set for May 18, 2018.

RED HOT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE A1)

it days before the stroke," she told the audience. She also began experiencing bad headaches in the days leading up to it.

But, when she arrived with her husband to the emergency room and her blood pressure registered 190/130 mmHg (normal is 120/80), she brushed it off as something else, saying, "maybe I'd got bitten by a tick." That wouldn't be out of the question living on a farm.

"I ignored my own symptoms," she said, noting how while she may have been a "little in denial," she did not ignore them once she felt her face go numb. Mark just so happened to be home that afternoon to get her to the hospital.

Someone in the United States has a stroke every 40 seconds, and according to the Centers for Disease Control, someone dies from a stroke every four minutes. However, 80 percent of strokes are often preventable, but one must learn to act F.A.S.T. when onset occurs.

F.A.S.T. is the acronym used to detect the most common signs of a stroke.

"F" stands for face: Is your face drooping? Try to smile while looking in the mirror to see if one side of your face looks as if it's being pulled down.

"A" stands for arms: Raise your arms. If one arm drifts downward, this is a sign.

"S" stands for speech: Are you slurring your words?

"T" stands for time: If a stroke is on its way, your time is limited. Act quickly and seek emergency care if any of these symptoms occur, as an attack could be well on its way.

Not-so-common symptoms include sudden and severe headache, as Milligan experienced, as well as trouble speaking, loss of coordination, blurry vision, sudden hoarseness, hiccups, pain in the arms or face, fainting and seizure.

Milligan would work to regain her ability to speak and eventually return to work, but in 2016 during a routine mammogram, breast cancer was discovered. The news came as a surprise since Milligan experienced no symptoms, although her mother had been diagnosed with the disease.

Milligan's mother died five months before her daughter's cancer diagnosis. Mark's mother, who also had the disease, passed away shortly after Milligan's biopsy and before her mastectomy.

Though Milligan is unsure of what caused her mother's death, she said her mother fell and broke her hip after completing radiation for the cancer. "Mark's mom survived breast



PHOTOS BY LACY MITCHELL

Kay Southerland, Raye Rogers and Sue Smith share a laugh as Rogers and Smith are presented red high heel awards for their contributions and service to the Red Hot Ladies Luncheon. Ladies don red and pink in honor of the annual Red Hot Ladies Luncheon at the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville which works to raise awareness about how heart disease, stroke, cancer and other issues impact the lives of women. About 230 people attended, raising more than \$14,000 for the White River Medical Center Breast Care Center in Batesville.



cancer and died from complications of a stroke," she told the *Guard*.

"I went back to work as a doctor three weeks after a bilateral mastectomy and worked during radiation treatments."

In many ways, she says both the stroke and breast cancer have made her a better doctor. "I'm much more compassionate" and have a greater sense of "feeling what my patients are feeling."

This year's luncheon — which included a silent auction and drawing for a Gourmet Guru Grill and Guru Cart Table valued at more than \$1,100 and won by Carolyn Penn — raised an estimated \$14,000 with some 230 people in attendance.

"Over the past 12 years, this luncheon has raised about \$110,000 in support for various nonprofit organizations

that serve the health-related needs of women and their families in Batesville, Independence County and surrounding communities," Joyce Prickett, one of the organizers, said.

This year's beneficiary is the White River Medical Center Breast Care Center in Batesville, which provides high-risk cancer screening, genetic testing and counseling. By examining a family history of cancer and conducting tests, the center can determine whether an individual possesses an increased risk of developing cancer. The process allows the WRMC Breast Care Center to provide a more personal plan of care.

Meanwhile, Kay Southerland, Sue Smith and Raye Rogers were recognized as longtime supporters and volunteers of the event. Smith and Rogers received red high heel awards for their service.

WATERWAYS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE A1)

movement was building strength, focusing on preventing the damming of the Buffalo River. The Ozark Society was formed for that purpose. Nix — like Neil Compton, Harold Alexander, and other environmentalists of that era — was heavily influenced by the writings of Henry David Thoreau and Aldo Leopold, according to a news release.

Attendees will have a chance to purchase chances to win guide trips to areas like the Little Red River, White River or

Crooked Creek.

Guide Gabe Levin will take one to two people fly fishing for a half day (four hours), on the White River, North Fork or Crooked Creek. This trip is valued at \$300. He will provide equipment and other accommodations.

"Gabe strives not only to help his clients become better fishermen, but also to find opportunities to nurture an appreciation for the richness of our local aquatic resources," the news release states.

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