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More special judges assigned

DAVID SHOWERS
The Sentinel-Record

The chief justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court assigned special judges this past week to preside over Division 2 of the 18th East Judicial District for 12 dates spanning October, November and December.

Chief Justice Howard Brill on Wednesday assigned retired Circuit Judge David Goodson to fill in for Judge Wade Naramore Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17 and 18. According to the order, Division 3 Circuit Judge Lynn Williams requested the assignment. He had substituted for Naramore

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Indoor invitational

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Hot Springs High School sophomore Dylan Bairett, center, along with other members of the school's marching band, compete Saturday in the Lake Hamilton Power Band Marching Invitational at the Hot Springs Convention Center. The competition was moved indoors due to inclement weather.

Legacy of love

Child's life honored through giving

STEVEN MROSS
The Sentinel-Record

One would be hard-pressed to think of anything more heartbreaking than the death of a child, but one local couple and their friends and family have turned their devastating loss into an amazing gain for several local and area nonprofit groups in their daughter's name.

Skip and Misty McAlister lost their youngest child, Lila Kate, on Jan. 9. Only 4 years old, Lila Kate had struggled from the

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LIFESAVING CHANGE

Police officer sheds pounds to help overcome illness, better himself

MARA KUHN
The Sentinel-Record

People lose weight for a variety of reasons, ranging from health concerns to improving their self esteem, but for Hot Springs police Officer 1st Class Joey Williams it was a life-or-death decision.

Williams, a school resource officer, shed more than 100 pounds, and said he hopes to use his experience to inspire others to make healthy lifestyle choices before it is too late.

After having emergency surgery on his gastrointestinal tract in August 2014, Williams' doctor told him that if he did not lose weight he would not live to see 40. Whether it was a heart attack, stroke or the abdominal issues that would kill him, the doctor could not say, but he was sure Williams was not living a healthy lifestyle.

Williams was diagnosed with diverticulitis, a disease in

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FEELING HEALTHY: **Hot Springs police Officer 1st Class Joey Williams holds a photograph of himself before he lost more than 100 pounds. After emergency surgery on his gastrointestinal tract a little more than a year ago, Williams' doctor warned him he needed to lose weight in order to live a full life.**

6 graduate housing authority program

ELISHA MORRISON
The Sentinel-Record

The Hot Springs Housing Authority recently graduated six members of its Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

The five-year, voluntary program, established though the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is open to families that receive Section 8 and public housing assistance through the housing authority.

The program provides activities, programs, resources and referrals to help residents provide economically for their families, according to Tammy Brown, Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency coordinator.

Program participants can take advantage of budgeting classes, education programs, receive help with resume writing and interview preparation. The program works with par-

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Smith: Lowering poverty rate benefits all

BETH BRIGHT
The Sentinel-Record

Dr. John Wayne Smith, founder and board chairman for Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic spoke to the Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club this week about the role community leaders should take in creating a sustainable community.

"CCMC, as you know, started 19 years ago, and 19 years ago I spoke with this same group about the exciting formation of CCMC," he said. "And since then we've treated medically indigent in our community with health care including medical visits, dental visits, eye visits and a host of other services that have been supported by this community all that time."

In 2014, the former Charitable Christian Medical Clinic changed its name and mission to better serve the community with the implementation of the Health Care Independence Program, which buys pri-

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Dash of rain

The Sentinel-Record/Mara Kuhn

Mountain Pine senior Breagan Butler carries her sister, Jerney Butler, to the finish of the Devil Dash Color Walk/Run held Saturday on Blakely Dam Road. Participants began on top of Blakely Mountain Dam and ran or walked to the school.

ASMSA senior named semifinalist in competition

JAY BELL
The Sentinel-Record

Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts senior Taryn Imamura was one of just two semifinalists from Arkansas announced Oct. 16 in the national Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology.

The competition received a record of nearly 1,800 entries. Imamura was among 466 semifinalists announced last week.

Imamura had forgotten Oct. 16 was the day the semifinalists would be announced. Students and staff congratulated her when she arrived in Walt Levisee's room. She began to celebrate with the group when she saw her name on the screen.

Bob Gregory, dean of academic affairs, was present for the celebration. She asked him, "What do I do now?"

"I was so excited that I honestly couldn't think," Imamura said. "He laughed and replied, 'You should probably call your mom,' and I said, 'Yeah, I should call my mom. That's something that I could do. And I

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Weather

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