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Sales tax funds both jails' operation

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About half of the $11.5 million collected through the first quarter of this year from the sales tax voters approved in 2011 to operate and maintain the new Garland County Detention Center has been allocated months before the facility will house inmates.

The $5.8 million spent through the first quarter includes operating costs for the current jail that adjoins the sheriff's department on Ouachita Avenue, a result of construction delays postponing the opening of the new detention center by more than eight months as of last Saturday's open house and dedication.

County Judge Rick Davis said a more than $2.5 million balance is expected when the facility begins operating in earnest, which will include the construction fund's contingency balance. The latest jail report put the figure at $427,882.

A preliminary schedule developed by Nabholz Construction Corp. Inc. targeted a July 31, 2014, completion date. The projection was revised seven times before settling on last Saturday as the unofficial handoff to the county despite several minor items remaining unfinished.

Uniformed personnel are currently training inside the new facility. Citing security concerns, detention center officials won't discuss a specific timetable for transferring inmates to the new jail, saying only that they expect it to occur later this year. Administrative staff moved into the 168,000-square-foot facility in January.

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Rescue training

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Nathan Blackstead, a firefighter with the Hot Springs Fire Department, maneuvers a rescue basket while participating in a training exercise Wednesday at the Exchange Street Parking Plaza. Members of the HSFD are taking a weeklong technical level rope rescue training course.

Interviews begin for new head of HSSD

JAY BELL
The Sentinel-Record

The Hot Springs School District began interviews Wednesday with three candidates selected by its search firm for the superintendent's position.

Consultants Wayne Gibson, Ronnie Greer and Keith Williams of McPherson & Jacobson LLC Executive and Development Firm recommended three candidates to the school board during its regular monthly meeting Tuesday. The opening saw 27 administrators from 10 states apply.

The three candidates are Mark Enderle, of Independence, Mo., Mike Hernandez III, of Hot Springs, and Sadie Mitchell, of Little Rock. The board intends to select the next superintendent by Monday.

Enderle is the superintendent of the Fort Osage County School District. He has 17 years of experience as a superintendent. Williams presented the summary of qualifications and references for Enderle. Williams said he spoke with more than 20 people about his qualifications.

Greer presented the search summary for Hernandez, who obtained a doctoral degree from Harding University in March. Hernandez has been deputy commissioner of the Arkansas Department of Education for the past year and has been with the department for two years. He was a principal at Western Yell County and a superintendent at Danville after teaching in multiple school districts, including Fountain Lake and Hot Springs.

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NPCC plans for rebrand unveiling

JAY BELL
The Sentinel-Record

National Park Community College plans to host a program on April 30 to present the results of the rebranding initiative that began last semester.

The program is planned for April 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Frederick M. Dierks Center for Nursing and Health Sciences. Members of

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PANEL DISCUSSION: Rick Williams, left, a downtown property owner, addresses the Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club Wednesday as panel members Mike Pettey, Jim Fram, and Brian Hill look on at the Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa.

Rotary panel: Hot Springs could become destination city

DON THOMASON
The Sentinel-Record

Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club closed out its series of programs on downtown redevelopment on Wednesday, with club President Les Warren saying that Hot Springs could become a premier destination city.

"I'm encouraged by what I've seen with our downtown recently, but I also know that we could be so much more. We could be a destination beyond any other town," he said.

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Man sentenced for abducting children, fleeing

STEVEN MROSS
The Sentinel-Record

A local man was sentenced to three years in prison Tuesday after pleading guilty to snatching his children from their mother, stealing her vehicle and fleeing from Hot Springs police last year.

Shawn Michael Nobles, 27, who lists a Seventh Street address, appeared in Garland County Circuit Court and pleaded guilty to two felony counts of first-degree endangering the welfare of a minor and one felony count of fleeing and was sentenced to three years on each count, to run concurrently, and ordered to pay a total of $590 in court costs upon his release.

Additional felony charges of possession of a firearm by certain persons and theft by receiving of a firearm stemming from a separate incident were withdrawn by prosecutors as

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'Women of Hope'

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From left, Penny Thornton, vice chair of the Safe Haven Shelter for Women and Children board, Chairman Amy Thomason, shelter Executive Director Dody Roberts, and board Treasurer Brenda Richardson attend the shelter's second anniversary luncheon Wednesday to honor "Women of Hope" donors who gave donations of $100 to the shelter over the past year. The shelter has provided a safe and secure temporary shelter for more than 200 homeless women and their children since it opened at 110 Highrise Circle in April 2013.

College prepares for basketball exhibition

JAY BELL
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National Park Community College employees and students are gearing up for the first intra-college basketball event since the school was known as Garland County Community College.

The NPCC Student Government Association came up with the idea to play the staff in a basketball game earlier this semester. The idea was based on the element of student involvement, one of the new high-priority objectives introduced

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