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HIGDON PAVING

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A construction crew worked this week to lay new asphalt on the widened portion of Higdon Ferry Road between Printer's Place and Crawford Drive. Once completed, Higdon Ferry Road will be five-lanes wide from Crawford Drive south to Central Avenue.

School board elections

Wells finally on Jessieville ballot against incumbent Eisenhauer

JAY BELL
The Sentinel-Record

JESSIEVILLE — Jessieville School Board member Sonya Eisenhauer is running for re-election for the first time against Jack Wells, who sued the school district a year ago in an effort to be placed on the ballot.

The annual school election is Sept. 15. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting will be held Sept. 8-11 and Sept. 14 at the Garland County Election Commission Building, 649-A Ouachita Ave.; Faith Fellowship Church, 3213 Highway 7 north; and the Old Armory, 401 Mid-America Blvd.

Eisenhauer will be listed first on the ballot. She is the second-longest tenured member of the board. She was uncontested in previous elections.

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Brown, Walker vie for Mountain Pine seat

JAY BELL
The Sentinel-Record

MOUNTAIN PINE — First-time candidates Tammy Brown and Jennifer Walker are running for Position 3 on the Mountain Pine School Board in next month's election.

The annual school election will be Sept. 15. Polls will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Early voting will be held Sept. 8-11 and Sept. 14 at the Garland County Election Commission Building, 649-A Ouachita Ave.; Faith Fellowship Church, 3213 Highway 7 north; and the Old Armory, 401 Mid-America Blvd.

Brown drew the bottom spot on the ballot last month. Mountain Pine School Board President Mark Jackson opted not to run again.

Both candidates were appointed earlier this year to head the Mountain Pine School District Community

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'Giving back'

Spa Creations reunites for Webb Center fundraiser

LEE IVORY
Special to the Sentinel-Record

By most accounts, 1972 was a tumultuous and historic year in the United States.

The last U.S. ground troops were pulled out of Vietnam. Former President Harry S. Truman died in Kansas City, Mo. And five White House operatives were arrested in a break-in at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C.

In Hot Springs, a small group of teenagers — no doubt swayed by the soulful sounds of hit houses like Motown, Stax and Atlantic Records — decided to make some history of their own.

They started a band — initially called The Syndicate — that featured teens from the old Central Junior High School and Hot Springs High. That early nucleus of Kevin Glover, Tim Green, the late Hayes "Skeeter" Walton III, the late Greg Berthia and Stevie Joe Parker pieced together arrangements of popular songs and took to the streets of Hot Springs to play their music.

What they didn't know is that the group, eventually renamed the Spa Creations Band, would gain cultlike status in the city's African-American neighborhoods and become a part of hometown nostalgia that's every bit

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Submitted photo

REUNITED: The Spa Creations Band, circa 1975. From bottom left, clockwise, are members Donald Grant, Paul Green, John Pascal, Ray Lemons, Arthur Thomas, Hamilton Womack, Dennis Reed, Raymond Haywood, Edwardo Daniels and Michael Pope.

Sunrise Rotary turns 10

ELISHA MORRISON
The Sentinel-Record

The youngest Rotary Club in Hot Springs is celebrating 10 years of service to Hot Springs and Garland County.

The Sunrise Rotary meets in Bistro 400 at Embassy Suites Hot Springs — Hotel & Spa, 400 Convention Blvd., at 7 a.m. each Tuesday.

Karen Garcia, club president and charter member, said the Sunrise Rotary was organized by the Hot Springs National Park and Oaklawn Rotary clubs to answer a very specific need. Many people were interested in joining a Rotary Club, but could not leave work for meetings during lunch. The organizers decided the best option would be to create a breakfast club.

The process of organizing Sunrise Rotary started in March 2005, and by September the new group had its charter.

Garcia said her club is very grateful for all the help, ongoing support and collaboration the group has gotten from Hot Springs' other two clubs.

The national motto for Rotary is "Service Above Self."

"We are not as large other clubs, but we are big in service," Garcia said.

During the last 10 years, Sunrise Rotary has assisted more than 1,300 veterans, donated 1,200 pairs of socks to needy children, donated 1,000 backpacks filled with supplies to children, given 1,000 Valentine gifts to children, provided 1,100 toothbrushes and toothpaste to children, provided 140 holiday meals to needy families, given graduating senior and single parent scholarships, created a community garden for Quapaw

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Submitted photo

PRINCESS THEATRE: The 800 block of Central Avenue, including the Princess Theatre, then located at 821 Central, is seen in this postcard from 1923, showing a view "southeast of the Butricks Building." Photo is courtesy of the Garland County Historical Society.

This week in HS history

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Sentinel-Record today continues its semiweekly feature, "This Week in Hot Springs History," which will revisit moments from Hot Springs' colorful past as detailed in the daily newspaper. Similar to the "Today in History" feature, which focuses on national and international events, this will recount events that occurred in Hot Springs at different periods throughout the past. Today features excerpts from stories that appeared 100 years ago this week.

STEVEN MROSS
The Sentinel-Record

On Aug. 24, 1915, Arkansas Gas Co. announced that Hot Springs, along with Pine Bluff and a number of other towns, would be without gas as a result of a break in the gas main near Lewisville caused by high water from the flooding of the White River. "Just how long the gas will be out is a matter of conjecture. It may be a week.

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Weather

PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOW 90S. LOWS IN THE HIGH 60S.

SUNRISE: 6:43 A.M.
SUNSET: 7:43 P.M.

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TUESDAY: HIGH 93° LOW 70°

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