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RESTORED: Father and son Richard Rasnic, driver's seat, and Russ Rasnic sit in Richard Rasnic's fully restored, customized 1957 Thunderbird after a two-year restoration project was completed by Vince Russo on June 13. Weather permitting, the pair plans to take the car out for its maiden trip today.

Dream car

Son fulfills father's vision with vehicle restoration

ELISHA MORRISON
The Sentinel-Record

Father and son, Richard and Russ Rasnic, plan to celebrate Father's Day with a maiden trip in Richard Rasnic's fully restored, customized 1957 Ford Thunderbird.

"His dream when he was younger was to use his retirement years to restore several antique cars he had purchased, but he never got the opportunity," said Russ Rasnic about his father.

He said things always got in the way of his father fulfilling that dream, so the family decided to get at least "the main car" restored for him to enjoy.

Russ Rasnic said his father was always his hero growing up. His father was a two-time regional Golden Gloves heavyweight boxing champion who fought for the U.S. Air Force championship, and the 1977 national heavyweight master's judo champion. Richard Rasnic also flew B-57s and B-52s during his four tours of duty in Vietnam, where he flew 300 missions, and was awarded the Distinguished

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Plant upgrades expected to up treatment capacity

DAVID SHOWERS
The Sentinel-Record

MOUNTAIN PINE —The mettle of those who supply Garland County with most of its potable water is tested after rain events prevent Blakely Mountain Dam from releasing water.

Less than a mile downstream from the dam, Hot Springs' Ouachita Water Treatment Plant is tasked with turning the resulting high-turbidity water that's pumped through two 48-inch intake lines into the 13 million gallons of potable water customers demand from it on an average day.

A $3 million upgrade to the 48-year-old facility promises to make the process more efficient and satisfy demand when the dam's being used for flood control, its primary purpose

When Blakely's not releasing water from Lake Ouachita, sediment and debris from muddy creeks and streams emptying into Lake Hamilton wash upstream toward the intake on the upper end of the lake. The viscous-like water entering the plant during heavy rain events such as those that occurred last month requires extensive processing, grinding plant operations to about a quarter of its 22.3 million gallons of water a day capacity.

Jar tests conducted in the plant's lab can identify the optimum chemical mix to divest raw water of its impurities, but ratio manipulation is no substitute for time. The longer water sits in the plant's seven sedimentation basins, the more particles will fall to the bottom.

Time is a luxury the plant doesn't have amid an insatiate need that never stops making demands on its output. Clean water is vital to the people who rely on the plant, even when the spillway at Blakely is closed.

"You can treat water now as it stands, if you have the time," said Matt Mitchell, the plant's chief operator. "Most of the time we have big rain events, it's rained a lot, so the demand for water isn't high, but even in low demand, your tanks are being diminished."

Turbid water can take twice as long as clearer raw water to go from the intake to the finished or clear well, the repository for the final product that's distributed to the system's 10 active storage tanks.

Turbidity levels Wednesday ranged from 0.03 to 0.09 Nephelometric Turbidity Units, levels plant manager Taylor Gates said were well below the 0.30 allowed by the Arkansas Department of Health.

The plant's nephelometer uses light to measure turbidity. The amount of light scattered by particles suspended in the water determines the levels.

The installation of plate settlers in the No. 6

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UPGRADE: Scott Bundy, director of utilities for Hot Springs, stands on the walkway Wednesday between the No. 1 and 2 sedimentation basins at the Ouachita Water Treatment Plant. Plate settlers that will be added to the No. 6 and 7 basins will give the plant greater capacity to treat high-turbidity water.

Church shooting site to reopen; FBI reviews manifesto

JEFFREY COLLINS
AND EMILY MASTERS
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A small group of parishioners were allowed inside the bullet-scarred Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal church on Saturday, getting a firsthand glimpse of the room where nine people from their congregation were slain.

Meanwhile, the FBI said it was investigating a manifesto purportedly written by the suspected gunman, 21-year-old Dylann Roof.

The website linked to Roof contained photos of him holding a burning American flag and standing on one. In other images, he was holding a Confederate flag, considered a divisive symbol by civil rights leaders and others.

The hate-filled 2,500-word essay talks about white supremacy and the author says "the event that truly awakened me was the Trayvon Martin case" — the unarmed black teenager fatally shot by neighborhood watch volunteer Georgia Zimmerman while walking home in Florida in 2012.

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Bike games

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Sue Mauney-Protomaster picks up tennis balls as Charles Protomaster, both of Thebes, Ill., drives Saturday during the 2015 Arkansas State H.O.G. Rally at Hot Springs Convention Center.

Lake Hamilton alum tours United Kingdom literary sites

JAY BELL
The Sentinel-Record

Lake Hamilton alum Marlee Buchanan recently toured sites across the United Kingdom through the Honors International Studies Program's Literary Tourism course at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

The two-week Maymester class visited various sites to complement their studies of English poetry and prose. The course is taught by Dennis Siler, director of the program. Students focus on the influence of locations on literature, as well as the impact literature has made on the sites.

Buchanan is a junior biochemistry major and plans to attend a pharmacy school in Arkansas after she graduates next May. She is the daughter of Jeff and Michelle Buchanan.

A Maymester course her freshman year took Buchanan to Washington, D.C. Honors students were able to choose from multiple destinations, including Belize and Trinidad, to fulfill the international requirement of the scholarship, but Buchanan said her preference was always to travel to the United Kingdom.

"My surname is Scottish and I have always wanted to go," Buchanan said.

"And I am a big believer in travel, especially when you are young and you don't have anything tying you to here," Buchanan added.

The trip began May 12 and the group returned May 27. Buchanan began summer classes in Fort Smith on June 1.

"Fifteen days away, it was a different world," Buchanan said.

The group was comprised of students from 13 different cities in Arkansas, one from Spiro, Okla., and another from Kansas City, Mo.

Students focused on specific authors or genres of fiction during the course. Buchanan said they analyzed reasons for tourists to visit the literary locations. They inquired as to why the visitors were important and what effect the authors have had on each setting.

"Stonehenge has been there for thousands of years, but if Thomas Hardy writes it into the last chapter of 'Tess of the d'Urbervilles', it acquires a whole different context for those who only have that novel as a point of reference," Siler said.

"We also looked at how the Scottish Highlands influenced romantic writers, and we had several history majors who explored relationships between literary and historical

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