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OFF AND RUNNING AT OAKLAWN

Racing season sees sunny, successful start

LINDSEY WELLS
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After last year's icy temperatures ultimately resulted in the cancellation of the opening day of the 2015 live race meet at Oaklawn Park, race officials and fans alike were thankful for the sun and the 60-degree weather on Friday for this year's opening day.

"In my opinion, this is the best opening day I've had in the six years I've been here," said Jennifer Hoyt, media relations manager. "The weather could not have been more perfect, and that's really key. In our business, bad weather kills you, so having a nice, sunny day, no mistreating, it has been really, really great."

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OPENING DAY: Horses run past the finish line after breaking the gate in the sixth race on opening day of the live race meet Friday at Oaklawn Park, which kicked off with sunny weather and temperatures in the 60s.

New faces in key roles at track

BOB WISENER
Sports editor

Like a proud parent, David Longinotti welcomed two new members to the Oaklawn Park family Friday.

Announcer Pete Aiello and bugler Chris Holt, like Citation and Coaltown in the Kentucky Derby, were "1 and 1A," the track's racing director said after the 57-day season opened, in his view, successfully.

"If you put all the new things today on a list, they (Aiello and Holt) would be at the top of the list," Longinotti said after an estimated 17,500 on track watched all or some of the nine races.

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Board to meet today

Directors to discuss CM candidates

DON THOMASON
The Sentinel-Record

A special meeting of the Hot Springs Board of Directors has been called for 8 a.m. today at City Hall to give city directors the opportunity to discuss new information on the finalists for the city manager's position, Hot Springs Mayor Ruth Carney said Friday.

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FATALITY ACCIDENT: Arkansas State Police and Piney Fire Department, assisted by the Garland County Sheriff's Department, worked the scene of a fatal three-vehicle accident Friday morning on Highway 270, west of the Highway 227 junction.

1 killed, 2 injured in wreck on 270W

COLBIE WESTFALL
The Sentinel-Record

A 63-year-old Royal man was killed, and two others were injured, in a three-vehicle accident on Highway 270 just past the Highway 227 junction early Friday morning, according to Arkansas State Police.

According to a preliminary fatal crash summary filed by ASP Cpl. James W. Avant, a black 2004 Dodge pickup, driven by Vickey Dean, 30, of Hot Springs, was westbound on Highway 270 when it turned left near Hildreth Road and collided head-on with an eastbound 2009 Hyundai

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Hot Springs superintendent named to national board

JAY BELL
The Sentinel-Record

Hot Springs School District Superintendent Mike Hernandez has been named to the board of directors for the University Service Administrative Company, which acts as the Federal Communications Commission's administrator of the Universal Service Fund.

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler officially appointed six new members to the board on Jan. 8. All meetings of the USAC board are open to the public and held in Washington, D.C.

Three members of the board represent schools eligible to receive discounts. Hernandez will replace Julie Tritt Schell, state E-rate coordinator for the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The Schools and Libraries program, known as the E-rate program, is one of four programs established by the FCC to implement the Telecommunications Act of 1996. E-rate is designed to make telecommunications and information services more affordable for schools and libraries in the U.S.

Hernandez served two years as the deputy commissioner for the Arkansas Department of Education before he became superintendent at Hot Springs. He worked with school districts and legislators on education issues such as E-rate, finance and legislation.

"I am flattered that they wanted me to do something like that," Hernandez said. "Expanding broadband to schools is something I worked on at the department."

His previous role as assistant commissioner for fiscal and administrative services involved the oversight of the distribution of funds to public

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Convicted felon allegedly assaults mother, makes threats

COLBIE WESTFALL
The Sentinel-Record

A local man who received a 22-year suspended sentence last year for a series of thefts from a jewelry store's customers was taken into custody Thursday for allegedly threatening to kill his sister and mother, and for assaulting his mother last month.

Adam Lee Furo, 38, was taken into custody by Hot Springs police at approximately 10 a.m. Thursday at 220 Cooper St. and charged with felony counts of first-degree domestic battery, punishable by up to 20 years in prison, and two counts of first-degree terroristic threatening, punishable by up

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AT THE RACES

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Whitley Huskey sells programs Friday at Oaklawn Park. The thoroughbred racetrack kicked off its 2016 live race meet Friday.

Local man sentenced to 28 years for shooting

STEVEN MROSS
The Sentinel-Record

A local man was convicted of felony and misdemeanor charges for the 2014 shooting of another man and sentenced to 28 years in prison Thursday after a two-day trial in Garland County Circuit Court.

The eight-woman, four-man jury deliberated for one hour and 15 minutes before finding Deion Johnson, 22, guilty of felony counts of first-degree battery and unlawful discharge of a firearm from a vehicle and a misdemeanor count of fleeing in a vehicle.

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Weather

CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 40S. LOWS IN THE HIGH 20S.

SUNRISE: 7:19 A.M.
SUNSET: 5:25 P.M.

MONDAY: HIGH 40° LOW 28°

TUESDAY: HIGH 47° LOW 39°

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Battling Hurley is idol of Detroit fans

Hot Springs boxer cleaning up all opponents who have met him

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