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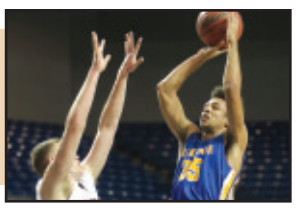

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A LOOK BACK AT 2015

A year of losses, growth in Hot Springs

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The year 2015 in Hot Springs will be remembered in large measure for tragic accidents that resulted in a loss of life, losses that will continue to have an impact on the community into 2016 and beyond.

But it will also be remembered for the great strides that were made in ensuring the economic viability of Garland County, including the redevelopment of the downtown area.

Perhaps no other single event this year brought more attention to Hot Springs than the tragic, heat-related death of 18-month-old Thomas Naramore, the son of Division 2 Circuit Judge Wade Naramore. Thomas Naramore died as the result of being left unattended in a car on July 24.

The case, in addition to drawing statewide media attention to Hot Springs, resulted in the appointment of a special prosecutor, Scott Ellington, of

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The driver of this vehicle had to be rescued after she reportedly hydroplaned on the roadway and her car went into a rain-swollen creek in the 3000 block of Amity Road, at the intersection of Malibu Trail, on Nov. 28, top left; members of the Hot Springs Police Department SWAT team head into an apartment on Higdon Ferry Road after a standoff with a suspect on April 9, top right; a Hot Springs firefighter takes information from a local woman as she holds her two small grandchildren after their home on Seventh Street caught fire on Oct. 6, center; three of five roaming buffaloes gather in the 300 block of Whispering Hills Road before running into the woods after escaping from a local farm on April 16, bottom left; and GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump waves to the crowd at Hot Springs Memorial Field on July 17 after arriving for a speaking engagement in the Spa City, bottom right.

Photography by Richard Rasmussen and Mara Kuhn

Chronology

January

• Frigid weather forced Oaklawn Park to delay its opening weekend, leading to the track's first opening Thursday in its history on Jan. 15. Track officials estimated attendance of 10,250 for the nine races, saying business was brisker than on any Thursday except during the meet-ending Racing Festival in the last 10 years.

• The Lakeside School District announced a program on Jan. 23 that would enable high school students to earn up to 66 hours of college credit and an associate degree by the time they graduate.

• A revised schedule released the first week of January for the Garland County Detention Center placed March 20 as the date construction would end on the $42 million project, qualifying the date as the target for "substantial" completion. County Judge Rick Davis later told the Garland County Quorum Court that he was skeptical of the ambitious schedule

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Bridges directs Liberty Bowl halftime show

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The halftime show at Saturday's AutoZone Liberty Bowl between the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Kansas State Wildcats will feature the choreography of Hot Springs native Brian Bridges.

Arkansas was invited to the game from the Southeastern Conference in Bridges' second year as the head choreographer. Bridges was a cheerleader for the Razorbacks in college. He is now the communications coordinator and cheer coach for the Lake Hamilton School District.

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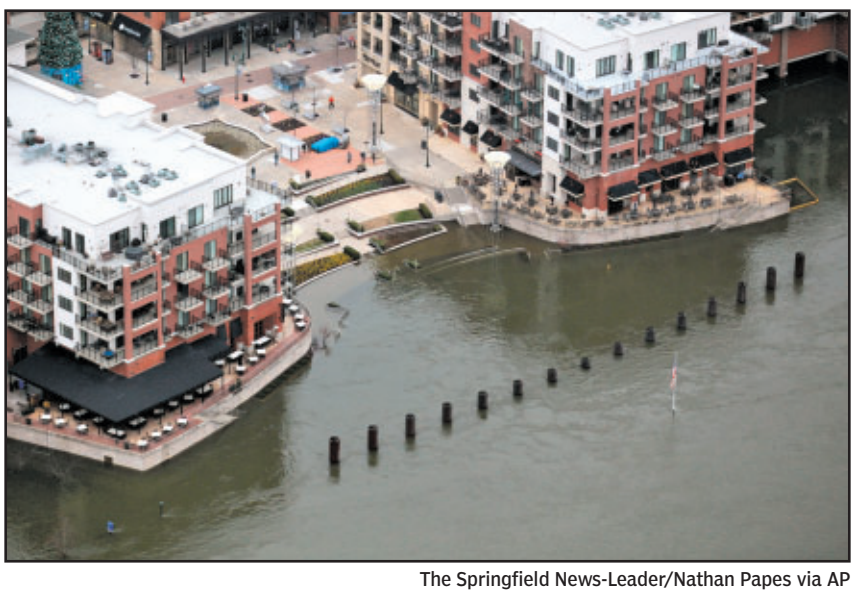

The Springfield News-Leader/Nathan Papes via AP

FLOODWATERS: Branson Landing in Branson, Mo., was partially flooded by floodwaters from Lake Taneycomo on Tuesday after a record amount of water was released from Table Rock Lake Dam.

Rescue crews help with evacuations in Midwest floods

JIM SALTER AND ALAN SCHER ZAGIER
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — As swollen rivers and streams pushed to heights not seen in nearly a quarter-century, officials in Missouri and Illinois helped residents get to higher ground Wednesday amid fears that already dire conditions could worsen as floodwaters began spilling over federal levees protecting communities and farmland.

In Eureka southwest of St. Louis, firefighters and their boats have been in high demand since Tuesday, accounting for roughly four dozen rescues of people in their homes, businesses or

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Weather

MOSTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE HIGH 40S. LOWS IN THE LOW 30S.

SUNRISE: 7:19 A.M.
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FRIDAY: HIGH 46° LOW 27°

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