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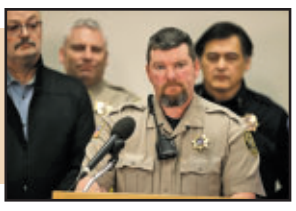

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MP police chief injured in fatal shootout

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FATAL SHOOTOUT: Garland County sheriff's investigator Terry Threadgill, left, works the scene of an officer-involved shooting Wednesday morning in the 2900 block of Little Blakely Creek Road in Jessieville. A male suspect reportedly trespassing was killed during an exchange of gunfire with Mountain Pine Police Chief Chad King, who was also shot and injured.

STEVEN MROSS
The Sentinel-Record

The Mountain Pine police chief was wounded several times during an exchange of gunfire with an armed suspect who was shot and killed Wednesday morning in a remote area off Little Blakely Creek Road in Jessieville.

MPPD Chief Chad King, who is also a commissioned Garland County sheriff's deputy, was transported by LifeNet to CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs, with officers from multiple agencies stationed at intersections along the route to allow the ambulance a clear path.

Sheriff Mike McCormick said King was in stable condition at the hospital and that he was "conscious and alert" and able to give McCormick and investigators details about the incident. The name of the suspect was not being released Wednesday pending further investigation and notification of next of kin.

The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene by Garland County Coroner Stuart Smedley and the body was being sent to the state crime lab, McCormick said at the scene before heading to the hospital to check on King.

At a news conference later in the afternoon, McCormick said sheriff's dispatchers received a call at 8:39 a.m. regarding a criminal trespassing complaint at 2998 Little Blakely Creek

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The Sentinel-Record/Richard Rasmussen

NEWS CONFERENCE: Garland County Sheriff Mike McCormick conducts a news conference Wednesday afternoon following an officer-involved shooting in Jessieville in which a male suspect was shot and killed and Mountain Pine Police Chief Chad King was also shot and injured. He noted the incident was still under investigation and only limited information was being released.

Sales tax collections on the rise

DON THOMASON
The Sentinel-Record

Sales tax receipts for November 2015 show the city posted another gain, closing out the month 4.53 percent ahead of the same period a year ago.

November city sales tax collections were $972,088, compared to $929.958 for the same period in 2014, and were $37,126 more than budgeted for the month. Through November 2015, year-to-date collections total $11,306,834, or 5.15 percent more than the same period in 2014.

"I think the overall economy has been better on spending, and we had a number of things going on in November," Finance Director Dorethea Yates said Wednesday.

"And all the building that is going on in the city has certainly contributed to it as well, so it is a combination of things. Also, the

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Birds of Prey

The Sentinel-Record/Richard Rasmussen

Little Rock Zoo employee Stephanie Hollister showcases a red-tailed hawk Wednesday during a Birds of Prey presentation at Lake Hamilton Intermediate School. The program, provided by the Little Rock Zoo and DeGray Lake Resort State Park, included hawks, owls, a turkey vulture and a bald eagle.

Group awards GIF grants

DAVID SHOWERS
The Sentinel-Record

The area's planning and development district awarded General Improvement Fund grants totaling $254,470 to Garland County recipients on Monday.

(See Page 7A for photographs of the grant presentations).

The West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District Inc. distributed $495,351 across the 10-county area it

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Reading Rockstars receives funding

JAY BELL
The Sentinel-Record

A Community Grant from the Wal-Mart store on Albert Pike has helped facilitate a reading club's success this semester at Oaklawn Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School.

Oaklawn received a $1,000 grant for its Reading Rockstars club, which promotes literacy for students in third grade and fourth grade. Participating students receive books to keep at home.

"With our socioeconomic issues in this building and the district, it really helps," said Kristen Gordon, Oaklawn literacy coach.

Gordon worked on the grant application with fellow literacy coach Gail Bean and Cheryll Long, reading interventionist. The school was notified this month it had received the grant.

Reading Rockstars was established four years ago to promote literacy by engaging students in reading and providing chapter books for low-income students. About 60 students took part in the club's first year. Participation now averages about 80-110 students.

About 90 percent of Oaklawn's students are on free or reduced lunches. Funding for the club has become an issue as more students have joined.

"That's another issue with our students," Gordon said. "They do not have a lot of literature at home."

The literacy team at Oaklawn rolls out the requirements to be in the club. A student must read three chapter books and complete a Reading Rockstar handout to become a member.

Chapter books are designed for inter-

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Paul Harris Fellows

The Sentinel-Record/Mara Kuhn

Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellows gather after the club's weekly meeting Wednesday at the Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa. The club is celebrating its 100-year anniversary with a goal to achieve 100 Paul Harris Fellows. With 32 new fellows, the club surpassed its goal. A Paul Harris Fellow is someone who donates $1,000 to the Rotary Foundation to promote better health and humanitarian efforts around the world.

Chocolate festival supports nonprofit Christian ministry

ELISHA MORRISON
The Sentinel-Record

Chocolate lovers will have the opportunity to eat their fill of the sweet treat for charity Sunday at the 12th annual Chocolate Festival.

The festival will be held from 1-3 p.m. at Embassy Suites Hot Springs — Hotel & Spa to benefit Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic, a nonprofit Christian ministry that strives to improve the quality of life of the needy in the Hot Springs area, according to the ministry's website. CCMC provides medical care, dental and vision services and advocates for those in need.

Lynn Blankenship, executive director of CCMC, said the ministry is supported by private donations and fundraisers. The chocolate festival is CCMC's largest fundraiser, raising an average of $30,000 to $35,000 each year. Last year, 592 persons attended the festival. Blanken-

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