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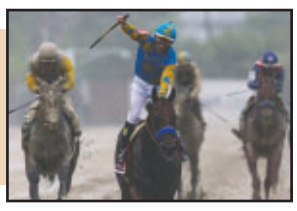

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HSSD to be 'creative' after millage fails

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Hot Springs Superintendent Joyce Craft said the district must be "creative" with funding after a proposed 2-mill increase was voted down Tuesday.

The district held its first special millage election in 15 years to ask voters to increase its millage from 37.7 to 39.7. The measure would have extended the life of 10.8 debt service mills through the 30 years of the two new mills. Craft said school officials saw no reason the measure would not pass.

"We didn't think we were asking for anything unreasonable and thought we had done well, as far as keeping the district fiscally sound, being creative with what we have and improvements we have made," Craft said. "You can see visible differences in our district."

The increase was voted down by a slim 52.7-47.3 margin. A total of 627

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Survey illustrates higher water loss rate

DAVID SHOWERS
The Sentinel-Record

The Arkansas Department of Health's 2014 Sanitary Survey of the Hot Springs water utility shows more separation in water production and metered amounts than the previous review.

The disparity known as unaccounted for water increased from 21.56 percent in the 2012 survey to 28.53 percent. It's a measure of the difference between total water produced and the amount being billed to customers, providing a snapshot of how much water a system is losing to line leaks or other factors.

The increase notwithstanding, ADH District 6 engineer Stephen Youngblood said the rate continues to trend in a positive direction from the 42.7 percent reported in the 2010 survey. Youngblood said the city submitted information from 2013 for last year's survey and 2011 for the 2012 study.

"We think they've made really good strides in reducing unaccounted for water," he said, noting that monthly 2013 rates ranged from 20 to 35 percent.

Deputy City Manager Bill Burrough said the city has spent about $7 million the last four years to shore up its water lines and budgets between $1.5 to $2 million a year for line replacements.

"We continue to do that to try and bring the unaccounted for water down," he said.

Youngblood said the city's new meters and more accurate tracking system could be contributing to the downward trend, giving a truer reading of how much water customers are receiving. He said older meters have a tendency to show readings that are lower than actual usage.

"When meters get to be 15 to 20 years old, they give you really inaccurate readings," he said. "Customers like it, because they pay lower bills, but these new meters are more accurate and give a better picture of true usage."

Aging meters are among the elements, other

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GREAT SCOTT: The Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa's Bath to the Future team, from left, Bob Kratz, Derek Womack, Carmen Jones, Ben Gother and Tony Wheeler, stop at "Ring Around the Tub" on Saturday during the 10th annual Stueart Pennington Running of the Tubs.

Splish, splash

Tub races turn 10

ELISHA MORRISON
The Sentinel-Record

Splish, splash, they were racing the tubs Saturday in downtown Hot Springs.

Eight bathtub teams took part in the 10th annual Stueart Pennington Running of the Tubs Saturday on Central Avenue, manned by teams of five: the captain, bath towel attendant, bath mat attendant, soap attendant and the luffa

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ON FIRE: The Hot Springs Fire Department team, from left, Ty Dupry, Josh Kincannon, Larry Vincent and Chris Coleman, make their way down Central Avenue on Saturday during the 10th annual Stueart Pennington Running of the Tubs.

NPS, Forest Service urge caution outdoors

BETH BRIGHT
The Sentinel-Record

With consistent rainfall throughout the spring months, the U.S. Forest Service and Hot Springs National Park are urging visitors to the trails and campgrounds to be aware of their surroundings and take extra precautions when heading outdoors.

"One of the biggest things we run into are people meeting us along the roads through the National Forest, asking what the best places to go are," said Terence Peck, public information officer for the U.S. Forest Service. "But really, the best thing people can do is research. Go online to our website and see what's currently available. Then, contact someone — spouse, parents — and let them know exactly where you're planning to be and where you're going during your stay."

Peck said with the heavy rains, the terrain in some areas may be a little more unstable than usual.

"With all this rain, rocks have been loosened and are slippery, and as you've seen in the news, people have died just from not being aware of their surroundings," he said. "Know the environment, and when you get where you're going for the night, stay put. Look above you as well and beware of loose branches and objects that may fall.

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Run for a cause

The Sentinel-Record/Elisha Morrison

Runners take off at the start of 20th annual Norma Lampert Lupus Springers 5K Race and Lupus Walk to End Lupus on Mid-America Boulevard on Saturday. See results on Page 4B.

IS head of oil operations killed in US raid in Syria

ROBERT BURNS AND
SARAH EL DEEB
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — In a rare ground attack deep into Syria, U.S. Army commandos killed a man described as the Islamic State's head of oil operations, captured his wife and rescued a woman whom American officials said was enslaved.

A team of Delta Force commandos slipped across the border from Iraq under cover of darkness Saturday aboard Black Hawk helicopters and V-22 Osprey aircraft, according to a U.S. defense official knowledgeable

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Weather

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