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Snow stalls county

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TAKING A WALK: A woman who only identified herself as Terry walks along Central Avenue on Saturday near the intersection with Buena Vista Road.

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SLED RIDE: Hannah Weldon, 9, left, Lauren Free, 9, Abigail Sexson, 11, and Kiersten Free, 13, all of Hot Springs, slide down a hill as Brayden Free, 8, and Thomas Sexson, 13, both of Hot Springs, watch on Saturday after a snowstorm hit the area Friday night.

Crews work to clear roadways

CALEB TAYLOR
The Sentinel-Record

County, city and state road crews struggled to clear roadways Saturday after a Friday night storm brought as much as 4 inches of snow to parts of Garland County.

Jerry Lampo, director of the Garland County Road Department, said crews were ready Friday night, but "we got surprised" by the amount of snowfall.

"I didn't think it would be like this," Lampo said Saturday morning. "We thought we were going to be looking at maybe a dusting of an inch. There is just a lot of snow now and we're trying to get to the major spots."

County Judge Rick Davis said crews were running low on salt mixture for road department trucks on Saturday and were hoping to be able to re-stock Monday to prepare for more winter weather forecast for Monday and Tuesday.

"We are almost out of salt mix," Davis said. "Hopefully, we can get that from Little Rock on Monday."

High temperatures well above freezing were predicted for Saturday, but they stayed below freezing for much of the day causing road conditions to remain hazardous, according to the Garland County Sheriff's Department.

"It appears that temperatures may not reach what was previously forecast for Saturday, which means we probably will not see much melting of the snow and ice on the roadway," the GCSD said in a statement Saturday.

"The roads are in no condition to be traveled. We strongly suggest that you stay in!

"If you must get out, please be very mindful of the road conditions and also the dozens of vehicles that are either stuck in the roadway or just off the edge of the road. These vehicles are making the conditions even more treacherous. Slow down, plan extra time for your journey, make sure that you have plenty of gas and supplies in your car to maintain warmth and safety in case you do get stranded or are involved in an accident," it said.

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STRANDED VEHICLES: Abandoned vehicles line the roadside Saturday morning along Burchwood Bay Road. A snowstorm moved through the area Friday evening creating hazardous driving conditions.

Circuit judge candidates discuss plans, qualifications

CALEB TAYLOR
The Sentinel-Record

All four candidates seeking the Division 2 Garland County circuit judge seat in 2014 spoke at a Republican Party meeting Thursday night at the GOP headquarters.

Circuit Judge Vicki Cook announced last year she would not seek re-election. The non-partisan judicial general election will be held May 20. The Division 2 court mainly sees juvenile cases.

Candidates that have announced for the position already are Michael Crawford, Wade Naramore, Cecilia Dyer and John Howard.

Each of the candidates was given seven minutes to speak to the crowd of about 30 persons.

Crawford, a general practice attorney with Crawford Law Firm, said he is running as the experienced candidate because "this is not a job for on-the-job training."

"I'm the only candidate who has served and represented people for 30 years in front of every single circuit judge and every single district judge for three decades," Crawford said. "I have judge experience. I've served as a special judge in over two dozen cases in all four circuits and both

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'Cooler King'

Daughter of war hero and architect shares story

BETH BRIGHT
The Sentinel-Record

In 1963, Steve McQueen brought to life the character of the Cooler King in the film "The Great Escape," which retold the account of a mass escape from Stalag Luft III in Sagan, Germany, 20 years earlier. The Cooler King, an accomplished forger and escape artist, was based on none other

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GIVING BACK: Diana Hampo, center, talks with Congregation House of Israel Board President Mary Klompus, left, and board member Sue Koppel on Thursday about the design documents her father created when working on the congregation's current building.

Oaklawn Foundation gives report to community

DON THOMASON
The Sentinel-Record

The Oaklawn Foundation has disbursed more than $3.4 million in contributions from Oaklawn Park for scholarships and assistance to Garland County's senior citizens since it was founded in 2007.

The funds are a percentage of the revenue from Oaklawn's games of skill, which were approved by Garland County voters in November 2005, said Oaklawn Foundation Chairman Darrell Meyer.

"When Oaklawn first started trying to get this passed, they said they would give money to the foundation and everybody kind of pooh-poohed

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PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE HIGH 40S. LOWS IN THE LOW 30S.

SUNRISE: 7:01 A.M.
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HIGH 34° LOW 22°

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