

## OUR TOWN

## Little Rock notebook

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## UAMS students set free health checks

Free health screenings will be provided Monday by students from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in recognition of World Diabetes Day.

Anyone interested in a screening can go to the Firehouse Hostel and Museum at 1201 Commerce St. between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The students will provide blood pressure, blood sugar and body mass index screenings, as well as immunization counseling.

## Landscape design subject of lecture

The head of the landscape architecture department at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville will speak Tuesday about how population increases, climate change and new professional practices can change the role of designers.

Ken McCown will present November's Architecture and Design Network lecture at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Arkansas Arts Center Lecture Hall, 501 E. Ninth St.

"He'll use examples of collaborative works with professionals, students and faculty where they explore the role of designers as placed-based integrative specialists to discuss and examine how they can increase the impact of design in communities," a news release said.

There will be a reception at 5:30 p.m. before the free lecture.

## Workshop free on single-parent aid

The Single Parent Schol-

arship Fund Pulaski County will host a free informational session on its scholarships Tuesday.

The event is at 11:30 a.m. at Goodwill Industries of Arkansas, 7400 Scott Hamilton Drive, Suite 50 in the community room.

Attendees are asked to RSVP ahead of time by emailing llynch@spsfpulaski.org or calling (501) 301-7773.

## BET founder to talk at chamber meeting

The founder of Black Entertainment Television will headline the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting Friday.

It will be from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Governor's Hall IV at the Statehouse Convention Center, 101 E. Markham St.

Robert Johnson founded BET and RLJ Companies. He was named one of the 25 Most Influential Business Leaders of the Past 25 Years by *USA Today*.

In 1991, Johnson took BET public, making the network the first black-owned company to be traded on the New York Stock Exchange. He sold the company to Viacom in 2001 for about \$3 billion and remained the chief executive officer until 2006.

## Film, talk to focus on realities of war

A new film, *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*, will be shown before a short discussion Thursday at the Riverdale 10 VIP Cinema, 2600 Cantrell Road.

The Central Arkansas Library System is hosting the free event as part of its Fiction & Fact: A War Dialogue with Veterans project.

The film follows 19-year-old

Lynn after he returns home for a victory tour after a battle in Iraq.

"The film shows what really happened to his squad, contrasting the realities of war with America's perceptions," a news release said.

## Partnerships sought for Clinton School

The Clinton School of Public Service is hosting an informational session Friday for entities working on social change that are interested in becoming field service partners of the school.

The session will cover different types of student projects and how to apply.

It's set for 10-11 a.m. at the school, Sturgis Hall, 1200 President Clinton Ave.

Practicum projects are selected by the school and completed by small teams of students in the course of completing their degrees. They are meant to be valuable to partner organizations.

Applications from organizations are due by March 18.

## Fire-extinguisher classes scheduled

The Fire Department is hosting fire-extinguisher training classes Saturday, and giving each participant a free extinguisher.

There will be two classes at the department's training facility at 7000 Murray St. — one from 10 a.m. to noon and another from 1-3 p.m. Each class is limited to 25 participants, to be filled on a first-come basis.

The extinguishers are provided by the Arkansas Fire Prevention Commission Fire Prevention Grant.

Those who wish to participate can call (501) 918-3710 to reserve a spot.

## Benton County to allot leftover road funds

TOM SISSOM  
NWA DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

BENTONVILLE — Benton County's justices of the peace plan to use money remaining in this year's Road Department budget for the department's 2017 capital needs.

The Committee of the Whole approved transferring \$200,000 into the Road Department's budget to buy an asphalt mill machine. Brenda Guenther, comptroller, said she's working with Jay Frasier, public services administrator and head of the Road Department, to find other capital requests that might be covered this year to help meet the Finance Committee's direction to cut next year's capital requests by about \$400,000.

For the Road Department to buy items using money from

this year's budget, the county has to take possession of the items before Dec. 31, Guenther said.

Frasier said an asphalt mill will cost \$170,000 to \$185,000. The mill will save time and money in the long run by allowing the Road Department to grind down rocks and pavement when roads are being rebuilt, Frasier said. The material is then used to build a new base for a road.

The department is looking at the other items on its capital requests list for additional purchases, Frasier said. He told the Finance Committee the four dump trucks he's seeking would be near the top of his priority list, but the trucks the county needs have to be built to particular specifications and it

might be impossible to obtain them before the end of the year.

Frasier said he'll have a proposal to take to the Finance Committee when that panel has its next budget meeting Monday.

Guenther said departments turned back about \$2.8 million in 2016. Current estimates show the county will have about \$2.5 million turned back in 2017.

Barry Moehring, county judge-elect and a current justice of the peace, said he's open to the Road Department's proposal but also wants the Quorum Court to be cautious.

"You have to be very careful about spending turnback money before it's actually turned back," Moehring said. "I'm very wary of that. I think this should be the exception, not the rule."

## Jacksonville, Pine Bluff and Capital City Lighthouse Charter Schools

### 2016 Annual Report Summary

[www.lighthouse-academics.org](http://www.lighthouse-academics.org)

Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School: Accredited

Pine Bluff Lighthouse Charter School: Accredited

Capital City Lighthouse Charter School: Accredited

Performance- School Status (Based on 2014 testing data)	
Flightline Upper Academy	Achieving Status
JLCS College Preparatory Academy	Achieving Status
Jacksonville Lighthouse (LA)	Needs Improvement
Pine Bluff Lighthouse (LA)	Needs Improvement *Priority*
Pine Bluff Lighthouse (UA)	Needs Improvement

**Lighthouse Academics Model**

**STEAMulated to Create**

- Theatre
- Music
- Film
- Project Based Learning
- Science Fairs
- Communication

Lighthouse Academics offers a STEAM approach represents an intersection of the three tenets of our existing education model: rigorous academics, social-emotional development, and arts infusion. It is centered on discovery and innovation, promoted through self-directed, experiential learning, and is a powerful way to develop our students for the 21st century and a wide variety of careers.

#### Highlights and Accomplishments

- ✓ College Prep Academy: 100% of the 2016 Senior class was accepted to a four year university; 100% graduation rate in 2016; 1A Boys State Track and Field Champions
- ✓ PBLCS: AdvancED Accredited Institution
- ✓ PBLCS: Awarded 21st Century Grant for after school program
- ✓ Jacksonville Lighthouse Schools have been recognized by the state of Arkansas as some of the top performing schools. Flightline Upper Academy (5-8) campus has received recognitions as being in the top 5% growth of schools in the state of Arkansas. Jacksonville CPA and Jacksonville Upper Academy has received recognitions as being in the 10% growth of schools in the state of Arkansas. All schools together received approximately \$29,000.00 to enhance its instructional programs.
- ✓ Jacksonville Lighthouse Middle has been awarded: **Beating The Odds Middle for Region (Math and ELA)** in 2015 by the Office of Educational Policy.
- ✓ Flightline Upper Academy has been awarded: **High Achieving Middle (Overall and ELA) and for Region (ELA)** in 2015 by the Office of Educational Policy.

Lighthouse Charter Schools in Jacksonville, Pine Bluff, and North Little Rock held public meetings in August 2016 to review and discuss the 2016 Annual Report. The report contained progress toward goals, school accreditation status, and proposals to correct any deficiencies. In addition to the public meetings, JLCS, PBLCS, CCLCS are publishing the report as part of its effort to constantly improve communication with parents, students, and community members. Lighthouse Charter Schools are free, arts infused, college-preparatory public school of choice. For further information about the Annual Report or Lighthouse Charter Schools, contact LHA's Regional Vice President; Lenisha Broadway by phone 501-374-5001 or email [lbroadway@lhacs.org](mailto:lbroadway@lhacs.org).

#### Progress toward goals

**Goal 1: All students will be prepared to achieve success in college.**

- ✓ At JLCS 100% of scholars are on track to graduate from high school in four years. 100% of the 2016 senior class were accepted to a four year institution.
- ✓ JLCS: 100% of the 10th-12th grade scholars were enrolled in at least 1 Pre-Advanced Placement, Advanced Placement, or Concurrent credit course.

**Goal 2: All students will contribute to at least one public art demonstration or performance each year.**

- ✓ JLCS, CCLCS, and PBLCS held several public musical theatre performances and art exhibits.

**Goal 3: Parents will demonstrate satisfaction with the school's programming and operation.**

- ✓ JLCS: 93% of parents rated the schools Good or Excellent. PBLCS: 89% of parents rated the schools Good or Excellent. CCLCS: 85% of parents rated the schools Good or Excellent.
- ✓ JLCS: 91% of parents participated in 4 parent conferences. PBLCS: 90% of parents participated in 4 conferences; CCLCS 90% of parents participated in 4 conferences.

**Goal 4: The school will grow 1.25 years in K-7 on average in Reading and/or Mathematics.**

- ✓ JLCS: Grades K-7 gain on average 120.1% of typical growth according to national norms in Mathematics and 90% in Reading.
- ✓ PBLCS: Grades K-7 gain on average of 159% growth according to national norms in Mathematics and 142% in Reading.
- ✓ CCLCS: Grades K-5 gain on average of 126.3 of typical growth according to national norms in Mathematics and 100% in Reading

**Goal 5: The school will be financially stable**

- ✓ JLCS: CCLCS, and PBLCS completed the year with a balanced budget and a clean audit.

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