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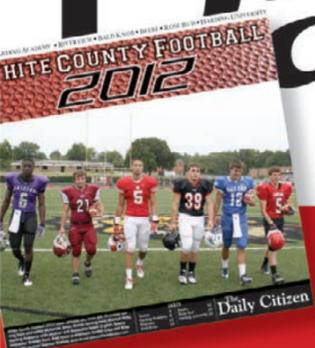


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Presidential elections are important, but local races have the greatest impact on our community. — PAGE 4A

Starbucks

The Starbucks on the Harding University campus is expected to open by the middle of September. The business will be located on the bottom level of the apartment buildings in Legacy Park.

Starbucks expects to open next month

Store will be part of Harding's Legacy Park

BY MOLLY M. FLEMING

Before the cool chill of October breezes through White County, Searcians will have a new place to get a steaming cup of java to fight the cold.



Burks

Starbucks is expected to open by the middle of September, according to David Burks, Harding University president. He said the store will be located on the bottom level of one of

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Hospital, schools exempt from A&P

Harding University will charge on most areas of tax

BY MOLLY M. FLEMING

Some of the largest employers in the city of Searcy will be exempt from charging the ad-



vertising and promotion (A&P) tax if it is approved by Searcy voters.

White County Medical Cen-

ter and the Searcy and River-view school districts are both exempt from charging the tax.

"The school is a sub-entity of the the state and is immune from certain things, and one of those will be the tax," said Sussannah Streit, local attorney.

Harding Academy's school cafeteria will not collect the tax, according to David Crouch,

spokesman for Harding University.

If the A&P tax is approved by Searcy voters, 1 percent will be collected on gross receipts of prepared foods and 3 percent will be collected on gross receipts of hotels and motels.

According to the A&P state

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BULLDOG REMOVED FROM VETERANS WALL



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Roger Healthscott files a plaque down for placement on the veterans mural in front of the new painting. A painting of a bulldog was removed from the mural after several complaints from veterans.

Veterans Mural Board cites complaints as reason for decision

BY M. A. WEBB

Special to The Daily Citizen

BALD KNOB — The bulldog image was recently removed from the city's veterans mural after complaints from local residents.

The bulldog has been replaced with a painting of a soldier kneeling over the boots, helmet and bayonet of a fallen comrade.

The Veterans Mural Board members made the decision after receiving several complaints.

"We had some complaints from veterans that (the bulldog) didn't fit with the theme of the wall," said Doyle Wallace, Bald Knob mayor and veterans board member. "I think it's really appropriate to have the soldier kneeling over his comrade with the bayonet."

The board voted unanimously to remove the bulldog at its the July 5 meeting, and the work was completed on July 30.

"That bulldog should have never been up there," said Carl White, a board member who is a retired Marine Corporal, Purple Heart recipient and city alderman. "A lot of people didn't want it there. Some people



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Bald Knob Mayor Doyle Wallace talks with Jami Johnson-Kimbrough in front of the veterans mural. Both are members of the veterans mural board in Bald Knob.

didn't want to put their names up there until we took the bulldog off." White's name is on the wall, but he attended school in Searcy at White

County Training School, where black students were forced to attend

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Enrollment

Since 2007-08, Bradford School District enrollment has declined 11.9 percent while the White County Central School District enrollment has declined 7.4 percent. Both superintendents cite rising gas prices as a reason for people moving out of their school districts.

Bradford enrollment declines

BY MOLLY M. FLEMING

Since the summer of 2007, one White County school district has seen a decrease in its student enrollment, and it's not the only district in the county to do so.

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WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers. Highs in the upper 80s.
Tonight: Cloudy. A chance of showers. Lows in the lower 70s.

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19th Century British politician and Prime Minister

