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TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

No alcohol in Durand Center

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North Arkansas College Board of Trustees reviewed the status of its building project during Thursday's meeting and voted 4 - 3 against allowing alcohol to be served in the Durand Center.

Board chairman Bill Lovell welcomed new trustee Jane Adair to the board when the group convened for its regular monthly meeting in the Bennie Ellis Board Room on the South Campus.

Lovell then yielded the floor to Northark's Vice President for Finance and Administration, Don Sugg, who delivered some encouraging, year-end news. Sugg said that while the numbers are not as healthy as he would like them to be, Northark is still operating in positive financial territory.

In response to current revenue trends, Sugg said he will be conducting meetings with various department heads to identify potential oppor-

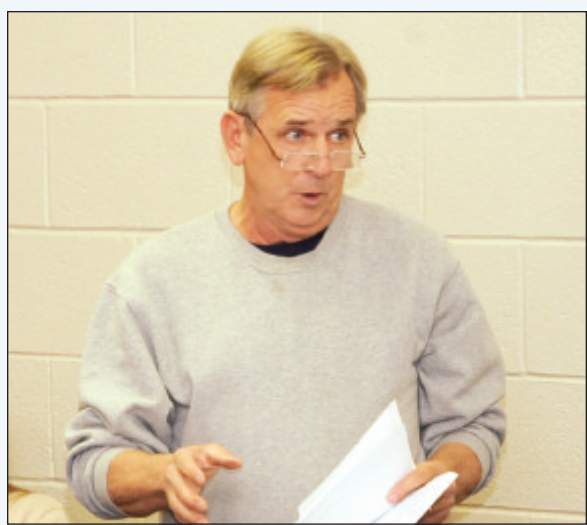


BRYAN D. HIX/STAFF

Northark President Dr. Jackie Elliott waits as Board of Trustees Chairman Bill Lovell counts votes cast to determine next year's chairman. Trustees voted six to one in favor of naming Matt Miller to the post over Dr. Jerry Cash.

members on the status of the new science building Northark has in the works. According to Sugg, trustees should be able to finalize a review of the project in late December and begin inviting bids for construction.

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LEE H. DUNLAP/STAFF

Boone County Library Board member Robert Hudson spoke on behalf of the library and its staff Monday night at the Boone County Quorum Court meeting.

PERMANENTLY OUT OF SERVICE

Library computers, server, boiler scrapped

Staff Report

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The Boone County Quorum Court unanimously agreed last month to accept a list of five items scrapped by the Boone County Library. Each of the items is listed on the county's inventory, and documentation is required for disposal.

Among the items were three old computers, a server and the boiler for its old heating and cooling system.

At that time, some people in the audience complained about where the items were being scrapped and wondered where the profits went.

Boone County Library Board member Robert Hudson answered those questions at Monday night's quorum court meeting, saying the concerns had been brought to his attention by Bill Ray Lewis.

Hudson prefaced his remarks by saying he is passionate about the library, and that passion is shared by other people.

Library said five items were approved for scrapping — three old computers, a computer server and the old boiler.

Two of the computers and the server are still at the library and are being cannibalized for parts. Library personnel delivered the other computer to the recycling center, and the boiler was hauled off by the contractor replacing the old heating and ventilation system.

Remembering his appointment to the board, the construction contractor said he had two priorities and both dealt with the physical condition of the building — the roof and heating and cooling.

He said an engineer looked at the location and condition of the heating and cooling system and estimated the project would cost \$200,000.

Hudson said a local contractor said he would install a new unit for \$19,500, and the library could put the equipment up for bids. He said the library set aside \$75,000 for the project, which came in at \$68,000. He said the new system is energy efficient and can be controlled by pushing a button.

He explained that the contractor dedicated two employees for two weeks to removing old pipes and other parts of the outdated heating and cooling system. He compared them to plumbers and said no way did the recycled value of the boiler, which he estimated to bring less than \$1,000, paid for those employees' hours on the job.

He thanked the staff and contractor for their diligence in improving the library and making sure the improvements worked. "If this had failed, I would be so ashamed," Hudson admitted.

"The real reason I'm so passionate is because we're tired of taxes." He said Proverbs encourages "giving of your substance and tithes." He compared tithes to taxes and substance to people giving their time and talents.

"That's the reason I'm here tonight," he stressed.

Hudson reminded county officials and the audience that the roofing contractor was so impressed with all the people going in and out of the library that the family donated \$50,000 to the library, which paid for most of the new heating and cooling system.

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GOIN' FISHIN'

Man arrested in pipe bomb incident

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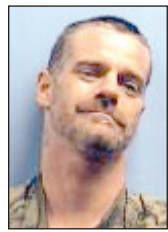


LEE H. DUNLAP/STAFF

A member of the Bentonville Bomb Squad analyzes a pipe bomb Wednesday afternoon in front of Harrison City Hall.

Boone County Sheriff Danny Hickman said a man who was already in the Boone County Jail was arrested Thursday in connection with a pipe bomb taken to the Harrison Police Department that day.

Hickman said Ricky Glen Mathis, 40, an inmate at the jail, was arrested and faces a charge of criminal use of prohibited weapons. Gary Byerley took what was later described as an improvised explosive device to the HPD about 12:30 Thursday afternoon, a police report shows. Byerley told the Daily Times that it had been found at his residence after his wife found it while she was



Mathis

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MARION WESLEY SHIPMAN

Marryin' days at an end for Marion JP

By DAVID HOLSTED
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YELLVILLE — His name plate may say Marion Wesley Shipman, but it could just as well be Marryin' Wesley Shipman.

The end of December will bring an end to a 20-year run as Marion County Justice of the Peace for Shipman. During that time, he has served under six county judges.

In November, Shipman lost in his bid for re-election. He attributed it to redistricting.

The Dec. 11 quorum court meeting was the last regular meeting for Shipman, as well as Donald Austin, Phillip

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DAVID HOLSTED/STAFF

Marion County JP Marion Wesley Shipman acknowledges the crowd after receiving a certificate of appreciation from Marion County judge Pete Giles at the Dec. 11 Quorum Court meeting. Shipman was one of five JPs for whom the meeting was the last regular one. Shipman has served on the Quorum Court for 20 years.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

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