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McClard withdraws ad panel application

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Position 3 on the Hot Springs Advertising and Promotion Commission reopened Tuesday after the sole applicant, Scott McClard, withdrew his application, citing business reasons.

The deadline for completed applications is noon Oct. 19.

The opening was advertised by the city of Hot Springs in June. The vacancy was created by the retirement of Commissioner Larry DeWitt as general manager of Comfort Inn & Suites. McClard, the co-owner of McClard's Bar-B-Q, submitted the sole application for the position.

The commission subsequently invited McClard, a former commission chairman, to attend its annual planning retreat Aug. 30 and 31, so that he would be up to speed on the planning process for 2016. His appointment was to be voted on during the Sept. 28 commission meeting. Had it been approved, the appointment would then have to be affirmed by the Hot Springs Board of Directors.

"It's unfortunate that Scott had to withdraw his application, but we will just reopen the position for applications and continue to operate with six commissioners until we vote on someone," Steve Arrison, CEO of Visit Hot Springs, said Tuesday. "He's served in the past and hopefully will serve again in the future. He did an excellent job."

The four-year position is available to any

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READY TO RIDE: Simon Bouda, of Sydney, Australia, waits to lead a group of Black Dog Ride motorcyclists from the Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa Tuesday morning. The group, from Australia, is taking part in a ride across America to raise awareness of depression and suicide prevention.

Black Dog Ride raises awareness of depression, suicide prevention

DON THOMASON
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A man who once felt he was surrounded by mental illness and suicides created an organization six years ago to raise awareness of depression and suicide prevention.

"The Black Dog Ride organization got started because of the deaths of two people close to me through suicide. One was my mother

and that was 21 years ago," Steve Andrews, managing director of the organization, said Monday evening at the Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa.

The organization's Tour Across America is comprised of a group of 66 motorcycle riders from Australia who are making a 21-day trek across America from New York City to Los Angeles. The group left New York Sept. 13 and will end their journey

Oct. 3. They arrived in Hot Springs shortly after 5 p.m. Monday from Memphis, Tenn.

Andrews said the name of the group was derived from Winston Churchill's reference to his depression as his "black dog," and the riders have stuffed toy black dogs named "Winston" on their

AWARENESS, PAGE 3A

Burn ban remains in effect

DAVID SHOWERS
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Weekend rainfall notwithstanding, County Judge Rick Davis says the burn ban he issued Sept. 16 for Garland County remains in effect.

Davis said his office fielded numerous calls Monday concerning the ban.

"Most of the county received less than one-tenth of an inch," he said. "That's not going to be enough to take it off at this time."

Hot Springs Memorial Field reported 0.04 inches Sunday, one of two days of measurable rain reported this month. The 0.07 inches that accumulated Sunday and Sept. 9 are 2.42 inches below the normal for the first three weeks of September. Rainfall totals for August (2.16 inches), July (1.38 inches) and June (0.34 inches) were all short of their monthly averages.

Totals for June, July and August were a collective 5.08 inches below normal. Not since the 12.13 inches that fell in May have monthly totals been above average. The airport has reported six days of measurable rain totaling 2.23 inches since Davis

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Organizer praying for large crowd

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Steve Woodham, one of the organizers of Fellowship of Christian Business Leaders, said Tuesday he is praying for at least 1,000 people to attend today's prayer meeting at the Alliance Rubber Co. flagpole near the Carpenter Dam entrance to the King Expressway.

The citywide prayer event will be held from 7-8 a.m. today around the 180-foot-tall flagpole erected earlier this month by Alliance Rubber Co.

Woodham, general manager of Courtyard by Marriott, said he and his wife moved to Hot Springs in January to open the new hotel, but the city is not new to them, since they lived in Monroe-West Monroe for 35 years. As the son of a preacher, his family visited Hot Springs many times on vacations.

"So this is kind of like a second home for us. The Lord sent us here to Hot Springs, and the pastor of the church we attend and I used to serve on the staff of a church 15 years ago in West Monroe where he was the youth pastor and I was director of media. So it's full circle," Woodham said.

Woodham said that, when he came to Hot Springs, he sat down with his pastor and other people in the area and "shared my heart with them."

He said the desire was to create a group of men and women "that could come together and basically build each other up."

"It's also part of an education process to learn how to navigate all the legalese going on in today's society with all the things taking place and all the attacks that have come against Christian business leaders and Christian men and women.

"So the organization was put together to build each other up, give each other strength, let them know they are not going through this alone, to help give guidance and direction

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COLLEGE AND CAREER DAY



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Hendrix College representative Lauren Bartshe, left, speaks with students from Lake Hamilton High School Tuesday morning during College and Career Day at National Park College. More than 1,000 local high school students from public schools in Garland County, Centerpoint, Christian Ministries Academy and Gospel Light filled the NPC gym to meet with 55 vendors from colleges, employers and workforce groups.

County landfill no longer accepting late loads

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As of Tuesday, Cedar Glades Landfill will no longer accept loads after 3:30 p.m. on weekdays, a measure County Judge Rick Davis says is intended to reduce comp time issued to landfill workers.

Deputy Director of Environmental Services Billy Sawyer said closing the gates at 3:30 p.m. allows workers to cover material received during the course of the day and get ready for the following day without accumulating overtime.

"Every day, by (Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality) regulations, we have to cover everything with dirt that was brought in during the day," he said. "When people come in at 4 (p.m.), we get into overtime covering everything and getting all the equipment refueled and ready for the next day.

"That way, if we lose power or something happens during the night, we'll still have fuel."

The county issues comp time in lieu of overtime pay to its employees, who receive one and a half hours of comp time for every hour of overtime. The arrangement allows employees to be paid when they're not working.

"We're trying to cut out as much comp time as we can and keep our money close," Sawyer said.

Sawyer said he's removed a sign that said the landfill closed at 4 p.m. The new one shows hours of operation from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. The landfill is open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, but customers are asked to arrive no later than 12:30 p.m.

Sawyer said workers clear dirt at the start of the day to make space for that day's debris stream. Only construction and demolition debris can be buried at the landfill under its Class IV permit. Garbage goes to its transfer station and is sent to Class I landfills in North Little Rock and Jefferson County.



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NEW SIGN: A truck driver exits past a sign Tuesday that displays the new hours of operation at the Garland County Landfill.

The landfill charges \$24 per ton for construction and demolition debris and \$34 per ton for Class I material.

Weather

SUNNY. HIGHS IN UPPER 80S. LOWS IN LOWER 60S.
SUNRISE: 7:00 A.M.
SUNSET: 7:09 P.M.



THURSDAY:
HIGH 87° LOW 64°
FRIDAY:
HIGH 87° LOW 62°

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