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Committee to meet about sales tax election

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The Conway City Council will convene a special committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday to discuss a potential sales tax election.

the Log Cabin Democrat, to be open at that meeting. the committee meeting is expected to include time for meeting, aldermen will con- commercial properties the public comments. Aldermen have been meeting to discuss a potential Nov. 18 sales tax election for weeks and are mulling a proposal to let voters decide whether ously reported in the Log to increase the city's sales tax rate to fund public safety Commission previously vot- day include: and infrastructure improve- ed 9-0 to recommend ap-

tleberry previously told aldermen that they are expected to take a vote on the sales Trail. tax election issue at a special Sept. 2 meeting. Public As previously reported in comments are also expected city, told commissioners

> Following the committee ordinance to rezone property from R-1 to O-1. As previ-

Conway Mayor Bart Cas- access drive for commercial properties between Farris Road and the Tucker Creek

Troy Rice, the business services coordinator for the that the project will be beneficial for citizens and the vene their regular city coundrive will provide access to, cil meeting and consider an adding that the city hopes to also have pedestrian access located at 959 Farris Road on the site to connect to the Tucker Creek Trail.

Additional business alder-Cabin, the Conway Planning men will consider on Tues-

redevelop the site to build an for school resource officers. Conway Animal Services. As part of the agreement, the Conway Police Department prove the CPD's donation The district will pay the city the agreement.

■ A resolution to approve with a potential electric generation facility for Conway the city. Corp. The proposed facility is being considered ahead of Steam Electric Station.

■ A consideration to apis set to provide eight police of 24 tasers and accessories officers and two sergeants. to the Stuttgart Police Department. The department nearly \$590,000 as part of is also seeking to dispose 43 non-working tasers.

■ A resolution to place a the reimbursement of costs more than \$158 lien on propand expenses associated erty located at 2125 Poplar St. for expenses incurred by

■ An ordinance to rezone property located at 1979 the planned 2030 closure of Blackberry Lane from R-1 the coal-fired Independence to A-1. The planning commission previously voted ■ An ordinance accepting 9-0 to recommend approval ■ An ordinance to approve \$4,000 from Best Friends of the rezoning. The appliments and build several proval of the rezoning. The entering into an agreement Animal Society as part of cant is seeking to build a thecabin.net.

cultural and entertainment city of Conway intends to with Conway Public Schools a larger \$20,000 grant for 12,500-square-foot barn for horses and equipment.

> ■ An ordinance to rezone property located at 603 Polk St. from R-2A to R-2. The planning commission previously voted 9-0 to recommend approval of the rezoning. The applicant is seeking to build a duplex on

Tuesday's regular city council meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at City Hall on 1111 Main St. All city council meetings are open to the public and stream live on the city's YouTube and Facebook pages.

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Arkansas Community Advocates opens a new community fridge at the Faulkner County Library. The organization asks Conway residents and businesses to donate shelf stable goods, produce, milk and more.

Arkansas Community Advocates open community fridge

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Arkansas Community Adner County Library over the weekend.

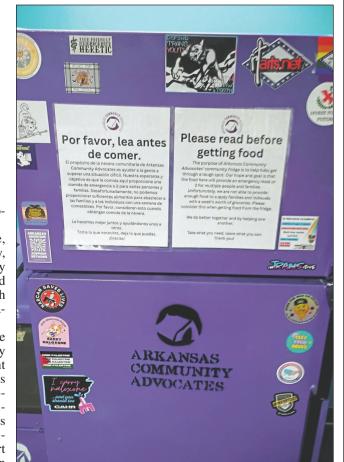
Located where a payphone used to be, the community fridge and mini pantry are available whenever the library is open.

at the library and all the supporters who make us more connected, more human and able to help people every day," Arkansas Community Advocates said via social

media. "We are stronger to-

The community fridge, vocates opened a new com- along with the mini pantry, munity fridge at the Faulk- allows people to not only leave food for those in need but also receive food with no judgements, no stipulations and no requirements.

"We kindly ask the people and businesses of Conway to support this important "We are grateful to our mu-resource with donations tual aid helpers, the people of shelf stable goods, produce, milk, etc.," Arkansas Community Advocates said. "Your food contributions can bring comfort and nourishment to those in



Maya scholar to present at Hendrix College

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Hendrix College will welcome Giovanni Batz, a Maya scholar and assistant professor of Chicana and Chicano lecture, "Fourth Invasion: Studies at the University of Decolonizing

focused on colonialism and Center for Social Sciences its aftermath.

Batz will deliver a public and open to the public. Histories, by Stacey Schwartzkopf, California, Santa Barbara, Extractivism and Maya Re- professor of sociology and

room B. The event is free The visit is coordinated

to campus Sept. 8-9 as part sistance in Guatemala," at anthropology at Hendrix, of an Odyssey Professorship 7 p.m. on Sept. 9 in Mills who was awarded the Margaret Berry Hutton Odyssey Professorship from 2023 to 2026 for his project "Empire's Legacies - Peoples,

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Conway High School rises in U.S. News and World Report rankings

By LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT percent to 30 percent, and

Conway High School 37 percent. (CHS) has moved up to 26th rankings.

dedication of our students, possible." we are among the leading can succeed." high schools in Arkansas.'

this year. Mathematics proficiency shifted from 39 science from 40 percent to

"We are incredibly proud in Arkansas and 2,391st na- of Conway High School's tionally in one year in the improved ranking in U.S. latest U.S. News and World News and World Report," Report Best High Schools Kate Worley, principal of Conway High School, said. This is an improvement "This achievement is a difrom 37th in the state and rect reflection of the ded-3,057th nationwide in ication, collaboration and 2024–25. This improve- tireless efforts of our teachment raises Conway's ers, staff and administrastanding from the 83rd pertors. Their commitment to centile to the 87th in the fostering academic excellence and supporting every "These results reflect the student's success is what effort, intentionality and makes milestones like this

teachers, and leaders at "At Conway High School, Conway High School," Ja- we are focused on expandson Black, interim super- ing opportunities for all intendent of Conway Pub- students," Bryce Bennett, lic Schools, said. "We are assistant superintendent of proud of the growth in AP curriculum and instruction, participation and gradua- said. "That means continution rates, and we are com- ing to promote Advanced mitted to supporting con- Placement courses, recruittinuous improvement in all ing students from underareas. Dr. Worley and the served populations, and en-CHS teachers and staff con- suring the right supports are tinue to demonstrate why in place so more students

In a news release, the dis-While CHS demonstrat- trict said "the upward traed progress in many areas, jectory in national and state the school continues to fo- rankings underscores Concus on strengthening math way High School's growand science proficiency, ing reputation for preparing which saw slight declines students for college and

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CBC welcomes new PACE, online enrollment coordinator

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higher education.

"We are excited to welcome Carmen to the team," son will work closely with CBC Vice President for Enrollment Management line learners through CBC's Steve Elder said. "She PACE (Professional Adult brings with her a varied College Education) probackground in higher edu- gram. She will oversee the cation that will significantly enrollment process and benefit PACE and Central support student success

Baptist College." A graduate of Webster registration.

University, Thompson holds a Bachelor of Arts de-Carmen Thompson has gree in media and commujoined Central Baptist Col- nications. Her professional lege (CBC) experience includes serving as its new as a digital marketing spe-PACE and cialist, where she develonline en- oped and executed strategic rollment outreach campaigns, and coordinator, as a financial aid advisor bringing at the University of Cenwith her a tral Arkansas, where she background guided students through the in commu- financial aid process and nications, marketing and supported their educational

> In her new role, Thompprospective adult and onfrom initial inquiry through

