

Initiative to enter phase two

A press conference announcing a major fund-raising matching opportunity for the Conway County School Counts! Initiative will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton.

The press conference was scheduled by representatives from the local secondary schools in Conway County, UACCM and local business community members. The press conference will also be used as a kickoff of the School Counts! second phase of the capital campaign to fund the School Counts! scholarship endowment.

The first phase resulted in direct investments and pledges in excess of \$300,000 toward the initiative's one million dollar goal. The goal is to provide up to \$1,000 per semester for four semesters to Conway County graduates to attain an associate's degree at UACCM.

Patty Shipp, a School Counts! Steering Committee member, said, "Because job skill requirements are changing, Conway County is providing support through the School Counts! Initiative to prepare students for future work force needs."

Paranormal activity checked at Rialto

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Special to Headlight

If you think that you have heard bumps in the night there is someone to call. Larry Flaxman, president of ARPAST (Arkansas Paranormal and Anomalous Studies Team), was setting up equipment Saturday night to do an evaluation of the old Rialto and Massey Hardware Store/Gallery in anticipation of something extra being in the buildings.

ARPAST is affiliated with TAPS, The Atlantic Paranormal Society, which produces "Ghost Hunters" seen on SciFi Channel 55 on Suddenlink in Morrilton.



—Photo by Stewart Nelson

THIS GROUP of ARPAST members sets up equipment for monitoring activity at the Rialto.

Tax approved, voters few

The voter turnout was low at Menifee last week — 56 of 240 registered voters, or 23.75 percent but the result was a 38-18 approval for a one-cent sales tax.

The funds generated by the tax will be used to refurbish and re-roof the city's community building.

The Conway County Election Commission met Thursday afternoon and certified the returns.



PROGRESS is rapid on the \$4.7 billion, 167-mile pipeline project that started near Center Ridge. The natural gas will be transported from the Fayetteville Shale to several states in the Northeast, Southeast and Upper Midwest.

Paranormal

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most of the excitement is in reviewing the evidence." He added that the group of volunteers he had with him was small because that usually has better results.

After reviewing the history and layout of the Rialto, they requested to be allowed to make the study.

At the time the old St. Anthony's Hospital was being remodeled they had done a study there and had found nothing. Results of this study should be available in a month.