

- Completed in 1911 by the John A Brashear Company
- 24-inch aperture
- 36 foot focal length
- Tied for 6th largest refracting telescope in the United States
- Cast iron mount and pier



# Permits and Inspections, Do I Really Need Them?

There are many important reasons to obtain the required

building permit(s) and to obtain the required inspections for your construction project. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that they are hiring a licensed contractor and that the contractor has the required permits.

# Helps protect property value

Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted, the value of your investment could be reduced.

# **Saves Money**

Property insurers may not cover work or damages caused by work done without permits and inspections.

# Makes Selling Property Easier

When property is sold through a multiple listing association, the owner is required to disclose any improvements or repairs made and if permits and inspections were obtained. Many financial institutions will not finance a purchase without proof of a final inspection. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied or do costly repairs.

#### Improves safety

Your permit allows the code official to reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction to provide for public health, safety and welfare. By following code guidelines, your completed project will meet MINIMUM standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, and your friends or future owners. Mandatory inspections complement the contractor's experience and act as a system of checks and balances resulting in a safer project.

# It's the Law

Work requiring permits are made such by City Ordinance and State Law. Work without a permit may be subject to removal or other costly remedies.



Thank you Sign Gypsies of NWA for showing your appreciation of the Lowell Police Department during National Police Week!



# LOWELL SENIOR CENTER 704 EAST MONROE LOWELL, AR 72745

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The Lowell Senior Activity Center held a Pie Contest & Tasting Event on Wednesday, February 28th. Mayor Long and Bryan Shawver with Channel 5 News were among those asked to judge the event. After judging was complete, pie tasting was open to all who purchased tickets to the event. All proceeds went to the Lowell Senior Activity Center. What a fun and delicious way to raise money for the Senior Center!



1st Place - Diana Osborn 2nd Place - Penny Blickenstaff 3rd Place - Kay Hittson 4th Place - Victoria Segura





We are located right next to the Northwest Arkansas Razorback Greenway. You can enter our lot from Goad Springs Rd. We have a bike rack on order. Ice water to refill your bottle is always FREE. We also have a 24 hour restaurant, a deli, and the cleanest bathrooms around? Please stop in and visit us the next time you hit the trail!



Congratulations to J.P. Barnett of Arvest Bank as the latest recipient of the Lowell Graham/Tucker award.

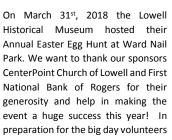
Barnett, who celebrated his 20-year anniversary with Arvest in August, works at the branch located at 103 S. Bloomington in Lowell. In receiving the award, Barnett is being recognized for his "significant contribution to the betterment of the Lowell community" and for having "given above and beyond to the community," according to a chamber release.

Proud to have such an outstanding representative of Lowell!





Thank you to our Easter Bunnies, Brissia Trevino and Matthew Strickland





from the museum and CenterPoint Church stuffed 4,000 eggs with candy. We had over 200 children from pre-school through  $5^{\rm th}$  grade gathering eggs hoping to find one of the 12 prize eggs on the field. The 12 children who found the prize eggs won a basket full of wonderful outside spring toys! Four of the lucky prize winners were also chosen at random to win a bicycle provided by CenterPoint Church.

It may have been thundering and pouring rain outside, but that did not stop local leaders from uniting for the National Day of Prayer. The focus this year was in making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace. Believers and pastors gathered from across denominations for a public display of unity.



Pictured from left; First Baptist Church Pastor Aaron Matthews, Centerpoint Church Pastor Brian Clark, Lowell Chaplain Jacque Eakins, Kingdomwerks Pastor Nelson Perkinson, Mayor Eldon Long and Lakeview Baptist Pastor Johnny Harp.



Left-To-Right.

FRONT ROW: Kelly Johnson, Martine Pollard, Tommy Van Zandt, Brittney Gulley, Karen McIntosh.

MIDDLE ROW: Eileen Jennings, Tori Bogner, Matt Crafton, Jon Moran, Joel Slank.

BACK ROW: Cal Rose, Greg Lindley, Bo Bittle, Jerry Vest,

Adam Rutledge,

Angela DeLille, Chris Decker, and City of Lowell's Richard Stone.

# 19 Individuals Complete Inaugural Citizens Water Academy

Northwest Arkansas now boasts a group of 19 area leaders who have a deeper knowledge and understanding of the mission, vision and values of Beaver Water District (BWD). On April 10th, these individuals from the community completed Beaver Water District's inaugural Citizens Water Academy. On April 17th, the class received certificates of completion at a recognition luncheon. For many years, BWD has conducted public education and outreach programs. These efforts have included working with, among others, kindergarten through 12th grade teachers and students, University of Arkansas students, Chamber of Commerce leadership groups, environmental and other nonprofit groups, and members of local ethnic communities. To extend its reach even further, BWD made the decision to develop a formalized educational outreach program known as a Citizens Water Academy. The purpose of the Citizens Water Academy is to educate a select group of people about the history and organizational makeup of BWD, the drinking water produced by BWD from Beaver Lake, and the Beaver Lake watershed in order to enable them to serve as ambassadors and to advocate on BWD's behalf. This is beneficial not only to BWD and the protection of water quality in Beaver Lake, but it also supports community sustainability and regional economic growth. Those who participated were invited to apply and hosen from a diversity of businesses and organizations. To be eligible to apply, class members had to receive their water directly from one of BWD's four customer cities — Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers, or Bentonville. Classes began Feb. 27 and continued on consecutive Tuesdays from noon to 2 p.m., with the exception of spring break week. The classes covered many topics including the history of BWD and of Beaver Lake, BWD's relationships with the Corps of Engineers and the cities of Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers, and Bentonville; BWD's drinking water treatment process (including a tour of the facility); drinking water regulations and other relevant regulatory and permit programs; BWD's financial management; BWD's capital improvements program; source water protection program; and long-range planning.