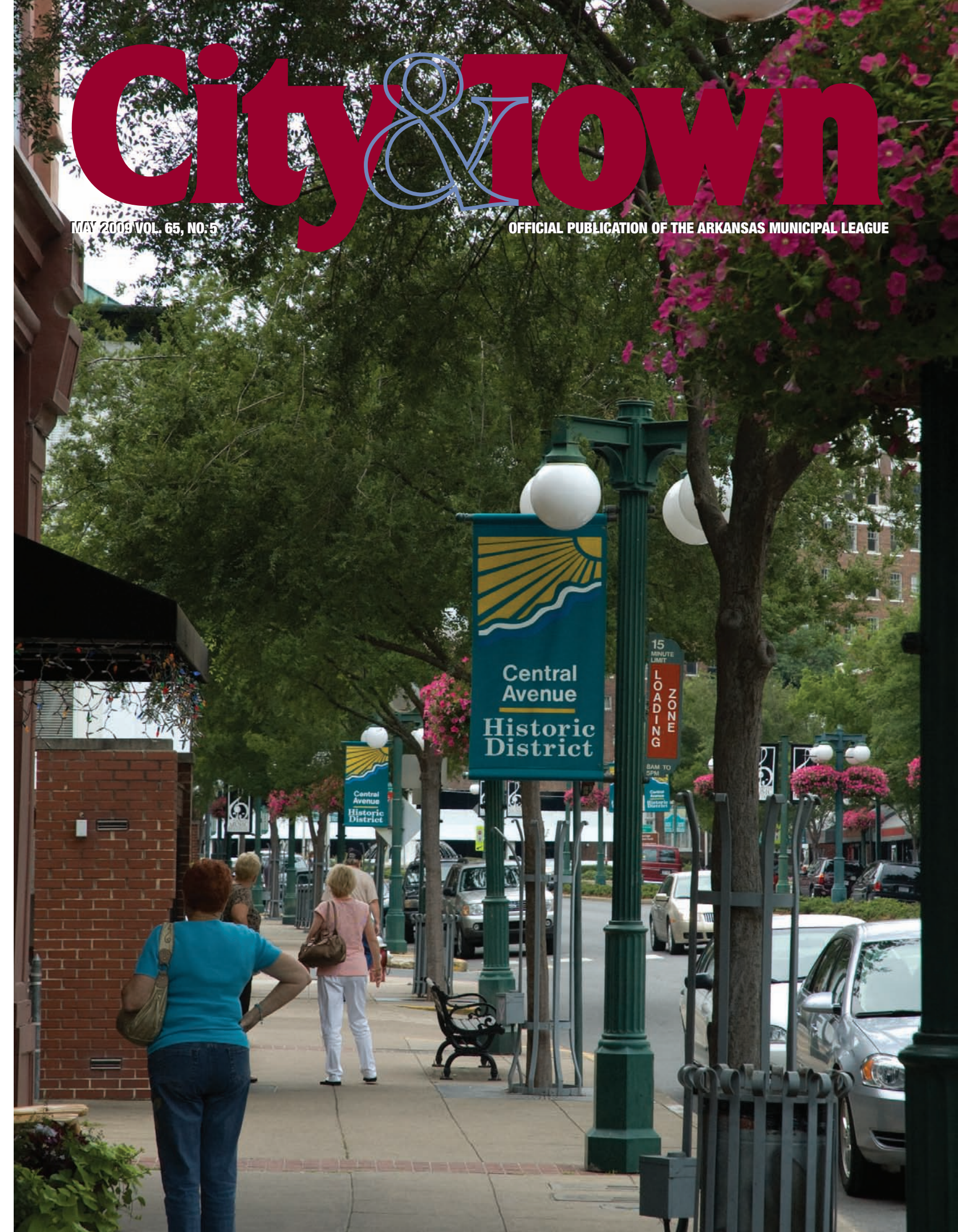


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Dear Friends:

The 75th Municipal League Convention, June 17-19, is fast approaching. We will be celebrating a milestone in our history at this once-in-a-lifetime event, so everyone needs to be there for this occasion! REGISTER IMMEDIATELY. As you have come to expect, but even better than ever, we will have days of informative and fascinating sessions conducted by the best speakers the League can find to educate and expand your leadership expertise for your cities and towns. I will see you in Hot Springs!



My good friend, Tommy Swain, mayor of Jacksonville, has decided to retire. I have to take a moment to say a personal thank you to Tommy for many, many things. First, thank you, Tommy, for your service to the citizens of Jacksonville. He has been mayor there for 23 years. Second, thank you, Tommy, for your leadership as a mayor. Tommy has mentored many a new mayor as he or she took office, including myself. Third, thank you, Tommy, for your personal friendship. Tommy always had time for me and my many phone calls. He is and always has been a kind and giving person who has served his community and this state so well. I can't promise that those of us who value your wisdom and experience will stop calling on you for advice during your retirement, but we will respect your and Judy's decision to spend more time with your children and grandchildren. Best wishes to you and Judy.

Remember the article in the March *City & Town* that introduced to you the new state-of-the-art driving simulator for training law enforcement throughout the state? My police chief, Percy Wilburn, and one of his officers, Patrolman Antonio Swygart, recently attended a two-hour training session under David Baxter, the health and safety coordinator for the League. Chief Wilburn reports that David is an excellent instructor and the simulator is a great tool for training during real-life driving situations. The chief stated that it made pursuit situations a reality. For him as an administrator and many of his officers, pursuit situations were circumstances that did not come around often and therefore were not easy to train for in real life. Chief Wilburn praised the training as invaluable and is requiring all of his full-time officers to attend the training. He is encouraging all of his auxiliary officers to attend and strongly urges all other departments in the state to do the same.

Our Executive Director, Don Zimmerman, has an informative article on the 87th General Assembly in this issue. The article has more details on League-backed bills passed during the legislative session. Everyone needs to read about the new laws that will affect our cities and towns. I want to commend Don and his staff for the hard work they did with the Legislature this year. The successes outlined in Don's article don't happen overnight and they don't happen without tremendous effort and team work. Thank you, Don. Thank you, staff.

In closing, let me ask you to never forget that we are placed in our elective positions to serve those who have entrusted us with running the cities and towns that make up our great state. If we can end each day by helping or enriching the life of just one of those individuals, whom we have publicly declared to serve, then we have accomplished that which we set out to do.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JoAnne H. Bush". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JoAnne H. Bush
Mayor of Lake Village
President, Arkansas Municipal League

87th General Assembly 'a very good one'

By Don Zimmerman, League Executive Director

From the very start, this year's Arkansas General Assembly had a good feel about it. About half of the legislators attended the opening night banquet of the League's Winter Conference, which was held during the first week of the legislative session. A feeling of cooperation was apparent among the state and local leaders and one of determination to keep Arkansas forging ahead, even in turbulent economic times.

Speaker of the House Robbie Wills certainly contributed to the high spirits by speaking to the conference and appointing three past League presidents to chair important committees. Rep. Tommy Baker of Osceola, League president in 1999-2000, was appointed to chair the City, County and Local Affairs Committee; Rep. Gregg Reep of Warren, League President in 1997-1998, was appointed to chair the Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee; and Rep. George Overbey Jr. of Lamar, League president in 2001-2002, was appointed as the House Chairman of the Joint Retirement Committee. These three committees dealt with numerous important bills throughout the session.

High-profile issues of the session included implementation of the lottery amendment, reduction of one percent of the state sales tax on groceries and the implementation of a statewide trauma system funded by an increased tobacco tax. Most of the League bills successfully went through the City, County and Local Affairs Committee with important health, labor and retirement bills being dealt with in the other committees.

League bills enacted were:

- Act 27 by Rep. Tracy Pennartz requires continued residency after election of city directors in a city administrator form of government.
- Act 143 by Rep. Jon Woods makes it permissive



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for a city or town to secure a priority clean-up lien after the completion of clean-up work.

- Act 144 by Rep. Overbey clarifies that the city council of a city of the second class may prescribe the retirement benefits of its mayor.
- Act 157 by Rep. Overbey repealed outdated laws pertaining to year 2000 computer issues.
- Act 158 by Rep. Overbey corrected a typographical error in ACA 16-81-106 (c).
- Act 161 by Rep. Baker provides for annual reports by mayors of cities of the first class to be made in the first 90 days each year.
- Act 195 by Rep. Woods allows municipalities to request termination of water service by a water authority serving residents if solid waste payments are delinquent.
- Act 274 by Rep. Baker amends ACA 26-75-602

to make certain short-term rentals subject to municipal taxation.

- Act 313 by Rep. John Edwards authorizes municipalities to require proof of insurance prior to releasing impounded vehicles.
- Act 340 by Rep. Robert Moore adds cities and towns to the list of eligible recipients of surplus campaign funds.
- Act 341 by Rep. Moore increases the maximum fine for violation of a municipal ordinance to \$1,000 from \$500.
- Act 342 by Rep. Edwards expands the offense of obstructing governmental operation to those who falsely identify themselves to animal control or code enforcement officers.
- Act 343 by Rep. Edwards adds animal control and code enforcement officers to those protected from physical force under “interference with law enforcement officer” laws.
- Act 344 by Rep. Edwards makes the offense of “battery in the second degree” applicable to those causing bodily injury to animal control or code enforcement officers.
- Act 385 by Sen. Gene Jeffress gives cities of 20,000 populations and over the option of electing or appointing when filling vacancies of over one year on the council.
- Act 390 by Rep. Darrin Williams pertains to scrap metal dealers.
- Act 398 by Rep. Overbey clarifies authority of a district court to enforce ordinances of cities and towns in which the court does not sit.
- Act 403 by Rep. Beverly Pyle authorizes vacancies in elective offices to be filled from other elected positions.
- Act 411 by Rep. Overbey establishes procedure for cities and towns to receive fine revenue when they operate a police department but have no local court.
- Act 417 by Rep. Baker allows elected officials to serve as trustees of joint investment trusts.
- Act 503 by Rep. Baker allows additional citation for subsequent clean up violation without additional notification in the same year.

- Act 556 by Sen. Joyce Elliott provides for citations of code violations to be mailed to the last known place of residence.

Finally, HJR 1003 by Rep. Bruce Maloch was our proposal to amend the State Constitution, whereby municipal bond interest limitations would be eliminated. Current economic conditions are preventing many local capital improvements because the interest rate caps make bond issues impossible. The amendment was combined with two others and referred to the 2010 General Election.

Other favorable acts

Rep. Reep was the lead sponsor of Act 180, which increased tobacco taxes to fund a state trauma system and other health programs.

Rep. Barry Hyde sponsored Act 209, which allows quorum courts and city councils to increase fines an additional \$15 each to be used to defray city or county jail expenses. This was a proposal from sheriffs that was supported by the League in an effort to eliminate the jail funding crisis that exists in some counties and cities.

- Act 362 by Sen. Jim Luker established a reasonable recall procedure for municipal officials serving four-year terms.
- Act 382 by Sen. Steve Bryles allows municipal voters to change an expiration date of local sales and use tax.
- Act 661 by Sen. Elliott creates the Arkansas Housing Trust Fund.
- Act 779 by Rep. Woods and Sen. Sue Madison provides a procedure for a municipality to acquire water customers from a rural water authority serving within a municipality after an annexation.
- Act 883 by Rep. Maloch appropriated \$3 million for additional municipal turnbacks from the General Improvement Fund. \$2.5 million will be actually funded.
- Act 957 by Sen. Bryles allows a municipality to have flexibility regarding the effective date of a sales tax.

- Act 1181 by Rep. Williams extends the maximum life of a redevelopment district to 40 years rather than 25.
- Act 1313 by Rep. Johnnie Roebuck increases death benefits for police and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Employee benefit acts

During each legislative session some municipal public safety employees attempt to have laws enacted that mandate certain benefits. This year was no exception. Act 720 by Sen. Gene Jeffress was the principal enactment this year. It affects the LOPFI system, increasing employees' contributions by 2.5% of pay effective July 1, so the benefit multiplier for future retirees can be increased by .24%. Actuaries estimate that LOPFI's unfunded liabilities will increase by approximately \$65 million. The League felt the timing of this proposal was misplaced, particularly in light of current economic conditions.

Act 1279, pushed by the Police Chiefs Association, makes some confusing changes to the laws pertaining to retiree health coverage.

Defeat of negative bills

Numerous negative bills were disposed of by committees. HB 1949 got out of committee on the second try but was defeated by the full House. It was designed by the State Chamber of Commerce to extend the six-month rebate of local sales taxes available to businesses on purchases of over \$2,500, and would have added uncertainty for municipal budgets.

Disappointments

One temporary set back or disappointment was the state's divergence from its policy of maintaining or broadening the local sales tax base, a position long advocated by Gov. Mike Beebe and strongly supported by the League. Act 1274 repeals state and local sales taxes, effective July 1, 2011, on

mini-warehouses and self-storage rental services. It is estimated that state and local sales taxes will be reduced by over \$5 million when Act 1274 is fully implemented.

Another disappointment was when Rep. Kathy Webb's attempt to fund the State Aid Street System on behalf of all cities and towns, was not pursued due to heavy opposition from the Highway Department. Rep. Webb's amendment would have provided \$50 million from the Highway Department for municipal street aid similar to the county's state aid road system that is funded by a one cent per gallon gasoline tax. The Street Aid System at one time was funded by federal revenue sharing funds that came to the state, and since the new federal stimulus program provides over \$350 million to the Highway Department, it was thought that \$50 million could be used to stimulate the streets of our 500 cities and towns. The Highway Department did agree to strongly consider the merits of the idea when the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance that was created by Act 374 begins functioning.

Conclusion

The League received numerous compliments from legislators about our organized approach to lobbying. The legislators appreciate our process which enables many legislative ideas to be fully vetted before they are presented to the legislature. Soon we will again be starting that process with our Advisory Councils, Executive Committee and Resolutions Committee, culminating at our Annual Business meeting to be held during the 75th Annual Convention on June 19 in Hot Springs. We hope you will participate in the process. We are now in an era of annual legislative sessions and there is no time to waste if we are to keep our "great cities making a great state."

We at the League offer our sincere thanks to our state and local leaders who worked so hard and well together during this year's legislative session. It was a very good one!



Communication key for Wynne mayor

Whether he's using "old school" communication tools like radio or "new school" methods like the Internet, Wynne Mayor Paul Nichols enthusiastically keeps the city informed.

By Sherman Banks, contributing writer



Hitting the airwaves on local am radio station KWYN is just one way Wynne Mayor Paul Nichols keeps the people informed about their local government.

Wynne Mayor Paul Nichols has made keeping his constituents informed about the issues facing his city of 8,615 a priority since he took office in 1998. The former high school teacher and city council member has developed several unique ways to communicate with citizens.

In addition to the more traditional ways of communicating—invitations to speak to various organizations or stopping in at a local restaurant or coffee shop to talk about issues—he has a standing invitation the day after a city council meeting to appear on local radio station KWYN from 7 to 8:30 a.m. to discuss and clarify the issues facing the city. During his on-air time, he receives questions from his constituents. The questions are not just limited to agenda items; any issue can be discussed. The radio program is a great way to avoid miscommunication on the local issues, Nichols said.

In addition to the radio show, Nichols also has a tech savvy way of communicating with the community. He publishes an online blog. For the uninitiated,

a blog is an online personal journal with reflections, comments and hyperlinks to related sites and issues provided by the author.

Nichols became interested in blogging when his wife encouraged him to do so. His blog, mayorteacher.blogspot.com, contains not only information on city business but also human interest stories and family-related issues as well. His April 15 post covers city topics such as residential rates for trash, the cost of improvements to a local street, delivery of a new commercial garbage truck and an appointment to the local tree board.

Mayor Nichols began his blog in November of 2007 and generally receives 100 hits per week. Though he rarely receives comments and usually has no idea who is reading, if his schedule causes him to miss a week, he receives inquiries as to why there has been no new information added. His readers are out there and want to stay informed.

Nichols had thought about simply keeping a diary but decided against it. Blogging was more fun and creative, and one can reach a larger number of people with your thoughts and interests, as opposed to traditional communication methods. Blogging also gives him a chance to focus on issues rather than on personalities.

With his "old school" and "new school" approaches to keeping his city informed, Nichols is a busy man. Thankfully, the city has a small but efficient staff working for the community, including a full-time police chief with 17 certified officers, a full-time fire chief with five full-time firefighters and 17 volunteers. Wynne also has a director of public works and an accountant who doubles as the mayor's assistant.

Nichols sees his role as mayor as a constant challenge, and he meets that challenge with much enthusiasm. He believes that effectively communicating with his constituents is the recipe for his success.



CLE Offered at League Convention

Twelve (12) hours of continuing legal education (CLE) will be available for city attorneys who attend the 75th Arkansas Municipal League Convention, June 17-19, at the Hot Springs Convention Center. The Arkansas City Attorney's Association (ACAA) sponsors the CLE.

Jay Williams, Gentry city attorney and the current ACAA president, urges members to register for the Convention as soon as possible. A registration form is in this issue of *City & Town*, and copies are also being mailed to city attorneys.

Tentative CLE topics, offered June 18 and 19, include legislative updates, bankruptcy law and police-related matters. At least one hour of ethics will also be offered.

To attend the CLE program, registration is required at the League Convention. For registration information, call Whitnee Bullerwell at the League, 501-374-3484, Ext. 206. For CLE information, call Mark Hayes, ACAA secretary/treasurer and League general counsel at 501-978-6102 or Jamie Adams at 501-978-6124.



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NLC Special Report on Economic Recovery

With the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 now law, the National League of Cities (NLC) is working to help cities make the most of the new federal dollars available and leverage them with local resources to benefit their communities.

The recent Congressional City Conference focused on the recovery package through workshops focused on key elements of the bill and keynote speeches from cabinet officials instrumental in implementing the legislation.

NLC TV, the NLC's Internet TV channel, is also conducting webcasts on economic recovery. For more information and to register, see www.nlc.org. Prior webcasts providing an overview of the acts are archived on www.nlctv.org.

The NLC's Web site, www.nlc.org, also includes a number of resources and questions-and-answers about the acts.

The NLC worked hard in lobbying for an economic recovery bill that included funds to invest in the nation's infrastructure and families, and ensured that state and local governments have readily available access to the capital markets.

This special report focuses on programs in those key areas in the recovery bill. While many cities cannot get direct access to this federal funding, they can apply to state programs to help families and individuals in their communities gain access to jobs and funds as a result of the bill.

The following is a listing of key programs aimed at creating jobs by investing in neighborhoods, families and infrastructure, improving the environment, preventing crime and improving the finances of local governments.

Select Key Provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

To create jobs and safeguard investment in our neighborhoods and communities

Community development projects are powerful vehicles for economic recovery because they create jobs where they are needed most and lead to lasting neighborhood benefits.

Above all, these investments help neighborhoods that have experienced the brunt of the current recession.

Community Development

- To strengthen our cities: \$1 billion for the Community

Development Block Grant program

- To ease the burden of vacant and foreclosed properties on local governments: \$2 billion for the Neighborhood Stabilization program
- To finance the construction of affordable rental housing: \$2.25 billion for the Tax Credit Assistance program
- To provide rental assistance for families: \$2.25 billion in Section 8 funding
- To renovate and repair public housing units: \$4 billion for the Public Housing Capital Fund
- To identify and remove lead paint from homes: \$100 million for the Lead Hazard Elimination program
- To raise capital to invest in low-income neighborhoods: \$10 billion in additional new markets tax credits
- To invest in areas that have significant poverty, unemployment or home foreclosures: \$10 billion for New Recovery Zone Bonds and \$15 billion for Recovery Zone Facility Bonds

To create jobs and modernize our transportation and communication systems

To build a 21st century economy, we must rebuild our aging infrastructure. Investing in roads, bridges, transit and waters will put people to work today while saving commuters and shippers time and money tomorrow, as well as reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions.

By undertaking road and sidewalk improvements that enhance the ability of local residents to walk and bike in their neighborhood we also build stronger communities.

Local governments own and operate 75 percent of the nation's highway and road network, 90 percent of the nation's transit systems and almost 300,000 bridges.

All levels of government must work together to ensure the country has the transportation systems to ensure the long-term vitality of our local, regional and national economies, while strengthening the nation's competitive position in the world.

Highways

- To rebuild highways and bridges: \$27.5 billion for Federal Aid-Highways and \$1.5 billion for Competitive Grants for Transportation

Transit

- To modernize, upgrade and repair existing transit systems: \$750 million for the Fixed Guideway Modernization program
- To construct new commuter or light rail systems: \$750 million for the New Starts program

- To increase public transportation by purchasing new buses and equipment: \$6.9 billion for transit formula grants

Airports

- To improve airport safety and reduce congestion: \$1.1 billion for the Airport Improvement program

Rail

- To build new high speed rail systems: \$8 billion for High-Speed Rail Corridors and the Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor

Broadband

- To extend broadband services to underserved communities: \$7 billion for the the Broadband Technology Opportunities program

To create jobs and reduce our dependency on foreign energy

Local government investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies will create economic growth and stability, yield cost and energy savings for municipalities, businesses and families and foster healthier communities.

Energy

- To achieve greater energy efficiency and reduce energy usage: \$2.8 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program and \$400 million for the Competitive Grant program
- To increase the energy efficiency of low-income households: \$5 billion for the Weatherization Assistance program
- To finance renewable energy facilities: \$2.4 billion for New Clean Energy Bonds
- To reduce energy use in homes: \$3.2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

To create jobs and improve our environment

Clean water is the backbone of livable communities and modern society; investments in water infrastructure are essential to protecting the nation's water resources. The redevelopment of former industrial and commercial sites will help convert environmental eyesores back into sources of community pride and protect citizens from the environmental dangers these sites pose.

Environment

- To improve water quality and wastewater infrastructure: \$4 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- To improve the quality of drinking water: \$2 billion for

the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

- To fund the cleanup of hazardous sites: \$600 million for the Superfund project
- To evaluate and clean up former industrial and commercial sites: \$100 million for brownfields
- To speed existing flood control and environmental restoration projects: \$4.6 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers

To create jobs and improve public safety

Local law enforcement provides the most basic function of government—protecting its citizens. Safe communities allow business to prosper and citizens to access needed services. Public safety also means deterring against violence in communities—intervening when children join gangs and providing safe havens for the abused.

Crime Prevention

- To hire additional police officers: \$1 billion in community-oriented policing hiring grants
- To prevent and control crime: \$2.225 billion in Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
- To combat drug-related crime in rural areas: \$125 million for assistance for rural law enforcement to combat drug-related crime
- To combat narcotic activities along the Southern border: \$40 million in assistance for law enforcement
- To reduce the online sexual exploitation of children: \$50 million for Internet crimes against children initiatives
- To reduce crimes against women: \$175 million for the violence against women prevention and prosecution program
- To fund the temporary housing of battered women: \$50 million for the Transitional Housing Assistance Grant program

To create jobs and protect America

The security of the United States and its citizens is a defining issue of the decade. Threats to the homeland require more and better equipment for first responders and reinforcement of vital infrastructure.

Homeland Security

- To construct or renovate fire stations: \$210 million in firefighter assistance grants
- To protect public transportation infrastructure: \$150 million in rail and transit security grants
- to improve security at seaports: \$150 million in port security grants

To create jobs and help families hurt by the economy

In strong and vibrant communities, families have homes, workers have jobs and children are ready to learn. All levels of government must join together to ensure children and families at all income levels can achieve success. Priorities include providing education and training for today's economy, opportunities for real employment with a living wage and access to public benefits and mainstream financial services.

Emergency Assistance to Families

- To prevent individuals from becoming homeless and help those who are to be re-housed: \$1.5 billion for the Homeless Prevention Fund
- To train and place people in jobs created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: \$3.95 billion Workforce Investment Act
- To fund unemployment insurance: \$39 billion for unemployment insurance

Food Stamps

- To ensure everyone eligible for food stamps receives them: \$20 billion for state nutrition assistance programs

Health Programs

- To help the unemployed maintain health insurance: \$27.5 billion for COBRA
- To provide states with additional funds to cover the state's share of Medicaid costs: \$87 billion for Medicaid

Education and School Readiness

- To provide child care for low-income families: \$2 billion for the Child Care and Development Fund
- To ensure children are ready to learn: \$2.1 billion for Head Start and Early Head Start
- To invest in schools with disadvantaged students: \$13 billion for the No Child Left Behind/Title I program
- To improve special education programs: \$12 billion for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- To build or repair public school facilities: \$11 billion for qualified school construction bonds

To create jobs and improve the finances of local governments

Serious disruptions in the municipal bond market have

affected the ability of cities to finance infrastructure and meet other capital financing needs, while increasing the cost of existing variable debt. Improving market access and reducing municipal borrowing costs will sustain recovery as local governments put more people back to work.

Easing the Credit Crunch

- To increase the market for municipal bonds: Increase Bank Qualified Debt Limit to \$30 million in 2009 and 2010 and allow banks to deduct 80 percent of the carrying costs of purchasing all types of newly issued bonds in 2009 and 2010, up to an amount not to exceed two percent of the institution's total assets
- To spur the market for bonds: eliminate application of the Alternative Minimum Tax on private activity and governmental bonds issued in 2009 and 2010, including refunding of bonds initially issued after 2003
- To expand the types of government bonds: the New Taxable Bond Option allows issuers to receive a 35 percent reimbursement of interest paid from the federal government or provide a 35 percent tax credit to investors

Accountability and Transparency

- Mayors and others making funding decisions must certify investments have been fully vetted and are appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars.
- Grantees must submit quarterly reports detailing the use of funds to the Federal Granting Agency.
- The Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board will conduct and coordinate oversight of funds to prevent waste, fraud and abuse.
- Grantees must register with the Central Contractor Registration database or complete other requirements as determined by the Office of Management and Budget.
- Whistleblowers are protected.
- Concerns raised by the public about investments made using recovery act funds are subject to inspector general review.
- Federal agencies may adjust grant limits on administrative expenditures to help defray compliance cost.

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Doing a little can do a lot.

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Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year

It's time to consider nominating your town for the Annual Volunteer Community of the Year Awards! These awards, co-sponsored by the Arkansas Municipal League, the Governor's Office, and DHS Division of Volunteerism, honor twelve communities each year for outstanding citizen volunteerism.

To download the nomination forms and instructions, please visit our Web site, <http://www.arkansas.gov/dhs/adov/> and look for the link

to 2009 Volunteer Community of the Year Awards.

Nominations will be accepted beginning July 2009. The nomination deadline is September 30, 2009. If you have any questions about the nomination process, please call 501-682-7540. Provide your name, address and telephone number.

Please do your part in honoring those who serve others in your community. DHS looks forward to receiving your nomination!

County equalization boards to meet in August

County equalization boards will meet Aug. 1 through Oct. 1 to equalize (adjust an assessment or tax to create a rate uniform with another) the assessed value of all acreage lands, city and town lots, other real property and personal property. The boards will meet as often as necessary during this time to complete their work (ACA 26-27-309). If a county's ratio of assessed-to-market value is out of compliance, the equalization board may meet after Oct. 1, but no later than the third Monday in November (ACA 26-27-311).

County equalization boards have two responsibilities: (1) to review and equalize overall county assessments as assessed by the assessor, and (2) to hear assessment appeals by property owners. The board begins the review of assessments on Aug. 1, when the county assessor delivers the completed assessment records to the county clerk, who serves as the secretary for the board. Assessment appeals from land owners begin no later than the second Monday in August (ACA 26-27-317).

Cities and towns have a part to play in deciding who sits as a member of the county equalization board. Cities and towns select one member of a five-member board (counties with a population less than 75,000) and two

members of a nine-member board (counties with a population greater than 75,000) (ACA 26-27-303 and -304).

To select county equalization board members, city and town representatives within the county shall hold a meeting during the month of May of each year in which the terms of any of the members of the county equalization board shall expire (ACA 26-27-304(b)(2)(A)). The mayor of the city or town or his or her designee shall serve as the representative of his or her city or town (Id.). The mayor of the county seat shall be the chair of the meeting, and if there are dual county seats, the mayor of the larger of the two seats shall be the chair of the meeting (Id.). Those at the meeting shall select the member of the board via majority vote, and each city or town shall be entitled to one vote (Id.). No action shall be taken unless a quorum is present. A majority of all of the representatives of all cities and incorporated towns in the county shall constitute a quorum (Id.).

Information for this article comes from *Arkansas Property Tax Equalization and Appeal System*, a publication of the Assessment Coordination Department. For more information, contact John Zimpel, legislative liaison, by phone at 501-324-9104 or by e-mail at john.zimpel@acd.state.ar.us.



It's Convention time again.

June 17-19—Hot Springs, Ark.
See next page for more information.
Register online at www.arml.org.

Exhibitors, contact the League immediately
to reserve space for your display. Contact Whitnee Bullerwell
at 501-374-3484, ext. 206.
Cost for the exhibit space is \$400.



75th CONVENTION

Hot Springs Convention Center

June 17-19, 2009

REGISTRATION

Registration and payment must be received in League office by Monday, June 1, 2009, to qualify for advance registration.

Advance registration for municipal officials	\$150
Registration fee after June 1, 2009 , and on-site registration for municipal officials	\$175
Spouse/guest registration	\$75
Child registration	\$75
Other registrants	\$200

- Registration will be processed **ONLY** with accompanying payment in full. Make checks payable to the Arkansas Municipal League.
- Registration includes meals, activities and copies of the **2007-'08 Handbook for Arkansas Municipal Officials** and the 2009 **General Acts Affecting Arkansas Municipalities**.
- No daily registration is available.
- Registration must come through the League office. No telephone registrations will be accepted.
- **No refunds after June 1, 2009.**
- Cancellation letters must be postmarked by **June 1, 2009**.

HOTEL RESERVATION

Hotel Room Rates

Embassy Suites Hotel (headquarters hotel)		
Single/ Double	\$134	Check-in 3 p.m.
Austin Hotel		
Single/ Double	\$75	Check-in 3 p.m.
Arlington Hotel		
Single \$80	Double \$90	Check-in 3 p.m.

- Cut-off date for hotel reservations is **June 1, 2009**.
- Rooms in Hot Springs are subject to a 13.5 percent tax.
- Rooms will be held until 6 p.m. and then released unless guaranteed by credit card.
- Contact the hotel directly to make changes or cancellations in hotel accommodations.
- Hotel confirmation number will come directly from the hotel.
- Please check on cancellation policy for your hotel.

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER

1 Register online at www.arml.org and pay by credit card.

OR

2

Complete the steps and **mail with payment** to:
ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
Attn: 75th Convention
P.O. Box 38
North Little Rock, AR 72115-0038

Step 1: Delegate Information

Name: _____
Title: _____ City of: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____
Spouse/Guest will attend: Yes No Name: _____
Children will attend: Yes No Name(s): _____

Step 2: Payment Information

• WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL? (see opposite page for fees)

<input type="checkbox"/> Advance Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Child	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Registrants	Total
\$150	\$175	\$75	\$75	\$200	\$

• HOW ARE YOU PAYING?

Check Mail payment and form to: Arkansas Municipal League
75th Convention
P.O. Box 38
North Little Rock, AR 72115

Credit Card Complete information below and send to address above.
Credit Card: Visa MasterCard
Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: __/__/20__
Card Holder Name (as it appears on card): _____
Billing address (as it appears on statement): _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-mail address (required for credit card payment): _____

Step 3: Hotel Reservations

To obtain hotel reservations, registered delegates must directly contact participating hotels listed below:

Arlington Hotel	Reservations _____	800-643-1502 or 501-609-2533
Austin Hotel	Reservations _____	877-623-6697
Embassy Suites Hotel	Reservations _____	501-321-4430 Emily Parker, Lead Reservationist

Step 4: Hotel Payment

Payment Options: Credit Card or Direct Bill Note: only two payment options.

To obtain direct billing as a payment option, registered delegates must directly contact hotel accounting offices listed below:

Arlington Hotel	Accounting _____	800-643-1502 or 501-609-2533
Austin Hotel	Accounting _____	800-844-7275
Embassy Suites Hotel	Accounting _____	501-321-4413 (ask for Paula Burke)

TENTATIVE PROGRAM IN BRIEF

To see an expanded tentative schedule, visit www.arml.org.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17

2 p.m.-7 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
7 p.m.

REGISTRATION AND EXHIBIT HALL OPEN
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
OPENING NIGHT BANQUET

THURSDAY JUNE 18

7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

REGISTRATION OPEN
EXHIBITS OPEN
HOST CITY BREAKFAST
GENERAL SESSIONS
LUNCHEON
CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
EVENING OPEN—ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS

FRIDAY JUNE 19

7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
9 a.m.-10 a.m.
10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION OPEN
BREAKFAST
OFFICIALS' EXCHANGE
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS
AWARDS AND NEW OFFICERS' LUNCHEON

RESOLUTIONS

Suggested Convention Resolutions for consideration at the 75th Annual Convention should be mailed to:

75th Convention Resolutions
Arkansas Municipal League
P.O. Box 38
North Little Rock, AR 72115-0038

The deadline for Resolution submission is May 18. Resolutions submitted by April 27 will be reviewed for possible endorsement by the Advisory Councils and the Executive Committee.

Resolutions may be drafted by an official of any member city or town and can relate to any matter of municipal concern. See your **2008-2009 Policies and Goals** for resolutions adopted at the 74th Convention.

WANTED: City officials or employees with 25 years of service

Did you begin serving your city or town in 1984? The League would like to know!

The League will give special recognition to city and town officials who are in their 25th year of municipal service at the 75th League Convention, June 17-19, in Hot Springs.

Names must be submitted to the League by May 18.

Call Ken Wasson at 501-374-3484, ext. 211; Sheila Boyd, ext. 218; or write to P.O. Box 38, North Little Rock, AR 72115-0038.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

At the 75th Convention, a special Exhibit Hall is available for businesses, companies and manufacturers to display their products and services that are available to Arkansas municipalities.

To guarantee your firm's exhibit area, contact the League immediately to reserve space for your display. Your name will be added to the list of exhibitors, and we will reserve a space for your exhibit when you arrive.

The cost this year for exhibit space is \$400. We cannot guarantee space for companies that do not register before June 1.

Call Whitnee Bullerwell at 501-374-3484, ext. 206, or write to Arkansas Municipal League, P.O. Box 38, North Little Rock, AR 72115-0038.



Municipal Property Program

Your Municipal Property Program offers broad coverage for your municipal property. The limits of coverage are \$50 million per occurrence per member for damages from fire, windstorm and other incidents in excess of \$5,000.

Coverage is \$15 million per occurrence per member for losses exceeding \$100,000 on earthquakes and flooding.

The Municipal Property Program's 2008 annual meeting in November adopted rates according to the following scale for 2009. See the new reduced rates below.



FIRE CLASS I	—	.0012	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS II	—	.00135	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS III	—	.0015	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS IV	—	.00165	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS V	—	.0018	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS VI	—	.002	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS VII	—	.0022	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS VIII	—	.0024	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS IX	—	.0027	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS X	—	.003	X	covered value	=	Premium

For more information, call Linda Montgomery at League headquarters, 501-978-6123 or 501-374-3484, Ext. 233.

Tentative Program

75th Annual Convention of the Arkansas Municipal League June 17-19, 2009

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

2:00 p.m. Arkansas CITY CLERKS, RECORDERS,
to
TREASURERS ASSOCIATION.....Rooms 104 & 105
3:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. REGISTRATION.....Lobby/Grand Hall
to
7:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. MEET YOUR EXHIBITORS/RENEW ACQUAINTANCESHalls B-D
to
6:45 p.m. *Use this time to meet the exhibitors and see what products and
services they have that could benefit your city. Tasty snacks
and cool beverages will be served throughout the afternoon. Also,
take the time to renew acquaintances with fellow municipal officials
while relaxing in the Exhibit Hall.*

3:30 p.m. INTERIM JOINT CITY, COUNTY,
to
LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.....Rooms 102 and 103
5:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEEHall A
to
6:30 p.m. *Each Municipality has a designated representative who is a
member of the Resolutions Committee.*
Presiding: Vice Mayor Gary Campbell, Fort Smith
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

7:00 p.m. OPENING NIGHT BANQUET.....Horner Hall Ballroom
*Welcome to the 75th Annual Convention Opening Night Banquet.
Enjoy a delicious meal and visit with fellow delegates. At the
conclusion of the banquet, certain legislators who were of assistance
to the League during the Session will be recognized.*

8:30 p.m. POST BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT-TBAHorner Hall Ballroom

Thursday, June 18, 2009

6:30 A.M. PRE-BREAKFAST EXERCISE WALK/JOGEmbassy Suites Lobby
to
7:00 A.M. *Meet in the Lobby of the Embassy Suites Hotel.*

7:15 A.M. REGISTRATION.....Lobby/Grand Hall
to
4:30 A.M.

7:30 A.M. EXHIBITS OPEN.....Halls B-D
to
4:30 A.M.

7:30 A.M. HOST CITY BREAKFAST BUFFETHalls B-D
to
8:45 A.M. *Country-style breakfast buffet will be served, courtesy
of our Host, City of Hot Springs.*

8:00 A.M. CITY ATTORNEYS.....Rooms 104-105
to
Noon *City Attorneys will receive 12 hours of CLE credit for
participating in two days of meetings located in Rooms 104 and 105
of the Hot Springs Convention Center.*

9:00 A.M. OPENING GENERAL SESSION PART IHall A
to
10:15 A.M. *The 75th Annual Convention begins with the posting of the colors and
the singing of the National Anthem followed by a Host City Welcome
from Mayor Mike Bush of Hot Springs.*

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Color Guard by: Hot Springs Fire Department

Singing the National Anthem:.....TBA

Host City Welcome Address: Mayor Mike Bush, Hot Springs
Presiding: Mayor JoAnne Bush, Lake Village
President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speakers: Honorable Mike Beebe, Governor (invited)
State of Arkansas
Honorable Blanche Lincoln (invited)
United States Senator

10:15 A.M. BREAKHalls B-D
to
10:45 A.M.

10:45 A.M. GENERAL SESSION—PART IIHall A
to
11:45 A.M. *The 87th General Assembly ... What Happened to Municipalities?*
Speaker: Don Zimmerman, Executive Director
Arkansas Municipal League

Noon PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEONHorner Hall Ballroom
to
1:15 P.M. *Remembering Our Past...Preparing for Our Future*

1:15 P.M. CITY ATTORNEYS.....Rooms 104-105
to
5:00 P.M.

1:30 P.M. CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
to
5:30 P.M.

- Important Land Use Issues
- Public Pension Programs
- Preparing for the 2010 Census
- Municipal Street Maintenance
- Improving Your Local Economy
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Preventing Lawsuits: Steps You Can Take
- Protecting Our Environment, Establishing Flood Control Insurance and Reclaiming Old Landfills
- Timely Human Resource and Personnel issues
- Animal Control
- Municipal Parks and Recreation: Your City's Signature
- Grants and Funding Sources
- Natural Disasters: Be Prepared
- Going Green: Experiences in Sustainability
- Preparing for a Legislative Audit and Other Municipal Accounting Issues
- Public Safety Issues and Ideas for Improving Your Department
- Dumb Mistakes Made by Municipal Officials and How to Avoid Them
- City Web Sites/Do's and Don'ts

4:30 P.M. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEEHall A
to
5:30 P.M. *Each municipality has a designated representative who is a member of the Resolutions Committee.*
Presiding: Vice Mayor Gary Campbell, Fort Smith
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

5:30 P.M. RECEPTIONS WILL BE HELD
to
7:00 P.M. IN THE LOBBY/GRAND HALL
& BALLROOM PREFUNCTION AREAS
OF THE CONVENTION CENTER.....Lobby/Grand Hall,
Prefunction Area
Hosted by: Crews & Associates (Grand Hall)
Entergy (Ballroom Prefunction Area)

9:00 P.M. CONFECTIONS and CORDIALSHorner Hall Ballroom
EVENING ENTERTAINMENT: Ronnie McDowell.....Horner Hall Ballroom

Friday, June 19, 2009

6:30 A.M. PRE-BREAKFAST EXERCISE WALK/JOGEmbassy Suites Lobby
Meet in the Lobby of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

7:15 A.M. REGISTRATION OPENSLobby/Grand Hall
to
2:30 P.M.

7:30 A.M. EXHIBITS OPENHalls B-D
to
9:30 A.M. (Exhibit Hall will close at 9:30 A.M. for the remainder of the convention.)

7:30 A.M. BUFFET BREAKFASTHalls B-D
to
8:45 A.M.

8:30 A.M. CITY ATTORNEYS.....Rooms 104-105
to
5:00 P.M.

9:00 A.M. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.....Hall A
to
10:15 A.M.

10:15 A.M. BREAKHalls B-D
to
10:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M. Future Legislative Issues: What to Expect?Hall A
to
11:30 A.M.

Moderator: Vice Mayor Gary Campbell, Fort Smith
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

- The Municipal State Aid System
- Employee Pension Programs
- Sales Tax Exemptions
- General Improvement Funding for Municipalities
- Small Town Planning and Zoning
- The Role of Improvement Districts

11:45 A.M. AWARDS AND NEW OFFICERS' LUNCHEONHorner Hall Ballroom
to
1:30 P.M.

Speaker: Congressman John Boozman,
Third Congressional District (invited)





Maximize Your Benefit.

Join the Municipal Health Benefit Fund

Approximately 90 percent of the municipalities across Arkansas that offer employees and officials medical benefits have joined the Municipal Health Benefit Fund and receive \$2,000,000 major medical coverage with stop-loss, employee life, accidental death and dismemberment, dependent life, dental and vision coverages.

For 2009, new additions to the Municipal Health Benefit Fund are:

- Wellness benefits for all covered adults
- Well baby care
- Increases or eliminations of caps on organ transplants, pharmaceuticals, newborn babies and annual benefits
- Additional dental and orthodontic benefits

The Municipal Health Benefit Fund provides quality health protection for your officials and employees at a reasonable rate.

For further information, please call 501-374-3484, ext. 111.



Does your community shine? Tell us about it!

Keep Arkansas Beautiful is honoring communities that are helping keep Arkansas clean and green again this year with the 2009 Arkansas Shine Awards. Across the state, cities and towns are showing their commitment to community improvement and economic development through litter reduction, recycling and beautification. Recognize your community's efforts by entering to win!

Keep Arkansas Beautiful will recognize one Arkansas community in each of six categories based on population. Each winner will receive the specially designed award at a local ceremony. The entry deadline is July 31, so log on to KeepArkansasBeautiful.com or call 888-742-8701 (toll-free) today for more information and to nominate your community.





Municipal Notes

Gurdon recorder/treasurer named Citizen of the Year

Tambra Childres, recorder/treasurer of Gurdon for 16 years, has been voted Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce.

Childres is involved in a number of community organizations and enjoys volunteering for various activities. She helped start the Christmas Trail of Lights for the city, which has continued to expand each year with the help of local grants, she said.

She is the secretary and treasurer for the Gurdon Rotary Club and is a member of Clark County Leadership. Childres has volunteered for "Meals on Wheels" that the CADC Senior Adult Center sends out to shut-ins. Additionally, she volunteers for the forest festival, which she considers to be one of the most important events for Gurdon.

Childres said she is always willing to volunteer for any event or organization and is willing to ask others to do the same. Childres said that being named Citizen of the Year is a humbling experience.

"I have the reputation of being the ramrod on a project, but none of the projects that I work on can be done without the help of everyone up here at city hall," she said. "It's definitely not all me."

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Support a family on \$20 a week?

**Volunteer firefighters who are injured
in their firefighter duties receive only
\$20 a week for a compensable injury.**

Solution: The Arkansas Municipal League's Volunteer Firefighters Supplemental Income Program protects the earnings of volunteer firefighters who are injured in their duties.

What they get: Weekly temporary total disability benefits payable up to a MAXIMUM of \$550 allowed under Arkansas Workers' Compensation Law; weekly benefits go for 52 weeks; \$10,000 death benefit.

How? Cost is only \$20 a firefighter a year. All volunteer and part-paid firefighters in the department must be covered. The minimum premium for each city or town is \$240.

**Call: Sheryll Lipscomb
at 501-374-3484, ext. 234,
or Andrea Ross, ext. 237.**

**Protect your loved ones'
financial security.**

Arkansas Municipal League's Volunteer
Firefighters Supplemental Income Program

Ronnie McDowell to perform at League's 75th Convention



Following the death of Elvis Presley in 1977, Ronnie McDowell came out of nowhere to dazzle the world with his heartfelt and self-penned tribute song "The King Is Gone." The song garnered McDowell guest appearances on *Grand Ole Opry* and Dick Clark's *American Bandstand*. To date, "The King Is Gone" has sold more than five million copies.

Epic label signed him up, and he charted a string of hit singles and albums between 1979 and 1986. Every single release with the exception of just one became a top 10 hit, including chart toppers "Older Women" and "You're Gonna Ruin My Bad Reputation." McDowell has

toured in support of his string-of-hit songs, and his personality reaches out to his audience. His fan clubs number more than 3,000 members throughout the nation.

Conway Twitty became his friend and mentor in the recording arena. In 1986 McDowell moved to Curb Records and scored a Top 10 Hit with "It's Only Make Believe," a duet with Twitty. Two years later he teamed up with Jerry Lee Lewis for a rocking duet that McDowell wrote called "You're Never Too Old to Rock 'N' Roll." His version of the pop standard "Unchained Melody" also became a number one country music video.

Though McDowell has been busy touring in shows with Conway Twitty, Tammy Wynette and Loretta Lynn, he has found time to produce some other projects. He has an album of beach music with Bill Pinkney's Original Drifters and a new country album titled *Ronnie McDowell Country*. He sang 36 songs on the soundtrack *Elvis*, the Dick Clark-produced television movie featuring Kurt Russell. He also was the singing voice for the television movies *Elvis and the Beauty Queen* and *Elvis And Me*.

While Elvis Presley has played a big part in Ronnie McDowell's musical career, he continues to entertain audiences with his own blend of romantic intimacy and honky-tonk excitement.

McDowell will perform at 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, in Horner Hall Ballroom, Hot Springs Convention Center. The concert is free to Convention delegates.



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From the Office of Attorney General Dustin McDaniel

Waterworks employees can't participate in retirement program

Opinion: 2009-034

Requestor: House, Jim—State Representative

Can a second class city with a waterworks commission allow its employees to participate in the retirement program utilized by the rest of city employees? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, the answer to your question is “no,” based on established rules of statutory construction. Applying a standard rule of construction to section 14-234-310 shows that cities of the second class are implicitly prohibited from enacting the type of ordinance you posit. Further, any counter-argument arising from subsection 14-234-303(b) fails because it fails the test for an amendment by implication, on which any such argument relies.

Governor can't commission as mayor felon

Opinion: 2009-040

Requestor: Beebe, Mike—Governor

Under the circumstances, is the governor legally required to commission Zollicoffer as mayor [of Altus, Arkansas]? Q2) Conversely, is the governor legally prohibited from commissioning Zollicoffer as mayor because (a) my predecessor in office already commissioned Post as mayor and she has taken the oath of office and served as mayor since January 2007, and/or (b) because Zollicoffer is not eligible to hold the office pursuant to Article 5, sec. 9 of the Arkansas Constitution? Q3) Can the Governor be judicially compelled, through a writ of mandamus or other comparable form of declaratory or injunctive relief, to commission Zollicoffer as mayor? Q4) Under the circumstances, in the absence of a commission signed by the Governor, is Zollicoffer nonetheless entitled to take the oath of office and assume the office of mayor?

RESPONSE: Because your first three questions heavily overlap, I will respond to them together. Your use of the term “legally required” and your reference to a writ of mandamus raise the question of the court’s role in the

commissioning process. The Arkansas Supreme Court has made clear that matters pertaining to the governor’s commissioning power are nonjusticiable. The courts simply lack subject matter jurisdiction to hear such suits. *Hawkins v. Governor*, 1 Ark. 570, 1839 WL 103 (1839). Moreover, short of impeachment, the legislature lacks any authority to second-guess the governor’s official conduct. *Id.* at *10. Although this gubernatorial independence from review might at first blush appear to afford the governor unbridled discretion in making a commissioning decision, his discretion is clearly bounded by his oath, which obligates him, inter alia, to “support the Constitution of the State of Arkansas.” Ark. Const. art. 19, sec. 20. The Arkansas Constitution unambiguously provides that an individual with an unexpunged felony conviction is ineligible to hold public office. Ark. Const. art. 5, sec. 9; see also ACA 16-90-112(b) (Repl. 2006). Consequently, given that Zollicoffer has two unexpunged felony convictions, I believe it would be inconsistent with the terms of the gubernatorial oath of office for the governor to commission Zollicoffer as the mayor of Altus.

Emergency dispatches outside city limits OK

Opinion: 2009-044

Requestor: Broadway, Shane—State Senator

As part of its franchise agreement with Saline Memorial Hospital, the city of Benton dispatches all ambulance calls for the hospital. Does the city of Benton have the legal authority to spend city funds and use city personnel and equipment to dispatch emergency calls which originate outside the Benton city limits and do not benefit the residents of the city of Benton? **RESPONSE:** Yes, so long as Benton’s provision of dispatch services to county residents is supported by adequate consideration. See ACA 14-266-102 and -105.

For full Attorney General opinions online, go to www.ag.arkansas.gov/opinions.

Obituaries

David C. Hausam, 62, a former state Representative of District 99 in Bentonville, died April 25.

Gerald Laux, 88, Morrilton mayor from 1978 to 1982, died April 25.

Robert E. "Bob" Wheeler, a former Hot Springs city director, died April 16. Known affectionately as "Mr. Hot Springs," Wheeler was a city director from 1986 to 2004. He also served on the Hot Springs Advertising and Promotion Commission for 15 years.

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In planning, one size doesn't fit all

The time has come to consider proposing legislation that provides planning and zoning guidelines tailor-made for our smaller cities and towns.

By Jim von Tungeln

Carol Short of Bull Shoals is what we refer to as a “lay-planner.” That is to say that she chairs her local planning commission and is not a paid urban planner. Transplanted—luckily for us—from Colorado, she has spent her time on the volunteer side of planning. She understands one thing, however, that the pros sometimes miss. Small towns face a different world than large cities.

With this in mind, Short directed the Bull Shoals Planning Commission in the preparation of city plan that could be a model for small communities across the country. It's a simple document, the printing of which was made possible by a grant from the Southshore Foundation. But it fits her town of 2,000 better than some of the ones the big boys prepare.

This brings out a couple of points. First is that small communities need and deserve planning as much as larger ones. Second, maybe they should be allowed to do it differently—say, in a manner that fits both their needs and their capabilities.

As it currently stands, a community with a population of 1,000 in our state must follow the same process as a community of 170,000. Does this create some problems? Oh yes.

The first problem deals with the simple task of finding five people willing to serve on a planning commission. Oh, people are willing to serve their community. We're good about that as proven by the community volunteer awards given out at the Municipal League conference each year. Arkies set the curve on that sort of thing.

What small town people don't like to do is act haughty, as in telling other people what they should be doing on their property, unless it seriously threatens the community. Such uppity behavior evokes even higher levels of disapproval when it involves kinfolks and friends. And it always does in a small town.

Another problem faced by a community trying to deal with the existing statutes lies in the simple lack of resources. Bull Shoals consists of a majority of retired individuals who may have had more time than most to help put together a community plan. Most working-class towns aren't that lucky. At best, they may have the assistance of a part-time building inspector.

So community volunteers must wade through the statutes alone. Attorneys and judges still argue about the

meaning and ramifications of some of our planning statutes. Imagine how a planning commission in a rural community feels.

Finally, the issues in small communities can be quite specific. Keo, population 235, may simply want tools that will keep slum landlords from setting up impromptu trailer parks on vacant lots. Another community may wish to prevent someone from another county starting up a sawmill on a spot in the middle of a quiet neighborhood. Another may see growth coming and feel the need to get ready.

When professional planning publications talk about small town planning, they generally set the bar at a population of about 50,000 people. That's right, 50,000. They don't talk much about the needs of a truly small community.

I propose that we start looking for some answers ourselves. Maybe we could start by pushing for legislation that would establish separate planning statutes for communities with populations under a certain number, say 2,500. Both plans and land-use regulations could be simple affairs that allow a community to address its issues in its own way. Maybe we could call this “planning light” or something. Each community could opt for the full process at any time.

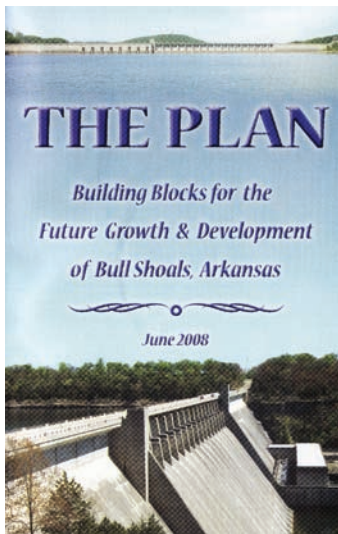
We could use the Bull Shoals plan as model, and perhaps the League could publish model land-use codes that could easily be administered by a city council. I would welcome any ideas from our cities and towns concerning this.

In closing, permit me an example. A few years ago, I visited a small community of around 500 people in the Arkansas Delta. When the conversation turned to zoning, the mayor informed me that the city had a zoning code and then produced a document of almost 100 pages. Sure enough, it had the town's name on the cover. But when I leafed through the thing, I had this odd feeling of familiarity. Then I realized that this was a “find and replace” affair taken from a document I had helped a community with several years before. The original community was in a different part of the state and was a regional commercial and employment center of nearly 12,000 people. It had been enforcing zoning since the 1950s. It had a full-time code enforcement staff and a full-time city engineer. The current town had a part-time mayor and clerk as its



PHOTO BY JIM VON TUNGLIN

Smaller communities such as Smackover, above, and Ash Flat, below, see planning as a way to protect their way of life.



Small cities need planning as much as larger ones.



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only non-uniformed employees.

Turns out, a “consultant” had produced the document for a fee of \$5,000. The individual was a young lady who had been fired from a clerical position with an engineering firm that had a digital copy of the original code. She had stolen the file when she left and, upon becoming a consultant, had simply changed the name of the city, collected her money and left the state after a few more such escapades.

As I leafed through the document with its multiple residential districts, neighborhood commercial zones and

complex sign regulations, the idea began to ferment in me that we need some special land-use tools for small towns so that this sort of thing didn’t happen anymore.

What do you think?



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Got Space?

Rescue groups and public education can help alleviate shelter overcrowding.

By David Miles

By now, most people realize that our economy is slipping into the worst recession since the 1970s. Citizens are losing their homes and jobs at a high rate. Unfortunately, surrendering pets seems to be one of the first ways people are starting to cut costs and save money. When this happens, animal shelters lose our most precious resource: space.

Here are a few ideas that may help open up a kennel or two.

Most municipal animal shelters do not have the luxury of turning away people who need to surrender an owned or stray dog or cat. Private rescue groups that deal with a particular breed of dog or cat can be a great resource for opening up a kennel here and there. Lists of rescue groups can be gathered from other shelters or the Internet. Give one a call. They may have the time and space to take some of the burden from your shelter—after it has been sterilized, of course.

Another resource to help with overcrowding in your shelter is to contact PetSmart Charities. PetSmart Charities has a program called Rescue Wagon. The Rescue Wagon program takes animals from shelters in the southern part of the United States and transports them north for adoption. For the most part, the program takes younger dogs and puppies, the numbers of which can be overwhelming during the spring and summer. To inquire about this program, contact the nearest PetSmart.

Often overlooked strategies that can help with the number of open kennels your shelter has are advertising and public education. Advertising, of course, helps to reach a larger percentage of people who may be inter-

ested in adopting an animal. Instead of waiting for someone to come to your shelter, place ads in the local newspapers and radio stations. Even try to set something up with a local television station to promote your shelter. This will increase the number of potential adopters.

Public education and outreach programs designed to promote spaying and neutering will also help with overcrowding. Going to schools and neighborhood meetings are great places to spread the word of spaying and neutering. Children need to understand the importance of spaying and neutering if we are ever going to put a dent in the overpopulation of dogs and cats. Residents who routinely attend neighborhood meetings should be targeted. These are people who already have a genuine interest in the community but may not be informed about the severity of our animal overpopulation problems, which can quickly deteriorate any neighborhood.

Hopefully, these suggestions will help your shelter with overcrowding. Remember, just one cage can be the difference between housing one female dog or housing a momma dog and her twelve puppies. If just one kennel were available, that may have prevented the pups from being born. But then again, if the adult dogs were sterilized, there would be no puppies to house.



David Miles is a North Little Rock animal control officer.

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Reduce bills with tree power

Planting the right trees in the right places can have a dramatic effect on cooling and heating costs.

By John Slater



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Well-placed trees help retain heat in winter and keep things cool in summer.

Our energy costs continue to skyrocket. Even though it looks like our gasoline prices are going to go down a little, it's not enough. Communities struggle with record high heating costs, and other utility expenses seem to always be on the increase. Every year it gets harder to offset those increases.

There is a way to save money on your utility bills that comes more naturally—plant trees! According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the strategic placement of just three trees can save an average household between \$100 and \$250 annually in energy costs.

The key is to position your trees so they can act as a windbreak. Properly planted windbreaks channel winds

away from or over a house or office. Even the downward fall of rain, sleet and hail can be absorbed or deflected by trees.

What kind of tree should the average community or homeowner consider for windbreaks? Evergreens, which keep their leaves/needles all year, are a good choice. Plant them to screen the southwest and the northwest areas of your property, as snow and wind generally come from these directions. Trees as windbreaks should be positioned two to five times the mature height of the tree away from your home. If you are uncertain, get professional assistance to assure correct placement and selection of species.

You can rely on your local urban forester, professional landscapers, nurseries, county extension offices, or urban representative with the Arkansas Forestry Commission to help you plan for mature growth and suggest trees that will thrive in your area.

If you're still skeptical that a few trees can save you money on energy usage, consider the fact that dew and frost are less likely to occur under trees. This is because less radiant energy is released from the soil in treed areas at night. Trees help keep the air near your homes and offices warmer.

And if too much warmth around your home or office is a problem in the summer, a minimum of three large trees can dramatically reduce air conditioning costs. The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to 10 room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day, says the Department of Agriculture. Many local urban foresters work to plant trees in order to moderate the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings in our cities.

For shading your home or office, what kinds of trees yield the best results? Deciduous trees with high, spreading leaves and branches are great. They provide shade and block the sun's heat during the hotter months. By dropping their leaves in the fall, they allow sunlight to filter through in the cooler months. To maximize summertime roof shading, place trees on the south side of your

home or office. To minimize lower afternoon sun angles, plant trees with lower branches positioned to the west. Shading all hard surfaces such as driveways, patios, sidewalks and the road is also a good idea, as this decreases heat radiation and helps cool air before it reaches your building's walls and windows.

Trees can save you money on utility bills all year long. When embarking on a tree-planting project to improve your home or office's energy efficiency, be sure to consider the following points:

- Your building's orientation to the sun,
- The amount of shade you'll need, and
- The intensity and direction of wind around your building.

Next time you're enjoying the beauty and color of your neighborhood trees, remember they can also help you stay warmer in the winter and cooler in summer, while you reap the benefits of lower energy costs.

This is one of six articles that were distributed along with other educational material developed in cooperation with several urban and community forestry partners: Mid-Atlantic Center for Community Forestry, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinators in Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. I want to thank this group for their hard work and dedication to helping build awareness of the benefits of community trees. I will be submitting the other five articles in future issues.

Make a Memory ... Plant a Tree.



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Early detection of colorectal cancer is key

Early screening is an effective way to save lives and lower healthcare costs.

By Kevin Olden, M.D.

Like tens of thousands of Americans each year, Rev. Michael Williams, pastor of Pine Bluff's Family Time Baptist Church, went to his doctor for a routine colorectal cancer screening and was met with a sobering reality.

Tiny polyps that often lead to full-blown colorectal cancer were found. Fortunately for Williams, the polyps were removed, and he's been healthy ever since.

Positive outcomes like this are common with colorectal cancer patients when they are compliant with this successful equation's key component: screening.

"If I hadn't gone that day I'd be having some serious problems today," Williams said.

Arkansas has one of the country's highest annual mortality rates from colorectal cancer with an average of just more than 20 deaths per 100,000. That's compared to the national average of 17 or so deaths per 100,000. Nearly 1,700 Arkansans are diagnosed with colon and rectum cancers each year.

Screen saver

The bright side is that the five-year survival rate for people diagnosed with Stage 1 colorectal cancer is 93 percent. That's contrasted with the eight percent of those who survive after a Stage 4 diagnosis.

Often the only way to diagnose patients in the early stages of colorectal cancer, which include the detection of cancer-causing polyps, is for patients to be screened. Most doctors, along with the American Cancer Society, recommend that screening be offered to patients with an average cancer risk beginning at age 50, while those at high-risk should look into it at age 45.

Colorectal cancer 101

Though it's often not a topic of casual conversation or even easy to discuss with your doctor, colorectal cancer education is indeed important. Colorectal cancer begins as a small lesion that could take as much as 15 years to transform from a benign polyp to a malignant tumor.

The colon and rectum are parts of the body's digestive system, which takes up nutrients from food and water, and stores solid waste until it passes out of the body. Colorectal cancer is a disease in which cells in the colon or rectum become abnormal and divide without

control, often forming a tumor.

Safe to screen

Colorectal cancer screening is generally done using a fecal occult blood test, a flexible sigmoidoscopy or a colonoscopy. The blood test is done by taking a small stool sample and checking for blood in the stool. It is the most non-invasive type of screening and is typically recommended annually. Sigmoidoscopies and colonoscopies use a flexible scope to examine the colon and look for precancerous or cancerous lesions.

Despite a few recent reports of isolated incidents, the techniques are routine, safe and extremely necessary for those at a high risk of developing colorectal cancer.

Doing our part

Even before the recent inauguration of President Barack Obama, who ran on a platform that included a greater emphasis of cancer screening to reduce long-term health care costs, Arkansas has been proactive in advocating screening.

Arkansas's Colorectal Cancer Screening Act of 2005 provided education and training for primary care physicians and no-cost screening for patients who met program guidelines and had no insurance. It included an assessment of the state's resources for a permanent statewide screening program.

The state Legislature again addressed colorectal cancer screening in the most recent session and passed the Colorectal Cancer Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment Act of 2009 to open up funding for more permanent statewide screening measures.

With education and participation in colorectal screening efforts, Arkansans can lead healthier, cancer-free lives and help decrease the burden of rising health care costs.



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Basic tips ease the process

Don't find yourself battling technical problems at the last minute when submitting the perfect grant proposal online.

By Chad Gallagher

With the current stimulus funds beginning to roll out and the various programs through which the funds will be distributed taking shape, it is important that each city freshen up on the grant process. Sometimes it is the most basic of tips that can help secure that one grant. A few basic tips can save a lot of time and frustration.

To begin, gather up all of your key reference documents in one place. These documents include any market studies, need assessment, community blueprint, strategic plans, engineered projects, architectural design work, budgets, financial statements, photos, revenue impact and expenditures by department, maps and resumés for key managers. In addition, you will need to have all of your community's demographics available both to determine eligibility for various grants and to utilize during the grant writing process. You can easily find this data at the Census Bureau's Web site, quickfacts.census.gov.

You must also have your federally issued employer identification number (EIN) available, as well as your DUNS, GNIS and CCR numbers. DUNS stands for Dun and Bradstreet. To apply for most federal grants you must register with Dun and Bradstreet. You can do this at www.fedgov.dnb.com.

To receive federal funds municipalities must also register with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). Federal grant applications will require you to provide your CCR number. This registry can take anywhere from two to 10 days. Given that timeframe, it is important not to wait until your grant is due to secure this number. Also, municipalities must update their registration once annually. You can register and update at www.ccr.gov.

Many federal grants also require that each agency determine and enter its jurisdiction's feature ID number as assigned by the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS). Every jurisdiction already has a number assigned. You can find out your jurisdiction's feature ID number online at geonames.usgs.gov.

More and more grant applications are actually submitted online. This is especially true for federal grants. Most federal grants are submitted through online portals. Becoming familiar with the federal government's Web site, www.grants.gov, is an easy way to become comfortable and prepared for submitting a grant. When preparing a grant that will ultimately be submitted online, it is recommended that you create your narrative, budget and other written portions offline in a document you can easily cut and paste information from. Too many times grant applicants have written the most stellar narratives directly online only to lose it because of an issue with the Internet. Create your draft in a word processing document that you can save and modify over time. This will allow you to easily move it into the application when you are ready.

Remember too that when submitting a grant online, you can have a host of technical problems. These are rare but still a reality. Don't wait until an hour before the deadline to try to go online and enter all your data to submit your application. The system might be busy, or your Internet service could go on the blink at that very moment. Either way it spells disaster. When submitting online, prepare and submit your grant early.

With the funding currently available and the shortfalls many local budgets are experiencing, every municipality should consider grants as a viable option for meeting municipal needs. Taking the above steps will help ensure you've done what is necessary when you identify the grant that is a perfect fit for you.



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Fairs & Festivals

May 14-16, **PARAGOULD**, Loose Caboose Festival XX, 870-240-0544, mainstr@paragould.net, www.loosecaboose.net

May 15-16, **ATKINS**, 18th Picklefest, 479-641-7060, johnsunde@yahoo.com; **DERMOTT**, 25th Dermott Crawfish Festival, 870-538-5656, dermottcoc@sbcglobal.net, dermottcrawfishfestival.com; **HARRISON**, 19th Crowdad Days Music Festival, 870-741-2659, cocinfo@harrison-chamber.com, www.harrison-chamber.com; **MAGNOLIA**, 21st Magnolia Blossom Festival and World Championship Steak Cook-off, 870-234-4352, ea@ccalliance.us, www.blossomfestival.org

May 16, **HOT SPRINGS**, 4th Stuart Pennington Running of the Tubs, 501-321-2277, hscvb@hotsprings.org, www.hotsprings.org; **NORFORK**, Pioneer Days, 870-499-5225

May 16-17, **TYRONZA**, 6th Stars & Stripes Festival, 870-487-2909, lhinton@astate.edu

May 21-24, **AUGUSTA**, 12th Augusta Days, 870-347-2343, mberry@hughes.net

May 22-23, **MOUNT IDA**, 20th Mount Ida Good Ole Days, 870-867-2723, director@mtidachamber.com, www.mtidachamber.com; **MURFREESBORO**, 36th Diamond Festival, 870-285-3131

May 30, **HATFIELD**, Colgate Country Showdown, 870-389-6611

June 3-6, **DES ARC**, 27th Steamboat Days Family Festival, 870-256-5289, to35@centurytel.net, www.steamboats.net

June 5-6, **MENA**, Lum & Abner Festival, 479-394-8355, info@gomenaarkansas.com, www.visitmena.com; **PRESCOTT**, 22nd Chicken and Egg Festival, 870-887-2101, bjones@pnppartnership.org, www.pnppartnership.org; **RUSSELLVILLE**, 20th Valley Fest, 479-968-7819; **SHIRLEY**, Shirley Homecoming, 501-723-8199, shirleycity@artelco.com

June 12-13, **BERRYVILLE**, 24th Ice Cream Social, 870-423-3704, chamber@hbeark.com, www.berryvillear.com; **WARREN**, 53rd Pink Tomato Festival, 870-226-5225, bcc.warren@sbcglobal.net, www.bradleychamber.com; **WYNNE**, 33rd Wynne FarmFest, 870-238-4183

June 13, **HARDY**, Hardy Homesteaders Event, 870-856-3811, mayorofhardy@yahoo.com, oldhardytown.com; **HORSESHOE BEND**, Ice Cream Social, 870-670-5433, info@horseshoebendar.info, www.horseshoebendar.info

June 17-20, **SMACKOVER**, 38th Oil Town Festival, 870-725-3521, smkovrcofc@sbcglobal.net, www.smackoverar.com

June 19-20, **CALICO ROCK**, Bootlegger Daze, 870-404-0356, ricmoser@salewizard.com, www.bootleggerdaze.com

New sports facilities create momentum for Conway

With several new expansions to the city's parks system coming soon, Conway is set to take full advantage of its growth and improve the community's quality of life.

By Amanda Foster, guest writer

Over the last two years, the city leaders of Conway have made a progressive commitment to the quality of life in their community. By investing in two new sports complexes, Mayor Tab Townsell and Park Director Brian Knopp have a plan to make their town a major stop on the national youth sporting events circuit and bring tourism dollars and new growth into their town.

Currently the seventh largest city in Arkansas, Conway is a fast-growing location; the most recent census estimate (from 2007) puts the population at 57,000-plus. Centrally located in the state, the city is home to a major state university, two colleges, and a large business sector including IC Corporation, the world's largest manufacturer of school buses, and Acxiom Corporation, an industry leader in the data services industry. In addition, Hewlett-Packard later this year will be opening a 150,000-square-foot facility that will employ 1,200 people, and Southwestern Energy will be opening a 100,000-square-foot regional headquarters employing 450 persons by 2010.

Taking advantage of this growth, city leaders recently commissioned two new youth sports facilities to upgrade the current, aging ballpark. Conway will be redeveloping the old fairgrounds into a state-of-the-art boys' facility called Conway Station Park and is currently building a completely new girls' facility called City of Colleges Park. The boys' facility is scheduled for full use in summer 2011; completion of the girls' complex is estimated to be in spring 2009.

With only one existing complex, which was being used for boy's baseball, it forced the city to contract with one of the colleges to provide a place for the girls to play. "The City Council said 'let's do this right and build something of quality,'" Townsell said. "After they are completed, these parks will provide a full experience for the entire family. There will be no other facilities like them in Arkansas."

When the issue came up before the citizens of Conway in 2007, they voted to issue two bonds—one for \$1.5 million and one for \$12.5 million—for improvement of the city's parks and recreation system.

"Our local teams were going to other cities and play-

ing in better facilities," Knopp said. "We knew that we needed to bring our parks up to more modern standards and give our kids something they would be proud to play on."

Upon completion, Conway Station Park will feature nine baseball fields (including a signature championship field), an amphitheater, a small lake and a great family area with a playground and pavilion themed in the city's railroad history. Visitors to the City of Colleges Park—a five-field, girls' fast-pitch complex—will enjoy amenities such as a collegiate-themed concession and restroom facility, pavilions, a playground, plaza gathering spaces, covered seating, a championship field, picnic stations, walking trails and a tree house.

In keeping with the city's sustainability trends and energy codes, Conway's new sports fields will feature energy-efficient sports lighting, which eliminates light pollution into surrounding areas. Energy recovery units in the public restrooms will save on cooling and heating costs. Exterior lighting, concessions and restroom lighting, and maintenance building lighting will consist of high-intensity discharge bulbs, compact fluorescents, and fluorescents (with no wasteful incandescent fixtures). Photocells will control exterior site lighting during the day, with occupancy sensors controlling lighting in concession and restroom buildings to conserve energy.

These advanced facilities are expected to attract sporting events such as youth softball tournaments, state youth and baseball tournaments, high school and junior high school state tournaments, college games and pre-season tournaments, in addition to other national and local events.

"The parks should get a lot of uses from many different sectors," Townsell said. "They will create a steady rotation of tournaments that will bring money and tourism into our town. We believe that this investment in our community will repay itself, and then some."

To achieve these goals, Townsell and Knopp met with landscape architects from Texas-based Jacobs Engineering and Architecture to formulate the vision. The firm hosted city officials in the Lone Star State for a tour of Texas sports complexes—such as Harold Bacchus Community Park, Colleyville City Park and Allen Station

Park—that had the atmosphere they wanted to provide for Conway’s new facilities.

“What impressed us was the way that the theme of each park was carried completely throughout each facility” Townsell said. “The Allen Station location has an old-fashioned railroad theme, which is carried out completely throughout the entire park. Everything was connected, right down to the small details. It created a perfect ‘sense of place,’ which was exactly what we were looking for in our own parks.”

Creating that sense of place is one of the keys to Conway’s current plans for urban revitalization. In addition to the new park projects, the city’s historic downtown area has recently become a restaurant district, with city restaurant revenues rising by 18 percent in the past two years alone. The city also has invested over \$3 million in streetscapes and utility infrastructure and constructed a new Central Police Station to further add to the sense of place in downtown. Millions of dollars are being spent for other city projects, including wider streets, new fire stations, and placement of new bike lanes and sidewalks. The new parks are just one aspect of this overall goal.

In addition to the new athletic facilities, city leaders are also considering adding new walking trails to the master trail system and have already added 250 acres of green park land to the city within the last two years.

“A city’s park system ties directly into the quality of

life component,” Knopp explained. “When big businesses look to re-locate, that is one of the things that they look at. When Hewlett-Packard was initially researching Conway, one of the town elements that interested them in moving to our city was the upcoming new park system.”

“It is the leapfrog effect. “We believe that the revitalization of downtown and the upgrade to two parks will lead to more investment and so on,” Townsell said. “We want to keep this positive momentum going with new projects. We are looking at a future where we are going to become a much bigger city. This is an exciting time to live in Conway.”



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Need grant help? Host a workshop

Municipal officials from across the state received instructions on how to complete a grant application and covered topics such as conducting a community needs assessment, developing a community blueprint and taking advantage of federal stimulus money at grant workshop April 16 at the Willie B. Hinton Resource Center in Little Rock. The Grant Book Company’s Kevin Smith Chad Gallagher of Legacy Consulting, both League partners, conducted the daylong event.

According to Smith, the current economy is forcing municipal leaders to get creative in finding funds. Many times the difference between cities that receive grant funding and cities that don’t is very simple: one city applied, the other did not.

Brookland Mayor Kenneth Jones has been attending various grant seminars for years. “This workshop was well worth my time because the leaders

were more in tune with my city’s needs.”

Clarendon City Clerk Valerie Davenport was excited because “Kevin and Chad made grant writing seem possible. With the information they shared, I believe I will be successful in this endeavor.”

Mayor Juanita Stephens of Gould called it a “well put together program” and added that the question and answer session was very enlightening.

“All truth is scalable,” Gallagher said. “The principles we are sharing with you today will work on any level no matter the size of your city or town.”

If you would like to host a grant workshop in your city or town, contact Chad Gallagher at 501-580-6358, or e-mail chad.gallagher@legacyincorporated.com. More information on The Grant Book Company and Legacy Consulting can be found on the League Programs page of our Web site, www.arml.org.

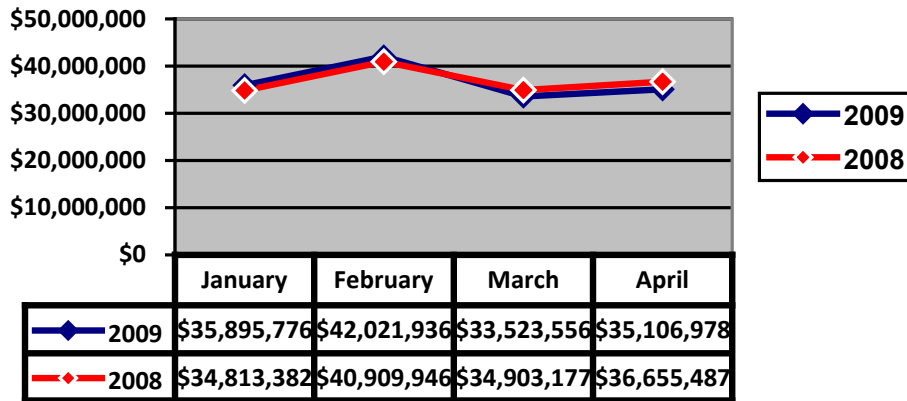


Sales tax watch

The new Streamline Sales Tax has many cities and towns concerned about its effect on local sales tax revenues. Keeping in mind that the new tax system is

one of many factors that affect local tax revenues, the League each month will provide a comparison of 2008 and 2009 revenues.

2008-2009 Municipal Sales and Use Tax Comparison



Municipal Health Benefit Fund mid-year rates unchanged

The Municipal Health Benefit Fund (MHBF) Board of Trustees at their quarterly meeting on May 5 decided that there would be no need for mid-year rate adjustments in 2009. The MHBF program has maintained sufficient reserves, even with

the additional coverages that were added this year. The Board and staff are very pleased with the improvements in the program's coverages and performance. If your city would like further information or a proposal please contact League headquarters.

Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas



Source: Debbie Rogers, Office of State Treasurer
See also: www.arkansas.gov/dfa

2009 Elections

BLYTHEVILLE, Jan. 10
Passed. 0.25% for police, fire
For: 674 Against: 175

PYATT, Jan. 10
Passed. 0.5%
For: 44 Against: 4

BATESVILLE, March 10
Passed. 1¢ for wastewater
For: 1,019 Against: 78

GREENLAND, March 10
Passed. 1% 2-yr. ext.
For: 134 Against: 28

CROSS COUNTY, March 10
Failed. 1¢ temp.
For: 678 Against: 807

SHERIDAN, April 14
Passed. 1¢ for parks and recreation
For: 230 Against: 50

Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2009 with 2008 Comparison (shaded gray)

Month	Municipal Tax		County Tax		Total Tax		Interest	
Jan.	\$35,895,776	\$34,813,382	\$38,497,274	\$35,667,309	\$74,393,050	\$70,480,691	\$92,482	\$100,697
Feb.	\$42,021,936	\$40,909,946	\$43,359,038	\$41,931,827	\$85,380,974	\$82,841,773	\$103,317	\$372,742
March	\$33,523,556	\$34,903,177	\$35,926,755	\$35,942,013	\$69,450,311	\$70,845,190	\$102,348	\$95,225
April	\$35,106,978	\$36,655,487	\$37,321,460	\$38,133,946	\$72,428,438	\$74,789,433	\$109,108	\$347,059
Total	\$146,548,246	\$147,281,992	\$155,104,527	\$151,675,095	\$301,652,773	\$298,957,087	\$407,054	\$915,723
Averages	\$36,637,062	\$36,820,498	\$38,776,132	\$37,918,774	\$75,413,194	\$74,739,272	\$101,764	\$228,931

April 2009 Municipal Levy Receipts and April 2008 Municipal/County Levy Receipts with 2008 Comparison (shaded gray)

Alexander	30,058.66	27,445.69	Gravette	39,303.27	40,144.43	Perryville	17,556.39	17,593.50	Gravette	28,495.42	32,848.75
Alma	168,845.18	173,170.11	Green Forest	28,700.05	30,048.09	Piggott	31,180.32	27,764.33	Highfill	9,849.90	11,354.69
Almyra	1,820.44	1,298.72	Greenbrier	112,574.87	105,787.02	Pine Bluff	621,283.19	654,189.87	Little Flock	38,932.69	44,880.56
Alpena	2,411.91	2,102.43	Greenland	20,898.25	16,843.71	Pineville	1,438.55	1,403.02	Lowell	81,058.32	93,441.84
Alzheimer	2,207.23	2,386.18	Greenwood	150,750.31	150,504.27	Plainview	3,377.51	3,295.41	Pea Ridge	35,333.11	40,731.06
Altus	5,417.10	5,844.15	Guion	1,463.59	2,515.17	Plumerville	4,934.97	6,129.99	Rogers	596,355.49	687,462.46
Amity	8,706.62	8,301.93	Gurdon	32,349.38	47,241.33	Pocahontas	126,436.98	113,527.33	Siloam Springs	163,306.46	188,255.26
Arkadelphia	143,020.31	145,883.47	Guy	6,360.70	4,703.56	Portia	3,220.41	3,271.13	Springdale	30,287.68	34,914.81
Ash Flat	81,670.46	73,759.93	Hackett	4,082.84	4,544.88	Pottsville	12,619.54	11,565.03	Springtown	1,716.95	1,979.26
Ashdown	103,642.28	107,889.29	Hamburg	25,180.01	25,067.86	Prairie Grove	59,206.30	81,930.28	Sulphur Springs	10,105.94	11,649.85
Atkins	42,074.67	47,761.59	Hardy	17,148.47	18,012.36	Prescott	95,065.93	109,374.35	Benton County		
Augusta	22,885.57	26,432.60	Harrisburg	22,398.84	20,885.34	Quitman	22,628.47	16,022.05	Special Aviation	6,899.84	15,113.56
Austin	4,461.85		Harrison	248,775.64	238,801.57	Ravenden	2,805.04	2,460.70	Boone County	333,260.75	327,282.09
Avoca	4,049.42	4,339.16	Hatfield	3,532.17	3,695.81	Rector	26,805.54	23,462.69	Alpena	3,489.51	3,426.91
Bald Knob	95,884.44	105,063.22	Havana	3,013.27	3,169.91	Redfield	18,170.18	15,049.92	Bellefonte	4,846.55	4,759.60
Barling	21,391.84	21,347.01	Hazen	25,024.62	29,133.70	Rison	5,914.65	10,932.76	Bergman	4,931.36	4,842.89
Batesville	33,514.08	32,071.45	Heber Springs	130,729.89	124,197.51	Rockport	3,136.36	3,115.76	Diamond City	8,844.95	8,682.27
Bauxite	9,696.60	9,408.82	Helena-West Helena	251,540.08	243,315.84	Roe	416.97	356.79	Everton	2,059.78	2,022.86
Bearden	9,506.20	7,037.89	Hermitage	4,344.07	3,092.41	Rogers	1,758,664.34	1,884,109.11	Harrison	147,238.13	144,596.69
Beebe	73,529.11	64,842.84	Highfill	55,060.61	61,696.18	Rose Bud	21,355.15	7,791.02	Lead Hill	3,477.40	3,415.01
Beedeville	140.50	246.25	Highfill Special			Russellville	796,250.22	868,967.20	Omaha	1,999.20	1,963.34
Belleville	2,659.19	1,975.37	Aviation	13,740.11	30,448.33	Salem	19,007.51	19,898.67	South Lead Hill	1,066.24	1,047.11
Benton	573,300.74	611,761.19	Highland	27,554.07	25,787.66	Searcy	284,053.70	250,869.51	Valley Springs	2,023.43	1,987.13
Bentonville	1,189,375.92	1,580,133.24	Holly Grove	5,583.50	4,410.91	Shannon Hills	10,936.21	9,016.54	Zinc	920.85	904.32
Berryville	161,709.09	166,500.01	Hope	156,760.61	159,794.91	Sheridan	160,396.13	161,261.58	Bradley County	71,497.32	114,509.06
Bethel Heights	39,395.33	49,521.00	Horseshoe Bend	20,370.73	20,593.43	Sherill	802.70	684.17	Banks	741.61	768.99
Black Rock	2,715.91	3,931.07	Hot Springs	1,367,610.25	1,401,070.87	Sherwood	357,201.26	291,845.76	Hermitage	4,752.48	4,927.95
Blevins	2,157.73		Hoxie	16,137.88	14,686.33	Shirley	3,784.03	3,364.51	Warren	39,812.05	41,281.96
Blue Mountain	237.05	215.37	Hughes	9,785.21	11,321.57	Siloam Springs	455,523.27	446,154.40	Calhoun County	59,923.76	50,757.96
Blytheville	328,047.97	305,669.23	Humphrey	2,755.78	2,095.69	Sparkman	3,228.82	3,386.18	Hampton	15,380.30	13,027.77
Bonanza	1,915.07	1,495.17	Huntington	2,419.93	2,858.26	Springdale	1,664,629.08	1,627,339.79	Harrell	2,853.98	2,417.44
Booneville	87,207.30	105,039.33	Huntsville	50,119.52	46,646.32	Springtown	1,196.53	253.38	Thornton	5,035.86	4,265.58
Bradley	5,929.44	5,799.01	Jacksonville	577,518.00	621,357.50	St. Charles	1,783.46	2,129.58	Tinsman	730.54	618.80
Branch	1,948.31	1,789.80	Jasper	34,673.03	21,770.59	Stamps	13,458.79	13,701.51	Carroll County	124,162.08	125,689.78
Briarcliff	776.40		Jennette	115.83	145.24	Star City	64,987.15	66,218.84	Beaver	467.59	473.34
Brinkley	105,046.73	98,884.58	Johnson	42,958.30	38,990.80	Stephens	6,185.37	6,886.18	Blue Eye	177.19	179.37
Bryant	773,614.98	797,215.65	Joiner	2,531.79	1,678.55	Stuttgart	329,913.92	319,874.68	Chicot County	173,542.14	101,278.48
Bull Shoals	12,828.68	10,625.03	Jonesboro	1,216,311.87	1,136,411.19	Sulphur Springs	1,379.77	2,262.84	Dermott	19,645.59	20,407.33
Cabot	582,541.92	589,390.28	Keiser	2,871.08	3,327.44	Summit	2,257.05	2,228.86	Eudora	14,835.50	15,138.87
Caddo Valley	13,097.47	27,371.05	Keo	1,314.13	1,622.07	Sunset	1,454.67	1,341.59	Lake Village	14,856.54	15,160.36
Calico Rock	19,662.47	19,786.32	Kibler	2,051.75	2,513.61	Swifton	3,381.99	3,129.53	Clark County	319,955.99	331,376.86
Camden	260,124.91	266,824.86	Kingsland	1,850.19	1,817.73	Taylor	5,303.39	6,396.07	Clay County	57,162.82	46,185.62
Carlisle	32,524.60	24,276.64	Lake City	496.18	4,382.73	Texarkana	336,905.11	323,324.77	Datto	352.05	284.44
Cave Springs	6,750.27	6,575.55	Lake Village	61,970.10	57,384.76	Texarkana Special	168,440.53	161,698.73	Greenway	885.57	715.51
Centerter	64,923.95	60,623.79	Lakeview	3,781.67	3,808.39	Thornton	1,218.39	1,503.18	Knobel	1,299.32	1,049.81
Charleston	22,676.25	25,274.29	Lamar	7,150.17	10,376.17	Tontitown	77,556.79	79,166.95	McDougal	707.73	571.82
Cherry Valley		3,124.10	Lepanto	21,689.14	15,483.63	Trumann	68,384.54	68,022.60	Nimmons	362.94	293.24
Chidester	2,681.77	2,899.01	Leslie	4,348.63	4,137.24	Tuckerman	15,781.16	18,632.67	Peach Orchard	707.73	571.82
Clarendon	13,510.33	13,001.69	Lewisville	6,665.82	9,101.83	Turrell	9,590.95	6,462.04	Pollard	871.05	703.78
Clarksville	170,113.65	174,180.54	Lincoln	16,109.47	17,880.91	Twinn Groves	810.81	640.30	St. Francis	907.35	733.11
Clinton	96,401.59	97,209.55	Little Flock	4,884.11	6,480.18	Tyronza	2,300.62	1,876.14	Success	653.29	527.84
Conway	1,646,634.48	1,590,628.33	Little Rock	1,772,696.09	1,946,742.69	Van Buren	292,208.35	463,670.27	Cleburne County	328,337.66	341,113.87
Corning	104,923.07	67,552.50	Lonoke	95,267.61	95,744.63	Vandervoort	403.44	279.64	Concord	2,742.71	2,849.44
Cotter	8,856.43	6,764.67	Lowell	143,977.02	182,302.19	Volinia	53,970.46	43,057.64	Fairfield Bay	1,570.34	1,631.44
Cotton Plant	1,823.47	1,749.37	Luxora	3,863.18	3,700.66	Viola	2,561.13	2,543.71	Greers Ferry	10,002.83	10,392.06
Cove	3,490.39	4,748.17	Madison	1,629.63	2,703.01	Wabbaseka	919.93	917.82	Heber Springs	69,180.89	71,872.85
Crosssett	362,041.65	388,543.95	Magazine	8,022.33	2,703.01	Waldenburg	4,191.32	5,248.13	Higden	1,086.33	1,128.60
Danville	37,080.09	43,576.69	Magnolia	404,869.79	396,689.64	Waldron	45,957.45	44,412.29	Quitman	7,356.93	7,643.19
Dardanelle	140,562.94	159,821.08	Malvern	119,151.74	332,650.77	Walnut Ridge	61,716.72	54,604.25	Cleveland County	29,136.86	41,695.48
Decatur	16,937.32	17,905.68	Mammoth Spring	8,969.55	9,829.26	Ward	13,452.87	16,158.35	Kingsland	1,454.62	2,081.59
DeQueen	85,810.67	83,379.60	Manila	21,094.97	21,374.41	Warren	59,136.88	59,660.36	Rison	4,117.63	5,892.42
Dermott	26,883.94	48,614.55	Mansfield	29,166.92	27,627.60	Washington	1,005.94	2,208.68	Columbia County	383,126.11	393,603.31
Des Arc	16,209.15	16,338.69	Marianna	75,649.95	65,503.99	Weiner	7,815.02	7,401.68	Emerson	638.31	655.76
DeWalls Bluff	3,069.60	4,561.47	Marion	131,729.43	156,063.85	West Fork	21,001.99	23,988.97	Magnolia	20,920.07	21,492.17
DeWitt	106,451.37	152,605.77	Marked Tree	50,439.64	51,912.52	West Memphis	536,152.96	541,657.50	McNeil	1,177.04	1,209.23
Diamond City	1,851.80	1,714.94	Marshall	11,984.84	13,199.36	Wheatley	3,509.67	3,697.70	Taylor	1,006.35	1,033.87
Dierks	11,212.20	12,412.06	Marvell	22,330.92		White Hall	45,443.15	42,568.66	Waldo	2,834.15	2,911.66
Dover	16,512.60	16,416.04	Maumelle	147,493.38	150,374.26	Wicks	3,301.87	3,191.20	Conway County	315,436.45	402,018.31
Dumas	116,552.03	124,562.90	Mayflower	46,219.43	23,119.55	Wiederkehr Village	1,375.88	5,229.57	Menifee	3,613.55	4,605.41
Dyer	1,167.20	1,398.48	McCrary	16,442.88	16,231.88	Wilton	1,952.29	1,413.33	Morrilton	76,105.38	96,994.99
Earle	27,901.69	26,763.93	McGehee	139,301.50	140,661.71	Yellville	21,524.99	17,465.25	Oppelo	8,423.88	10,736.09
East Camden	3,359.70	4,507.15	Melbourne	26,802.21	31,208.32				Plumerville	9,922.74	12,646.37
El Dorado	457,938.18	525,392.45	Mena	118,516.93	124,134.59	COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX			Craighead County	251,617.90	264,646.35
Elkins	30,396.69	16,623.58	Menifee	6,916.45	4,269.44	Arkansas County	254,944.21	247,745.45	Bay	26,920.60	28,314.52
Elm Springs	3,463.57	4,924.53	Mineral Springs	3,476.35	3,635.78	Ashley County	257,339.25	278,291.40	Black Oak	4,277.38	4,498.86
England	63,780.46	63,875.79	Monticello	166,012.11	157,940.12	Crosssett	50,892.32	55,035.89	Bono	22,613.31	23,784.19
Etowah	565.32	837.16	Moro	2,119.19	2,731.96	Fountain Hill	1,327.19	1,435.25	Brookland	19,921.25	20,952.74
Eudora	27,372.65	30,226.51	Morrilton	131,985.44	135,086.72	Hamburg	25,366.86	27,432.19	Caraway	20,175.50	21,220.16
Eureka Springs	103,344.33	103,574.75	Mount Ida	15,362.76	16,878.79	Montrose	4,390.58	4,748.05	Cash	4,397.03	4,624.70
Fairfield Bay	21,252.33	21,808.55	Mountain Home	356,436.32	354,265.56	Parkdale	3,146.86	3,403.07	Egypt	1,510.54	1,588.76
Farmington	60,654.22	57,487.25	Mountain Pine	2.13		Portland	4,607.60	4,982.75	Jonesboro	830,276.26	873,266.90
Fayetteville		2.92	Mountain View	154,371.16	140,294.84	Wilmot	6,560.82	7,095.00	Lake City	29,253.72	30,768.44
Fayetteville	2,489,802.75	2,619,305.95	Mountainburg	9,564.72	12,994.81	Baxter County	282,989.29	294,832.24	Monette	17,633.00	18,546.02
Flippin	41,165.61	42,609.73	Mulberry	22,102.81	27,994.67	Big Flat	1,295.43	1,349.64	Crawford County	230,099.14	245,292.57
Fordyce	85,603.45	85,588.18	Murfreesboro	21,511.53	20,794.85	Briarcliff	2,989.46	3,114.57	Alma	38,389.85	40,924.72
Foreman	12,281.08	16,453.04	Nashville	91,638.66	96,814.53	Cotter	11,472.03	11,952.13	Cedarville	10,455.70	11,146.08
Forrest City	170,424.84	161,572.07	Newport	184,786.65	150,991.76	Gassville	21				

Marion	49,574.96	51,966.98	Weldon	894.36	778.63	Victoria	602.04	671.96	Barling	63,492.78	67,577.10
Sunset	1,744.40	1,828.57	Jefferson County	585,295.80	643,318.28	Wilson	9,581.70	10,694.35	Bonanza	7,814.96	8,317.68
Turrell	4,797.09	5,028.55	Altheimer	11,012.46	12,104.17	Montgomery County	34,293.58	35,645.15	Central City	8,073.44	8,592.78
West Memphis	154,088.42	161,523.24	Humphrey	3,686.22	4,051.65	Black Springs	520.78	541.30	Fort Smith	1,220,411.52	1,298,917.34
Cross County	231,645.19	222,497.80	Pine Bluff	509,372.63	559,868.57	Mount Ida	4,481.42	4,658.04	Greenwood	108,132.34	115,088.21
Cherry Valley	5,677.33	5,645.24	Redfield	10,689.11	11,748.76	Norman	1,932.35	2,008.51	Hackett	10,551.72	11,230.49
Hickory Ridge	3,205.82	3,079.22	Sherrill	1,164.07	1,279.47	Oden	1,005.01	1,044.62	Hartford	11,737.65	12,492.70
Parkin	13,374.26	12,846.13	Wabbaseka	2,984.08	3,279.90	Nevada County	28,238.70	31,048.94	Huntington	10,460.50	11,133.39
Wynne	71,922.13	69,082.01	White Hall	43,717.27	48,051.11	Bluff City	901.54	991.26	Lavaca	27,747.68	29,532.62
Dallas County	142,818.02	144,144.56	Johnson County	97,766.87	127,524.35	Bocaw	878.71	966.16	Mansfield	10,734.17	11,424.67
Desha County	100,153.78	93,136.29	Clarksville	65,401.03	85,307.26	Cale	427.95	470.53	Midland	3,846.67	4,094.11
Arkansas City	5,120.04	4,761.30	Coal Hill	8,481.21	11,062.65	Emmet	2,887.21	3,011.41	Sevier County	224,205.63	211,581.07
Dumas	45,532.74	42,342.39	Hartman	5,049.75	6,586.75	Prescott	21,032.10	23,125.15	Ben Lomond	953.23	1,347.26
McGehee	39,725.97	36,942.48	Knoxville	4,329.57	5,647.36	Rosston	1,512.07	1,662.55	DeQueen	43,614.21	61,642.43
Mitchellville	4,017.60	4,017.60	Lamar	11,988.90	15,638.00	Willisville	1,179.48	1,179.48	Gillham	1,422.28	2,010.20
Reed	2,390.51	2,223.02	Lafayette County	74,577.49	83,789.40	Newton County	30,820.50	26,597.13	Horatio	7,542.65	10,660.45
Tillar	286.86	266.76	Bradley	2,821.19	3,169.67	Jasper	1,992.55	1,719.51	Lockesburg	5,378.96	7,602.38
Watson	2,503.52	2,328.10	Buckner	1,984.36	2,229.47	Western Grove	1,628.45	1,405.30	Sharp County	66,190.87	64,608.69
Drew County	282,827.83	270,972.81	Lewisville	6,439.14	7,234.51	Ouachita County	321,502.38	117,306.57	Ash Flat	8,169.13	7,973.86
Jerome	476.82	456.84	Stamps	10,678.44	11,997.46	Bearden	8,888.48	11,088.04	Cave City	15,785.27	15,407.95
Monticello	94,804.59	90,830.77	Lawrence County	119,435.84	117,763.86	Camden	103,928.10	129,646.33	Cherokee Village	32,165.41	31,396.55
Tillar	2,145.70	2,055.75	Alicia	753.10	742.55	Chidester	2,844.31	3,548.17	Evening Shade	3,896.05	3,802.92
Wilmar	5,918.81	5,670.72	Black Rock	3,723.93	3,671.80	East Camden	7,126.59	8,890.15	Hardy	6,091.24	5,945.64
Winchester	1,979.85	1,896.86	College City	1,397.12	1,377.56	Louann	1,540.67	1,921.93	Highland	8,261.29	8,063.81
Faulkner County	586,380.67	571,485.16	Hoxie	14,630.84	14,426.02	Stephens	9,101.82	11,354.16	Horseshoe Bend	41.89	40.89
Damascus	819.13	798.32	Imboden	3,552.54	3,502.80	Perry County	87,803.97	91,351.26	Sidney	2,304.11	2,249.04
Enola	1,305.06	1,271.91	Imboden	1,636.04	1,613.13	Adona	719.91	748.99	Williford	527.85	515.23
Holland	4,005.42	3,903.67	Mintum	592.09	583.80	Bigelow	1,266.58	1,317.75	St. Francis County	149,808.06	147,266.98
Mount Vernon	999.62	974.23	Portia	2,508.59	2,473.47	Casa	804.60	837.11	Caldwell	7,394.98	7,269.54
Wooster	3,581.97	3,490.97	Powhatan	259.69	256.05	Fourche	227.14	236.31	Coit	5,852.38	5,753.10
Franklin County	130,236.20	154,871.26	Ravenden	2,654.01	2,616.86	Houston	612.12	636.85	Forrest City	234,953.74	230,968.40
Altus	5,738.64	6,824.14	Sedgwick	581.70	573.56	Perry	1,208.83	1,257.67	Hughes	29,691.26	29,187.62
Branch	2,507.58	2,981.91	Smithville	379.14	373.84	Perryville	5,612.98	5,839.76	Madison	15,696.44	15,430.20
Charleston	20,826.27	24,765.70	Strawberry	1,469.84	1,449.26	Phillips County	146,682.83	143,144.88	Palestine	11,784.26	11,584.38
Denning	2,844.74	3,382.83	Walnut Ridge	25,579.30	25,221.23	Elaine	11,278.95	11,006.91	Wheatley	5,915.98	5,815.64
Ozark	24,759.74	29,443.20	Lee County	27,886.21	25,431.00	Helena-West Helena	195,745.99	191,023.84	Widener	5,327.59	5,237.21
Wiederkehr Village	323.11	384.23	Aubrey	968.39	883.13	Lake View	6,923.84	6,756.84	Stone County	79,010.71	74,756.03
Fulton County	85,034.45	89,640.84	Haynes	937.72	855.16	Lexa	4,315.99	4,211.89	Fifty Six	1,522.31	1,440.33
Ash Flat	8.80	9.28	LaGrange	534.59	487.52	Marvell	18,189.75	17,751.00	Mountain View	26,859.91	25,413.52
Cherokee Village	3,560.71	3,753.60	Marianna	22,702.46	20,703.65	Pike County	146,141.88	143,996.39	Union County	428,567.00	455,920.09
Hardy	118.84	125.27	Moro	1,056.03	963.05	Antoine	1,018.29	1,003.34	Calion	12,490.08	13,287.25
Horseshoe Bend	30.81	32.48	Rondo	1,038.51	947.07	Daisy	770.25	758.94	El Dorado	555,313.85	590,756.49
Mammoth Spring	5,048.37	5,321.85	Lincoln County	40,555.94	45,655.06	Delight	2,030.05	2,000.25	Felsenthal	2,984.82	3,175.33
Salem	7,002.58	7,381.91	Gould	5,192.34	5,845.17	Glenwood	13,753.46	13,551.54	Huttig	18,487.44	19,667.39
Viola	1,676.92	1,767.76	Grady	2,080.91	2,342.55	Murfreesboro	11,514.52	11,345.48	Junction City	16,685.10	17,750.03
Garland County	628,518.85	636,132.54	Star City	9,831.63	11,067.76	Poinsett County	108,068.16	103,085.62	Norphlet	18,484.27	19,664.02
Fountain Lake	2,982.63	2,998.52	Little River County	186,207.47	205,384.66	Fisher	1,792.06	1,709.44	Smackover	51,475.88	54,761.31
Lonsdale	865.10	865.10	Ashdown	37,221.25	41,054.61	Harrisburg	14,823.40	14,139.96	Strong	15,266.32	16,240.68
Mountain Pine	5,592.05	5,659.78	Foreman	8,768.40	9,660.41	Lepanto	14,424.42	13,759.37	Van Buren County	384,049.89	418,953.14
Grant County	142,423.17	132,419.03	Ogden	1,666.04	1,837.63	Marked Tree	18,935.00	18,062.00	Clinton	32,161.47	35,084.37
Greene County	349,315.47	334,903.48	Wilton	3,417.72	3,769.70	Trumann	46,586.87	44,438.96	Damascus	2,648.43	2,889.12
Delaplaine	1,346.72	1,346.72	Winthrop	1,448.06	1,591.19	Tyrone	6,207.98	5,921.75	Fairfield Bay	32,598.18	35,560.76
Lafe	4,258.26	4,082.57	Logan County	86,152.32	108,723.86	Waldenburg	541.00	516.06	Shirley	4,747.44	5,178.90
Marmaduke	12,807.96	12,279.53	Blue Mountain	912.98	1,152.18	Weiner	5,139.51	4,902.54	Washington County	1,129,555.1	1,160,140.05
Oak Grove Heights	8,040.92	7,709.17	Booneville	28,475.36	35,935.78	Polk County	217,072.46	234,900.34	Elkins	18,440.27	18,939.58
Paragould	243,517.09	233,470.11	Caulksville	1,611.55	2,033.77	Cove	6,684.80	7,233.80	Elm Springs	15,197.38	15,608.88
Hempstead County	522,271.94	261,116.15	Magazine	6,328.63	7,986.70	Grannis	10,035.92	10,860.16	Farmington	53,139.24	54,578.08
Blevins	3,606.70	3,256.45	Morrison Bluff	511.82	645.92	Hatfield	7,016.42	7,592.66	Fayetteville	855,637.50	878,805.55
Emmet	256.92	231.97	Paris	25,639.58	32,357.04	Mena	98,386.86	106,467.25	Goshen	11,084.80	11,384.94
Fulton	2,420.93	2,185.84	Ratcliff	1,321.06	1,667.17	Vandervoort	2,094.46	2,266.46	Greenland	13,369.57	13,731.57
Hope	104,900.53	94,713.68	Scranton	1,535.47	1,937.76	Wicks	11,781.27	12,748.88	Johnson	34,183.05	35,108.62
McCaskill	830.03	749.43	Subiaco	3,036.37	3,831.87	Pope County	295,981.55	323,203.10	Lincoln	26,591.73	27,311.75
McNab	741.10	669.13	Lonoke County	732,888.64	232,976.04	Atkins	35,674.47	38,955.46	Prairie Grove	37,440.68	38,454.46
Oakhaven	533.59	481.78	Allport	1,211.23	1,231.96	Hector	6,272.16	6,849.01	Springdale	645,439.03	662,915.55
Ozan	800.39	722.66	Austin	5,770.03	5,868.78	London	11,465.91	12,520.43	Tontitown	29,923.06	30,733.29
Pattos	602.76	544.23	Cabot	145,547.71	148,038.78	Pottsville	15,754.78	17,203.76	West Fork	30,099.95	30,914.96
Perrytown	2,519.75	2,275.06	Carlisle	21,973.78	22,349.87	Russellville	293,552.01	320,550.12	Winslow	5,881.43	6,040.69
Washington	1,462.45	1,320.42	Coy	1,106.32	1,125.25	Prairie County	23,622.67	24,573.20	White County	910,067.84	839,279.27
Hot Spring County	302,530.31	234,493.90	England	28,764.29	29,256.60	Biscoe	2,495.98	2,596.41	Bald Knob	44,481.09	41,021.18
Donaldson	2,877.50	4,002.78	Humnoke	2,670.43	2,716.13	Des Arc	10,135.99	10,543.84	Beebe	68,315.19	63,001.38
Friendship	1,818.30	2,529.36	Keo	2,241.25	2,279.60	DeValls Bluff	4,105.78	4,270.99	Bradford	11,085.63	10,223.35
Magnet Cove	3,998.49	5,562.14	Lonoke	40,886.12	41,585.89	Hazen	8,583.86	8,929.26	Garner	3,935.40	3,629.29
Malvern	79,625.55	110,763.93	Ward	24,606.05	25,027.20	Ulm	1,074.95	1,118.22	Georgetown	1,745.99	1,610.18
Midway	3,018.73	4,199.23	Madison County	147,910.96	176,955.23	Pulaski County	866,328.69	942,543.97	Higginson	5,237.96	4,830.53
Perla	1,015.07	1,412.02	Hindsville	423.38	505.48	Alexander	2,782.45	3,027.24	Judsonia	27,464.65	25,328.34
Rockport	6,980.73	9,724.53	Huntsville	11,549.72	13,789.55	Cammack Village	13,443.12	14,625.77	Kensett	24,817.95	22,887.52
Howard County	279,467.87	292,489.88	St. Paul	920.14	1,098.58	Jacksonville	483,952.14	526,527.84	Letona	2,785.26	2,568.62
Dierks	13,891.18	14,537.79	Marion County	74,119.40	72,380.35	Little Rock	2,962,548.7	3,223,179.00	McRae	9,159.50	8,447.04
Mineral Springs	14,275.17	14,939.65	Bull Shoals	13,942.70	13,615.57	Maumelle	170,780.95	185,805.40	Pangburn	9,062.50	8,357.59
Nashville	55,090.39	57,654.75	Flippin	9,460.12	9,238.16	North Little Rock	977,626.68	1,063,633.41	Rose Bud	5,944.67	5,482.27
Tollette	3,659.15	3,829.46	Pyatt	1,763.75	1,722.37	Sherwood	347,984.17	378,598.09	Russell	3,159.40	2,913.65
Independence County	363,431.57	349,527.86	Summit	4,085.21	3,989.36	Wrightsville	22,130.19	24,077.09	Searcy	262,286.00	241,884.39
Batesville	113,111.11	108,783.85	Yellville	9,146.42	8,931.81	Pulaski County		683.47	West Point	2,882.26	2,658.05
Cave City	742.50	714.09	Miller County	400,763.82	373,780.08	River Project		131,452.35	Woodruff County	16,446.84	17,267.71
Cushman	5,520.83	5,309.62	Fouke	7,935.92	7,401.59	Randolph County		3,181.51	Augusta	16,558.69	17,385.13
Magness	2,287.37	2,199.86	Garland	7,935.92	7,401.59	Biggers		3,181.51	Cotton Plant	5,964.86	6,262.56
Moorefield	1,916.12	1,842.82	Texarkana	178,558.14	166,535.68	Maynard		3,415.52	Hunter	944.44	991.57
Newark	14,598.46	14,039.97	Mississippi County	638,442.99	712,580.47	O'Keane		1,801.36	McCrary	11,494.77	12,068.48



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SCHOULTZ, PT	MICHAEL	BENTON PHYSICAL THERAPY	2113 WATTS RD	BENTON	AR	72015	501-778-4960
HURST, PT	BRANDI	ADVANCED PHYSICAL THERAPY	1401 E MOULTRIE	BLYTHEVILLE	AR	72315	870-762-5000
HURST, PT	JESSICA	ADVANCED PHYSICAL THERAPY	1401 E MOULTRIE	BLYTHEVILLE	AR	72315	870-762-5000
NORTH COMPLEX OUTPATIENT SURGERY CTR.							
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HASAN, MD	MUHAMMAD H.	MERCY MEDICAL SERVICES	7301 ROGERS AVE	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-314-5175
KOTA, MD	MANJUSHA	ST JOSEPHS MERCY CLINIC	1455 HIGDON FERRY RD	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71913	501-627-1800
WYDERSKI, MD	RICHARD	ST JOSEPHS MERCY CLINIC	ONE MERCY LANE #405	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71913	501-622-3979
JONES PHYSICAL THERAPY							
DARLING, DDS	BRYAN	HIGGINBOTHAM FAMILY DENTAL	321 SOUTHWEST DR	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-932-8585
LICHTOR, MD	TERENCE R.	JONESBORO NEUROSURGERY CLINIC	800 S CHURCH #203	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-934-1462
ALLRED, DDS	LOUIE	GENERAL DENTISTRY	2011 N VAN BUREN	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72207	501-666-1188
MANGAN, DDS	STEVE	GENERAL DENTISTRY	2011 N VAN BUREN	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72207	501-666-1188
RAINE, PA	CALEB	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
MYERS, PT	DANIEL B JR	MALVERN PHYSICAL THERAPY	720 N WALCO RD #240	MALVERN	AR	72104	501-467-8275
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KERIN, MD	DOUGLAS	RADIOLOGISTS OF RUSSELLVILLE	209 S PORTLAND AVE	RUSSELLVILLE	AR	72801	479-968-7930
DILLON, APN	LISA	SHERWOOD URGENT CARE	610 SHEPHERD WAY	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-268-6831
KELLAR, MD	STANLEY	SLEEP SPECIALISTS OF AR.	617 MARION	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-305-9826
WELLS, APN	SHARI	SLEEP SPECIALISTS OF AR.	617 MARION	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-305-9826
ROGERSON, PT	MARY	ORTHOPEDIC REHAB. & SPECIALTY CTR.	5501 WILLOW CREEK DR #200	SPRINGDALE	AR	72762	479-571-1544
ALSAEK, MD	YASER	MID SOUTH CHILDRENS CLINIC	228 W TYLER #304	WEST MEMPHIS	AR	72301	870-735-4025
IN- STATE UPDATES							
RANA, MD	JAVED	CORNERSTONE MEDICAL GROUP	605 HEATHER LANE	ALMA	AR	72921	479-632-6688
CUMMINS, MD	THOMAS	WHITE RIVER MED. PHYS. GROUP	1710 HARRISON ST.	BATESVILLE	AR	72501	870-262-1235
ISAAC, DC	TIMOTHY O.	HARRISON STREET CHIROPRACTIC	2201 HARRISON ST.	BATESVILLE	AR	72503	870-793-1135
MOODY, MD	MELODY	CHILDRENS CLINIC	1700 HARRISON ST.	BATESVILLE	AR	72501	870-262-2200
VANGROUW, MD	RICHARD	BATESVILLE CARDIOLOGY	1695 HARRISON ST.	BATESVILLE	AR	72501	870-793-7519
LEE, PT	JAMES R	BENTON PHYSICAL THERAPY	2113 WATTS RD	BENTON	AR	72015	501-778-4960
MYERS, PT	DANIEL B JR	BENTON PHYSICAL THERAPY	2113 WATTS RD	BENTON	AR	72015	501-778-4960
MURRAY, PT	KACY	PREMIERE PHYSICAL THERAPY & SPORTS	3400 SE MACY #12	BENTONVILLE	AR	72712	479-273-9933
COLLINS, MD	WARREN	COLLINS EYE CLINIC	214 CARTER ST	BERRYVILLE	AR	72616	870-423-3355
JOHNSON, MD	MILES	ORTHO & SPORTS MED. CLINIC	408 ORCHARD DR.	BERRYVILLE	AR	72616	479-251-8055
BEAVERS, DDS	SAMUEL	AR. DENTAL HEALTH & TMJ CTR.	22450 HWY 30	BRYANT	AR	72202	501-847-1889
BEAVERS, DDS	SAMUEL	AR. DENTAL HEALTH & TMJ CTR.	550 CHESTNUT ST	CONWAY	AR	72032	501-329-8754
FLANAGIN, DDS	JAMES H. III	GENERAL DENTISTRY	800 LOCUST ST.	CONWAY	AR	72032	501-327-4466
PENDERGRASS, PT	CONNIE	PENDERGRASS THERAPY	1700 W. MAIN	CORNING	AR	72422	870-857-0049
GARCIA, MD	LUIS F.	GARCIA MEDICAL CLINIC	306 N. ALABAMA ST.	CROSSETT	AR	71635	870-364-4181
GRESHAM, MD	EDWARD A.	FAMILY CLINIC OF ASHLEY CO.	909 UNITY RD.	CROSSETT	AR	71635	870-364-9111
HERRING, DDS	JASON	GENERAL DENTISTRY	909A UNITY RD	CROSSETT	AR	71635	870-364-3313
JOHNSTON, DDS	CARL	GENERAL DENTISTRY	909A UNITY RD	CROSSETT	AR	71635	870-364-3313
MALLOY, MD	MARK	FAMILY CLINIC OF ASHLEY CO.	909 UNITY RD	CROSSETT	AR	71635	870-364-9111
MILTON, DDS	ROBERT	GENERAL DENTISTRY	909A UNITY RD	CROSSETT	AR	71635	870-364-3313
THOMPSON, MD	BARRY V.	FAMILY PRACTICE	103 E. 3RD AVE.	CROSSETT	AR	71635	870-364-5746
TRACY, MD	WALLACE L.	FAMILY PRACTICE	1940 S. WHITEHEAD DR.	DEWITT	AR	72042	870-946-4505
SMITH, MD	GEORGE	SA PHYSICIANS SERVICES	700 W GROVE	EL DORADO	AR	71730	870-863-4157
ARNOLD, MD	CHRISTOPHER	ORTHOPAEDICS SURG. & SPORTS	3900 N PARKVIEW DR	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-966-4187
WILLIS, CRNA	DONOVAN	DSW ANESTHESIA SERVICES	PO BOX 11405	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-785-2555
BAILEY, DDS	T. WAYNE	GENERAL DENTISTRY	520 HAMILTON LANE	GREENWOOD	AR	72936	479-996-6555
BELL, MD	THOMAS	LESLIE CLINIC	306 N. CHESTNUT	HARRISON	AR	72601	870-741-8559
BALLARD, MD	CLARENCE	LR EMERGENCY DOCTORS	2319 HWY 110 WEST	HEBER SPRINGS	AR	72543	501-812-7587
TAYLOR, DDS	STEPHEN	GENERAL DENTISTRY	309D S. RIDGE BLVD	HEBER SPRINGS	AR	72543	501-362-0550
MILNER, PT	MARTIN	ADVANCED CARE PHYSICAL THERAPY	4656 HWY 7 NORTH	HOT SPRINGS VLG.	AR	71909	501-984-6777
VILLAGE THERAPY		PHYSICAL THERAPY	4656 HWY 7 NORTH	HOT SPRINGS VLG.	AR	71909	501-984-6777
BEAVERS, DDS	SAMUEL	AR. DENTAL HEALTH & TMJ CTR.	1426 BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-982-3777
COOK, MD	JOHN	JONESBORO SURGICAL ASSOCIATES	1005 E. MATTHEWS	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-935-1242
MCALEXANDER, MD	WILLIAM	JONESBORO SURGICAL ASSOCIATES	1005 E. MATTHEWS	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-935-1242
PHILLIPS, MD	DAVID	NEA CLINIC	800 S CHURCH #104	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-932-4875

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WARNER, MD	ROBERT L.	JONESBORO SURGICAL ASSOCIATES	1005 E. MATTHEWS	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-935-1242
WIGGINS, MD	LYNN	JONESBORO SURGICAL ASSOCIATES	1005 E. MATTHEWS	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-935-1242
GOBER, MD	GREGG	LAKE VILLAGE CLINIC	2918 LOUIS SESSIONS	LAKE VILLAGE	AR	71653	870-265-5343
JENKINS, MD	CHESTER	SOUTHEAST REHABILITATION HOSPITAL	2729-A HWY 65 & 82 SOUTH	LAKE VILLAGE	AR	71653	870-265-4333
ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL		HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1100
AUNSPAUGH, MD	JENNIFER	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-2938
BEAVERS, DDS	SAMUEL	AR. DENTAL HEALTH & TMJ CTR.	8801 W MARKHAM #2	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-225-1577
CARPENTER, ANP	CYNTHIA	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1100
CLEMMONS, PHD	JOHN	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1100
DAVIS, MD	ELENA	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1640
DELGADO-CORCORAN, MD	CLAUDIA	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1100
DIOKNO, MD	ROSANA	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1202
FLETCHER, MD	TERRY G	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-3933
GATLIN, MD	SCOTT	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1874
HARPER, LCSW	JIM	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1100
HOWARD, MD	PAMELA	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1327
JARRATT, PHD	KELLY	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1021
KULKARNI, MD	LINA	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-2933
LEE, MD	LAKISHA	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1874
NADER, MD	REMI	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-5270
RANADE, MD	ASHISH	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-686-7817
REED, MD	MARK	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1100
RICHTER, MD	GRESHAM	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1047
ROMERO, MD	JOSE	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1416
SALMAN, MD	MARSHA	ALL FOR KIDS PEDIATRIC CLINIC	904 AUTUMN RD #100	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-224-5437
SCHAEFER, MD	GERALD	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-7241
SMITH, LCSW	DIANA	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1100
STEIGMAN, MD	CARMEN	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1890
SUMMERHILL, LPC	JANICE	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
WALTERS, MD	WILLIAM DAVID	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1850
WEST, MD	MARGARET	RHEUMATOLOGY	9601 LILE DR #970	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-8000
WYLIE, MD	PAUL E.	SLEEP DISORDERS	11219 FINANCIAL CTR. PKWY #210	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-661-9191
PARKMAN, MD	ROBERT L.	RADIOLOGY	101 HOSPITAL DR.	MAGNOLIA	AR	71753	870-235-3403
DOVER, DC	L. BRENT	DOVER FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC	1219 S MAIN	MALVERN	AR	72104	501-332-3651
LEE, PT	JAMES R	MALVERN PHYSICAL THERAPY	720 N WALCO RD #240	MALVERN	AR	72140	501-467-8275
SCHULTZ, LCSW	EMILY	COUNSELING CONSULTANTS	210 MANOR ST	MARION	AR	72364	870-739-6818
BAILEY, DDS	T. WAYNE	GENERAL DENTISTRY	701C 7TH ST.	MENA	AR	71953	479-394-5666
TEAGUE, CRNA	LYDIA	ST ANTHONY MEDICAL CTR	4 HOSPITAL DR	MORRILTON	AR	72110	501-977-2300
JACKSON-LOCKYER, MD	MARGO	MTN. HOME EMERGENCY GROUP	624 HOSPITAL DR	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-424-7070
DEVITT, OD	KYM V.	THE EYEDOCTOR	2600 LAKEWOOD VILLAGE #G	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-753-3000
BURNHAM, MD	ASHLEY	RADIOLOGISTS OF RUSSELLVILLE	209 S PORTLAND AVE	RUSSELLVILLE	AR	72801	479-968-7930
MAGILL, MD	D. ERIC	RADIOLOGISTS OF RUSSELLVILLE	209 S PORTLAND AVE	RUSSELLVILLE	AR	72801	479-968-7930
YATES, DO	JEFFREY K.	MILLARD-HENRY CLINIC	101 SKYLINE DR	RUSSELLVILLE	AR	72801	479-968-2345
WILLIAMSON, PT	DAVID BRYAN	ORTHOPEDIC REHAB. & SPECIALTY CTR.	5501 WILLOW CREEK DR #200	SPRINGDALE	AR	72762	479-571-1544
HEILES, DO	KENNETH A.	FAMILY PRACTICE	203 S. JEFFERSON ST.	STAR CITY	AR	71667	870-628-5110
ALLEMPARTMARTE, MD	JOSE	CORNERSTONE MEDICAL GROUP	2010 CHESTNUT PLAZA #H	VAN BUREN	AR	72956	479-471-4147
EDWARDS, MD	HENRY	CORNERSTONE MEDICAL GROUP	2010 CHESTNUT PLAZA #H	VAN BUREN	AR	72956	479-471-4147
MASRI, MD	HASSAN	CORNERSTONE MEDICAL GROUP	2010 CHESTNUT PLAZA #H	VAN BUREN	AR	72956	479-471-4147
NOUANSAVANE, MD	CHANS	CORNERSTONE FAMILY CLINIC	14 GOTHIC RIDGE RD	VAN BUREN	AR	72956	479-474-1100
WHATCOTT, DO	BRETT D.	CORNERSTONE MEDICAL GROUP	PO BOX 1712	VAN BUREN	AR	72956	479-471-0011
MCHANEY, OD	JOHN T.	ROSS EYE CARE CENTER	1014 W MAIN ST	WALNUT RIDGE	AR	72476	870-886-2632
ROSS, OD	KELLY	ROSS EYE CARE CENTER	1014 W MAIN ST	WALNUT RIDGE	AR	72476	870-886-2632
DAVIS, MD	LEE A	HEARTCARE CLINIC OF THE SOUTH	7500 DOLLARWAY RD #301	WHITE HALL	AR	71602	870-850-0800
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NOEL, MSPT	GREG	NOEL PHY THERAPY & SPORTS MED	920 HARRISON #B	BATESVILLE	AR	72501	870-698-9300
BIZZLE, PT	NATASHA	SPINE INSTITUTE	827 E MAIN ST	BLYTHEVILLE	AR	72315	870-763-8155
EASTERN OZARK REG. HEALTH SYTEMS		HOSPITAL	122 S. ALLEGHENY DR.	CHEROKEE VLG.	AR	72529	870-257-4101
SE ARKANSAS HOME HEALTH		HOME HEALTH	113 SELMA COLLINS RD.	DERMOTT	AR	71638	870-392-2455
TOMMEY, MD	C.E.	GENERAL SURGERY	815 THOMPSON ST	EL DORADO	AR	71730	870-862-3411
SPEIR, OD	DAN	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	HWY. 62-412	HERD	AR	72542	870-994-2775
BRANNAN, CRNA	DENEICE	OUACHITA REGIONAL ANESTHESIA	2001 S MAIN ST	HOPE	AR	71801	870-777-2323
BRANNAN, CRNA	DENEICE	OUACHITA REGIONAL ANESTHESIA	1910 MALVERN AVE	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71901	501-321-1000
MEEK, MD	GARY	SURGERY ASSOCIATES	ONE MERCY LANE #506	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71913	501-623-9581
PIZZOLATTO, MD	MICHAEL	OUACHITA REG. ANESTHESIA	1910 MALVERN AVE	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71901	800-235-1415
SUMMERS, OD	JAMES L.	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	1419 CENTRAL AVE	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71901	501-623-7732
BARNETT, MD	TROY	ARKANSAS UROLOGY ASSOC.	1420 BRADEN ST.	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-982-3666
FEWELL, MD	RONALD	JACKSONVILLE MEDICAL CARE	1300 BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-985-5900
LANGFORD, MD	TIMOTHY D.	ARKANSAS UROLOGY ASSOC.	1420 BRADEN ST.	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72078	501-982-3666
KERN, MD	PHILIP	UAMS	4120 W. MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-7911
LABBATE, MD	LAWRENCE	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
LYLE, MD	CLAUDE	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000

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SPRING, MD	PAUL	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
WHEATON, MD	MYRA	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	1 CHILDRENS WAY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1100
COLUMBIA COUNTY AMBULANCE		AMBULANCE	218 S. PINE	MAGNOLIA	AR	71753	870-234-8654
HUFFSTUTTER, MD	PAUL	GENERAL SURGERY	300 S. RHODES	WEST MEMPHIS	AR	72301	870-735-3664
MURRAY, MD	IAN	RADIOLOGY	200 TYLER ST.	WEST MEMPHIS	AR	72301	870-732-2401

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DULGHERU, MD	EMILIA	RHEUMATOLOGY	2400 LUCY LEE PKWY #A	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-686-1144
GUJARATI, MD	SUBHASH	RADIATION ONCOLOGY	1910 NORTH WESTWOOD BLVD	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-686-5300
POPLAR BLUFF WOUNDCARE & HYPERBARIC CTR.		WOUND CARE	2620 N WESTWOOD BLVD	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-686-8199
YEOMAN, DO	LANCE	DERMATOLOGY CLINIC	686 LESTER ST	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-686-4750
SIEVERS, MD	KARLYNN	ST JOHNS CLINIC	910 W 10TH	ROLLA	MO	65401	573-364-4226
KRONFOL, MD	N.O.	KIDNEY CENTER	220 N PEARMAN ST	CLEVELAND	MS	38732	662-846-6943
KRONFOL, MD	N.O.	INDIANOLA MEDICAL CLINIC	503 CATCHINGS AVE	INDIANOLA	MS	38751	662-887-2494
KRONFOL, MD	N.O.	RCG OF MAYERSVILLE	3173 KIRBY 61 SOUTH	ROLLINGFORK	MS	39159	662-873-2272
BINGHAM, MD	RONALD	EMG CLINICS OF TENNESSEE	391 SOUTHCREST CIRCLE #104	SOUTHAVEN	MS	38671	800-224-1807
WINFREY, MD	CHERYL	PRIME URGENT MEDICAL CLINIC	176 W GOODMAN RD	SOUTHAVEN	MS	38671	662-536-1020
FOLLOWELL, OD	JOSEPH	FOLLOWELL FAMILY EYE CARE	303 E RAY FINE BLVD #3	ROLAND	OK	74954	918-427-3937
ALLEN, MD	DAVID M	THE PSYCHIATRY GROUP	3173 KIRBY WHITTEN RD #104	BARTLETT	TN	38134	901-384-8040
VALLI, LCSW	JENNIFER L.	PSYCHOLOGY	1384 CORDOVA COVE	GERMANTOWN	TN	38138	901-753-7700
ALSAEK, MD	YASER	UT MEDICAL GROUP	777 WASHINGTON AVE #P350	MEMPHIS	TN	38105	901-448-7000
ESPINAL, MD	RONALD	LAURELWOOD PEDIATRICS	5050 SANDERLIN	MEMPHIS	TN	38117	901-683-9371
GREENBERGER, MD	MARK D.	AGELESS MENS HEALTH	530 OAK COURT DR #125	MEMPHIS	TN	38117	901-507-8040
JOHNSON, MD	RHONDA	CONTEMPORARY PEDIATRICS	4250 FARONIA RD	MEMPHIS	TN	38116	901-345-0202
KAPTIK, MD	MELISSA YEH	THE KIDNEY GROUP	2225 UNION AVE #100	MEMPHIS	TN	38104	901-726-1161
LI, MD	B. CHARLES	OB/GYN PHYSICIANS GROUP OF MEMPHIS	6215 HUMPHREYS BLVD #208	MEMPHIS	TN	38120	901-372-4418
MAGDOVITZ, MD	NOUTH	LAURELWOOD PEDIATRICS	5050 SANDERLIN	MEMPHIS	TN	38117	901-683-9371
MODANLOU, MD	KIAN	UT MEDICAL GROUP	1265 UNION AVE 1 SHERARD	MEMPHIS	TN	38104	901-516-9183
OMARA, MD	PATRICK	UT MEDICAL GROUP	DEPT 156 PO BOX 357	MEMPHIS	TN	38101	901-448-7000
SPEARS-POPA		DURABLE MED. EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	722 N WHITE STATION	MEMPHIS	TN	38122	901-751-0069
FAROOQ, MD	FARHA	FAMILY MEDICINE	7046 HWY 64	OAKLAND	TN	38060	901-465-9902

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GARNER, DO	NEAL W.	FAMILY PRACTICE	610 ONE MILE RD.	DEXTER	MO	63841	573-624-3600
PATTY, MD	CARL	DEXTER MEDICAL CLINIC	610 ONE MILE RD.	DEXTER	MO	63841	573-624-3600
HUNT, MD	JOHN	GENERAL PRACTICE	806 N. DOUGLAS	MALDEN	MO	63863	537-276-3873
SJ NIXA OPTICAL SHOP		OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	940 W MT. VERNON #120	NIXA	MO	65714	417-724-5336
TONEY, DO	MICHAEL P.	FAMILY PRACTICE	#1 HAL'S PLAZA DR.	PIEDMONT	MO	63957	573-223-4800
POPLAR BLUFF REG. MED. CTR.		HOSPITAL	2620 N. WESTWOOD BLVD.	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-727-2721
ABBAS, MD	MARGHOOB	POPLAR BLUFF MANAGEMENT GROUP	2620 NORTH WESTOOD BLVD	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-727-2773
ALMOND, MD	DONNA L.	HEARTLAND RADIOLOGY	221 PHYSICIANS PARK DR.	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-727-9080
BHOTHINARD, MD	BHSIT	POPLAR BLUFF MANAGEMENT GROUP	2360 KATY LANE	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-785-0080
CALDWELL, MD	F. MICHAEL	OSTEOPOROSIS CENTER	225 PHYSICIANS PARK DR	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-686-9348
CALDWELL, MD	F. MICHAEL	INTERNAL MED.	225 PHYSICIANS PARK DR #400	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-727-5500
CALDWELL, MD	F. MICHAEL	SOUTHERN MISSOURI SLEEP CTR	922 N WESTWOOD BLVD	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-727-5500
GUJARATI, MD	SUBHASH B.	RADIATION ONCOLOGY	2620 NORTH WESTWOOD BLVD.	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-686-5300
JONES, MD	DONALD RAY III	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY	225 PHYSICIANS PARK DR	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-785-0313
KORTE, MD	STEPHEN	POPLAR BLUFF MANAGEMENT GROUP	2360 KATY LANE	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-785-0080
LATOURETTE, PA	CARLA L	POPLAR BLUFF MANAGEMENT GROUP	2360 KATY LANE	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-785-0080
MADDURI, MD	SIVAPRASAD	UROLOGY	2210 BARRON RD	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-686-4133
MARGREITER, MD	MARTHA J.	PEDIATRIC & ADOLESCENT MED.	2210 BARRON RD #120	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-785-2005
MONTGOMERY, MD	CHRISTOPHER	FAMILY PRACTICE	225 PHYSICIANS PARK DR #400	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-727-5500
MONTGOMERY, MD	CHRISTOPHER	FAMILY PRACTICE	225 PHYSICIANS PARK DR	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-686-9348
MUNCH, DO	DOROTHY M.	FAMILY PRACTICE	930 NORTH WESTWOOD BLVD	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-778-1620
NAGY, MD	STEPHEN W.	INTERNAL MED.	225 PHYSICIANS PARK DR #400	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-727-5500
PATTY, DO	JOHN R.	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY	2210 BARRON RD.	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-686-4133
PETERS, DO	RAY	ONCOLOGY & HEMATOLOGY	2210 BARRON RD. # 110	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-778-9598
PHANIJPHAND, MD	SUWAN	OTOLARYNGOLOGY (ENT)	2011 NORTH WESTWOOD BLVD.	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-785-7791
PILAND, MD	DONALD S.	INTERNAL MED.	225 PHYSICIANS PARK DR #400	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-727-5500
RICH, MD	CHERYLL	FAMILY PRACTICE	2400 LUCY LEE PKWY #A	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-686-1144
RIFFLE, MD	MATTHEW J.	INTERNAL MED.	225 PHYSICIANS PARK DR #400	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-727-5500
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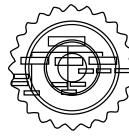
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