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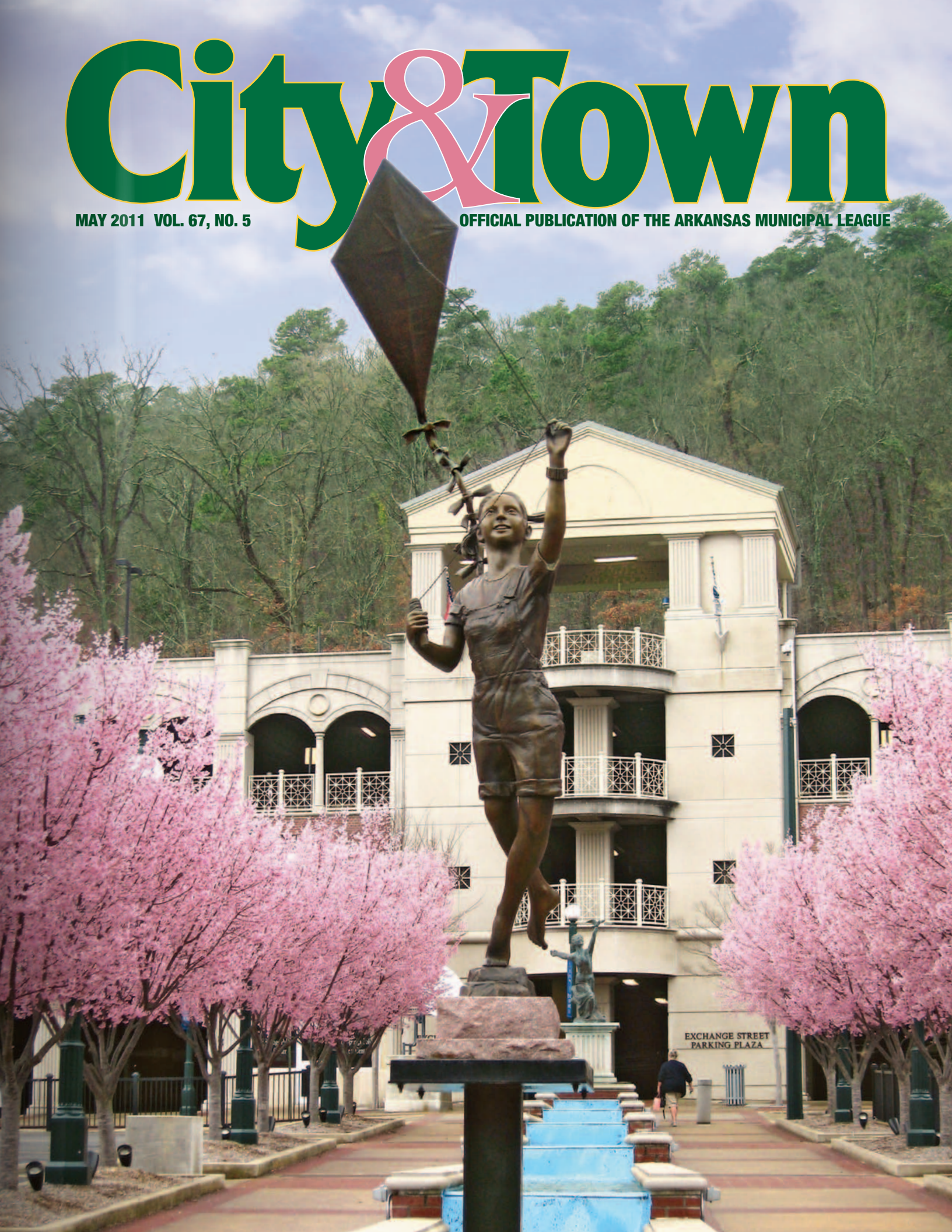

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ON THE COVER—The bronze statue titled "Catching the Wind" by Cumming, Ga., artist Gregory Johnson is a familiar sight along Central Avenue in Hot Springs, and the Japanese Cherry Blossoms lining the path to the municipal parking plaza is just one of many examples of beauty in the city. We hope to meet you in Hot Springs in June for the League's 77th Convention. If you haven't yet registered, please see the registration info in this issue. Read also inside about Stuttgart's new Grand Prairie Center, high school students who make community planning a priority, a comprehensive list of laws affecting municipalities passed in the recent legislative session and more.—atm

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Dear Friends:

As I reflect on the last few weeks of weather events that we have suffered through, my heart both breaks and rejoices. Many have lost friends and family. Many have lost property and livelihoods. These types of events bring out both the good and the bad in the human race. In this time of distress and sadness a bright light comes forward. The many volunteers who have stepped forward renew our faith in others. We should take pride in the caring spirit of these many volunteers. The communities in our state that have been affected by these tragedies have shown that with spirit and heart they will rebuild and recover. Remember to support your community neighbors—they would support you.

The last week of April we completed the fourth segment of certification sessions put on by the Municipal league. It was entitled "Arkansas Local Government Structure: Who Does What in Local Government." The large number of officials taking advantage of all the sessions has been outstanding and the information provided has been excellent.

The 77th Arkansas Municipal League Convention will be in Hot Springs June 15-17. Please remember the EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS ON JUNE 1. As you prepare to attend the Convention, please take advantage of the last two courses in the series of certification sessions, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 and 2 p.m. Friday, June 17. The really great thing is that the sessions are covered in your registration. There is an expanded agenda of the Convention in this edition of the magazine. You will see the program is packed with informational sessions that should catch your interest. This is also a bonus year in that Convention attendees will receive the updated *2011 General Acts Affecting Arkansas Municipalities* included in your registration. The Convention is a great value for your municipality. It will include training sessions, a great line-up of speakers discussing current topics of interest and the opportunity to share ideas with your peers.

Your executive committee will have their final meeting prior to the Convention in North Little Rock on May 25. One of the final discussions we will have prior to the Convention presentation and discussion will be to provide a fair and balanced perspective regarding the League's position on severance tax derived from extraction of natural gas. As I have mentioned many times during the year, serving on the executive committee and advisory councils during a legislative year is a labor of love and sacrifice. I am sending a big "thank you" to those who serve.

Murry Witcher

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Stuttgart celebrates Grand Prairie Center opening

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

The Grand Prairie Center is the newest addition at Stuttgart's Phillips Community College and is expected to benefit the city economically.

Rising from Stuttgart's Delta farmland, Grand Prairie Center at Phillips Community College promises to be a beacon for the arts and a boon to the local economy, college and community leaders believe. The community celebrated the grand opening of the center with five days of events, starting Wednesday, April 27 with a reception. The nearly weeklong celebration also included a cooking school and vendor expo, several concerts—including an appearance by country music star John Michael Montgomery—and a multi-denominational blessing of the building.

The 63,000-square-foot center features two large salons, one of which can hold more than 400 people and the other more than 200. Food service amenities include a catering kitchen and an outdoor cooking pavilion. The center also includes four classrooms and four meeting rooms that each seat up to 30 people. The center features free access to the Internet throughout, including Wi-Fi access.

The theater is the only one of its kind in the state and features state-of-the-art lights and sound.

In addition to a full schedule of performances, the center is already receiving requests to host community events, fundraisers, receptions, church events and more.

The Grand Prairie Center's centerpiece is the 750-seat theater, which was designed with the aid of theatrical consultants out of Dallas. It is the only performance hall in the state with motorized acoustic doors. The stage also features a springboard floor to better accommodate dancers and other performers. The theater's seating can be expanded to seat 1,500.

In addition to expanding educational opportunities and enriching the cultural life of the community, the new center will boost local sales and sales tax revenues and generally lift the entire local economy, Stuttgart Mayor Marianne Maynard said. The people of Stuttgart deserve credit for making things like the new center happen in the community, she said. "This community works at it. There's not a better volunteer community in the world, I am absolutely certain," Maynard said. "This is just one more fantastic example of what the citizens can do."

Stuttgart Mayor Marianne Maynard is confident the center will boost the economy, and she paraphrased the famous line from *Field of Dreams*: "If you build it, they shall come."

Now that the center is a reality, economic development around it will follow, Maynard said. "Now we're waiting on the motels and the restaurants and the retail places, and all those are going to come. I have faith in that."

"We have no way to go but up," Maynard said.

"It's a great tribute to the citizens of Arkansas County," University of Arkansas System President Dr. B. Alan Sugg said. "I really appreciate and respect you for wanting to expand educational opportunities for your citizens."

When planning for the center began in early 2007, the community got together and asked, "What if?" Phillips Community College Chancellor Dr. Steven Murray said, and their vision is now a reality. Murray added that although the Grand Prairie Center is truly grand, "it's not about a building. It's about economic development."

"The Grand Prairie Center is an inspiration to all of southeast Arkansas," State Rep. Tiffany Rogers said. Rogers was instrumental in fundraising efforts. "It will be a go-to destination, and it will make a difference in the lives of all who have contributed and all who will attend events at this venue."

The center is just one of many accomplishments Stuttgart has achieved in recent years, former State Sen. Bobby Glover said, which include a highway bypass, an overpass to ease congestion at railroad crossings, and—appropriately for the "Rice and Duck Capital of the World"—a dedicated venue for the city's annual duck calling contest.

The Grand Prairie Center is a great example of what community groups can accomplish when they work together, Glover said. "It's an awesome facility," he said.

The center already has a busy slate of events scheduled. The 2011-2012 performance series includes appearances by Broadway performer Jeri Sager, Ballet Arkansas, country singers Pam Tillis and Earl Thomas Conley, the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, the Harlem Gospel Choir, and several plays performed by the Arkansas Art Center Children's Theater. For detailed schedule information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pccua.edu, or call Grand Prairie Center Director Amanda Holsted 870-673-4201 Ext. 1896.

The Platters set to harmonize for Convention

Hall of Fame vocal group The Platters will bring the harmony-heavy sound of the '50s to Hot Springs when the group performs after dinner on Thursday, June 16 at the League's 77th Convention.

The Platters formed in 1953 in Los Angeles. In 1955 the group recorded the ballad "Only You," a hit that brought stardom for the group and made them the most popular vocal group of the '50s.

Between 1955 and 1960 The Platters had four number one songs and 16 gold records, which can still be heard on just about any easy listening or oldies station throughout the country today. Their hits include such well-known tunes as "Only You," "Twilight Time," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," and "The Great Pretender." They have also made more than 20 movies appearances in films like Rock Around the Clock Tonight and The Girl Can't Help It. To date The Platters have sold more than 80 million records.

The Platters have now toured in some 75 countries across the world. Playing venues from Madison Square Garden to the Bottom Line, the group is still delighting audiences on a regular basis.

In 1990 The Platters were inducted into The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, where they so rightly belong.

It's Convention time again.

June 15-17—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 501-978-6105
Cost for the exhibit space is $500.

77th CONVENTION

Hot Springs Convention Center

June 15-17, 2011

REGISTRATION

Registration and payment must be received in League office by Wednesday, June 1, 2011, to qualify for advance registration.

Advance registration for municipal officials	$150
Registration fee after **June 1, 2011**, 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 a copy of the ***2009-'10 Handbook for Arkansas Municipal Officials*** and the ***2011 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, 2011**.
- Cancellation letters must be postmarked by **June 1, 2011**.

HOTEL RESERVATION

Hotel Room Rates

SOLD OUT

EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL (headquarters hotel)

~~Single ..... $139 Double ..... $149 Check-in 3 p.m.~~

SOLD OUT

AUSTIN HOTEL

~~Single/Double ..... $82 Check-in 3 p.m.~~

ARLINGTON HOTEL

Single ..... $85 Double ..... $95 Check-in 3 p.m.

- Cut-off date for hotel reservations is **June 1, 2011**.
- Rooms in Hot Springs are subject to a 13 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: 77th 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)

❒Advance Registration	❒Regular Registration	❒Spouse/Guest	❒Child	❒Other Registrants	Total
$150	$175	$75	$75	$200	$

- **HOW ARE YOU PAYING?**

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77th Convention
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To obtain hotel reservations, registered delegates must directly contact participating hotels listed below:

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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:

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Continuing Legal Education Offered at League Convention

Twelve (12) hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) will be available for city attorneys who attend the 77th Arkansas Municipal League Convention, June 15-17, at the Hot Springs Convention Center. The Arkansas City Attorney's Association (ACAA) sponsors the CLE.

A. J. Kelley, Fairfield Bay city attorney and 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 16 and 17 include legislative updates, Arkansas case law update, water and fire code update, and an overview of some frequently asked questions. The program will also include two (2) hours of ethics.

To attend the CLE program, registration is required at the League Convention. For registration information, call Whitnee Bullerwell at the League, 501-978-6105. For CLE information, call Mark Hayes, ACAA secretary/treasurer and League general counsel, at 501-978-6102 or Jamie Adams at 501-978-6124.

RESOLUTIONS

Suggested Convention Resolutions for consideration at the 77th Annual Convention should be mailed to:

77th Convention Resolutions
Arkansas Municipal League
P.O. Box 38
North Little Rock, AR 72115-0038

The deadline for Resolution submission is May 16.

Resolutions may be drafted by an official of any member city or town and can relate to any matter of municipal concern. See your ***2010-2011 Policies and Goals*** for resolutions adopted at the 76th Convention.

WANTED: City officials or employees with 25 years of service

Did you begin serving your city or town in 1986? 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 77th League Convention, June 15-17, in Hot Springs.

Names must be submitted to the League by May 16.

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 77th 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 $500. We cannot guarantee space for companies that do not register before June 1.

Call Whitnee Bullerwell at 501-978-6105, or write to Arkansas Municipal League, P.O. Box 38, North Little Rock, AR 72115-0038.

NLC President Mitchell to address 77th Convention

National League of Cities President and Charlotte, N.C., council member James E. Mitchell Jr. will address the League at the 77th Convention. The League welcomes Mitchell, whose enthusiasm for this nation's municipalities and love of public service is inspiring. Mitchell will speak at the Convention's opening general session, Thursday, June 16 in Hot Springs.

As a council member, Mitchell represents Charlotte's District Two. Elected in 1999, he is now serving his sixth term on the city council.

Mitchell is the chair of the Economic Development Committee, the vice chair of the Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee, and a member of the Restructuring Government Committee. He is the council representative to the Visitors Advisory Committee, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership, and the Charlotte Regional Partnership Board.

He is the former chair of NLC's National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Foundation, and participated in NLC's Leadership Training Council and Institute for Youth, Education, and Families. He is the past president of the North Carolina Black Elected Municipal Officials and served on the board of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

His local activities include serving on the boards of the Police Activities League, the Right Moves for Youth Advisory Council, and the North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs. At East Stonewall A.M.E. Zion Church, he serves on the Stewards Board.

Council member Mitchell is a graduate of the following leadership programs: the Harvard John F. Kennedy School Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, the North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership, the Leadership Charlotte, and the Focus on Leadership.

He received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from North Carolina Central University.

Mitchell is employed as director of business development for NARENCO. He is blessed with two wonderful daughters, Kayla and Nicole, and many supportive family members and close friends.

County equalization boards to meet in August

County equalization boards will meet Aug. 1 through Oct. 1 to equalize (adjust an assessment to create a rate uniform with another) the assessed value for 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 the Department at 501-324-9240, or visit www.arkansas.gov/acd.

Donation brings free Wi-Fi to downtown Fayetteville

Fayetteville now has free Wi-Fi available for public use in the historic Fayetteville downtown square thanks to the donation of the equipment and this service by Cox Communications, the city has announced.

Cox installed the equipment in time to celebrate the opening of the Fayetteville Farmers' Market on April 2. The Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department, which maintains the downtown square park, installed electrical outlets near benches for increased accessibility of the Internet by the public in this park.

"The availability of free Wi-Fi surrounded by a beautiful garden setting in one of Fayetteville's most visited and recognized historic locations is so uniquely Fayetteville," Parks and Recreation Director Connie Edmonston said. "The opportunities that this offers to the public for connecting with others while connecting with nature is exciting."

A Fayetteville resident takes advantage of downtown's free Wi-Fi, which went online April 2.

At the April 2 celebration of downtown Fayetteville's new wireless amenity, Cox provided free hot dogs, and the company's mascot, Digeez, was also on hand to visit and pose for pictures with residents.

"Our employees are really looking forward to visiting with the public and demonstrating how to access the new service," Cox public affairs director Kelly Zega said. "We're anxious to see how the availability of free Wi-Fi further enhances usage of the Fayetteville Square." Zega credited local partnerships with the city, Fayetteville Town Center, Bank of Fayetteville, and Ronnie Bumpass and The Old Post Office with making the project a success.

Speaking at the grand opening, Fayetteville Mayor Lioneld Jordan delivered a speech he titled "Lioneld Jordan Likes This!"

"The city is committed to open government and active citizen engagement in public spaces in our community," Jordan said. "Wired communities are important both for local civic engagement and for the larger ventures of community and economic development. One day, we would hope that all public spaces might have easy access to worldwide communication, but this is a start and I thank Cox Communications for initiating this free service to the public. Our partnership with Cox shows one of the wonderful benefits of good corporate citizenship, just as Cox provides three cable access channels for government, public education, and public access television for Fayetteville residents."

New law offers grants for police vehicles

Gov. Mike Beebe on April 7 signed HB 1297 into law as Act 1237 of 2011. The bill, which was sponsored by Rep. Efrem Elliott, standing at left, creates the Small Municipality Law Enforcement Vehicle Grant Program, which will help cities of the second class and incorporated towns purchase used police vehicles. The new law is one of many passed during the 88th General Assembly of the Arkansas Legislature that prompted League Executive Director Don Zimmerman, standing in back, to deem the session a success for the state's municipalities. For an overview of laws passed that affect Arkansas municipalities, see the list beginning on page 42 in this issue.

Photo courtesy Governor's Office

Local government structure topic of training session

League General Counsel Mark Hayes discusses the roles commissions and committees play in local government during an April 28 voluntary certified continuing education session at League headquarters.

The League's new voluntary certified continuing education program for municipal officials continued with a session titled "Arkansas Local Government Structure: Who Does What in Local Government," held April 28 and 29 at League headquarters in North Little Rock.

League Executive Director Don Zimmerman gave an overview of the forms of local government and the laws that give them authority to govern. He defined and discussed "Dillon's Rule," which strictly limits the powers municipalities possess, and Home Rule, which has greatly expanded Arkansas cities' ability to self-govern, starting with first-class cities in 1971 and now cities of the second class and incorporated towns as well, thanks to the passage of Act 1187 of 2011.

League Assistant Director Ken Wasson, General Counsel Mark Hayes and Legal Counsel David Schoen covered other aspects of local government structure, including the roles of the mayor, council, clerk and other officials; establishing procedural rules and guidelines for conducting meetings; understanding the Freedom of Information Act; municipal records maintenance and more.

Response to the session was strong, and the League again held the training over the course of two days to accommodate the number of participants. The April 28 session drew 86 participants and the April 29 session drew 77, for a total of 163.

The next two voluntary certified continuing education sessions will take place at the League's 77th Convention in Hot Springs. The session "Suggestions to Effectively Lead" will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, and the session "The Fundamentals of Land Use" will be 2 p.m. Friday, June 17. The sessions are included in your Convention registration.

Budget realistically for a solid application

An accurate and realistic budget is a necessity for a successful grant application.

By Chad Gallagher

Obtaining funding through state, federal and private sector grant programs is an excellent way to fund community projects and make your local dollars stretch further. Yet these funds are typically very competitive. There are a variety of things that can give your request an edge in the competition. Good relationships with the funding agency, well-developed strategic plans for your community, a solid concept, and a well-written application all impact your success rate in securing grant funds.

Over the last two months we looked at developing and justifying your statement of need and your vision statement for your grant applications. We also looked at how to develop a strong narrative for your application. Now let's look at the importance of developing a solid budget.

The budget in your application is essential. Beyond buying into the validity of your identified need and being convinced that your approach offers a viable solution, a funding entity must see that your numbers make sense. At the end of the day, every grant application is about money, and a well-developed budget is key to a good application. Most budget sections consist of two key components: the budget itself and the budget justification. Here are a few tips for improving your grant application budget:

1. Clearly follow all budget guidelines. Pay close attention to what the grant calls allowable or non-allowable expenses and write your budget accordingly. In addition, note any budget hints the guidelines offer that suggest what the grant normally does or does not fund.
2. Review budgets of previously successful applications.
3. Clearly link the budget to the proposal's goals and objectives. Every piece of the budget must be clearly aligned with producing the proposed outcomes. The purpose of the budget is to fund your implementation plan. Kill anything that doesn't clearly fit. If it isn't easy to explain it may not belong.
4. Review each section of the implementation plan and be sure the budget addresses them all.
5. Be reasonable in scope. $10,000 will not eliminate world hunger. Be sure that your budget can achieve what you propose to do.
6. Include expenditure timeframes.
7. Be sensitive to cost-benefit ratio. It is important that your justification link all budget expenditures to true benefit for the proposal.
8. Avoid including normal operating expenses. Grant reviewers are sensitive inserting budget items that are not necessary for the program but appear to be normal organizational expenses that are not truly related to the grant application.
9. Do not have a "miscellaneous" line item.
10. If allowable be thoughtful on equipment expenses. These expenses are closely reviewed. Be certain that any request for equipment, furniture or fixtures is truly necessary and is related to the program.
11. Explain how vendors and contractors will be selected if the budget calls for contractual expenses.
12. Don't guess cost. Take the time and effort necessary to research and develop budget numbers that are as close to exact as possible.
13. Use actual cost to compute fringe benefits for personnel.
14. Use industry norms to determine personnel salaries and stay under the allowable personnel cost.
15. Double-check all of your figures. You are unlikely to convince a funding agency or organization to hand over funds if you budget is full of errors.
16. Don't be greedy. Keep the budget clean, fair and justifiable. If reviewers think you are padding it too much, you will lose their trust and your credibility.

Use your budget justification page to simply answer each question that would arise from reading through the budget. If the budget calls for a laptop—explain why. If it has personnel cost, explain why the personnel is needed and how you will select the candidate. The key is for the

budget justification form to eliminate lingering questions or unknowns after reviewing the budget itself.

When you discover a grant program that you have interest in please contact us to discuss your approach to the application. We will gladly discuss strategies with you and offer ideas for your application. Once completed, we will gladly review it for you before you submit it.

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Attention! Grant workshops set

The first two grant writing workshops for 2011 have been set.

May 24—9 a.m.-3 p.m., Camden Municipal Building, 206 Van Buren NE, Camden.

June 9—9 a.m.-3 p.m., Wynne Fire Department Training Room, 1111 N. Falls Blvd., Wynne.

The workshops are hosted by Legacy Consulting and the Arkansas Grant Book Company. The workshops are free to members of the Arkansas Municipal League. Register online at www.legacyincorporated.com/upcoming-events.

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Leave time and municipal personnel policy

This article discusses how state law regulates vacations, holidays and sick leave for employees of Arkansas cities and towns. Each municipality should review its personnel policies to ensure compliance. Also see the League the publication *Sample Personnel Handbook for Arkansas Cities and Towns*, which recommends policies on these and other employment issues. It may be ordered or downloaded from the publications area of the League website, www.arml.org.

Vacations

Pursuant to ACA §14-52-106, each employee of the police department shall be granted an annual vacation of not less than 15 working days with full pay. The statute grants this annually, without a waiting period. Therefore, an officer is entitled to take vacation during his or her first year of employment. (See Ark. Op. Atty. Gen. 2003-239.) Since the statute does not state how or when the vacation leave accrues, a city or town may establish its own policy in that regard. For example, the city might allow the employee to accumulate two days of vacation leave per month up to a maximum of 15 days (two days monthly for the first seven months plus one day in the eighth). The same rules apply to the fire department [ACA §14-53-107].

Vacation for non-uniformed employees is not regulated by state law. Therefore, cities and towns may establish their own rules. A vacation policy may be found in the *Sample Personnel Handbook*.

Holidays and holiday pay

State law sets forth holidays for state employees [ACA §1-5-101] but does not specifically address municipal employees (except for the provisions for law enforcement, discussed below). Therefore the city may and should establish its own policies.

[NOTE—The following holidays are provided by way of example only; cities are not obligated to provide the following holidays with pay and should determine which, if any, to observe as paid days off:

- *New Year's Day—January 1*
- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day—third Monday in January*
- *George Washington's Birthday or Presidents' Day—third Monday in February*
- *Memorial Day—last Monday in May*
- *Independence Day—July 4*
- *Labor Day—first Monday in September*
- *Veterans' Day—November 11*
- *Thanksgiving Day—fourth Thursday in November*
- *The Day After Thanksgiving*
- *Christmas Eve—December 24*
- *Christmas Day—December 25*

Once the city establishes its holidays, it must pay all law enforcement officers for each holiday. This pay is in addition to the officer's regular pay and is based on the daily pay rate. It may be prorated throughout the year at the regular payroll periods, or it may be paid in a lump on a date in December that the city designates [ACA § 14-52-105]. If it is prorated throughout the year, confusion may arise as to whether the officers are receiving the additional holiday pay. Therefore, it is recommended that (a) the city establish and document the officer's salary without the added holiday pay, (b) calculate and document the holiday pay, and (c) designate these as separate items on the pay stub so that the officers will be aware that they are receiving their holiday pay.

Sick leave: law enforcement

Pursuant to ACA §14-52-107, law enforcement officers, regardless of their titles, accumulate sick leave at the rate of 20 working days per year beginning one year after the date of employment. If unused, sick leave shall accumulate to a maximum of 60 days. However, the city may, by ordinance, increase this maximum up to 90 days.

Time off may be charged against accumulated sick leave only for the days that an officer is scheduled to work. Sick leave may not be charged against any officer during any period of sickness, illness, or injury for any days that the officer is not scheduled to work.

At the end of an officer's term of service, upon retirement or death, whichever occurs first, the officer shall be paid for any unused accumulated sick leave at the regular rate of pay in effect at the time of retirement or death. Payment for unused sick leave in the case of a police officer shall not exceed 60 days' salary, unless increased by city ordinance to a higher maximum up to 90 days.

Sometimes questions arise as to what constitutes "retirement." For example, a relatively young officer may leave the department to take another job and claim that he or she is "retiring" from the city's police force. The Attorney General, in Ark. Op. Atty. Gen. 2002-175, has issued the opinion, however, that "retirement" under the statute requires "both separation from employment and eligibility to receive retirement benefits." "Eligibility" means "both the accrual of the required number of years of credited service under the statutes that govern LOPFI, and the attainment of the required age for eligibility to receive benefits."

Sick leave: fire department

In 2005, the Arkansas Legislature revised ACA §14-53-108 and changed the statutory sick leave provisions pertaining to firefighters. Significantly, the new revisions mandate that all firefighters employed by cities of the first and second class shall accumulate sick leave in accordance with a municipal ordinance at the rate of not less than 10 working days nor more than 20 working days per year, beginning one year after the date of employment.

Cities of the first class, cities of the second class and incorporated towns shall have the option of providing sick leave for firefighters to accumulate at a rate of fifteen 24-hour working days per year beginning with the date of employment and decreasing to twelve 24-hour working days beginning four years after employment.

The sick leave statute states that the number of days of sick leave in effect for firefighters employed by cities of the first and second class on Jan. 1, 2005, shall remain in effect until changed by municipal ordinance. However, if the ordinance in effect falls short of the minimum number of sick days as discussed above, the ordinance should be changed accordingly to comply with the mandated minimum days.

In cities having sick leave provisions through ordinance, the total sick leave accumulated by the individual firefighter shall be credited to him or her and new days accumulated under the provisions of this section until the maximum prescribed below is reached.

If the governing body of the employing municipality successfully reduces the accrual rate, no firefighter shall have any previously earned sick leave reduced in value. Payment for unused sick leave must be made upon retirement or death, not to exceed three month's salary, unless the city, by ordinance authorizes a greater amount, but in no event to exceed four and one-half months' salary. "Retirement" has the same meaning as it does for law enforcement officers, as discussed above.

Sick leave: non-uniformed employees

As in the cases above, non-uniformed employees are not covered by state sick leave statutes, and the city may create its own regulations. The League has provided a policy that the city may consider in its *Sample Personnel Handbook*.

Overtime

Must a city or town count sick leave, holiday pay or vacation leave in determining whether an employee is eligible for overtime? The answer is "no." Only hours worked count in calculating overtime. The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provides that pay for holidays, vacations, sick leave, jury duty or similar items do not qualify as hours worked [29 C.F.R. § 778.102].

Mandatory sterilization bill passes

By Julia Coulter

What would you guess to be the number one problem that animal control and humane organizations face? You might guess something like problems with animal hoarders, or various types of animal neglect such as lack of food, water or shelter. Or you may speculate that it could be vicious or aggressive animals, animals allowed to roam at will, or wildlife related issues. All those are good guesses, animal agencies are faced with them on a daily basis. However, the number one issue that just by its nature contributes to all the other problems listed above is overpopulation.

A community will never be able to achieve effective animal control, or to address important animal issues without first getting a firm hold on the problem of overpopulation. You can address all the other issues, but unless a community encourages a vigorous pet sterilization program and educates its citizens, they will ultimately fail in their endeavors.

After years of attempts at enforcement, we at North Little Rock Animal Control have slowly come to the realization that no matter how many citations we issue, the problems are not being solved. Enforcement is not effective without an intensive program to encourage pet sterilization. This includes animals adopted from shelters, humane organizations and pet rescue groups. If animals leave these organizations unsterilized, then the organizations that should be fixing the problem are just perpetuating it.

About a year ago discussions began regarding legislation to require that all animals adopted out through animal organizations be sterilized prior to the completion of the adoption process. This type of legislation is an essential tool in the fight against pet overpopulation. National studies show that for every 100 animals sterilized in a community, there will be 50 less brought into a shelter.

Thanks to Sen. Mary Anne Salmon, the primary sponsor of the bill, and Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, co-sponsor, the Governor has signed into law Act 994 of 2011 requires that all pets adopted through a pound, shelter, humane organization or animal rescue group be sterilized before the adoption is complete. The law becomes effective on July 1 of this year. Many local and statewide animal organizations have firmly been behind the passage of such a bill, and we can't say thank you enough to everyone involved in and supportive of the passage of this Act.

Some may say that such legislation will lead to more euthanasia and fewer adoptions. We, however, have found the opposite to be true. Most people who come to us for adoptions prefer that the animals already be sterilized prior to adoption. We pre-sterilize many of our adoptable animals, which allows out-of-town adopters to take them home immediately. Because of our sterilize-before-release policy—and vigorous enforcement of licensing laws—we have watched overpopulation start to come down through the years.

A complaint that we also heard during the consideration of this legislation was that smaller towns do not always have veterinary clinics in the immediate vicinity, and they would therefore have difficulty sterilizing the animals. While our intent was not to inconvenience anyone wishing to adopt animals, we believe that the end result is well worth the added planning it might take to comply with the law.

Pets have no knowledge of city limits or county lines. What your neighboring town, city or county animal agency does to control pet populations will directly affect your agency, no matter how vigilantly you seek to control your own populations. With the passage of Act 994, we finally have statewide requirements for pet adoption sterilizations. It couldn't have come at a better time, and let's hope its passage will encourage even greater attention to the spaying/neutering of pets in our communities.

Julia Coulter is an officer at North Little Rock Animal Control.

Heber Springs partners with Omoa, Honduras

By Sherman Banks

On Tuesday, May 3, Heber Springs entered into a sister city partnership with Omoa, Honduras. Heber Springs Mayor Jackie McPherson and Omoa Mayor Ricardo Alvarado Escobar signed the agreement and accepted the challenge of economic growth and environmental issues, the need for infrastructure changes, and the growing need for awareness and understanding of each other's cultures. The two cities recognized that international cooperation is one of the factors that have a favorable influence in the solution of issues that affect their respective communities both socially and economically.

The ultimate goal of both municipalities is to stimulate economic development by promoting collaborative projects that will enhance their respective communities through education and cultural exchanges. Accompanying Mayor Escobar on this historic mission was Education Superintendent Alam Leticiaduron Mejia, Omoa Water Engineer Alex Uriel del Cid Vascuera, and Rolando Enrique Lopez, the Sister City and Economic Development Honduran Coordinator.

Mayors Ricardo Alvarado Escobar of Omoa, Honduras, left, and Jackie McPherson of Heber Springs, right, on May 3 signed a sister cities agreement, which will create cultural and economic opportunities for both cities.

School Superintendent Mejia wants to work closely with the Heber Springs and Cleburne County school districts to develop a curriculum that will allow for student exchanges between the two communities. She would like to establish several fully accredited high schools and vo-tech schools to enhance the skills of Omoa's students. Mr. Vascuera is coordinating with Bobby Wilson, a Heber Springs Rotarian who has over the last 20 years travelled to Omoa and has worked closely with the Hondurans to promote better infrastructure and water purification. Wilson has arranged meetings for Vascuera and Lopez with local representatives on water purification. Lopez will stay in Arkansas until May 10 to attend meetings on forestry.

Mayor McPherson, along with Bobby Wilson, has worked tirelessly with the Heber Springs Rotary Club to put together the sister city relationship. The collaboration is an example of how communities can work together to bring about a sister city relationship that will have a positive effect for all concerned.

Mayor Escobar stated, "I am so pleased to have had the opportunity to experience the hospitality of the people of Arkansas and I am looking forward to a relationship that will grow stronger as we work towards bettering my community. I am also excited about the potential of our two cities as we reach out culturally, educationally and economically."

The signing of the sister city agreement has further enriched Heber Springs' involvement in Omoa by bringing together two international organizations—Rotary International and Sister Cities International. It has helped in the continued development of Omoa's water purification project, it has helped in furthering their cultural enrichment programs, and, above all, in offering educational opportunities for over 85 percent of the population of Omoa.

The common thread that binds these two organizations is their overall goal to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation, one individual, one community at a time.

If your city is interested in developing a sister city relationship, please contact Sherman Banks, International Economic and Tourism Consultant and Past President of Sister Cities International, at 501-376-8193; email sbanks@aristotle.net; or write to P.O. Box 165920, Little Rock, AR 72216.

Zoning: Why do we do it?

Maybe we use this tool because we haven't thought of a better one.

By Jim von Tungeln

Municipalities frequently use zoning as a tool to support land-use plans. When asked why, elected officials may be caught short looking for an answer. A look at zoning's history and use should help.

Americans tend to value individual property rights above all others until the moment their neighbor proposes something they don't like. Then they call upon the municipality to "do something." Almost without exception, what the city does involves zoning. How did that come about, and what does zoning do?

Most zoning codes in our state mention the powers to regulate the location, height, bulk, number of stories and size of buildings; open space; lot coverage; density and distribution of population; and the uses of land, buildings and structures. They also allow cities control over such land-use issues as parking, cell-tower location, and the design of manufactured home parks. They may address other matters as are necessary to the health, safety and general welfare of the municipality.

With such broad powers, zoning does not always enjoy a good reputation. Citizens don't like regulations unless, as pointed out earlier, the strictures only apply to others.

Even among planners, traditional zoning has fallen out of favor, to be replaced with so-called "neo-traditional" planning and zoning. That is a topic deserving separate treatment. Suffice it to say for now, its adherents display the planning equivalent of the metaphor that, "If your only tool is a hammer, everything looks like a nail."

Back to traditional zoning: It originated in this country around 1910. New York City adopted the first

Cities that over-zone may not find a place for a national treasure such as Ms. Lena's Homemade Pies in DeValls Bluff, which has been featured in *Southern Living* magazine.

Photo by Jim von Tungeln

Ms. Lena, second from right, visits with satisfied customers.

official code in 1916. Why? One reason was to make sure sunlight reached the streets after skeletal steel construction techniques and the development of elevators started producing skyscrapers. Other motives proved less soaring. For example, the high-toned shoppers in Manhattan's swanky shops didn't cotton to mingling with workers from the Garment District where the goods were produced. So the purposes of zoning districts expanded to provide separation of land use by districts and geography.

In 1926, some 400 cities in the United States enforced zoning. In that year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, in *The Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty Company*, that zoning was legal as long as it protected public health, welfare and safety. Since this aim was best evidenced by a city plan, the decision placed a great deal of emphasis on planning as a necessary condition for zoning.

By 1930, some 1,246 cities had adopted zoning regulations. At that time, this included most of the major cities in the country. There were some holdouts, as we shall see. The first question, though, is how zoning took the form of strict separation of land uses that came to characterize its nature.

It may be impossible to determine this to anyone's satisfaction. Some scholars attribute it to the development of mechanized transportation systems. As citizens became less dependent on walking, the rich began to move to the suburbs. Once there, they desired the neighborhoods to be homogeneous as possible, in use and type of residents.

Ironically, real estate professionals—who, in modern times, have the harshest things to say about zoning—were staunch proponents in the early days. In 1931, William Munro, a Harvard government professor and vice president of the National Municipal League, said, "With a city entirely zoned, they [realtors] could assure purchasers of residential property that their neighborhoods would never be encroached upon by business, while on the other hand, zoning would give business property a touch of monopoly value."

Zoning based on strict separation of uses, referred to dismissively as "Euclidian Zoning," receives blame for everything from sprawl to ugly architecture. A careful observation suggests that zoned cities are no worse off than un-zoned ones, and vice-versa.

Anti-zonists will point out that Houston, one of the largest cities in the country, has never had zoning. Further, it seems to prosper and continue to grow with none of the fatal catastrophes that a dedicated advocate might predict. In fact, the city seems to weather recessions and housing busts better than most and has a reputation for providing affordable housing.

Detractors, on the other hand, point to an unlimited supply of flat, developable land along with unlimited financial resources, i.e. "Big Oil Money." This allows Houston to overcome the administrative gravity that plagues cities inhabited by mere mortals. The debate rages on, even within the city itself.

An important question, however, concerns whether or not Houston is a city that has developed with no controls upon land use. The answer is no. Early on, the city chose to rely upon private covenants as the land-use mechanisms of choice. These served many of the purposes of zoning and even allowed some latitudes it doesn't permit.

The city's website points out that the state legislature and the city council have authorized the city to " … help with enforcement of recorded deed restrictions for the protection of neighborhoods, for the benefit of all residents, citizens, and taxpayers of the City, and to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the City." Whether this is the best approach or not seems to be an individual decision.

This unique approach to land-use control provides a convenient stopping point with the observation that zoning is simply a tool that might be helpful and might not. As John Dewey once remarked (about a different subject but applicable nonetheless), "It depends on what kind of world is in the making." In other words, it's your city. Decide what kind it is to be and use whatever tools are available to get there, even a hammer and nail.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011

2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS CITY CLERKS, RECORDERS, TREASURERS ASSOCIATION.....Rooms 104-105

2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION ..... Grand Lobby

2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

SUGGESTIONS TO EFFECTIVELY LEAD..... Hall A

(Certification Hours)

Presiding: Alderman Murry Witcher, North Little Rock
President, Arkansas Municipal League

2:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.

MEET YOUR EXHIBITORS/ RENEW ACQUAINTANCES.....Halls B-D

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. to 5:00 P.M.

INTERIM JOINT CITY, COUNTY, LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE .....Rooms 102-103

The Interim Committee welcomes all city officials to attend this committee meeting.

5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE..... Hall A

Each municipality has a designated representative who is a member of the Resolutions Committee.

Presiding: Mayor Frank Fogleman, Marion
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

7:00 P.M.

OPENING NIGHT BANQUET.....Horner Hall Ballroom

Welcome to the 77th Annual Convention Opening Night Banquet. Enjoy a delicious meal and visit with fellow delegates. After the conclusion of the banquet, we will recognize various individuals who have made significant contributions to the League this past year, including members of the Arkansas General Assembly.

8:30 P.M.

POST BANQUET DESSERT RECEPTION ..... Halls B-D

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011

6:30 A.M. to 7:00 A.M.

PRE-BREAKFAST EXERCISE WALK/JOG.....Embassy Suites Lobby

Meet in the Lobby of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

7:15 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION ..... Grand Lobby

7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

EXHIBITS OPEN ..... Halls B-D

7:30 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.

HOST CITY BREAKFAST BUFFET..... Halls B-D

Country-style breakfast buffet will be served, courtesy of our Host, City of Hot Springs.

8:00 A.M. to NOON

CITY ATTORNEYS .....Rooms 104-105

City attorneys will receive 12 hours of CLE credit for participating in two days of meetings located in Rooms 104-105 of the Hot Springs Convention Center.

9:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION.....Horner Hall Ballroom

The 77th Annual Convention begins with the posting of the colors by the Hot Springs Police Department and the singing of the National Anthem, followed by a Host City Welcome from Mayor Ruth Carney of Hot Springs.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

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Presiding: Alderman Murry Witcher, North Little Rock
President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speakers: Governor Mike Beebe (invited)

Alderman James Mitchell, of Charlotte, North Carolina, President, National League of Cities

10:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

BREAK..... Halls B-D

10:45 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP .....Horner Hall Ballroom

Presiding: Mayor Frank Fogleman, Marion
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speaker: Don Zimmerman, Executive Director
Arkansas Municipal League

12:00 Noon to 1:15 P.M.

LUNCHEON BUFFET ..... Halls B-D

1:00 P.M. to 5:15 P.M.

CITY ATTORNEYS .....Rooms 104-105

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

1:15 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

1) **Municipal Redistricting and the New Election Laws**
2) **Public Pension Programs: LOPFI, APERS, PRB**
3) **The Benefits of the Sister City Program and Developing Relations with International Cities**
4) **Emergency Preparedness and Act 833 Update**
5) **Municipal Public Works Programs: Managing your Streets and Sanitation Departments**
6) **Land Use Authority and Annexation**
7) **Grants and Funding Sources**

2:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.

BREAK..... Halls B-D

Soft drinks and coffee available in Exhibit Hall.

2:45 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

1) **Preparing for a Legislative Audit and Helpful Hints of Preparing Your Budget**
2) **Municipal Economic Development: Ideas and Suggestions**
3) **Municipalities and Social Media: What's Happening**
4) **Avoiding Lawsuits**
5) **Embracing our new Immigrant Population**
6) **Health and Wellness: Why it Matters**
7) **Understanding the 2010 Census Data**

4:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.

BREAK.....Halls B-D

Soft drinks and coffee available in Exhibit Hall.

4:15 P.M.

THE EXHIBIT HALL WILL CLOSE AT 4:15 FOR THE DAY.

4:15 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

1) **The Importance of Public Safety: Ways to Reduce Your Risks**
2) **Promoting Your Parks and Recreation Departments**
3) **Timely Human Resource Topics**
4) **Drug Testing: Examining the New Rules and Regulations**
5) **Municipal Animal Control**
6) **Workers' Compensation: Suggestions to Filing your Claims**
7) **Fairs & Festivals: Promoting Your Municipality**

4:15 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE..... Hall A

Each municipality has a designated representative who is a member of the Resolutions Committee.

Presiding: Mayor Frank Fogleman, Marion
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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6:30 A.M.

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Meet in the Lobby of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

7:15 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

REGISTRATION OPENS..... Grand Lobby

7:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

EXHIBITS OPEN .....Halls B-D

(Exhibit Hall will close at 10:30 A.M. for the remainder of the Convention.)

7:30 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.

BUFFET BREAKFAST .....Halls B-D

8:30 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.

CITY ATTORNEYS .....Rooms 104-105

8:45 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING..... Hall A

At this session outgoing President Murry Witcher makes his parting remarks followed by the Annual Business meeting. During the Business Meeting, the Executive Director gives his annual report and the League's Policies and Goals are presented and voted on. The nominating committee presents their recommended slate of new officers for the upcoming year, which will be followed by the annual business meetings for Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust, Municipal Health Benefit Fund, and Municipal Vehicle Program.

10:15 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

BREAK.....Halls B-D

10:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.

COMMON MISTAKES MADE BY MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS ..... Hall A

Presiding: Mayor Frank Fogleman, Marion First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speakers: Mark Hayes, General Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League

Ken Wasson, Assistant Director Arkansas Municipal League

NOON to 1:30 P.M.

AWARDS AND NEW OFFICERS' LUNCHEON .....Horner Hall Ballroom

Municipalities and individuals are honored for their many successes and contributions during this past year. The new League President and officers will be introduced to the convention delegates.

Speaker: TBA

2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF LAND USE..... Hall A

(Certification Hours)

Safety first for seasonal workers

Keep your city's seasonal workers accident free by outlining job requirements and conducting a safety orientation.

By Neil Foreman, League staff

Will you be utilizing summer help this year? Perhaps younger, temporary employees will serve as seasonal workers in the parks and recreation department, for city lawn maintenance, or in an office. Having a productive work experience that is accident free is a benefit to both the seasonal worker and the city.

Have you considered the safety issues surrounding the hire before placement of the employee?

Prior to the placement, the respective department(s) should identify specific tasks to be performed. Tasks that are not to be performed should also be considered. Ideally, the departments should submit these lists to city administration for review. The city attorney should be consulted on current state labor requirements related to prohibited work activities for younger employees.

Prior to the work assignment, conduct a formal safety orientation covering the city's safety goal, which should include zero injuries during the hiring period. If the city has implemented a Management Safety Policy, this document should also be reviewed.

Safety orientation

Once jobs and tasks have been identified, any required personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses, face shields, gloves, etc., should then be specified. Proper use and maintenance should be covered in the orientation.

- Minimum clothing requirements should be reviewed. The wearing of open toe sandals, shorts, etc., should be carefully evaluated.
- New hires should be instructed to perform only jobs assigned by their supervisor and not to accept jobs assigned others.
- Heat related injuries and prevention should be reviewed, as heat exposure is a primary cause of injury for those working outdoors during the summer.
- A phone number(s) should be provided to contact the respective supervisor for questions and to report injuries.
- The orientation should be acknowledged and dated by both the employee and supervisor.
- As a part of the work experience, the respective supervisor should perform periodic, documented safety observations reviewing work habits, use of PPE, and adherence to safety rules.

If you need assistance creating an orientation outline, department-specific safety outline, or a pocket safety card for seasonal help, please contact me at the League.

Neil Foreman is the League's Loss Control specialist. Contact Neil at 501-374-3484 Ext. 122, or email nforeman@arml.org.

CALENDAR

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West Memphis District Court

The Challenge

Located directly across the Mississippi River from Memphis, TN and with a population of 28,000, West Memphis, AR is a heavily traveled area by business people and tourists alike. The West Memphis District Court processes an average of 2,000 traffic tickets each month, posing an enormous strain on court resources and staff.

As part of the court's payment options, citizens were able to pay their citations by phone or in person using their credit card. However, the staff became overwhelmed by the time-consuming task of processing each payment manually. In the meantime, residents had been inquiring about paying their citations over the internet.

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- Gina Worth, Bookkeeper
West Memphis Court

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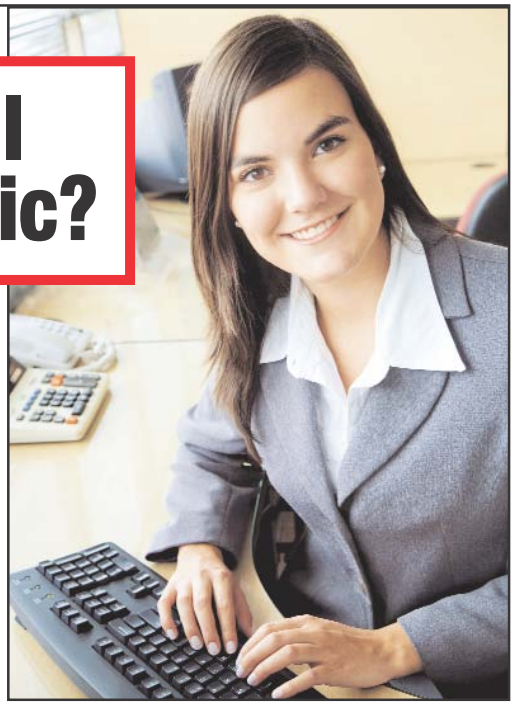

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Be smart when you splash and spray

Site selection, layout and type of water system are all important factors when picking the right water recreation facilities for your community.

By Kyle McCawley, P.E.

A "sprayground," also referred to as a "splash-pad," is a recreational area designed to provide interaction with various types of water features. While there are countless options for sprayground application, spraygrounds are commonly associated with public parks, trail systems, aquatic centers, retail areas and recreation centers. Sprayground layouts vary greatly dependent upon specific application, budget and space available.

When considering a sprayground, the first decision is how the water will be circulated through the features. The two types of configurations being used are pass-through systems and recirculation systems. A pass-through system uses a potable water source to deliver water to the features. After the water has been sprayed it is drained directly to a wastewater system. A recirculation system utilizes stored water. The stored water is continually treated and filtered in the same manner as a swimming pool. A separate pump supplies the treated water to spray elements.

Below are some characteristics that differentiate the systems.

Pass-through system:

- Typically, there is no need for a sanitation system
- Water consumption is generally much greater than a recirculation system
- Flow and pressure requirements are limited by capacity of potable water source
- During periods of drought, water use restrictions may limit operation of the sprayground

Recirculation system:

- Flow and pressure requirements are virtually limitless
- Water consumption is greatly reduced compared to a pass-through system
- Regular maintenance requirements are increased
- Water costs should be reduced compared to a pass-through system

Photo by Andrew Morgan

Paragould residents have been beating the heat for several years now at the city's splash-pad, which utilizes a recirculating water system.

After determining the most appropriate water delivery system for the sprayground, the next step is to evaluate the remaining design elements. Below is a list of considerations a municipality should thoroughly examine before putting shovels in the dirt.

Site selection

- Look for a secure, convenient and accessible location
- Provide ample space for a sprayground and its associated mechanical equipment
- Locate near the necessary utilities, i.e. water, electrical, sewer
- Consider space for future expansion
- Position the mechanical and chemical equipment so it is accessible for service staff

Layout and element selection:

- Establish a working budget
- Incorporate a variety of spray elements; i.e. spray elements to entertain a range of age groups
- Include shaded areas, seating and observation zones
- Design in lighting, especially for after-hours security

Operation and maintenance:

- Analyze splash zones, overspray and wind to reduce potential water loss
- Design gravity drainage for operation and winterization
- Analyze the available wastewater system capacities
- Design mechanical systems and operational programming within achievable hydraulic capacities
- Incorporate an off-hours bypass to prevent contamination of re-circulated water
- Select materials and equipment with long lifecycles

Spraygrounds are an excellent alternative to conventional swimming pool facilities. They are relatively simple to maintain, low cost to operate, and do not require a lifeguard to be on duty to be open to the public. The success of a sprayground and the ease with which it can be operated and maintained is directly credited to key points in the design of the sprayground system. With careful planning a sprayground can become a popular and successful amenity to any community.

Kyle McCawley is Associate Engineer, Larkin Aquatics.

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Free Supervisory Training Classes Offered for Cities and Counties

The Arkansas Technology and Training Program (T^2) and a'TEST have partnered to conduct free drug and alcohol training for supervisors at any Arkansas city or county location that request it. Jeff Sims, C-SAPA, C-SI, will be available to lead the two-hour sessions. Call a'TEST at 501-376-9776 to schedule a time. Don't miss out on this opportunity to help your staff.

Arkansas Legislature passes new controlled substance schedule

The Arkansas Legislature recently passed HB 1444 that changes ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine products from controlled substances Schedule V to Schedule III, and requires all products containing those substances or derivatives to be dispensed only by prescription. Do you recognize any of the drugs that might be impacted by this change? Two quick references would be Accutrim or Dexatrim.

Most drugs that require a prescription from a doctor are not controlled substances; however there are federal regulations that assign certain substances to one of five schedules based upon their potential for abuse that would lead to physical or psychological dependency.

A complete list of controlled substances can be found in Title 21, CFR 1308.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator Auditors Review List

Imagine this scenario: The Federal Motor Carrier Auditor is coming to visit your city and you need to get ready for the audit. Reviewing your transportation files is stressful, even if you have kept your files current and organized. It's that word "audit" that makes one shiver, but being prepared will help relieve the stress.

During the review, the auditor will need access to these records:

- List of drivers used in the past 365 days, including date of hire, date of termination, CDL state and license number, and date of birth
- Driver qualification files
- Controlled substance testing records, results and summaries for the past 365 days
- Driver payroll records
- Driver records of duty status (logs, time records, etc.) for the past six months
- Driver trip reports and expense records for the past six months, including scale and fuel receipts (Comdata, EFS) and all associated documents
- Motor vehicle accident files for the past 12 months
- List of equipment (company number, license number, state, year, make, GVWR)
- Lease agreements and associated maintenance records, if applicable
- Vehicle maintenance records
- Driver vehicle inspection reports for the last 90 days (DVIRs)
- All roadside inspections for the past 365 days
- Company gross revenue for the last full year
- Total fleet mileage for the last year
- A copy of your MCS-90, endorsement for motor carrier policies of insurance for the current policy
- Insurance claim information for the past 365 days

Your cooperation in making these records available will expedite the review.

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From plan to plant

Smart tree planning and planting enhances both new developments and established neighborhoods.

By John Slater

"The best friend on earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources of the earth."

—Frank Lloyd Wright.

One of the world's best known architects and visionaries recognized long ago what modern studies now prove: Trees greatly increase the appeal of any property—from new subdivisions to commercial centers, from offices to your own back yard.

Research shows that trees stimulate economic development. They help attract new homes—even tourism. Retail areas with trees are more attractive to shoppers, apartments rent more quickly, tenants stay longer, and land that is wooded is more valuable. Real estate appraisals of comparable houses with and without trees place a markedly higher value on those with yards sheltered by trees.

There's little doubt that trees add beauty and visual excitement to urban and suburban settings. These areas would be harsh with square-edged structures and hard, paved surfaces without the softening presence of trees. Trees also enhance architectural designs, provide privacy and frame views. Varying textures and colors of foliage, flowers, bark and fruit create multiple seasons of interest.

Yet smart tree planning and planting does much more than beautify an area. It also serves many practical purposes.

For example, many people love the airy, open feeling natural lighting gives interior spaces. But, if you're designing/building homes and offices, glare on TV or computer screens is a worry. Go ahead and put in plenty of skylights and windows! Planting trees of correct mature size, shape and density in the proper places can help make unwanted reflections a non-issue.

Smart planning also means being knowledgeable about tree growth rates, strength, hardiness and root systems so that the installation of foundations, sidewalks, driveways, sewers, gas, water and power lines won't cause problems later on. It's important to realize that roots usually lie less than 12 inches below the surface and often grow outward to a diameter of one to two times the width of the tree. Fortunately, most modern sewers are made of cemented pipe that greatly reduces the potential for tree roots to get into and clog sewers.

Utility lines should also be placed so they can be dug up and serviced without destroying nearby trees. If trees must be planted beneath power lines or within 15 feet of overhead power lines, choose trees with mature heights less than 25 feet. Utilities are generally buried two to four feet below ground, but the depth can vary greatly.

While it is true that trees offer many benefits, if not chosen wisely they can litter outdoor living areas or clog gutters with twigs, fruits and other debris. Planted too close to buildings, trees can damage gutters, paint or roofing. Plan to have trees that overhang buildings inspected for structural stability every three to five years by a certified arborist. Planting large trees too close to structures can overwhelm homes and is dangerous in fire-prone areas.

Security lighting—a necessity in some urban areas—can be rendered ineffective by improper placement of trees with dense foliage, or by low spreading branches that can interfere with illumination.

Another consideration is the need to prune trees to make room for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Trees can grow over traffic lights and cause dangerous sight conditions. Urban foresters generally recommend that new trees be planted at least 50 feet from intersections. Branches of existing trees should be limbed at six and a half to seven feet above ground.

Among the most valuable natural assets in the modern city, trees bring nature into the urban or suburban site, enhance the environment and raise property values. Community leaders can help their communities experience the many benefits trees offer. All it takes is smart planning and planting. For additional information about what you can do to improve your community tree care program, visit www.treelink.org.

This article and other educational material was developed in cooperation with several urban and community forestry partners, including Mid-Atlantic Center for Community Forestry and 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.

This article appeared originally in the September 2007 issue of City & Town.

Make a Memory…Plant a Tree

John Slater is urban forestry partnership coordinator with the Arkansas Forestry Commission. Contact him at 501-984-5867, or at john.slater@arkansas.gov.

Tree plantings at the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville, right, and in downtown Hot Springs, below, show excellent planning, placement, species selection and maintenance.

Photos by John Slater

Fairs & Festivals

May 14, **HORSESHOE BEND**, 25th Dogwood Days Festival, 870-670-4524, www.horseshoebendarcc.com

May 19-21, **PARAGOULD**, 22nd Loose Caboose Festival, 870-240-0544, www.loosecaboose.net

May 20-21, **ATKINS**, 20th Atkins Picklefest, 479-641-2000; **DERMOTT**, 28th Dermott Crawfish Festival, 870-538-5656, www.dermottcrawfishfestival.com; **HARRISON**, 21st Crawdad Days Music Festival, 870-741-2659, www.harrison-chamber.com; **MAGNOLIA**, 23rd Magnolia Blossom Festival and World Championship Steak Cook-off, 870-234-4352, www.blossomfestival.org; **TYRONZA**, 9th Stars & Stripes Festival, 870-487-2168

May 26-29, **AUGUSTA**, 14th Augusta Days, 870-919-1184, www.augustaar.org; **MOUNT IDA**, 23rd Mount Ida Good Ole Days, 870-867-2723, www.mtidachamber.com

May 28, **VAN BUREN**, Pioneer Days Parade, 479-806-1718, www.vanburen.org

June 1-4, **DES ARC**, 26th Steamboat Days, 870-256-5289, www.dasteam@yahoo.com

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Poison hotline's reach statewide

The Arkansas Poison Hotline helps keep Arkansans safe and saves money in the process.

By Howell Foster, Pharm.D.

A four-year-old boy gnaws open a plastic glow stick and takes a drink of the bright green fluid that had so roused his imagination. His mother, who had briefly turned away, was horrified when she saw the radiant liquid dripping off his chin. In a near panic, she remembered a magnet she had placed on her refrigerator with the number for the Arkansas Poison Hotline—1-800-222-1222.

A University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Pharmacy-trained professional immediately answered and was able to calm her down, letting her know that the ingestion of the chemicals found in glow sticks was a common mishap, and that her son would be just fine.

That's just one example of the type of common calls we receive from cities big and small across the state on a daily basis. And aside from providing a necessary and useful service to callers statewide, its primary benefit is saving the state and municipalities money in unneeded healthcare costs. Walking callers through the appropriate steps and safely keeping them at home saves $7 to $13 in healthcare costs for every dollar spent to operate the center.

On call

Thousands of calls similar to the one about glow stick fluid ingestion come in each month.

In 2009 of the 38,400 total callers, 24,154 were poisoning exposures and 14,246 were non-emergency poison and drug information calls. Nearly 14,000 of the emergency exposure calls involved children under age six. More than 19,000 calls came from private residences and, thanks to the Center, nearly 16,500 (more than 85 percent) were able to be managed at home and avoided an unnecessary emergency room visit.

The "big three" types of calls are related to over-the-counter pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and household cleaners for both adults and children. Inquiries about prescription medications and home pesticides and herbicides are close behind.

Drug 411

The Arkansas Poison and Drug Information Center provide two distinct services, and calls to the general hotline are directed appropriately.

The Poison Center side operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and deals with emergency questions from the public about poison or drug exposures. The Drug Information side takes calls mainly from pharmacists and healthcare facilities inquiring about drug interactions, compatibility, formulation, dosage and more.

The Drug Information Center can swiftly browse UAMS's medical library, including a system that allows the search of more than 5,000 top-rated journals and disease databases. It operates 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and gets an average of 22 calls per day. After-hours calls are answered by the Poison Center, and because of their often non-emergency nature, they're answered the following day.

Spreading the word

The UAMS College of Pharmacy has operated the Arkansas Poison and Drug Information Center since 1973. It was formally created as a public service in 1991 when Gov. Bill Clinton signed Acts 796 and 797, which created the center and provided money for services and operating expenses.

A large part of the Arkansas Poison and Drug Information Center's mission is its statewide outreach. In 2009, it distributed more than 180,000 pieces of educational material to Arkansans.

Our service—most often recognized by the skull and crossbones adorning refrigerator magnets and stickers—has proven to be a vital part of our state's healthcare mission. Chances are someone in your neighborhood, no matter where you live in Arkansas, has benefited from our dedication.

Howell Foster is Director, Arkansas Poison and Drug Information Center, UAMS. For more information visit through a link on the UAMS College of Pharmacy website at www.uams.edu/cop. The hotline number is 1-800-222-1222.

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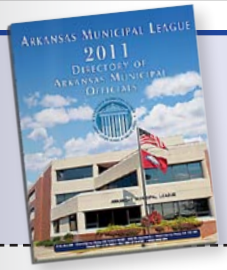

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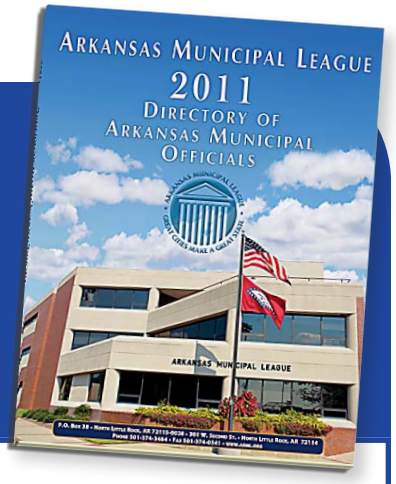

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International municipal officials stop by League HQ

From left: interpreter Nana Dubler, Nazibrola Kobuladze, Shorena Gardapkhadze, Natela Gogoladze-Gelashvili, League Executive Director Don Zimmerman, Tinatin Museridze, Kakhaber Gholonti, and Bela Saghinadze.

Municipal officials from the country of Georgia were brimming with questions regarding municipal government in Arkansas, when they visited League headquarters on April 7. Council members themselves, the group inquired about infrastructure, public safety, economic development and the re-districting process.

After discussing the similarities and differences of municipal government here in Arkansas and abroad, the group sought answers on what the League offers in the way of assisting cities and towns in Arkansas. Staying in Arkansas for nine days, their itinerary included a tour of the state Capitol, a visit with Sen. John Boozman's staff, attendance at a Little Rock Board of Directors meeting as well as work at a local homeless shelter.

League Executive Director Don Zimmerman, right, gives an overview of local government in Arkansas as interpreter Nana Dubler, to his left, translates.

The officials travelled to Arkansas through the Open World Program, which is funded through the Library of Congress. Arkansas has hosted dignitaries from this program for 11 years. Originally affiliated with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the Open World Program is now part of an international network of the Arkansas Council for International Visitors.

Annually, the Arkansas Council for International Visitors hosts between 120 and 150 dignitaries. For more information on this program, access their website at www.ARKCIV.org.

Kakhaber Gholonti, left, asks a question about Arkansas cities' role in local economic development efforts.

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New state laws of municipal interest

The 88th General Assembly of the Arkansas Legislature, after a 94-day session, was deemed a success for the cities and towns of Arkansas. Below is an overview of laws that affect cities and towns resulting from the session. For a comprehensive list, be sure to get a copy of *2011 General Acts Affecting Arkansas Municipalities* by registering for the League's 77th Convention, June 15-17 in Hot Springs. To purchase additional copies of the book, contact League headquarters or visit www.arml.org. Information compiled by Arkansas Legislative Digest, Inc.

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New Acts of 2011 of Municipal Interest		
HB 1151	Perry Salmon	Authorizes on-duty law enforcement officers to operate all-terrain vehicles on public streets and highways.
	Bill History:	02-07-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 13)
HB 1222	**Pennartz Files**	**Lists Sebastian County District Court - Fort Smith District Judge Department 3 as a Department that appoints a district court clerk.**
	Position:	**AML Legislative Package**
	Bill History:	**02-07-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 15)**
SB 58	Key	Prohibits benefits paid by the Local Police and Fire Retirement System from exceeding limitations set in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code. Authorizes the System to promulgate rules to implement the limitations.
	Bill History:	02-07-11 H Emergency clause adopted 02-09-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 17)

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HB 1088	Edwards	Lists wastewater treatment facilities under the definition of water development projects.
	Bill History:	02-09-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 26)
SB 154	Taylor Allen	Prohibits the use of handheld wireless telephones in highway work zones while workers are present, and in school zones when children are present.
	Bill History:	02-16-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 37)
SB 172	Key	Revises public retirement system law to conform to federal law regarding service credit for National Guard and armed forces service, the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Act; other.
	Bill History:	02-14-11 H Emergency clause adopted 02-16-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 38)
HB 1018	Kerr	Provides a definition of "terminate" for purposes of eligibility under the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, specifically excluding leaves of absence and the performance of job duties without renumeration.
	Bill History:	02-15-11 S Emergency clause adopted 02-16-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 40)
HB 1007	Harris	Changes sex offender registration procedures, removing the requirement that ACIC mail the address verification form every six months to all sex offenders. Leaves the mailing in place for certain law enforcement jurisdictions.
	Bill History:	02-18-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 64)
HB 1211	Mayberry Laverty	Adds spina bifida and Down syndrome to the list of physical and mental impairments that establish categorical eligibility for developmental disability services.
	Bill History:	02-18-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 68)
SB 57	Key	Requires persons purchasing service credit in the Local Police and Fire Retirement System to contribute to the system an amount equal to the actuarial equivalent of the value of the credited service purchased.
	Bill History:	02-17-11 H Emergency clause adopted 02-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 91)
SB 219	Lamoureux	Extends the exemption of certain records of public water systems from provisions of the Freedom of Information Act to July 1, 2013.
	Bill History:	02-21-11 H Emergency clause adopted 02-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 99)
HB 1009	Woods	Authorizes local law enforcement agencies to immediately notify the public upon identifying a person who intends to move to the state as a sex offender or someone convicted of a crime that will classify them as a sex offender.
	Bill History:	02-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 100)
HB 1115	**Overbey**	**Provides that a city clerk or other elected city official designated by the mayor may perform all functions of a mayor who is unable to perform the duties of office or cannot be located.**
	Position:	**AML Legislative Package**
	Bill History:	**02-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 110)**
HB 1113	**Overbey**	**Clarifies that vacancies in certain municipal elected offices will be filled at a general election.**
	Position:	**AML Legislative Package**
	Bill History:	**02-24-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 134)**

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HB 1114	**Overbey**	**Repeals the authorization for the process by which inactive municipalities become reactivated by petition.**
	Position:	**AML Legislative Package**
	Bill History:	**02-24-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 135)**
HB 1207	Stewart	Changes the distance funeral protests must maintain from funerals, requiring 300 feet instead of 150 feet and changes the time the protest must maintain the distance from within 30 minutes of the funeral to within 1 hour.
	Bill History:	02-24-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 142)
HB 1278	Rogers, T. Salmon	Requires additional records for registered sex offenders, including a listing of the registrant's computers and internet-accessible devices, email addresses, user names and screen names.
	Bill History:	02-24-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 143)
SB 61	Madison	Revises the criminal use of prohibited weapons offenses to add the offense of possession of metal knuckles as a Class A misdemeanor.
	Bill History:	03-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 161)
SB 115	Sample	Prohibits the enactment of a local emergency ordinance that regulates the transfer, transportation, or carrying of firearms.
	Bill History:	03-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 165)
SB 170	Key	Adds paid service as a cadet to the definition of public safety officer for purposes of qualifying for service credit in the Local Police and Fire Retirement System.
	Bill History:	03-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 167)
SB 291	Bledsoe	Allows law enforcement agencies to donate unclaimed seized property to nonprofit organizations, schools or state agencies when the property is a recreational item; specifically includes bicycles.
	Bill History:	03-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 171)
HB 1045	Hutchinson, D.	Creating an enhanced Class C felony for filing an instrument adversely affecting title or interest in real property when the victim is a judge, prosecuting attorney, corrections employee, or law officer performing official duties.
	Bill History:	03-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 172)
HB 1316	Catlett	Authorizes the Department of Health to use radio equipment known as a voice privacy adapter capable of decoding certain police and fire department communications.
	Bill History:	03-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 178)
HB 1321	Tyler	Authorizes inmate rehabilitative programs other than work-release and prerelease programs to house persons at the Health Center and removes the maximum number for housed persons at the Center.
	Bill History:	03-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 183)
HB 1370	Shepherd Jeffress, G.	Authorizes the Law Enforcement Standards and Training Commission to provide use of its facilities and equipment to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies; authorizes the Commission to train other specified persons.
	Bill History:	03-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 188)
HB 1315	Lindsey Salmon	Requires health benefit plans to cover the treatment of autism spectrum disorders and an annual review of the treatment.
	Bill History:	03-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 196)
SB 359	Johnson, D. Allen	Requires water systems serving 5,000 persons or more to maintain a fluoride content in its water as established by the Department of Health; requires the Department to adopt rules relating to fluoridation of water systems.
	Bill History:	03-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 197)

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SB 160	Files	Requires withholding salary and benefits of a municipal official when the official's professional license is suspended and the official is required to hold that professional license as a qualification for the position.
	Bill History:	03-08-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 199)
SB 334	Irvin	Provides that a tie vote for the same office at a general primary election results in a vacancy in nomination.
	Bill History:	03-08-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 203)
HB 1060	Lindsey Lamoureux	Authorizes solid waste management district boards to charge fees related to the district's direct involvement with disposal or treatment of solid waste within the district.
	Bill History:	03-08-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 209)
HB 1185	English	Provides procedures for improvement districts that use county collectors for improvement district assessment collection, including requirements for annual reporting and delinquent levies. Adds improvement districts to the Freedom of Information Act.
	Bill History:	03-08-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 210)
HB 1652	Webb	Appropriates $6,000,000 to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer from the General Improvement Fund for supplementing the distribution of funds made available to each city and county.
	Bill History:	03-07-11 S Emergency clause adopted 03-09-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 238)
HB 1300	Hyde	Provides an exemption from motor vehicle dealer market area restrictions and authorizes temporary dealer permits for recreational vehicle special events sponsored by cities, counties, or nonprofit entities.
	Bill History:	03-10-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 263)
HB 1428	Hutchinson, D.	Requires the Insurance Commissioner to establish a mandatory open-enrollment period for health insurers to offer child-only individual health insurance policies to children under 19 years old.
	Bill History:	03-14-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 269)
SB 27	Key	Adds burn wounds that could reasonably be connected to criminal activity to the list of injuries and treatments that must be reported to law enforcement agencies. Provides that burn injuries may be reported to the fire department.
	Bill History:	03-15-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 270)
SB 252	Madison Williams	Makes technical language corrections concerning provisions of the property code, including reference to the name of the Forestry Commission, condemnation powers of municipal corporations, and remedies for landlords and tenants.
	Bill History:	03-15-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 271)
SB 400	Sample	Authorizes the use of all revenue from a county-wide sales and use tax to retire capital improvement bonds, notwithstanding provision for allocation prescribed in ACA 26-74-414(b).
	Bill History:	03-15-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 276)
HB 1021	Lea	Provides that aggravated assault upon a certified law enforcement officer is a Class D felony, by expanding the offense of 'aggravated assault upon an employee of a correctional facility' to include all certified law enforcement officers.
	Bill History:	03-15-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 277)
HB 1286	**Bradford**	**Authorizes cities of the second class and incorporated towns to allow the city council to serve as the planning commission and board of adjustment, with the mayor as chair; makes other changes to membership provisions.**
	Position:	**AML Legislative Package**
	Bill History:	**03-15-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 280)**

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HB 1306	**Webb**	**Provides that public corporations for economic development are subject to the control of local governments.**
	Position:	**AML Legislative Package**
	Bill History:	**03-15-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 282)**
HB 1313	Cowling	Authorizes the president of the Municipal Police Association to designate a person to serve in his or her capacity as a member of the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.
	Bill History:	03-15-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 283)
HB 1351	Dale Salmon	Authorizes public water systems to terminate water service when the user is 25 days delinquent in making a payment for water, wastewater, or sewer service and has been notified by mail.
	Bill History:	03-15-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 284)
HB 1371	Kerr	Requires a motor vehicle owner or lienholder who receives a total-loss insurance settlement to forward the endorsed title to the insurance company within 15 days; provides for a salvage title issuance if title is not obtained.
	Bill History:	03-15-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 285)
HB 1406	Hopper Key	Changes the public notification procedures for local law enforcement regarding level four sex offenders during the administrative appeal process.
	Bill History:	03-15-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 286)
HB 1416	Allen	Removes the interest rate limit on capital improvement bonds in accordance with the approval of Issue No. 2 at the general election.
	Bill History:	03-10-11 S Emergency clause adopted 03-15-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 287)
SB 77	Taylor	Authorizes the Kidney Disease Commission to accept private support and public donations for the purpose of honoring kidney donors.
	Bill History:	03-14-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 268)
HB 1547	Lovell	Amends provisions of Title 26 to be consistent with the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement.
	Bill History:	03-15-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 291)
SB 345	Malone, P.	Requires the State Board of Health to create a prescription drug monitoring program.
	Bill History:	03-17-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 304)
HB 1084	Joint Budget	Appropriates funds to the Office of the Treasurer for state turnback to counties and municipalities for fiscal year 2011-12.
	Bill History:	03-15-11 S Emergency clause adopted 03-17-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 322)
SB 207	Hutchinson, J.	Requires certain regional airports (Little Rock) to give private, off-premises parking services full access to drop off and pick up of passengers and limits fees levied on the parking services for use of airport roads.
	Bill History:	03-18-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 334)
HB 1579	Summers Sample	Exempts from public inspection all reports pending presentation to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee regardless of physical location.
	Bill History:	03-18-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 349)
SB 307	Flowers Wilkins, H.	Changes criminal penalties for failure to appear in court for misdemeanors and violations, from a Class C misdemeanor to a misdemeanor or violation that matches the pending charge of the court appearance.
	Bill History:	03-21-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 514)

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HB 1287	**Bradford**	**Provides candidate petition language for incorporated town alderman candidates.**
	Position:	**AML Legislative Package**
	Bill History:	**03-21-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 519)**
HB 1842	Barnett	Authorizes regional mobility authorities to enter public-private partnership agreements for transportation projects concerning rail, waterway, or trail projects.
	Bill History:	03-21-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 524)
HB 1897	Branscum	Allows service on a waterworks commission for persons who are not a qualified elector of a municipality as long as their residence is within the area served by the municipality.
	Bill History:	03-21-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 525)
SB 79	Key	Makes various changes to the Fire and Police Pension Review Board duties.
	Bill History:	03-17-11 H Emergency clause adopted 03-22-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 556)
SB 127	Key	Requires Public Employees' Retirement System employers to make contributions for retired members who have returned to work.
	Bill History:	03-22-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 558)
SB 311	Teague	Authorizes the Geographic Information Systems Board to administer a Statewide Parcel Mapping Grant Program; requires at least 40 percent matching funds to come from counties, affected school districts and affected cities in the county mapped.
	Bill History:	03-17-11 H Emergency clause adopted 03-22-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 559)
SB 701	Thompson, R. Patterson	Changes authority of quorum courts to set compensation for constables from shall to may; authorizes payment of reasonable expenses for quorum court members.
	Bill History:	03-22-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 561)
HB 1146	Kerr	As of July 1, 2011, requires new local elected officials who are eligible for retirement credit at two times the regular rate for credited service, and the employers, to both contribute an additional 2.5 percent of the gross payroll for the service.
	Bill History:	03-17-11 S Emergency clause adopted 03-22-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 563)
HB 1425	Hickerson	Provides that an agreement between an insurance company, or other health plan provider, and a dentist establishing a dental fee for a noncovered service is unenforceable.
	Bill History:	03-16-11 S Emergency clause adopted 03-22-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 566)
HB 1455	**Gillam**	**Authorizes governing bodies other than city councils to regulate farmers' markets; removes language prohibiting fees, fines and taxation of markets; specifically allows seizure of seafood, poultry, fruit and vegetables.**
	Position:	**AML Legislative Package**
	Bill History:	**03-22-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 568)**
SB 750	Luker Moore	The omnibus corrections reform act, addressing restitution of costs from offenders, sentencing, probation, more. (167 pages)
	Bill History:	03-22-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 570)
SB 301	Wyatt	Revises the definition of all-terrain vehicle and provides a new definition for recreational off-highway vehicle.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 583)
HB 1298	Roebuck Salmon	Requires law enforcement officers and the Attorney General to ensure that missing child information is entered into the Missing Persons Information Clearinghouse of the ACIC.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 598)

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HB 1434	Hall	Temporarily reduces landfill disposal fees that support the computer and electronic equipment recycling program and adds exemptions for certain solid waste transporters and private landfill permitees.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 602)
HB 1441	Mauch Fletcher	Increases the threshold size triggering annual financial audits for entities that provide water or sewage services from 500 to 750 service connections.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 605)
HB 1478	Webb Elliott, J.	Authorizes the city manager to serve in the mayor's stead on any board or commission that requires the service of the chief executive officer of the city.
	Bill History:	03-21-11 S Emergency clause adopted 03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 608)
HB 1501	Love	Authorizes the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee to require training for a municipal official who is responsible for giving public employees and officials notice of deficiencies in the operation or performance of official duties.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 611)
HB 1582	Summers Sample	Changes accounting standards and procedures for the compilation and submission water and sewage services' annual audits.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 615)
HB 1585	Summers Sample	Rewords provisions for contracts and bidding procedures undertaken by taxing units and increases the threshold amount for required public notice of proposed projects, from $10,000 to $20,000.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 618)
HB 1586	Summers Sample	Amends the membership of municipal depository boards, removing the city collector and providing that a city council member selected by the city council or another city official may be selected; requires federal compliance relating to collateral.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 619)
HB 1588	Summers Sample	Revises various provisions of the Municipal Water and Sewer Department Accounting Law.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 620)
HB 1589	Summers Sample	Revises various provisions of the Municipal Accounting Law.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 621)
HB 1590	Summers Sample	Requires municipalities to annually adopt a budget by ordinance or resolution. Places a $20,000 limit on the value of municipal property that a mayor may sell or exchange unless a lesser amount is fixed by ordinance.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 622)
HB 1591	Summers Sample	Authorizes cities to elect to have the annual audit performed by the Division of Legislative Audit or by an independent certified public accountant.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 623)
HB 1702	Williams	Qualifies research institutes or centers to serve as the required sponsor for research park authorities; authorizes higher education institutes to participate in an authority without entering an agreement with a city or county.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 628)
HB 1741	Lindsey Salmon	Authorizes funding for public safety agencies to provide training for emergency communication personnel through the Law Enforcement Standards and Training Commission.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 640)

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HB 1762	Summers Rapert	Revises provisions for municipal investment in securities, including investment security eligibility, use of broker-dealers, investment of private donations, additional authority of certain cities, and other.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 629)
HB 1438	Williams Thompson, R.	Creates the Arkansas Arbitration Act.
	Bill History:	03-24-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 695)
HB 1488	Williams	Sets the statute of limitations for municipal code violations at one year unless changed by the municipal government to a time period of up to three years.
	Bill History:	03-24-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 698)
HB 1563	Ingram Thompson, R.	Requires law enforcement agencies to take DNA sampling of persons arrested for rape.
	Bill History:	03-24-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 699)
HB 1943	Dale	Authorizes the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission to act as or appoint a receiver for public water and sewage systems that fail to comply with public health laws or to adequately operate their systems.
	Bill History:	03-24-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 703)
HB 1949	Perry	Authorizes employees of utility, telecommunications, or cable companies to operate an all-terrain vehicle on public streets and highways while working during a time of emergency or severe weather.
	Bill History:	03-24-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 704)
SB 183	Lamoureux	Doubles fee amounts for motor vehicle title applications and certificates of title, distributing 50 percent of net revenue to the State Police Retirement Fund.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 H Emergency clause adopted 03-28-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 718)
SB 290	Baker, G.	Makes various changes to the Arkansas Ethics Law related to disclosures on political ads, contributions from political parties, contribution reporting requirements, PAC record keeping requirements, more.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 721)
SB 316	Key Hopper	Changes the definition of debt for purposes of setoff from state income tax refunds from obligations that have been due and payable for more than one year to those that have been delinquent for more than six months.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 724)
SB 736	Pritchard	Adds a $300 court cost fine for possessing less than four ounces of a Schedule VI controlled substance, requiring half of the fine to be transmitted to the Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund for drug courts.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 730)
HB 1206	Bell	Requires employees of health care facilities that are owned but not operated by counties to be included in the Public Employees' Retirement System unless excluded by 2/3 vote of a county's governing body.
	Bill History:	03-23-11 S Emergency clause adopted 03-28-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 737)
HB 1421	Patterson Jeffress, J.	Expands the Delta Geotourism Incentive Act to apply the income tax credit to businesses within 30 miles of a national scenic byway and to increase the maximum investment for the tax credit to $250,000.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 738)

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HB 1474	McLean	Increases the time period following an annexation during which land may be detached from a municipality that has not provided utility services to the land, from three to eight years.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 740)
HB 1493	Hall	Includes city marshals, constables, and other local officers as law enforcement officers who are restricted from patrolling certain highways.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 741)
HB 1637	McCrary	Changes the definition of truck tire, changing the minimum size and rating measurements and including wide-base tires and extra-wide single tires; allowing those tires to be placed in waste tire monofills.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 744)
HB 1774	Tyler Wyatt	Removes limitations for the amount of turnback funds that cities may use for public transportation and allows those funds to be spent on both public transportation and other transportation systems improvements or services.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 752)
SB 274	Baker, G.	Increases the exemption from sales and compensating use tax on the purchase of a used motor vehicle from the first $2,500 to the first $4,000 of the purchase price.
	Bill History:	03-29-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 753)
SB 276	Teague	Reduces the gross receipts tax on food and food ingredients from 1.875 percent to 1.375 percent.
	Bill History:	03-29-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 755)
HB 1369	Shepherd Jeffress, G.	Creates a sales tax exemption for school supplies and instructional material, clothing, and accessories for one week in August every year.
	Bill History:	03-29-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 757)
HB 1631	Stewart	Changes the definition of restaurant for the concealed handgun law.
	Bill History:	03-29-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 758)
HB 1810	Hutchinson, D.	Provides safety regulations for soccer goals on school campuses, requiring all goals to be made by a legitimate manufacturer, installed properly, placed on level areas, etc.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 772)
HB 1902	Moore	Levies and additional $.05 tax per gallon of motor vehicle fuel, conditioned upon elector's approval of the levy and of highway bond issuance.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 773)
SB 41	Key	Extends the termination period required of two-for-one service credit employees who retire from a public retirement system and return to employment from 180 days to one year.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 H Emergency clause adopted 03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 774)
SB 253	Madison Williams	Makes technical language corrections concerning local governments.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 778)
SB 254	Madison Williams	Makes technical language corrections concerning law enforcement and emergency management, including the State Police Commission, Law Enforcement Standards Commission, and the Rules of Criminal Procedures.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 779)

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SB 255	Madison Williams	Makes technical language corrections concerning the transportation code, including roadways, tires, traffic, rental agencies, disposition of funds, removal of abandoned vehicles, more.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 780)
SB 304	Pritchard Rogers, T.	Makes changes to provisions related to on-call contracting, emergency contracting procedures and the work of subcontractors in law governing the award of capital improvement contracts by the Arkansas Building Authority.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 782)
SB 377	Files	Amends various provisions relating to taxation on motor fuel, distillate special fuel and liquified gas special fuel.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 788)
SB 772	Files	Extends to television stations and Internet news sources the same shield provisions regarding disclosure of sources as extended to newspapers, periodicals and radio stations.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 799)
SB 815	Chesterfield Allen	Allows municipalities to contract for supplies, equipment and services from volunteers who are appointed to a municipal board, commission or task force.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 H Emergency clause adopted 03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 801)
SB 889	Johnson, D.	Permits Public Housing Authorities to register fictitious names and transact business under the name with approval from their governing bodies.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 806)
HB 1015	Woods	Removes language that enables courts to waive the otherwise mandatory $250 additional fine for sex offenders who are required to register.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 812)
HB 1429	English	Provides for a separate agreement for payment in lieu of property taxes for property owned by the Development Finance Authority that is sold under ACA 14-164-7.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 813)
HB 1504	Post	Prohibits level 3 and 4 sex offenders from publicly owned swimming facilities.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 S Emergency clause adopted 03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 816)
HB 1627	Lampkin	Expands the definition of recycling to include waste stream reduction activities such as composting and waste to energy practices; includes additional diversion activities, operations and construction costs as eligible for grant assistance.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 819)
HB 1802	Rogers, T.	Creates a sales tax exemption for water provided by a public surface-water delivery project to replace or reduce in-ground water use for agricultural purposes.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 824)
HB 1898	Ingram Files	Creates the Local Sales and Use Tax Economic Development Project Funding Act, authorizing the levy, by ordinance and subsequent special election, of local sales tax up to one percent to fund projects and capital improvement bonds.
	Bill History:	03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 828)
HB 1914	Tyler	Provides a rebate to public entities for the costs of converting a motor vehicle to operate on compressed natural gas.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 S Emergency clause adopted 03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 832)

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HB 1929	Kerr Elliott, J.	Makes provisions for municipal port authority boards to increase membership from five to seven members.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 S Emergency clause adopted 03-30-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 833)
SB 66	Jeffress, J.	Requires state and public school employee health benefit plans to provide coverage for treatment of morbid obesity.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 855)
SB 593	Dismang Carter	Sets minimum weekly unemployment benefit of $81 and and a maximum weekly benefit of $451; reduces maximum benefit for a benefit year from 26 to 25 times the weekly benefit amount or 1/3 of wages for work in the base period.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 861)
SB 594	Dismang	Provides that defects in publishing notice of the sale of tax-delinquent lands does not invalidate a auction sale unless the owner did not receive the mailed notice; sets requirement for deposit prior to filing a complaint to set aside a sale.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 862)
SB 595	Dismang	Requires the Land Commissioner's notice to owner that a tax-delinquent property has been received to include a partial legal description and the parcel number of the property; revises other procedures regarding notice requirements.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 863)
SB 637	Files	Authorizes circuit courts to sell seized conveyances and use proceeds to satisfy outstanding restitution owed to a victim of an offense for which the conveyance was used.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 866)
HB 1304	Williams Elliott, J.	Decreases the period an impound lot must maintain the excess from sale of an impounded vehicle from three years to one.
	Position:	**AML Legislative Package**
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 872)
HB 1603	Williams	Applies additional monetary penalties when a person while driving is arrested for failure to register a motor vehicle; sets fines and authorizes vehicle impoundment for subsequent offenses within a year.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 876)
HB 1738	Ingram	Prohibits the distribution of insurance tax premium proceeds to an inactive fire department.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 880)
HB 1790	Edwards	Requires state agencies to attempt to ensure that 5 percent of public construction moneys and purchased goods and services are paid to businesses owned and operated by service-disabled veterans.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 882)
HB 1796	Patterson	Adds a grandfather clause guaranteeing municipalities member representation on solid waste management boards if holding a position on a board as of Jan. 1, 2010, exempting those cities from the population-based cutoff level of 2,000 residents.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 884)
HB 1817	Woods	Amends civil liability for juveniles who destroy property, authorizing the recovery of damages from the parents or guardians of a minor who damages or defaces property unless the minor is in DHS custody or under 13 and defacing with graffiti.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 888)

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HB 1988	Pennartz	Provides for the creation of regional economic development partnerships among at least two counties, plus other local governments joining by ordinance; authorizes state funding arrangements through the Economic Development Commission.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 895)
HB 2002	Linck	Creates the Arkansas Great Places Program under the Department of Arkansas Heritage to provide planning and assistance to eligible community development organizations.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 896)
HB 2028	Perry	Amends various provisions for professional licensure of engineers, including authorization for the Board to establish continuing education requirements, exemptions, and competency for professional engineers and engineer-interns.
	Bill History:	03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 897)
HB 2141	Hyde	Provides that a residential property that has been vacant for 90 days is considered an unsafe and vacant structure for purposes of municipal regulation of unsanitary conditions.
	Bill History:	03-29-11 S Emergency clause adopted 03-31-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 903)
HB 1532	Allen Thompson, R.	Provides for law enforcement officers to use electronic tickets for issuing citations.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 908)
HB 1895	Powers	Amends provisions relating to major utility facilities, creating a declaration-of-need proceeding, which exempts approved facilities from need for certificate of public convenience and necessity and jurisdiction of courts to stop construction.
	Bill History:	03-28-11 S Emergency clause adopted 04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 910)
SB 100	Jeffress, J.	Adds civilian employees of the State Military Department to the definition of police officer for purposes of eligibility under the Public Employees' Retirement System.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 978)
SB 181	Jeffress, G.	Requires paid service employers to annually compute and pay contributions that will cover benefit costs of its employees of a police and fire pension fund; revises requirements for calculation of allocations from LOPFI to local funds.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 979)
SB 244	Madison Williams	Makes technical language corrections concerning charging employees for employment for physicals or drug tests, mine inspector's annual reports, agency fund transfers, definition of employer for purposes of employment security.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 980)
SB 248	Madison Williams	Makes technical language corrections concerning alcoholic beverages, including definition of supplier, repeal of an obsolete excise tax, and Sunday on-premises consumption.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 982)
SB 256	Madison Williams	Makes technical language corrections to various provisions concerning taxation.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 983)
SB 550	Salmon	Requires animals held by any pound, shelter, humane organization or animal rescue group to be sterilized prior to being released for adoption.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 994)
SB 592	Dismang	Provides that municipal enforcement officials must honor a vehicle owner's preference for towing service if the owner has requested a service that is located in the area and ready to promptly respond.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 995)

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SB 666	Harrelson Hickerson	Increases amount of the fees prosecuting attorneys may collect from persons issuing bad checks.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 997)
SB 692	Elliott, J. Williams	Exempts purchases of the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. from sales and use taxes.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 998)
SB 738	Files	Makes sellers with at least $10,000 gross receipts in a year, and are affiliated with a person or company that promotes sales under the same or similar name and delivers or installs for seller's purchasers, subject to sales and use tax law.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1001)
SB 751	Thompson, R.	Authorizes health care providers to report injuries that indicate adult abuse or domestic violence to law enforcement agencies and makes providers immune from criminal or civil liability for making or not making a report.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1004)
SB 990	Hendren	Requires paper ballots containing an initiated or referred measure to clearly give instructions to vote on the measure with an appropriate mark below (rather than above) either FOR or AGAINST.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1020)
HB 1705	Roebuck	Provides that a municipal official recalled from office vacates the office immediately upon certification of the election.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1028)
HB 1739	Leding	Requires civil service commissions to maintain a current list of employees eligible for promotion; prohibits permanent promotions to vacant positions in absence of a current list of eligible employees.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1029)
HB 1760	Summers	Authorizes cities and counties to create arts and cultural districts under rules promulgated by the Arkansas Arts Council.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1030)
HB 1779	**Webb**	**Creates the Division of State-Aid Road-Street Construction in the State Highway and Transportation Department. Changes provisions for state funding to municipalities for roads and streets.**
	Position:	**AML Legislative Package**
	Bill History:	**04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1032)**
HB 1807	Hyde	Removes the voter-based determination for the number of voting booths required at each polling place, instead allowing the county board of election commissioners to determine the appropriate number of booths.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1033)
HB 1827	Hammer Hutchinson, J.	Requires new political party petitions to include signature dates no more than 90 days old and be filed no later than 45 days before preferential primary; requires nomination of candidates by convention for the first general election after certification.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1036)
HB 1841	Vines	Amends provisions relating to pawnbrokers, precious metal dealer licensing, and the purchase of precious metals.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1037)

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HB 1913	Moore	Continues the Wildlife Observation Trails Pilot Program and the Wildlife Recreation Facilities Pilot Program and extends the $1,000,000 pledge of funds from the Game and Fish Commission for each program through the 2011-12 fiscal year.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1041)
HB 1915	Tyler	Requires health benefit plans to provide coverage for gastric pacemakers for people with the neuromuscular stomach disorder gastroparesis or other medical necessity.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1042)
HB 1928	Baker, T. Burnett	Requires county clerks to notify the prosecuting attorney if they suspect a designated bearer has obtained more than two absentee ballots and requires clerks to give a written notice to bearers regarding the two-ballot rule and penalties for fraud.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1043)
HB 1953	Roebuck	Authorizes law enforcement officials to impound a vehicle that does not have the legally required minimum liability insurance if the officer issues a citation for a serious traffic violation.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1046)
HB 2033	Vines	Specifically prohibits government entities from offering voice, data, broadband, video, wireless, or telecommunication service; explicitly authorizes entities to purchase those services through the Information Systems Department.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1050)
HB 2070	Slinkard	Prohibits municipalities from enacting a municipal ordinance for annexation within 51 days of a scheduled election to consider annexing the area.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1051)
HB 2128	Woods	Authorizes municipalities to purchase water service customers and facilities of another service that covers areas within the limits of the municipality.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1053)
HB 2188	Cowling	Exempts from the gross receipts tax the sales of Class Six and Class Seven trucks if they are registered with the International Registration Plan and engaged in interstate commerce.
	Bill History:	04-01-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1058)
SB 247	Madison Williams	Makes technical language corrections concerning various criminal offenses.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1120)
SB 597	Dismang	Allows the purchaser or redemptor of property forfeited to the state, as well as the state to file suit for confirmation of title; revises procedures.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1133)
SB 685	Burnett	Requires an additional $5 per month installment fee be assessed on persons authorized to pay a fine on an installment basis to be used by the collecting official to defray the cost of fine collection.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1138)
SB 718	Madison	Defines chauffeur-driven sedan as a vehicle for hire, accommodates 3 rear passengers and is not a taxicab or van; prescribes the maximum window tinting that may be used on a chauffeur-driven sedan.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1141)
SB 790	Malone, P.	Authorizes cemetery companies to establish permanent maintenance funds with federal savings banks.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1148)

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SB 835	Burnett	Creates a new category of hazardous waste storage and processing facilities for hazardous household waste under the permitting and inspection authority of the Department of Environmental Quality.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1153)
SB 838	Hutchinson, J.	Establishes the False Claims Act, relating to recovery of false Medicaid claims; creates procedure for a citizen reporter to receive a portion of the funds recovered.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1154)
SB 839	Irvin	Requires a process for health care providers to request an override of any denial of the provider's recommended treatment or service by prior authorization, step therapy or a fail first protocol.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1155)
HB 1118	Pennartz Files	Creates an income tax credit for expenses of qualified rehabilitation projects in central business districts of up to 25 percent of the first $500,000 dollars invested for income-producing properties, $200,000 for non-income producing.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1166)
HB 1701	Summers	Updates the Arkansas District Courts Accounting Law and related sections of the Arkansas Code.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1174)
HB 1998	Pierce	Lessens requirements for lowering state flags in honor of armed services members killed in action.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1182)
HB 2054	Slinkard	Changes various deadlines for election filing requirements.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1185)
HB 2068	**Eubanks**	**Applies local governance authorizations for large cities to cities of the second class and incorporated towns; provides that Dillon's Rule is inapplicable to municipal affairs.**
	Position:	**AML Legislative Package**
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1187)
HB 2074	Slinkard	Authorizes email delivery of applications for absentee ballots.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1188)
HB 2096	Williams	Establishes the salaries of district court judges and personnel.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1191)
HB 2119	Hammer	Revises provisions regulating the sale of restricted scrap metal.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1193)
HB 2135	Pierce	Authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages in dry counties under a hotel or large-event facility private club permit.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1194)
HB 2198	Steele, T.	Requires law enforcement officers to complete at least six hours of training relating to persons with disabilities in a law enforcement context.
	Bill History:	04-04-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1199)
HB 1295	Baker, T.	Requires local runoff elections when no candidate receives either a majority of the votes, or both 40 percent of the votes cast and 20 percent more votes than the second- place candidate; requires runoff to be held three weeks later.
	Bill History:	04-06-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1211)

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HB 1783	King	Requires county election commissioners to report to the Secretary of State any goods or services sold to any governmental entity by himself or herself, a spouse, or any business in which more than a 10 percent interest is owned.
	Bill History:	04-06-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1216)
HB 1859	Slinkard	Makes various changes to the practices and procedures of the courts.
	Bill History:	04-06-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1218)
HB 1869	Powers	Creates 41 state district courts and assigns jurisdiction.
	Bill History:	04-06-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1219)
HB 2045	Garner	Requires improvement districts established to provide electric utility services for municipal purposes to file an annual financial report with the city clerk or recorder of the city or town by June 1 each year, more.
	Bill History:	04-06-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1225)
HB 2046	Garner	To exempt a wholesale manufacturer of beer from paying sales and use tax on kegs used to sell beer wholesale.
	Bill History:	04-06-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1226)
HB 2118	Hammer	Provides enhanced criminal penalties for theft when the property belongs to a utility and the value is $500 or more.
	Bill History:	04-06-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1227)
HB 2127	Clemmer	Authorizes email notice to employers regarding applications for unemployment benefits; sets the period allowed for response at 15 calendar days; requires the Workforce Services Department to enable employers to choose e-mail notification.
	Bill History:	04-06-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1229)
HB 1297	Elliott, E.	Creates the Small Municipality Law Enforcement Vehicle Grant Program of the State Police Department for the award of grants to cities of the second class and incorporated towns to purchase used vehicles.
	Bill History:	04-06-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1237)
SB 975	Files	Changes vote certification procedures, removing the specified required reporting elements and authorizing the Secretary of State to determine which additional information a county board of election commissioners is required to submit.
	Bill History:	04-06-11 G Law without signature (Act: 1238)
SB 855	Rapert	Allows auxiliary law enforcement officers appointed as reserve law enforcement officers to administer blood and breath alcohol tests police traffic radar equipment.
	Bill History:	04-07-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1240)
SB 972	Madison	Establishes the four congressional districts for 2011-2020.
	Bill History:	04-14-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1241)
HB 1836	Hall	To establish the four congressional districts.
	Bill History:	04-14-11 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1242)

Municipal Notes

COPS accepting hiring grant applications

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has begun accepting applications for its COPS Hiring Program, the organization has announced. The competitive grant program provides entry-level salaries and fringe benefits for three years for newly hired, full-time sworn law enforcement officer positions, or for rehired officers who have been laid off or are scheduled to be laid off as a result of budget cuts. In return the grant recipient must retain employment of the officer for at least one year after the grant funds are terminated. For more information, visit www.cops.usdoj.gov and look under the "Grants & Funding" tab. The application deadline is May 25.

Hot Springs aids Japanese sister city

Hot Springs has raised more than $17,000 for refugees and survivors fleeing to its sister city, Hanamaki, Japan, since the devastating earthquake and tsunami struck the country March 11, the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* reported April 11. In addition to monetary and material aid, Hot Springs is sending 1,000 origami cranes to Japan as a strong cultural and spiritual gesture towards the city with which they've shared a relationship for more than a decade. The cranes also represent a reciprocal gesture for Hot Springs. Citizens of Hanamaki sent 1,000 cranes to Hot Springs in 2005 when refugees of Hurricane Katrina flowed into the city.

Fayetteville gets top website award

AccessFayetteville.org has been named a 2011 Top Local Government Website by online encyclopedia and reference resource Juggle.com for stimulating local business and providing valuable online resources for the community, *American Banking & Market News* announced in an April media release. Sites were judged on a variety of features including usability, timely content, access to e-government services and technological innovation.

Little Rock makes Happiest City list

A new Gallup poll shows Little Rock as one of the top six happiest cities in America, the city announced April 8. The results were released on www.BusinessInsider.com. Factors contributing to Little Rock's success in the poll include the city's relatively quick recovery from recession, low unemployment, personal factors like healthiness and more. "This Gallup poll is evidence that providing a safe and supportive environment that empowers its citizens, neighbors and businesses to develop and prosper is working," Little Rock City Manager Bruce Moore said. "Happiness is the best payoff anyone could ask for."

Verizon donation helps Delta teens

A donation of $125,000 by the Verizon Foundation for the Arkansas portion of the Digital Connectors program will allow 75 teenagers in the Arkansas Delta to expand their technological and professional skills, the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* reported April 15. Digital Connectors is a program of Washington, D.C.-based One Economy Corp. The after-school program is at Dumas Senior High School, Osceola High School and Lake Village's Lakeside High School. Participating students learn about inner components of computers, program and application skills and more. Each student receives a $500 stipend and a laptop. The 75 students will volunteer for more than 4,000 hours of community service.

Obituaries

L.E. "CAJUN" DENNIS, 88, a former Cotter mayor, died April 22.

CATHY MARIE MOORE-WOODS, 41, recorder/treasurer for the town of Gilmore, died March 28. She held the office for 17 years.

JONATHAN SCHMIDT, 30, a Trumann police officer, was killed in the line of duty April 12.

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From the Office of Attorney General Dustin McDaniel

"Special" council meeting may encompass "emergency" meeting

Opinion: 2010-166
Requestor: Miller, Paul—State Senator

Are there restrictions or definitions on what can be categorized as an "emergency" meeting of a city council of a second-class city? Q2) Is it improper for the mayor of a second-class city to encourage council members to not attend a scheduled council meeting because one or more council members cannot be present? **RESPONSE:** Q1) With the exception of the FOIA, state law regarding meetings of a city council speaks only in terms of "regular" and "special" meetings, which are undefined. It seems reasonable to surmise that a special meeting might be occasioned by an emergency, which is generally defined as "a sudden, urgent, usually unexpected occurrence or occasion requiring immediate action." But I cannot speculate further in the absence of any governing language in state law. It may be necessary, moreover, to consider any local procedural measures that the council might have adopted. Q2) My research has yielded no provision that plainly precludes such action by a mayor.

Law restricts A&P fund usage

Opinion: 2011-005
Requestor: Hutchinson, Jeremy—State Senator

Pursuant to provisions of ACA 25-75-601 et seq., can advertising and promotion funds be used for city utility connections, roadwork or other similar types of work, which a city government may do to attract business to the city? Q2) Can these funds be used to fund economic incentives to attract business and industry to a city as a method of promoting the city? **RESPONSE:** With respect to your first question, in my opinion, a city advertising and promotion commission is restricted in its expenditure of funds to the permissible uses of advertising and promotion revenues set forth in ACA §§ 26-75-606(a) and (b) (Repl. 2008), subject to the limitations on expenditures set forth in ACA § 26-75-606(c). To the extent that the proposed expenditures are designed to effect "general capital improvements" or "costs associated with the general operation of the city," these conditions would appear to preclude hamburger-tax revenues being used as a source of funding. However, I must stress that in my statutory capacity as an advisor on the conditions of constitutional and statutory law, I am not a finder of fact. I am consequently unable to determine the scope of your question, particularly regarding whether what you designate as "other similar types of work" might fall within the scope of anticipated projects covered by the hamburger tax. I will opine, however, that those revenues that you characterize as "more than just those limited items" set forth in the statute cannot be devoted to purposes other than those itemized in the statute itself. Accordingly, based upon the information provided, I believe the answer to this question is, in all likelihood, "no." With respect to your second question, to the extent the phrase "to fund economic incentives to attract business and industry" might be read as entailing a transfer of hamburger-tax revenues to private business and industry, I believe such a transfer might well run afoul not only of the statute just recited but also of Ark. Const. art. 12, § 5, which prohibits cities from transferring tax revenues to private entities. If "fund[ing] economic incentives" would not entail any such transfer, the permissibility of the proposed activity would be dictated by the rules set forth in ACA § 26-75-606.

Dual service prohibited for some

(Q1) May a person legally serve simultaneously elected terms as a member of a city council and a justice of the peace of a quorum court? (Q2) If the answer to question 1 is "no," what are the available remedies if a person was elected to both positions and is serving simultaneously in both offices? **RESPONSE**: (Q1) No, ACA 14-14-1202 clearly prohibits the scenario you describe. (Q2) According to ACA 14-14-1202, the remedy is obtained through a court proceeding.

Move from ward makes vacancy automatic

Opinion: 2011-016
Requestor: Lea, Andrea—State Representative

If an alderman in a city of the first class ceases to live in the ward from which he was elected, what entity has the authority to declare a vacancy in the alderman's position—the city council or a court? **RESPONSE:** Neither. If the alderman does in fact stop residing in his ward, then according to ACA § 14-43-310, the vacancy occurs by operation of law. The city council may then fill that vacancy in the manner prescribed by ACA § 14-43-411.

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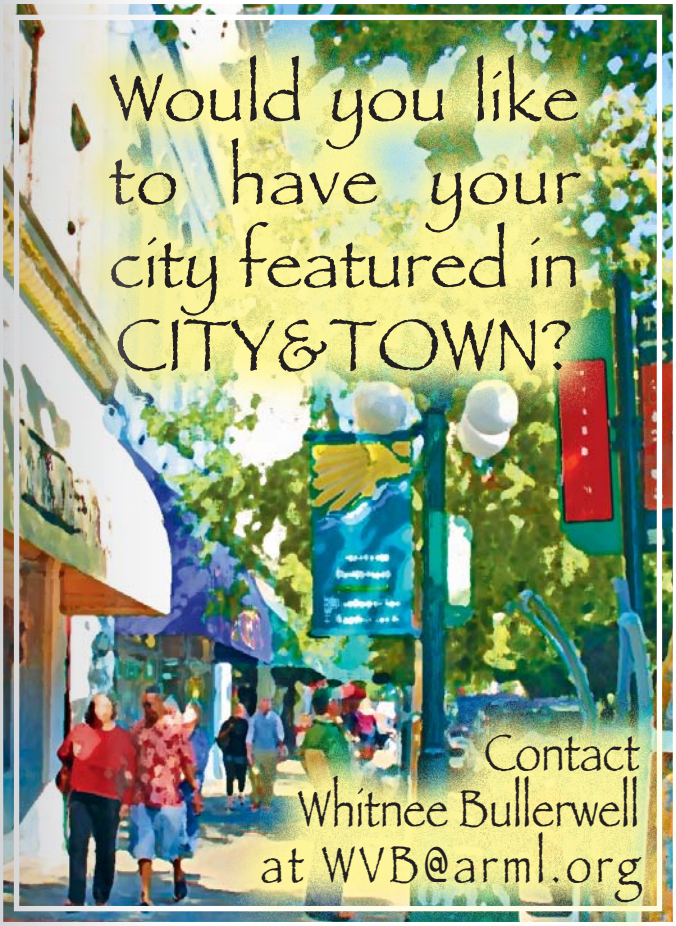
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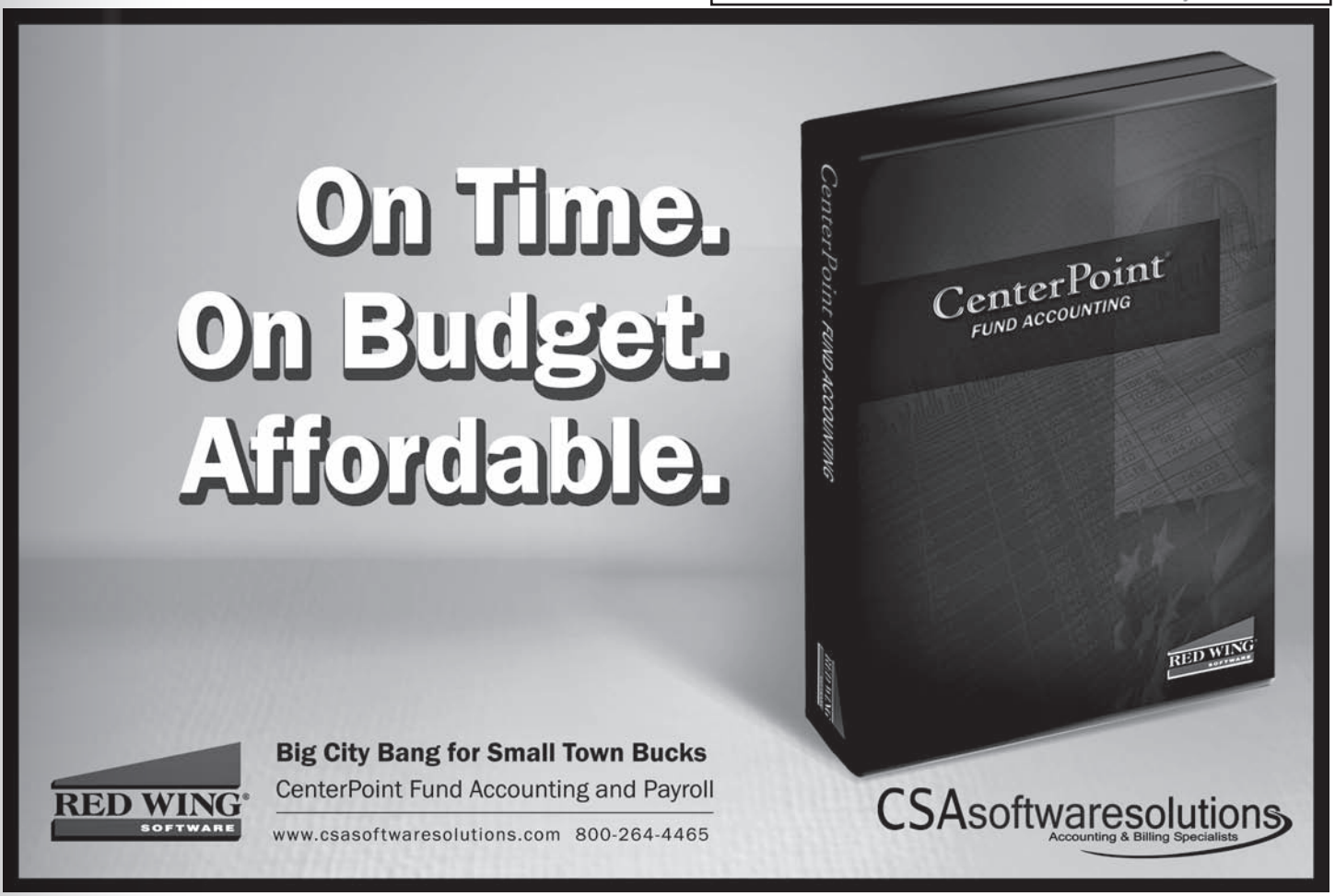
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Morrilton mill trains for future at new center

A Morrilton paper mill is helping ensure the next generation of workers has the skills they need to fill top positions.

By Meredith Stepp

Green Bay Packaging's Morrilton paper mill, like many manufacturing plants across the country, faced a serious shortage of mechanical and electrical technicians as many of its most senior, skilled maintenance workers approached retirement age. Junior mechanics and other interested workers at the mill lacked the experience necessary to fill top journeymen positions. This was particularly problematic for Green Bay as maintenance positions make up close to a quarter of all jobs at its Morrilton mill.

Green Bay decided to hire from outside the mill and was forced to recruit journeymen and mechanics from surrounding states like Louisiana and Texas since qualified individuals in Arkansas were scarce. Unfortunately these workers usually left when work became available in their home states. It was a no-win situation; Green Bay could not get the skilled employees it needed and mill workers saw the best jobs going to new hires. United Steelworker Local 1965 President and cattle rancher Rick Houston proposed a solution to the company's dilemma: "If you can't buy your own cattle, keep your heifers."

Labor and management then came together to develop a training program aimed at providing the existing workforce access to the skills needed for the demanding and highly technical maintenance jobs. During the recession of 2008, when most companies where scaling back and cutting programs, Green Bay began work on its Technical Training Center, a million-dollar, state-of-the-art training facility. Green Bay repurposed the dormant, old Levi Strauss plant it was using to warehouse extra materials. The first training bestowed by the center was to local high students enrolled in construction-technology at the River Valley Technical School. Students applied their knowledge by demolishing the old plant's infrastructure and framing its new walls. After partnering with Arkansas Tech University at Ozark to select curriculum, conduct train-the-trainers sessions, and order equipment, the company secured a $179,200 grant from the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services to support its new Technical Training Center. Gov. Mike Beebe personally presented the check at the grand opening of the facility in March 2009.

Employees interested in becoming top mechanics or journeymen and who pass an aptitude test are admitted to the training center on a seniority basis. To qualify for the highest mechanic or journeyman classification students must, over a four-year period, take an eight-hour class once a week in one of two tracks: mechanical or electrical and instrumentation. While taking classes students employed at the mill work as junior mechanics and apply their newly learned skills and knowledge. The center also provides new technology and refresher training for top journeymen and employees from other Green Bay mills around the country.

The program has been enthusiastically received by workers seeking to advance their skills and job classification. Some have even left higher paying and more senior positions to enter the program with the goal of graduating as top journeymen, according to Training Center Instructor Donnie Haley.

Other Arkansas companies including ConAgra, Kimberly-Clark, Southwestern Energy, Wayne Farms, and Mahle Engine Components have used the center since the cost of training is free and "Industrial Partners" need only pay for materials. Gary Sams, manager of training and governmental affairs for Green Bay Packaging in Morrilton, explains the company's commitment to training workers from other businesses: "It's a mission of ours. We have this place to add value [to the local workforce], because there is a shortage of skills." The center also reaches out to local career centers that work with high school students. "We want high school kids to look at becoming a maintenance technician as a career path," Sams said. "Long gone are the days when a maintenance guy carried a tool pouch. Today they carry a laptop."

Only a year into the program, supervisors at the mill are impressed with how quickly students are progressing. Instructor Haley reports, "Equipment that used to take three or four hours to troubleshoot now takes 15-20 minutes to fix." The company and its employees have benefited from professional skill development since growing maintenance skills means lower employee turnover and less reliance on subcontractors.

The program is overseen by a "school board" comprised of two union representatives, the mechanical and electrical division heads, the manager of training, the mill manager, two current students in the program, and two top journeymen. The board meets once a month to evaluate the program and make decisions about the program's future. The Center has also had a significant effect on employee-employer relations. Union President Rick Houston described previous labor relations as "very adversarial." Working together to create the training center has given each side an opportunity to put their best foot forward. A new willingness to solve problems has emerged and spread throughout the employment relationship. According to Houston, improved labor management relations influenced Green Bay's decision to approve money for mill expansion and updating. "It all came out of the cooperation in building the training center." Mill Manager Matt Szymanski said he "couldn't agree more" that the strengthened relationship has resulted in additional investment in the Morrilton facility.

The Technical Training Center at Morrilton has allowed Green Bay to count on what few manufacturers have achieved—a stable and experienced workforce and a reliable source for highly skilled workers.

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Student-led initiative aims to improve Tontitown

Members of the EAST program at Springdale's Har-Ber High School visit Tontitown's Historical Museum, for which they've designed a new brochure.

A group of students at Springdale's Har-Ber High School are turning a class project into real improvements for neighboring Tontitown. Students in the school's Environmental and Spatial Technologies program (EAST) are developing an ambitious long-term plan for Tontitown that includes expanding the Northwest Arkansas trail system through the city, controlling water runoff, creating a city park that pays tribute to the city's Italian heritage, designing a new community center and more.

In late 2010, the students hosted two town hall meetings in Tontitown to receive input from citizens. The goal is to connect with the people of Tontitown and to connect with the rich history of the city, the student's EAST program teacher Debbie Lamb says.

While a new community center, major infrastructure improvements and other big ideas may be beyond the city's budget at the moment, the students have also tackled more realistic and immediate projects to boost Tontitown. Upon a visit to the Tontitown Historical Museum to research the city's past, the student's noticed that the museum's brochures could stand a makeover and an update.

"They looked at the brochures and said this could be so much better," Lamb says. So they created a new brochure for the museum.

The EAST students are also taking on the city's website, working to expand and improve it and give online visitors a virtual tour of Tontitown, its parks, winery, museum and more.

"It's really coming together," Lamb says of the students' efforts.

The students will continue their work with Tontitown and give a presentation on the project at the end of the spring semester.

Working with the city government and citizens in Tontitown gives the students a "real world" boost to projects they've already accomplished at Har-Bar High, which include building a pavilion in the school's courtyard and helping local seniors enroll in Medicare prescription drug programs.

The students' work in Tontitown is a model example of the successful EAST program, which focuses on student-driven community service projects utilizing the latest technology and gives students hands-on experience that prepares them for college and the business world. The EAST initiative began in 1996 with about 20 students at Greenbrier High School. More than 200 schools in seven states now participate in the program.

EAST students in late 2010 led two town hall meetings to get input from Tontitown residents on their vision for the city.

EAST students discuss the project with Tontitown Mayor Tommy Granata, right.

Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas

2011 ELECTIONS

PINE BLUFF, Feb. 8
Passed. 5/8%

JEFFERSON CO., Feb. 8
Passed. 3/8%

GREENLAND, Mar. 8
Passed. 1%

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

Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2011 with 2010 Comparison (shaded gray)								
Month	Municipal Tax		County Tax		Total Tax		Interest	
Jan.	$35,123,247	$34,674,109	$35,666,555	$35,450,558	$70,789,802	$70,124,667	$27,640	$60,271
Feb	$42,235,810	$41,006,941	$42,753,266	$42,937,896	$84,989,076	$83,944,837	$34,351	$59,485
March	$33,606,662	$33,818,100	$34,174,199	$34,971,579	$67,780,861	$68,789,679	$35,321	$76,714
April	$35,244,719	$34,427,642	$35,257,864	$36,042,561	$70,502,583	$70,470,203	$23,355	$78,790
Total	**$146,210,438**	**$143,926,792**	**$147,851,884**	**$149,402,594**	**$294,062,322**	**$293,329,386**	**$120,667**	**$275,260**
Averages	$36,552,610	$35,981,698	$36,962,971	$37,350,649	$73,515,581	$73,332,347	$30,167	$68,815

March 2011 Municipal Levy Receipts and March 2011 Municipal/County Levy Receipts with 2010 Comparison (shaded gray)

CITY SALES AND USE	AMOUNT	
Alexander	32,677.15	35,132.59
Alma	163,512.56	174,671.30
Almyra	1,754.73	1,818.80
Alpena	2,338.30	2,379.12
Altheimer	2,752.91	4,072.79
Altus	5,923.76	5,041.45
Amity	11,167.96	7,814.02
Anthonyville	553.25	NA
Arkadelphia	146,208.83	141,676.77
Ash Flat	67,129.49	70,318.61
Ashdown	103,045.34	102,676.10
Atkins	45,805.22	50,124.25
Augusta	23,500.60	13,412.11
Austin	7,400.20	7,024.80
Avoca	2,760.65	3,382.45
Bald Knob	47,920.84	43,895.31
Barling	17,651.45	18,841.25
Batesville	296,297.55	309,165.84
Bauxite	7,990.44	7,001.73
Bearden	9,607.01	9,989.81
Beebe	69,376.66	74,807.88
Beedeville	175.95	169.51
Bella Vista	100,867.68	NA
Belleville	2,199.49	2,866.45
Benton	580,566.11	598,894.70
Bentonville	1,259,160.72	1,070,886.17
Berryville	144,331.88	144,944.90
Bethel Heights	39,856.36	48,149.86
Black Rock	4,511.31	4,394.94
Blevins	2,213.44	3,702.51
Blue Mountain	194.84	286.16
Blytheville	312,072.91	290,582.36
Bonanza	2,534.80	2,179.36
Booneville	83,861.80	82,500.41
Bradley	3,849.94	8,120.55
Branch	1,361.45	2,176.42
Briarcliff	1,002.19	1,394.51
Brinkley	88,755.07	83,225.88
Bryant	789,903.47	772,474.76
Bull Shoals	12,014.37	12,580.34
Cabot	586,065.58	603,701.90
Caddo Valley	31,529.85	13,363.79
Calico Rock	19,399.40	19,624.02
Camden	266,578.26	276,865.02
Carlisle	25,156.56	28,077.51
Cave Springs	7,903.33	7,659.81
Centerton	72,003.26	58,702.51
Charleston	23,754.65	25,710.38
Cherry Valley	3,610.54	4,036.65
Chidester	2,817.50	2,542.13
Clarendon	32,619.44	23,475.49
Clarksville	156,484.07	160,607.33
Clinton	72,909.58	76,120.29
Conway	1,582,786.39	1,674,887.05
Corning	84,603.05	75,209.22
Cotter	7,632.92	8,929.75
Cotton Plant	2,035.17	1,966.17
Cove	9,231.91	8,503.03
Crossett	322,300.93	341,498.66
Danville	36,155.87	36,519.34
Dardanelle	143,020.38	151,707.14
Decatur	15,473.47	12,798.50
DeQueen	86,781.95	88,914.43
Dermott	26,357.90	25,168.83
Des Arc	14,504.96	15,625.11
DeValls Bluff	5,703.56	4,034.47
DeWitt	151,558.35	150,406.36
Diamond City	1,890.93	1,789.04
Diaz	2,978.12	3,574.90
Dierks	12,110.11	12,371.75
Dover	15,546.09	16,762.84
Dumas	126,134.35	122,087.63
Dyer	1,545.46	1,130.07
Earle	21,916.64	29,461.17
East Camden	6,345.92	4,033.53
El Dorado	466,715.20	510,485.79
Elkins	30,365.66	31,678.47
Elm Springs	3,450.00	3,211.98
England	65,482.11	60,206.41
Etowah	547.96	487.59
Eudora	27,935.76	27,794.71
Eureka Springs	100,056.54	97,983.75
Fairfield Bay	20,168.73	20,062.29
Farmington	83,496.90	54,183.87
Fayetteville	2,317,249.05	2,411,068.39
Flippin	36,940.58	43,090.74
Fordyce	76,580.55	75,043.11
Foreman	6,289.52	8,875.34
Forrest City	162,852.18	166,372.52
Fort Smith	2,928,466.29	2,858,375.07
Fouke	7,380.13	6,536.69
Fountain Hill	523.13	652.63
Franklin	2,811.09	2,216.64
Garfield	4,334.78	675.09
Garland	1,714.11	1,878.20
Gassville	29,049.90	34,311.66
Gentry	28,075.32	31,153.76
Gilbert	302.64	143.71
Gillett	10,112.26	5,823.16
Gillham	1,102.65	2,076.26
Gilmore	335.50	371.46
Glenwood	49,733.54	53,041.11
Gosnell	16,718.18	16,186.61
Gould	4,180.32	2,880.49
Grady	3,577.53	4,040.06
Gravette	91,856.61	35,252.61
Green Forest	27,400.96	29,040.39
Greenbrier	108,166.24	115,142.69
Greenland	7,320.20	16,078.30
Greenwood	145,167.57	142,869.31
Guion	3,757.24	3,047.90
Gurdon	29,840.57	30,998.00
Guy	2,462.95	3,497.98
Hackett	5,735.39	4,797.22
Hamburg	25,486.83	24,580.30
Hardy	13,192.80	13,872.08
Harrisburg	21,995.90	21,485.28
Harrison	220,965.49	214,494.56
Hartford	1,858.20	2,252.74
Haskell	9,584.69	10,805.40
Hatfield	2,653.01	2,842.13
Havana	2,537.98	2,843.30
Hazen	41,421.51	30,627.55
Heber Springs	118,292.08	124,650.12
Helena-West Helena	424,393.14	250,006.39
Hermitage	3,989.48	2,955.36
Highfill	58,060.74	60,882.60
Highland	20,620.51	22,676.50
Holly Grove	7,186.20	5,303.24
Hope	167,097.84	158,494.34
Horseshoe Bend	18,710.26	20,130.25
Hot Springs	1,301,805.42	1,346,450.96
Hoxie	15,290.20	15,853.04
Hughes	10,346.68	9,628.11
Humphrey	2,028.48	2,317.41
Huntington	1,670.88	1,987.35
Huntsville	42,677.94	41,749.81
Imboden	5,291.46	NA
Jacksonville	592,167.71	604,944.89
Jasper	34,718.93	20,493.89
Jennette	147.50	153.73
Johnson	34,132.79	32,789.84
Joiner	2,153.17	2,467.23
Jonesboro	1,639,520.56	1,141,221.10
Keiser	2,785.23	2,796.57
Keo	1,158.70	1,350.63
Kibler	4,381.24	2,159.22
Kingsland	1,137.79	860.50
Lake City	NA	15.29
Lake Village	56,927.61	61,759.69
Lakeview	2,846.24	3,911.63
Lamar	6,869.31	8,916.37
Lepanto	20,904.97	18,709.12
Leslie	3,525.72	3,529.75
Lewisville	8,478.26	7,528.68
Lincoln	15,900.29	15,475.02
Little Flock	6,362.65	5,333.09
Little Rock	1,727,743.24	1,751,855.22
Lonoke	123,802.71	113,571.66
Lowell	173,774.48	182,281.88
Luxora	2,730.65	3,274.95
Madison	1,681.42	1,573.44
Magazine	7,010.90	9,832.60
Magnolia	377,870.93	392,160.48
Malvern	140,504.63	139,822.95
Mammoth Spring	7,350.38	7,354.94
Manila	15,951.27	16,467.48
Mansfield	25,089.58	28,485.25
Marianna	78,096.09	70,443.34
Marion	147,458.02	144,632.79
Marked Tree	48,441.60	46,506.04
Marshall	11,479.28	10,447.92
Marvell	20,878.36	22,996.25
Maumelle	165,453.84	153,420.52
Mayflower	50,111.93	45,946.11
McCrory	18,151.24	19,093.18
McGehee	148,762.33	144,543.82
Melbourne	28,080.60	27,473.89
Mena	118,526.40	117,096.47
Menifee	11,545.88	7,109.10
Mineral Springs	4,677.87	4,716.54
Monticello	160,715.20	168,351.51
Moro	1,753.01	2,191.60
Morrilton	129,833.20	125,999.01
Mount Ida	16,285.96	15,676.95
Mountain Home	309,238.99	305,191.58
Mountain View	129,107.84	131,730.02
Mountainburg	12,043.28	14,488.44
Mulberry	18,886.30	17,889.13
Murfreesboro	20,244.16	20,918.72
Nashville	104,482.14	94,255.21
Newport	165,439.01	159,971.82
Norfork	3,799.55	3,389.87
Norman	1,840.29	1,593.54
North Little Rock	1,236,601.44	1,194,628.64
Oak Grove	610.39	444.54
Ola	9,730.16	12,310.78
Oppelo	2,723.13	2,441.49
Osceola	94,182.40	90,800.18
Oxford	1,717.84	1,646.69
Ozark	62,101.51	69,039.49
Palestine	7,054.95	6,574.75
Paragould	263,533.93	350,745.92
Paris	23,725.70	22,980.71
Patmos	162.07	111.74
Patterson	1,327.16	994.33
Pea Ridge	25,059.38	24,124.79
Perla	1,694.15	1,617.72
Perryville	17,634.67	17,903.09
Piggott	74,752.86	26,370.79
Pine Bluff	615,420.44	639,179.09
Pineville	1,158.49	1,325.47
Plainview	3,000.04	3,150.47
Plumerville	5,087.41	5,495.20
Pocahontas	101,727.09	102,796.84
Portia	1,051.73	2,255.39
Pottsville	18,267.16	27,727.34
Prairie Grove	54,154.36	58,296.76
Prescott	41,986.88	68,598.88
Pyatt	970.53	1,189.76
Quitman	21,949.13	21,400.76
Ravenden	2,324.75	2,531.84
Rector	26,598.82	24,928.47
Redfield	12,300.25	16,311.03
Rison	9,251.16	10,712.24
Rockport	2,943.39	3,121.81
Roe	419.67	443.97
Rogers	1,714,496.73	1,678,637.51
Rose Bud	13,619.45	18,364.26
Russellville	850,251.62	834,417.01
Salem	18,893.33	18,526.05
Searcy	243,488.89	228,122.86
Shannon Hills	10,694.16	10,324.58
Sheridan	162,159.31	160,230.91
Sherrill	630.92	730.68
Sherwood	362,703.03	360,222.33
Shirley	2,420.97	3,467.85
Siloam Springs	448,889.35	471,120.98
Sparkman	3,740.09	3,344.75
Springdale	1,471,429.50	1,514,583.91
Springtown	129.14	542.63
St. Charles	2,409.34	1,828.49
Stamps	13,630.77	12,796.89
Star City	60,850.11	64,304.73
Stephens	6,551.19	6,498.73
Stuttgart	326,846.88	314,718.96
Sulphur Springs	1,725.91	1,305.81
Summit	2,593.02	2,409.75
Sunset	1,250.17	1,300.42
Swifton	3,265.60	2,967.48
Taylor	6,059.28	6,251.01
Texarkana	323,287.79	316,874.44
Texarkana Special	161,354.76	158,300.96
Thornton	1,032.36	1,258.42
Tontitown	79,258.30	86,009.27
Trumann	66,149.41	67,682.91
Tuckerman	14,318.14	20,119.51
Turrell	5,536.73	6,168.26
Twin Groves	489.27	985.52
Tyronza	2,369.08	2,377.37
Van Buren	274,600.04	250,977.31
Vandervoort	324.12	236.90
Vilonia	75,309.90	77,872.88
Viola	2,528.77	2,787.31
Wabbaseka	779.39	1,104.89
Waldenburg	6,741.15	5,343.12
Waldron	42,881.79	41,228.90
Walnut Ridge	60,121.23	60,924.81
Ward	16,493.26	15,422.88
Warren	63,870.82	67,356.25
Washington	1,021.08	1,194.82
Weiner	8,528.68	6,762.09
West Fork	21,619.38	23,524.44
West Memphis	532,769.17	519,159.14
Wheatley	4,045.13	2,779.13
White Hall	50,580.82	50,665.94
Wickes	3,304.20	2,903.78
Wiederkehr Village	1,851.12	1,682.40
Wilton	1,275.60	1,345.02
Wynne	NA	22.28
Yellville	18,188.61	17,469.31
COUNTY SALES AND USE	AMOUNT	
Arkansas County	256,973.56	247,529.02
Ashley County	199,279.73	315,216.36
Crossett	48,495.70	52,108.73
Fountain Hill	1,541.08	1,358.91
Hamburg	25,159.29	25,973.17
Montrose	3,117.39	4,495.52
Parkdale	2,439.32	3,222.08
Portland	3,786.66	4,717.73
Wilmot	4,843.42	6,717.65
Baxter County	251,652.30	261,274.04
Big Flat	1,091.63	1,196.03
Briarcliff	2,477.16	2,760.06
Cotter	10,181.55	10,591.72
Gassville	21,811.62	19,619.42
Lakeview	7,777.87	8,774.69
Mountain Home	130,659.76	126,640.69
Norfork	5,363.68	5,566.12
Salesville	4,723.41	5,025.59
Benton County	465,976.15	629,196.30
Avoca	5,121.31	6,215.99
Bella Vista	277,694.58	229,712.42
Bentonville	370,465.83	289,932.57
Bethel Heights	24,892.92	10,492.24
Cave Springs	18,144.97	16,208.60
Centerton	99,855.03	31,535.49
Decatur	17,830.13	19,309.24
Elm Springs	398.79	191.04
Garfield	5,268.23	7,200.56
Gateway	4,250.27	7,259.34
Gentry	33,141.59	35,797.05
Gravette	24,399.68	27,802.96
Highfill	6,118.29	9,610.54
Little Flock	27,128.25	37,986.60
Lowell	76,893.10	79,088.55
Pea Ridge	50,310.56	34,474.50
Rogers	587,313.39	581,863.67
Siloam Springs	157,826.57	159,338.01
Springdale	63,533.62	29,551.67
Springtown	913.02	1,675.23
Sulphur Springs	5,362.65	9,860.34
Boone County	309,278.23	305,699.11
Alpena	3,263.56	3,200.92
Bellefonte	4,644.69	4,445.72
Bergman	4,491.23	4,523.52
Diamond City	8,000.32	8,113.45
Everton	1,360.67	1,889.43
Harrison	132,414.45	135,061.10
Lead Hill	2,772.49	3,189.81
Omaha	1,728.97	1,833.86
South Lead Hill	1,043.52	978.06
Valley Springs	1,872.20	1,856.09
Zinc	1,053.72	844.69
Bradley County	113,959.72	127,320.15
Banks	879.94	855.02
Hermitage	5,889.94	5,479.28
Warren	42,599.19	45,900.52
Calhoun County	57,293.28	80,660.57
Hampton	12,615.38	20,702.70
Harrell	2,420.17	3,841.60
Thornton	3,877.99	6,778.53
Tinsman	514.53	983.35
Carroll County	115,768.40	119,880.18
Beaver	423.81	NA
Blue Eye	127.14	171.08
Chicot County	182,617.56	186,324.22
Dermott	14,976.71	21,092.56
Eudora	14,672.78	15,928.19
Lake Village	16,651.57	15,950.80
Clark County	357,386.13	331,970.42
Clay County	57,515.35	46,582.16
Datto	397.32	286.89
Greenway	830.39	721.65
Knobel	1,140.29	1,058.82
McDougal	739.01	576.73
Nimmons	274.15	295.76
Peach Orchard	536.38	576.73
Pollard	882.04	709.82
St. Francis	993.29	739.40
Success	591.98	532.37
Cleburne County	288,613.13	318,904.91
Concord	2,142.67	2,663.92
Fairfield Bay	1,607.00	1,525.22
Greers Ferry	7,824.27	9,715.46
Heber Springs	62,919.05	67,193.41
Higden	1,053.77	1,055.12
Quitman	6,428.02	7,145.57
Cleveland County	34,966.48	36,238.50
Kingsland	1,723.22	1,809.15
Rison	5,181.22	5,121.24
Columbia County	363,183.47	350,480.98
Emerson	647.01	583.92
Magnolia	20,354.32	19,137.53
McNeil	907.21	1,076.75
Taylor	995.12	920.61
Waldo	2,412.21	2,592.66
Conway County	244,236.80	288,599.05
Menifee	2,583.36	3,306.11
Morrilton	57,886.13	69,630.32
Oppelo	6,680.81	7,707.17
Plumerville	7,065.76	9,078.52
Craighead County	222,931.23	273,447.35
Bay	22,270.86	29,256.14
Black Oak	3,239.85	4,648.47
Bono	26,351.59	24,575.15
Brookland	20,304.70	21,649.54
Caraway	15,815.90	21,925.85
Cash	4,229.11	4,778.50
Egypt	1,384.97	1,641.59
Jonesboro	831,763.01	902,308.00
Lake City	25,745.66	31,791.67
Monette	18,561.13	19,162.78
Crawford County	210,785.29	221,112.48
Alma	40,793.03	36,890.51
Cedarville	10,493.72	10,047.34
Chester	1,196.92	877.92
Dyer	6,594.33	5,187.73
Kibler	7,234.19	8,593.01
Mountainburg	4,750.03	6,047.92
Mulberry	12,458.47	14,428.09
Rudy	459.19	638.49
Van Buren	171,565.58	168,366.15
Crittenden County	588,235.21	607,658.73
Anthonyville	860.70	1,405.42
Clarkedale	1,983.34	348.54
Crawfordsville	2,560.70	2,889.54
Earle	12,905.09	17,067.41
Edmondson	2,282.71	2,883.92
Gilmore	904.54	1,477.38

Horseshoe Lake	1,561.01	1,804.56
Jennette	553.30	627.38
Jericho	636.17	1,034.39
Marion	65,995.58	50,038.54
Sunset	952.65	1,760.71
Turrell	2,958.98	4,841.95
West Memphis	140,304.08	155,529.28
Cross County	208,678.00	223,674.22
Cherry Valley	5,360.01	5,675.09
Hickory Ridge	2,239.51	3,095.50
Parkin	9,098.02	12,914.05
Wynne	68,889.67	69,447.27
Dallas County	128,101.68	131,677.09
Desha County	95,548.30	105,229.11
Arkansas City	3,685.78	5,379.50
Dumas	47,391.47	47,840.13
McGehee	42,487.17	41,739.10
Mitchellville	3,625.36	4,539.24
Reed	1,419.93	2,511.65
Tillar	211.48	301.40
Watson	2,124.87	2,630.38
Drew County	272,581.83	289,606.05
Jerome	399.20	488.25
Monticello	96,903.20	97,076.67
Tillar	2,088.12	2,197.12
Wilmar	5,230.54	6,060.66
Winchester	1,709.39	2,027.29
Faulkner County	566,226.49	577,047.08
Damascus	672.11	806.09
Enola	1,721.01	1,284.29
Holland	2,836.10	3,941.66
Mount Vernon	738.30	983.71
Wooster	4,378.89	3,524.95
Franklin County	129,744.25	140,186.47
Altus	5,075.80	6,177.08
Branch	2,457.54	2,699.16
Charleston	16,700.58	22,417.43
Denning	3,153.96	3,062.08
Ozark	24,669.19	26,651.42
Wiederkehr Village	254.46	347.79
Fulton County	88,086.18	93,397.65
Ash Flat	436.43	9.67
Cherokee Village	3,393.03	3,910.91
Hardy	179.71	130.52
Horseshoe Bend	72.74	33.84
Mammoth Spring	4,180.32	5,544.88
Salem	6,995.72	7,691.29
Viola	1,441.93	1,841.85
Garland County	602,593.37	620,612.93
Fountain Lake	3,202.13	2,925.36
Lonsdale	598.41	843.99
Mountain Pine	4,901.88	5,521.71
Grant County	153,979.37	155,388.27
Greene County	119,112.29	347,580.73
Delaplaine	1,030.89	1,397.70
Lafe	4,070.24	4,237.11
Marmaduke	9,873.44	12,744.35
Oak Grove Heights	7,900.53	8,000.99
Paragould	232,065.91	242,307.77
Hempstead County	516,541.05	508,820.40
Blevins	3,209.74	3,513.80
Emmet	438.15	250.30
Fulton	2,048.12	2,358.58
Hope	102,864.45	102,198.73
McCaskill	978.21	808.66
McNab	692.90	722.01
Oakhaven	641.95	519.85
Ozan	866.12	779.78
Patmos	652.14	587.24
Perrytown	2,771.58	2,454.85
Washington	1,834.13	1,424.77
Hot Spring County	272,400.95	259,324.99
Donaldson	2,204.13	2,466.56
Friendship	1,288.80	1,558.62
Magnet Cove	36.61	3,427.45
Malvern	75,555.67	68,253.97
Midway	2,848.53	2,587.61
Perla	1,764.77	870.10
Rockport	5,528.65	5,992.37
Howard County	304,754.30	285,457.46
Dierks	14,929.50	14,774.99
Mineral Springs	15,917.78	15,183.40
Nashville	60,969.84	58,595.41
Tollette	3,162.47	3,891.95
Independence County	453,031.96	467,386.76
Batesville	111,794.83	113,466.42
Cave City	1,767.25	744.83
Cushman	4,930.84	5,538.17
Magness	2,203.61	2,294.56
Moorefield	1,494.52	1,922.14
Newark	12,828.91	14,644.32
Oil Trough	2,836.32	2,618.92
Pleasant Plains	3,807.22	3,207.57
Sulphur Rock	4,974.49	5,057.64
Izard County	58,374.59	38,893.98
Jackson County	110,366.93	122,802.95
Amagon	782.32	803.13
Beedeville	854.17	887.67
Campbell Station	2,035.63	1,927.51
Diaz	10,521.40	10,854.95
Grubbs	3,081.38	3,702.86
Jacksonport	1,692.36	1,986.69
Newport	62,896.89	66,034.27
Swifton	6,370.32	7,363.44
Tuckerman	14,864.07	14,853.70
Tupelo	1,436.91	1,496.36
Weldon	598.71	845.41
Jefferson County	405,694.43	410,331.71
Altheimer	10,169.04	11,567.52
Humphrey	3,182.99	3,872.02
Pine Bluff	507,242.69	535,046.49
Redfield	13,403.70	11,227.87
Sherrill	868.09	1,222.74
Wabbaseka	2,635.27	3,134.49
White Hall	57,107.82	45,920.74
Johnson County	98,989.29	103,201.20
Clarksville	72,710.98	69,036.32
Coal Hill	8,017.38	8,952.63
Hartman	4,111.68	5,330.44
Knoxville	5,791.21	4,570.22
Lamar	12,715.32	12,655.32
Lafayette County	78,720.40	86,345.89
Bradley	3,709.98	3,266.38
Buckner	1,624.59	2,297.49
Lewisville	7,561.74	7,455.24
Stamps	10,001.59	12,363.52
Lawrence County	116,516.60	127,083.80
Alicia	628.40	801.32
Black Rock	3,354.82	3,962.39
College City	2,305.80	1,486.59
Hoxie	14,088.21	15,567.71
Imboden	3,430.83	3,780.02
Lynn	1,459.50	1,740.80
Minturn	552.38	630.00
Portia	2,214.59	2,669.22
Powhatan	364.87	276.32
Ravenden	2,381.82	2,823.96
Sedgwick	770.29	618.95
Smithville	395.28	403.42
Strawberry	1,530.45	1,563.96
Walnut Ridge	24,781.07	27,217.24
Lee County	28,559.00	25,710.72
Aubrey	884.99	892.85
Haynes	780.87	864.57
LaGrange	463.32	492.88
Marianna	21,421.86	20,931.37
Moro	1,124.45	973.65
Rondo	1,030.74	957.47
Lincoln County	46,832.85	54,061.16
Gould	3,707.12	6,921.40
Grady	1,988.65	2,773.86
Star City	10,071.67	13,105.57
Little River County	193,216.63	322,402.48
Ashdown	39,411.44	64,445.45
Foreman	8,436.37	15,164.43
Ogden	1,502.02	2,884.61
Wilton	3,120.87	5,917.50
Winthrop	1,602.17	2,507.19
Logan County	81,947.88	81,061.75
Blue Mountain	807.43	859.04
Booneville	25,981.09	26,792.81
Caulksville	1,386.96	1,516.33
Magazine	5,515.28	5,954.68
Morrison Bluff	416.74	481.58
Paris	22,998.80	24,124.59
Ratcliff	1,315.33	1,243.00
Scranton	1,458.59	1,444.74
Subiaco	3,724.61	2,856.95
Lonoke County	215,604.66	238,456.90
Allport	871.82	1,260.94
Austin	15,450.15	6,006.85
Cabot	180,246.71	151,521.45
Carlisle	16,784.41	22,875.66
Coy	727.78	1,151.73
England	21,416.43	29,944.87
Humnoke	2,153.01	2,780.03
Keo	1,940.75	2,333.24
Lonoke	32,181.50	42,564.21
Ward	30,832.06	25,615.96
Madison County	153,838.61	149,314.19
Hindsville	324.55	427.39
Huntsville	12,482.03	11,659.30
St. Paul	601.23	928.87
Marion County	70,863.90	71,996.75
Bull Shoals	12,208.20	13,543.41
Flippin	8,483.13	9,189.20
Pyatt	1,383.60	1,713.24
Summit	3,781.41	3,968.22
Yellville	7,537.78	8,884.47
Miller County	377,678.20	371,525.64
Fouke	7,478.78	7,356.94
Garland	7,478.78	7,356.94
Texarkana	168,272.46	165,531.23
Mississippi County	665,220.06	590,912.35
Bassett	2,063.38	1,586.67
Birdsong	489.01	377.78
Blytheville	186,300.74	172,569.42
Burdette	2,278.07	1,218.34
Dell	2,659.74	2,370.56
Dyess	4,890.10	4,863.90
Etowah	4,186.40	3,456.68
Gosnell	42,317.22	37,475.67
Joiner	6,869.99	5,100.02
Keiser	9,052.64	7,631.13
Leachville	23,770.64	18,709.50
Luxora	14,050.08	12,438.37
Manila	39,860.25	28,852.87
Marie	1,001.87	1,020.00
Osceola	92,518.24	83,819.70
Victoria	441.30	557.22
Wilson	10,770.14	8,868.37
Montgomery County	35,064.50	37,714.69
Black Springs	453.18	572.73
Glenwood	192.26	NA
Mount Ida	4,925.51	4,928.48
Norman	1,730.34	2,125.13
Oden	1,062.01	1,105.26
Nevada County	28,514.07	36,421.58
Bluff City	790.64	1,162.78
Bodcaw	879.91	1,133.34
Cale	503.71	551.95
Emmet	3,028.66	3,532.50
Prescott	21,015.73	27,126.68
Rosston	1,664.17	1,950.24
Willisville	969.18	1,383.57
Newton County	50,654.72	40,134.64
Jasper	2,027.06	1,664.62
Western Grove	1,670.37	1,360.44
Ouachita County	323,395.49	318,308.88
Bearden	8,484.98	8,800.19
Camden	107,010.90	102,895.78
Chidester	2,520.90	2,816.06
East Camden	8,177.55	7,055.80
Louann	1,440.51	1,525.37
Stephens	7,826.22	9,011.41
Perry County	95,036.58	98,092.74
Adona	846.93	804.27
Bigelow	1,276.47	1,415.00
Casa	692.94	898.89
Fourche	251.24	253.75
Houston	701.05	683.84
Perry	1,094.12	1,350.48
Perryville	5,916.37	6,270.71
Phillips County	107,873.97	147,549.22
Elaine	12,075.61	11,345.56
Helena-West Helena	191,350.09	196,901.35
Lake View	8,411.15	6,964.74
Lexa	5,430.23	4,341.49
Marvell	22,518.34	18,297.18
Pike County	138,416.27	152,397.84
Antoine	720.47	1,061.88
Daisy	708.15	803.22
Delight	1,718.03	2,116.96
Glenwood	13,461.00	14,342.21
Murfreesboro	10,104.98	12,007.43
Poinsett County	101,849.24	107,605.47
Fisher	1,516.51	1,784.39
Harrisburg	15,559.52	14,759.94
Lepanto	12,873.33	14,362.66
Marked Tree	17,450.06	18,853.93
Trumann	49,255.95	46,387.41
Tyronza	5,181.97	6,181.40
Waldenburg	414.83	538.68
Weiner	4,869.14	5,117.50
Polk County	219,413.95	218,545.44
Cove	6,581.56	6,730.16
Grannis	9,544.98	10,104.02
Hatfield	7,115.66	7,064.02
Mena	98,843.96	99,054.48
Vandervoort	1,498.94	2,108.66
Wickes	12,990.82	11,861.22
Pope County	295,035.59	313,494.78
Atkins	35,432.94	37,785.32
Dover	16,189.19	17,448.47
Hector	5,286.74	6,643.28
London	12,206.51	12,144.35
Pottsville	33,341.74	16,686.99
Russellville	328,013.12	310,921.49
Prairie County	26,515.37	25,738.15
Biscoe	2,198.51	2,719.50
Des Arc	10,399.02	11,043.70
DeValls Bluff	3,748.98	4,473.47
Hazen	8,890.95	9,352.58
Ulm	1,029.60	1,171.21
Pulaski County	746,283.97	868,362.27
Alexander	3,612.63	2,788.98
Cammack Village	11,756.36	13,474.67
Jacksonville	434,189.33	485,088.15
Little Rock	2,962,419.15	2,969,502.88
Maumelle	262,727.10	171,181.83
North Little Rock	953,734.75	979,921.52
Sherwood	451,931.03	348,801.02
Wrightsville	32,360.61	22,182.13
Randolph County	111,517.85	112,525.92
Biggers	2,703.75	2,723.44
Maynard	3,319.30	2,922.90
O'Kean	1,511.60	1,542.00
Pocahontas	51,488.05	50,003.85
Ravenden Springs	919.43	1,051.02
Reyno	3,553.05	3,713.08
Saline County	NA	NA
Scott County	137,426.21	140,160.68
Mansfield	6,467.12	6,595.80
Waldron	25,868.45	26,383.18
Searcy County	30,907.33	30,105.48
Big Flat	5.05	NA
Gilbert	141.27	160.01
Leslie	2,224.96	2,337.07
Marshall	6,836.34	6,366.32
Pindall	565.07	460.62
St. Joe	665.98	625.48
Sebastian County	686,700.15	669,461.85
Barling	62,761.10	60,382.03
Bonanza	7,762.45	7,432.08
Central City	6,776.96	7,677.89
Fort Smith	1,163,814.14	1,160,618.88
Greenwood	120,851.24	102,834.52
Hackett	10,961.93	10,034.75
Hartford	8,666.95	11,162.58
Huntington	8,572.45	9,948.00
Lavaca	30,901.30	26,388.22
Mansfield	9,760.44	10,208.26
Midland	4,387.47	3,658.20
Sevier County	231,785.02	237,560.23
Ben Lomond	1,055.86	1,010.01
DeQueen	48,016.16	46,212.06
Gillham	1,165.09	1,507.00
Horatio	7,602.20	7,991.92
Lockesburg	5,381.25	5,699.35
Sharp County	60,266.63	60,437.12
Ash Flat	7,208.75	7,459.01
Cave City	12,813.92	14,413.11
Cherokee Village	28,526.06	29,369.38
Evening Shade	3,177.74	3,557.37
Hardy	5,369.78	5,561.75
Highland	7,686.88	7,543.16
Horseshoe Bend	58.85	38.25
Sidney	1,331.41	2,103.82
Williford	551.70	481.98
St. Francis County	137,377.12	143,868.16
Caldwell	9,039.04	7,101.78
Colt	6,156.32	5,620.32
Forrest City	250,340.69	225,637.82
Hughes	23,468.94	28,514.00
Madison	12,524.36	15,074.08
Palestine	11,091.14	11,317.02
Wheatley	5,781.72	5,681.42
Widener	4,446.24	5,116.32
Stone County	69,635.85	66,834.69
Fifty Six	1,271.72	1,287.71
Mountain View	20,200.50	22,720.63
Union County	429,158.79	455,947.43
Calion	12,511.36	13,288.05
El Dorado	532,719.24	590,791.94
Felsenthal	3,065.69	3,175.52
Huttig	17,148.24	19,668.57
Junction City	15,296.33	17,751.09
Norphlet	19,299.83	19,665.21
Smackover	50,775.57	54,764.60
Strong	14,446.86	16,241.65
Van Buren County	140,291.89	263,286.45
Clinton	12,462.09	22,048.38
Damascus	1,197.36	1,815.64
Fairfield Bay	10,321.22	22,347.77
Shirley	1,393.72	3,254.62
Washington County	939,471.09	1,081,460.49
Elkins	27,980.75	17,655.12
Elm Springs	15,818.42	14,550.30
Farmington	63,125.75	50,876.65
Fayetteville	777,501.34	819,205.82
Goshen	11,316.99	10,612.83
Greenland	13,303.54	12,800.31
Johnson	35,440.87	32,727.59
Lincoln	23,764.62	25,459.49
Prairie Grove	46,282.36	35,846.52
Springdale	673,556.23	617,957.26
Tontitown	25,994.20	28,648.99
West Fork	24,483.16	28,818.34
Winslow	4,131.59	5,631.01
White County	699,474.75	481,782.16
Bald Knob	27,220.54	23,547.91
Beebe	68,732.56	36,165.48
Bradford	7,131.65	5,868.64
Garner	2,668.50	2,083.37
Georgetown	1,165.12	924.31
Griffithville	2,114.13	1,921.98
Higginson	5,834.99	2,772.93
Judsonia	18,970.75	14,539.55
Kensett	15,484.79	13,138.41
Letona	2,396.01	1,474.50
McRae	6,408.15	4,848.96
Pangburn	5,647.06	4,797.61
Rose Bud	4,528.93	3,147.06
Russell	2,029.56	1,672.56
Searcy	214,776.33	138,851.98
West Point	1,738.28	1,525.85
Woodruff County	10,882.21	12,724.16
Augusta	11,255.88	12,810.70
Cotton Plant	3,321.99	4,614.74
Hunter	537.46	730.67
McCrory	8,850.12	8,892.98
Patterson	2,313.62	2,244.88
Yell County	82,317.28	94,246.76
Belleville	2,342.77	2,359.85
Danville	12,797.59	15,214.98
Dardanelle	25,207.37	26,893.37
Havana	1,992.15	2,493.43
Ola	6,805.19	7,658.38
Plainview	3,229.94	4,802.39

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK—Hot Springs is accepting applications for the position of deputy city clerk. Must have HS diploma with at least 2 years college with hours in business and/or public administration with at least 5 years experience in public administration and records management including supervisory experience. Starting salary is $17.58/hour plus full benefits. All applicants subject to pre-employment drug test. To apply contact Human Resources Office at Hot Springs City Hall, 133 Convention Blvd., Hot Springs, AR 71901; 501-321-6841; www.cityhs.net. Closing date May 13. EOE.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE—The City of Jacksonville is seeking candidates for the position of Director of Finance. The Director manages the accounting, financial and internal control functions for the City and coordinates the preparation of the annual budget. Successful candidates will have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration or a related field, or twenty (20) years of senior-level management experience. Professional governmental finance experience is preferred; CPA, CGFM or CPFO is preferred. Salary is up to $72,200 DOE. Position open until filled. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, #1 Municipal Dr or www.cityofjacksonville.net EOE

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POLICE OFFICER—Fordyce is accepting applications for a full-time police officer. Certification preferred. Must be self-disciplined, motivated, reliable. Applicant should possess excellent communication and writing skills. Applications and job description may be obtained 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday from Chief Jimmy Vaughan, Fordyce Police Department, 101 S. Main St., Fordyce, AR 71742; 870-352-2178. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE.

SECRETARY—Hot Springs is accepting applications for the position of administrative secretary (classification: secretary 3). Must have HS diploma with college hours in secretarial science and/or business administration with at least 2 years in the performance of office duties and records management. Starting salary is $14.11/hour plus full benefits. All applicants subject to pre-employment drug test. To apply contact Human Resources Office at Hot Springs City Hall, 133 Convention Blvd., Hot Springs, AR 71901; 501-321-6841; www.cityhs.net. Closing date May 13. EOE.

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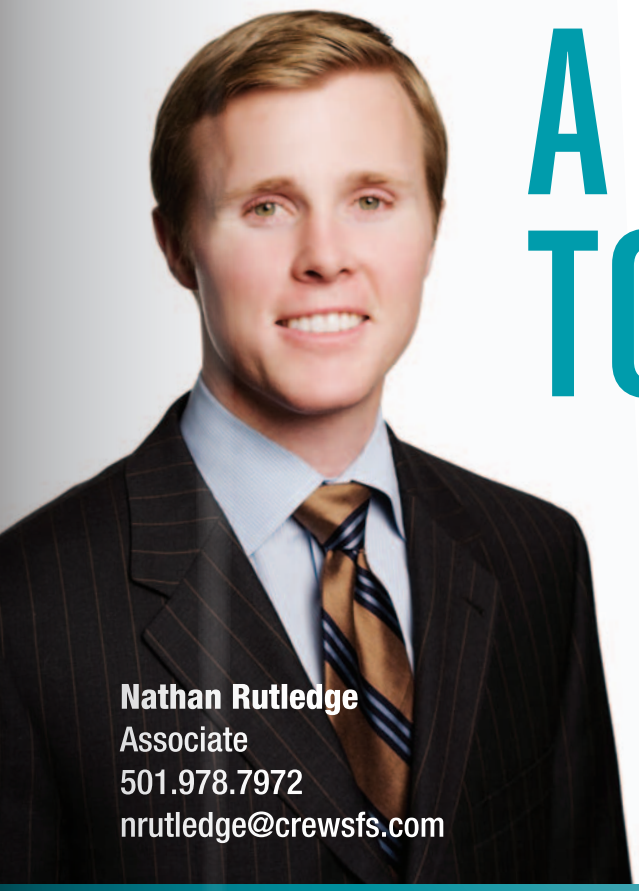

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