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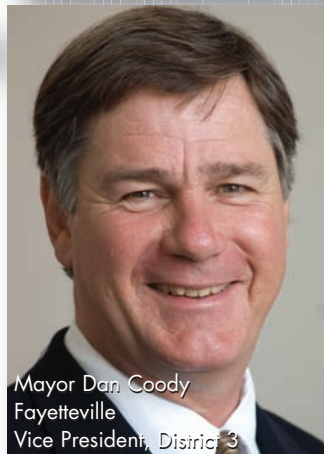
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New leaders named during 72nd Convention



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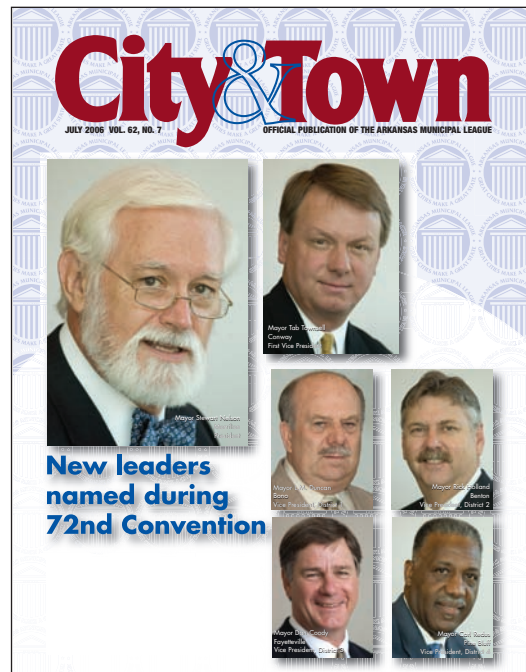
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ON THE COVER: New officers of the Municipal League were elected and began their terms June 16, the final day of the 72nd League Convention, held at the Hot Springs Convention Center. President Stewart Nelson will appoint a new Executive Committee; these members and advisory councils will be published in the August City & Town. Meanwhile visit or revisit the Convention beginning on page 6.—jkw

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Dear Friends,

I would like to thank the League staff for another great Convention in Hot Springs. We all enjoy the conventions and conferences, but are often guilty for taking the staff's work for granted.

If there was something that you particularly liked or disliked let Ken Wasson at the League know.


The Convention and Winter Conference biannual events are opportunities to share with other officials, to go to training sessions, and to visit with vendors or state agencies.

In my 11 years attending these events I don't think that I have ever come back from a single one that I haven't brought back something that hasn't helped Morrilton. Particularly the session on "How to Avoid Lawsuits" should be made mandatory if you want to hold public office. The events are opportunities for in-service training for city officials just like other professionals.

Last, I would like to encourage everyone including those city officials who didn't attend the Convention in Hot Springs to meet in Little Rock for the Winter Conference. Working together we are a mighty force.

"Great Cities Make a Great State."

Sincerely,



Stewart Nelson, Mayor, City of Morrilton
President, Arkansas Municipal League





City attorneys elect officers— Jonesboro City Attorney Phillip Crego, seated, was elected president of the Arkansas City Attorneys' Association during the Association meeting at the 72nd Arkansas Municipal League Convention. Other officers are Gentry City Attorney Jay Williams, left, second vice president, and Mark Hayes, re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Andre Valley, Helena-West Helena city attorney, not shown, first vice president.

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Clerks' association officers elected—

North Little Rock City Clerk Diane Whitbey, seated, is the new president of the Arkansas City Clerks, Recorders, Treasurers Association. Other new officers are Patti Scott-Grey, Texarkana city clerk, first vice president, standing from left; Susan Maynard, Cherokee Village city clerk, second vice president; Donna Jones, DeQueen city clerk, treasurer; and Marva Verkler, Cabot city clerk, secretary, lower left.





Registration was quick and easy. Here, Jacksonville Councilmember Linda Rinker picks up her packet from Brenda Gilmore and Jane Barnett, lower left, of the League.

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League ends busy 72nd convention

Aspiring statewide politicians, hot topics as bird flu, cities being sued, extra state money in the till and welcoming people different from our selves and electing new leadership helped comprise a fast-paced annual gathering.

By John K. Woodruff, League staff

HOT SPRINGS—State officials at the Municipal League’s 72nd Convention, June 14-16, raised glimmers of hope that increased state tax turn-back to municipalities might be possible at the next legislative session.

If that happens, it would be the first time in more than 20 years that cities and towns have received a boost in the aid from the state.

That boost combined with political candidates looking for city officials’ votes and some hot, and even uncomfortable, topics at general and breakout sessions kept the convention lively for the approximately 1,000 participants. The 72nd’s home was the Hot Springs Convention Center.

National League of Cities President Jim Hunt, a councilmember and former mayor of Clarksburg, W. Va., appealed for the spread of “inclusive communities” across the nation. He



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touched also on the vital role of city officials informing their congressional representatives of city positions on immigration, telecommunications, Community Development Block Grants and other city issues.

Concurrent sessions dealt with such topics as a pandemic avian flu, cities avoiding being sued, the costs of animal control, getting along with the news media, soaring pharmaceutical and medical costs and others.

The barrage of city-relevant topics induced a groan or two, as when one delegate muttered to another attendee that he needed to be at two different sessions at the same time. (The League advises cities and towns to send more than one delegate so they can split their times among sessions, then share findings back home with the entire governing body.)

Statewide political candidates

had first opportunity to speak to the general convention audience. Aspirants for treasurer, attorney general, secretary of state, lieutenant governor and governor spoke at the opening meeting June 14 shortly after registration and the exhibit hall opened.

The convention was not all work, however. Desha County Judge Mark McElroy (a “hoot,” Bentonville Mayor Terry Black Coberly, League president, warned the Wednesday night banquet audience before McElroy took control of the mike) lived up to his reputation as a raconteur with “down home humor.”

Then, some of the lady delegates Thursday night worked their way backstage at the Summit arena for a picture and hug with Blake Shelton of Nashville, Tenn.

Convention elects new leaders

Award presentations and introduction of new League officers closed the three-day convention at a June 16 luncheon.

The new officers, who took office immediately, is:

- **PRESIDENT**

Mayor Stewart Nelson of Morrilton

- **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

Mayor Tab Townsell of Conway

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Increase cities' "revenue stream"

Speaker of the House-elect Benny Petrus of Stuttgart prompted loud applause, in his stating, “I know you haven’t had a raise in turnback in 25 years. That is too long.” Petrus indicated that he and state Sen. Jack Critcher of Batesville, the Senate president pro tem-designate for 2007, were of like mind in that the turnback money to cities and counties needs studying. Petrus added that he and Critcher have “a wonderful relationship.”

More cheers followed Petrus’s pledge that the 15 percent allotment that municipalities receive in fuel taxes and highway funds will not be lowered “while I am in the House.” Municipalities and counties each receive 15 percent and the state receives the remaining 70 percent.

Petrus noted the estimated \$600 million-plus state revenue surplus expected by next year and indicated his disfavor about refunding that back to taxpayers because of other needs. “We just need to decide where to put it,” he said. The legislature should not refund the surplus in what would be like \$100 and \$200 amounts, “and then in a few years have to raise taxes.”

Petrus said that a policy decision needs to be made in the legislature to ensure cities of a growing “stream of revenue.”

“You all need to get into a revenue stream that will have some growth.” He suggested perhaps taxes on new cars, used cars or boats.

Extra revenue for the state or savings in fuel costs could come from bio-diesel, which, he said, holds “a lot of promise.”

“We have to grow our fuel right here,” Petrus said. Developing bio-diesel from the state’s crops would help eastern Arkansas and the Delta to develop, he said.

“It’s time we do something”

State Rep. Bruce Maloch of Magnolia concurred that the legislature needs to review municipal aid turnback. Of turnback, he said, “We know it has basically been flat for 25 years.” Legislators will examine “additional burdens”—services that cities must provide—“that were not there 25 years ago,” he said.

Other factors must be considered, too, Maloch said.



Maloch

He cited cost of living increases, the consumer price index, inflation and other factors that would affect potential turnback.

“The bottom line,” he said, is that though municipalities’ turnback has “remained flat,” city population has increased “so your per capita turnback has gone down.” For the last 25 years, general turnback—excluding street turnback—to cities and towns has been “roughly \$30 million” each

year, he said. Just the past 10 years, the state budget has grown by over \$1 billion, “but we have not increased our aid to you,” Maloch said. “It’s time we do something.”

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer Price Index, Maloch continued, the value of \$1 in 1980 has the same buying power as \$2.44 in 2006. If you apply the CPI index alone, Maloch said, “your \$30 million in 1980 would be the same as \$73 million today.”

Maloch, with the caveat, “don’t anybody start quoting me to say that is what we are going to do,” said the above data are some of the “ammunition that we have when we put together a bill of some justification of why we need to increase municipal aid turnback, why we need to increase county aid turnback.”

When the bill is ready for filing, Maloch stressed, the bill sponsors will be looking to city officials to contact their representatives and senators for their support.

Governor differs on state surplus

As for what to do with the state’s revenue surplus,

Gov. Mike Huckabee holds a different viewpoint than Petrus. He wants the money to go back to taxpayers, less an amount for a “rainy day.” The governor said it’s estimated that by June 2007 the state’s revenue surplus will reach \$600 million-plus. He said that this surplus means that a reassessment is needed of how much money the state spends and takes in.

“I’m sure many of you out in the cities would find good use if your citizens had that money back in their pockets rather than sitting in the state treasury drawing interest. And I am hoping that will happen.”

Huckabee said that many city officials probably felt that “a reasonable amount” of the surplus should be set aside for “rainy day funds” in the event of another recession.

What he called “back fill” for Medicaid, the prisons and education may be needed, but, he added, that to have \$600 million beyond what the legislature appropriated as the amount needed to operate the state government is “simply unjustifiable.”

The governor would like to see “meaningful tax reform.” He favors retaining the current system of income, property and sales taxes, but he would like the tax burden widened and tax rates lowered.

The state’s economy is at “an all-time high,” Huckabee said, and noted the state was “in its 26th consecutive month of record-breaking revenues.” Economists predict that Arkansas’s economy for the foreseeable future will remain strong, Huckabee said.

Huckabee commended the “enormous cooperation” between the state, counties and cities in helping make possible the current interstate highway improvement program, which is winding down. Huckabee regretted that his proposed highway bond issue did not pass.

He wants the next legislative session to consider the issue again and allow the state bonding authority for highways, with the traditional highway division of revenues, 15-15-70—for cities, counties, the state—remain intact.

The governor was appreciative of city officials who supported the new state clean air act and for their calling legislators to vote for it during the special legislative session in the spring. It takes effect July 21.

The governor thanked the city officials for the “terrific relationship” between the cities and state during the 10 years that he has been governor. Huckabee is ineligible to seek re-election because of term limits. About his considering a run for the U.S. presidency, Huckabee said he will decide that after his term as governor ends.

NLC, CDBG, immigration, telecommunications, inclusiveness cited

NLC President Hunt spoke of the NLC’s representing America’s cities, from the largest, as New York City and Los Angeles, to the smallest, and, he said, as “a very valu-



Hunt

able resource, they are speaking for you.” He reminded delegates of the vital role the NLC had in saving the Community Development Block Grants Program last year and that it is working to save it from substantial cutbacks the next fiscal year. “As cities, we cannot afford to lose the CDBG program.”

Hunt said what is important, however, is the ability to save CDBG, is “the voices of people in this room and throughout the

country.” He said there is the feeling in Washington that the “totally out of control” budget can be balanced “on the back” of cities and their residents. Hunt noted the \$1.4 billion of fraud that has been uncovered in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), but, he emphasized, CDBG has had “very little” fraud ever happen. Yet, “the program they want to cut is ours,” he said. Cities must make sure that does not happen, he urged. “We have to save CDBG.”

Hunt noted controversies over telecommunication laws. “We need a fair system,” he said. Companies are competing for servicing large markets, but Hunt stressed, “a kid in Mississippi ought to have the same access to broadband as the kid living in the most affluent places in Connecticut.”

On immigration, Hunt said there is the danger that “we are going to be lulled into a new unfortunate era in our history that we are going to repeat some of the mistakes that we made through the civil rights movement—as far as what brought about that issue.”

Today, he said, “The United States is paying for the mistakes that the federal government has made on protecting our borders.” Hospitals, schools, social services are overloaded, he said. However, to enter the United States legally, the waiting list is up to eight years, which is too long, he said, and that is “not a workable process.” He stressed that city officials should study the problem closely.

Inclusive communities? A lot of “tool kit ideas” are available from the NLC for cities to work toward building inclusive communities, Hunt said. He stressed that America is changing and that city officials must help make for a smooth transition. In 10 years, he said, the person sitting next to you will not look like the person who is currently sitting next to you. “America is changing and if you look at this negatively, you will fight it for the rest of your lives.” Hunt said, “You will die very unsatisfied because it will never be what people term as ‘the good old days.’”

When we look 10 years from now, he said, “if we don’t figure out how to assimilate new people into our community that don’t look like us, that have different

values and different qualities about them ... there won't be an Arkansas or a West Virginia in the future." He said the growth of America will be the new labor force coming in and will be people looking for a chance.

"If we open our doors in the proper way, our communities can blossom," Hunt said. If cities put signs at their borders, saying, "No Hispanics welcome, please stay away," or if we do as a Philadelphia restaurant and put up a sign, "You're in America, speak English when you order," then, Hunt cautioned, "if that is the type of America we are going to develop into—and that's where the arrow is starting to point—we are going to have some huge challenges in America."

Hunt said, "I implore you ... to take on the inclusive

communities program." He cited that Little Rock has adopted such a route and has erected the inclusive community signs, "Welcome, we are building an inclusive community." The city may have an advantage on others and its working toward inclusiveness may encourage people to invest and work there, Hunt said. "If you do it right, your community will prosper."

The sign does not say, he pointed out, "We are an inclusive community," rather it says, "We are building an inclusive community." Hunt said he would like to see all communities with such signs, then the state also would be recognized as inclusive. People coming to the state would react, "this is a place where I want to invest my future," Hunt said. 🏛️

League finances "strong," "stable"

HOT SPRINGS—Don Zimmerman, in his annual executive director's report, was optimistic about House Speaker-elect Benny Petrus's remarks that cities and counties should participate in the state's \$600 million revenue surplus.

"Additional turnback revenues from the state is a great possibility," Zimmerman said. He noted remarks by Petrus and by Gov. Huckabee about the state revenue surplus that Huckabee said could exceed \$600 million by mid-2007.

Petrus said he wanted cities and counties to share in a large portion of the surplus and, Zimmerman said, the speaker-elect repeated the same to the news media after he addressed the convention. Zimmerman said that state Senate president pro tem-elect Jack Critcher of Batesville also has told him that he wants to help increase



Zimmerman

state turnback going to cities and counties.

Zimmerman looked to the coming year and told the city officials, "Serious challenges are facing you."

He noted the courts and

water issues, in particular. "Forces are out there" that want cities and towns out of the courts system and out of the water business, Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman said many out in the state "prevailed upon" municipalities about 15 years ago to get out of operating jails and many did so, but now many persons are wishing that had not happened and would like cities to get back into the jail business.

Zimmerman commended outgoing League President Terry Black Coberly, mayor of Bentonville, for her leadership during the past year while at the same time "presiding over a boom town." (The 2000 Bentonville population of 19,730 has soared to 28,478, according to preliminary results of a special census released in April 2006, and pending certification by the U.S. Census Bureau.)

Zimmerman thanked advisory council members for their service to the League. The League finances are "stable" and "continue to be strong," he reported, making reference to the newly completed audit.

For the second consecutive year the League membership is 100 percent of all 500 incorporated municipalities in the state, he said to applause.

Zimmerman gave a status report on each of the League's optional service programs, and he noted that Ben-

tonville, England and Heber Springs are in all 10 of the League programs.

Probably the League's "most difficult" program to manage, the Municipal Health Benefit Fund, he said, has 208 participating cities and towns. Participants "want more services but they also want lower rates," Zimmerman said, analogizing it to more city services with less taxation.

The League's Legal Defense Program, with 424 of the 500 municipalities enrolled, has about 150 current lawsuits, he said. Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage for city officials had 167 participating cities, six more than last year.

The Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust has near saturation coverage, with 481 of the 500 municipalities participating. The Municipal Vehicle Program has 387 participating cities, seven more than last year, and the Municipal Property Program participation increased by 10 cities over last year to 236.

The Cash/Pension Management Trust Program grew by seven participating municipalities to 29. The Deferred Compensation/Defined Pension Plans grew by seven, to 42. Five more cities decided to contract with the League's Codification Service, increasing the number of participating cities and towns to 110.

—John Woodruff

League sets policies, legislative packet

Policies, goals, requested legislation guide League for 2006-2007

HOT SPRINGS—The Arkansas Municipal League supports enactment of state laws that would allow cities to operate playgrounds or programs with the help of state money and allow 211 and 311 non-emergency telephone call-in systems.

The League also seeks legislation to enable cities the option of creating entertainment districts within their boundaries and a law so cities and towns could use urban land banks to return nuisance properties to productive use.

These policies are among the new resolutions that the League adopted June 16 at its 72nd convention.

The resolutions and a few amendments to current League policy became part of the League *Policies and Goals 2006-2007*; they will become part of the legislative package that the League will take to the 2007 session of the Arkansas General Assembly.

Non-emergency 311 system centers usually operate 24 hours a day, as their counterparts, the 911 emergency system; the 311 system takes requests for municipal service only inside their jurisdictions and often dispatch help.

Some 311 systems in other states handle calls for all municipal services. The 211 systems take calls for social services.

Proponents say the non-emergency systems allow cities to become more responsive to residents and that they reduce the likelihood of the emergency system being burdened by routine, non-emergency requests.

It is rare that callers are confused whether to dial 311 or 911, Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend told *USA Today* in March 2002. “People just get it. They know there’s a difference between a cat in a tree and a robber at the door.”

Cities and towns

operate recreational programs and their recreational facilities and playgrounds provide residents “with enormous opportunities to keep physically fit and to relax,” yet state law, Ark. Code Ann. 14-54-1303, they say, prohibits state aid for those uses.

Convention delegates resolved that they support

“efforts to repeal the onerous and antiquated language” in the law. Repeal would afford municipalities “another mechanism to better playgrounds and recreational facilities throughout this great state,” they say in a resolution.

Another resolution would pick up a precedent practiced in Tennessee and seek a state law that would allow municipalities that are convinced of inaccurate census counts to contract private business for “a more timely and economically prudent special census count.”

Currently, cities dissatisfied with official decennial census counts of the U.S. Census Bureau have as their only recourse the Bureau’s Count Question Resolution Program. Since the 2000 Census, 11 Arkansas cities and towns appealed their 2000 populations through the Count Question program and recounts all resulted in higher population counts, some substantially, some only slightly.

Among other resolutions adopted by the Convention, the League would support laws and amendments that:

- Decrease the amount necessary to hire an architect and contractor for a design/build project to \$1 million.
- Enable code enforcement officers to have the power to enforce laws governing discarded items on public and private property.
- Allow code enforcement officers to issue 72-hour warnings for vehicles abandoned in the right of way and tag abandoned vehicles for removal within prescribed time periods.
- Allow municipalities to land bank properties for housing and associated development and to improve and use means to make productive use of nuisance, abandoned, below water properties and sur-

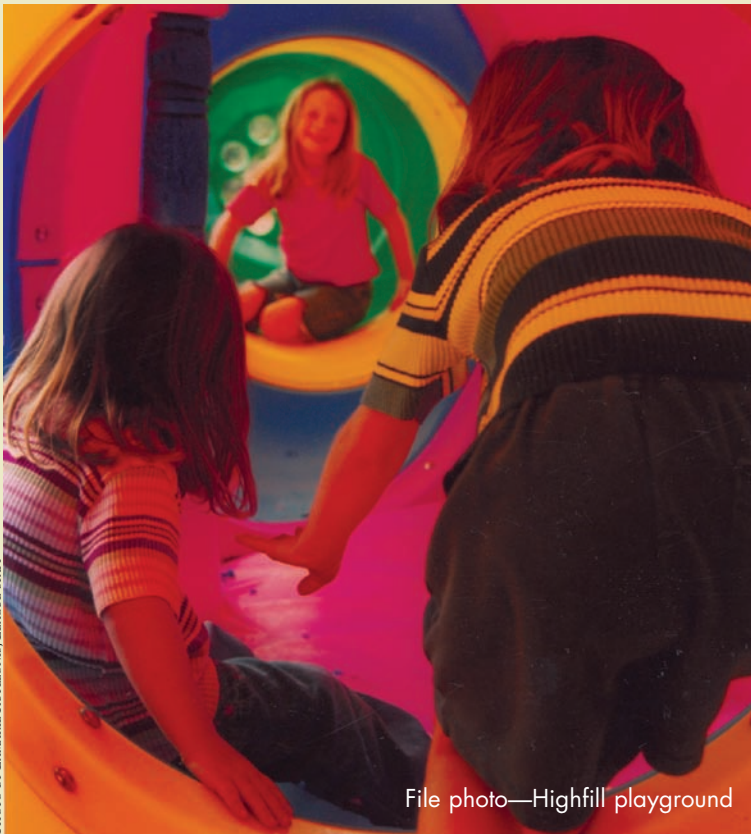


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File photo—Highfill playground

plus public properties.

- Provide death benefits to a spouse on the death of a city clerk, city/treasurer, recorder/treasurer or treasurer in cities of the first and second class.
- Provide cost of living adjustments for mayors, city clerks, clerk/treasurers or municipal judges in cities of the first and second class and who retire under state-authorized local plans.
- Require certain lawsuits against municipalities to be brought in the county where the municipality is located.

The League reiterated its permanent policy regarding the need for a broad-based tax system and that taxes be treated equally in all respects as related to any governmental entity “unless public policy dictates to the contrary.” The League wants laws, that is, affecting the remittance and collection of taxes by and for the state and local governments to be uniform.

And the League made part of its permanent policy that it supports the merging of state public retirement systems “into one collective, more stable and more efficient system” and the League permanent policy opposes the creation of any new and independent retirement systems. It also supports additional funding for public transit “due to its ability to move people in an efficient and environmentally friendly manner.”

The convention’s annual business meeting approved a resolution proposed by Siloam Springs Mayor M.L. Van Poucke requesting that city officials increase their presence at sessions of the state legislature.

(Watch for the entire *Policies and Goals 2006-2007*, as an insert in the *August City & Town*.)

—John Woodruff

Here is a flavoring of smorgasbord of workshops

Topics from bird flu to media relations give a taste of what was offered. HOT SPRINGS—Municipal officials learning the latest in the bird flu threat, human resource management, parks and recreation, drug testing and many more topics and strategies for efficient government had 18 concurrent workshops from which to choose at the Convention. Here are a few.

Pandemic flu “coming here.”

The avian influenza threat for Arkansas is not imminent. And bird flu, as it’s commonly called, is not unusual. This flu strain, H5N1, has generally shifted among domestic fowl like chickens and waterfowl, but humans who have come in contact with infected birds have a high death rate—more than 50 percent. City, state and federal experts are watching the progress of bird flu in Asia, where it originated, and to where it has spread in Africa and Europe.

“This is why people who worry about these things are worried about this,” Dr. Frank Wilson of the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services said. “This virus is highly virulent to human beings.”

While H5N1 “does not spread readily among people at all,” Wilson said, these viruses change and then could jump from human to human. Persons who have been infected had “really close contact” with the infected birds, he said. “Some sleep with their chickens,” Wilson said and cited “children playing with sick chickens or chicken carcasses” as other examples.

So while the threat to the United States is not as immediate as in Asia, where human contact with infected birds is more common, a domestic threat remains. Migratory birds from Asia, Africa and Europe pass through Alaska and northern Canada. “If one is a carrier, that is all it takes,” Wilson said. “I think eventually it is coming here; this is what I believe.”

How can a pandemic, or worldwide epidemic, develop? “If we have a virus with little or no immunity, capable of transferring from one human to

another,” Wilson said, then it can spread readily between humans, and if it remains virulent, “then we will have a pandemic,” he said. “It could cause a lot of death.”

Disruptions in daily life could be enormous. If people are scared to go to work and many are sick, just routine trips to the grocery could be in vain. Truck drivers may not deliver food and supplies. Wilson noted that the grocery in his neighborhood had bare shelves after just one snow. Stores, he said, have “in-time inventory” so stores do not maintain supplies as in the past. If people remain home or are taking care of their families and children, with schools closed, “nobody is around to help provide services.”

What can we do? “Early intervention,” he suggested, and “beef up surveillance and response.” Then, if an outbreak occurs in Asia, attempts will be made to contain it through such strategies as travel restrictions, he said. “I am optimistic about success.” Strategies may slow the spread and, Wilson continued, “buy time for vaccine development for the strain that’s coming.”

Mayors’ roles? “Somebody has to help this community through a trying time,” Wilson said. Quarantines may be needed. Individuals can help by helping themselves. The government will depend on individuals doing their share. Persons should avoid touching others, wash hands after touching what other people touched, not touch one’s face or stand closer than six feet, “not in their face,” when talking to another person, he said. Wilson favors people wearing masks to reduce germ spreading during a threat, but he said “a surprising number” will not wear them unless trained and may think, incorrectly, that masks are a cure all. While he acknowledges bird flu could pose “a serious threat,” Wilson is convinced that it will “most certainly” not

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Political candidates win first open slot to speak at League Convention

HOT SPRINGS—With the party primaries behind them, statewide political candidates were able to take their messages throughout the state's cities and towns at one stop, the League's 72nd Convention. Tapping the League's first open speaking slot for all convention-goers on the first day were candidates for state treasurer, attorney general, secretary of state, lieutenant governor and governor.

Candidates generally were attuned to their audience: municipal officials and their guests. So Republican gubernatorial candidate Asa Hutchinson's support for retaining the local option sales tax for municipalities and counties was music to listening ears. While Hutchinson favors "tax relief," he didn't believe "the state should increase taxes so it freezes you out at the local level." He stressed, "I don't want to eliminate the local option."

Hutchinson would stress economic growth, which he said, comes primarily from local leadership and regional partnerships; then those are supported by a strong state effort to expand jobs and opportunities, he said. Hutchinson said he would keep an open door policy for city officials and be a team builder by working with both parties. Tax reform is another of his goals, he said, to make

Arkansas more competitive with other states.

Attorney General Mike Beebe, the Democratic nominee for governor, cited education, economic development and health care as the major issues of his campaign. He said the governor's office was a cooperative partnership relationship" with the city and county governments

Particular emphasis needs to be placed on at-risk, preschool education, which gives all kids a chance," he said. Education needs also to meet the needs of employers to enhance economic development; otherwise, he said, our educational system is just training young people "for a job in Dallas." Both Hutchinson and Beebe would promote development of agricultural-base fuels such as biodiesel fuel to help reduce dependence on foreign oil.

The Republican and Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor, Jim Holt and Bill Halter, spoke of their visions for Arkansas. Holt would "shrink government," yet he would make the lieutenant governor job full-time. "I believe in local control and the more we raise taxes at the state level and grow state government the less you have the ability to actually take care of your cities, your counties," he said.

Halter spoke about education reforms, including an expanded, statewide pre-kindergarten program, a \$5,000 increase in teachers' salaries and increase in college scholarships. "You ought to look to your lieutenant governor candidates and ask who has executive leadership experience, who has lead an organization larger than a few people, because Arkansas government is complicated," said Halter, former chief operation officer at the Social Security Administration.

Chris Morris, the Republican nominee for state treasurer and an aide to Gov. Huckabee, said that despite numerous opportunities in Arkansas, "We have historically lagged behind our sister states in economic development and per capita income." His proposed solution is a combination of loss prevention transparency in unclaimed funds and financial education partnerships with community organizations. "I'd like to see every city to progress like every other city that's surrounding you," Morris said. "I think that if Arkansas continues to boom, Arkansas cities will continue to boom as well."

Republican nominee for attorney general, Gunner DeLay, a former state representative and state senator from Fort Smith, said he sees situations that

"affect the bottom dollar" as cause for concern. "Energy cost is one primary issue facing our state," DeLay said. "Because it not only affects our quality of life for our citizens back home it affects our ability to



Elkins Alderman Tim Martens and Jim Holt, the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, spoke with each other following statewide political candidates' speeches.



Becky Lagrone, left, and Jim Lagrone, center, a Republican candidate for secretary of state, visit with delegates, including Conway Mayor Tab Townsell, right, at a statewide political candidates session.

ing changes and continued work toward a smooth election in November, Daniels said an independent person was hired to review the voting process. The state awarded a contract to Election Systems and Software Co., of Omaha, Neb., to meet the

federal Help America Vote Act of 2002. The Democratic nominees for treasurer and attorney general, Martha Schoffner and Dustin McDaniel, respectively, after late night voting returns from their primary election runoffs the night before the candidates' session, were not at the convention.

—Lamarie Rutelonis and John K. Woodruff

develop economically.” DeLay wants to call an energy summit to look at all forms of energy and work to provide incentives for energy.

For both Republican nominee Jim Lagrone and Democratic nominee and incumbent Charlie Daniels, the race

for secretary of state seems to focus on voting setbacks around the state.

Lagrone wants “to fix the election cycle”; and Daniels described his frustration with the performance of the system that began with early voting and continued into the primary. Cit-

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Elected officials uniquely can make a difference

Thanks may be lacking sometimes, but city officials must continue working for better communities and a better state, the outgoing League president and new president assert.

HOT SPRINGS—League President Terry Black Coberly, mayor of Bentonville, in her final address as president, reviewed the job of mayors, saying they are “critical players” in the fundamental American democratic process of local government.

As she had done when she accepted the position of League president, Coberly called for mayors and other city officials to work until the legislature meets in January 2007 to speak “with one voice” for all cities and towns.

Both Coberly and Mayor Stewart Nelson of Morrilton, Coberly’s successor as League president, spoke of the job of mayor as often being a thankless job that engenders criticism. But both said elected municipal officials can help make their communities and the state better places to live.

Coberly said mayors have—and it is sometimes forgotten, she noted —personal lives, and she noted that in many towns, the mayors hold fulltime jobs while at the same time they handle their official duties. Yet, mayors are expected to be “perpetually available,” make “tough decisions” that usually do not meet favorably with all, and are expected to furnish high quality services without raising taxes, she said. Mayors must deal with angry, frustrated and sometimes dissatisfied people, she said.

It was obvious she hit a familiar chord when she had city officials turn to the persons next to them and say “thank you.” Applause and shouts of agreement erupted.

She thanked city officials who have worked on rural water issues through her specially appointed task force and said she was “encouraged” by talks going on. However, on the district courts task force, “we are not as encouraged by the progress,” she said.

Coberly reminded city officials that the State Legislature convenes in Janu-



Coberly accepts president’s plaque from Nelson.

ary. “The time is now that we need to mobilize to speak with one voice on the priorities and needs of Arkansas cities and towns,” she said. Share information, learn from each other and identify important programs, she said.

“We can’t wait until January to start thinking about this.”

Coberly urged city officials to introduce themselves to their state senators and representatives, take them to dinner, invite them to council meetings and educate them about the resolutions, goals and policies adopted at the League convention.

“Remember the power of we,” Coberly said, repeating the phrase used the day before by National League of Cities President Jim Hunt, a Clarksburg, W. Va., council member, in his speaking to the convention. “Remember what is good for one of us is good for all of us.”

Newly elected as president of the League, Mayor Nelson thanked the out-going officers “for a job well done” and presented Coberly with the president’s plaque for “distinguished serv-

ice” on behalf of the people of the cities and towns of Arkansas.

Nelson said that by holding office, elected officials are “making a difference in our communities.” He challenged elected officials “to act like what you do will last forever, because it will.” As an elected official, he said, “you are planting seeds for the future of your community and the state.”

Nelson said he enjoyed League meetings because when he first was elected, he thought his problems were unique, but he found that they were the same elsewhere. He said the League was a great place to share experiences with others. Nelson said he thought his council members were unique, but he found out that those council members “had brothers in other cities.”

“Sometimes the more that you do the more people you’ll make mad at you,” Nelson said.

When you do a good deed in your town, that won’t be the headline, he said. “What you’re going to see, as soon as you stub your toe, they’ll make sure that everybody will know you stubbed your toe. But nobody’s going come up and pat you on the back.”

Young people are among the biggest challenge today, Nelson said. “Drugs are overrunning our communities. If it isn’t drugs, it’s people robbing to pay for those drugs.”

Nelson said he had no solution to the drug problem, “but we’re going to have to work to solve these problems.”

“We’ve got to face these issues or it’s going to eat us alive,” Nelson said. He challenged fellow officials to work on or start programs, “whatever we can to save our young people.”

The mayor also challenged his fellow elected officials to “take a chance to make your communities a better and safer place to live.”

—John Woodruff

Awards presented to cities, officials at League Convention

HOT SPRINGS—Achievement, service and commitment were among the reasons for recognitions of city officials and municipalities at the awards luncheon at the conclusion June 16 of the 72nd Municipal League Convention.

Four city officials received the Jack R. Rhodes Sr. award for distinguished service for their 25 years of service each. Black Oak Mayor Norman Williams, Clarksville Police Lt. John W. Morrow, Paragould Police Chief J.D. Stephenson and Waldron City Clerk LaVada D. Allen received the Rhodes award. It is named after the Lake Village mayor who served 33 years—from 1957 until his retirement in 1990—and was League president in 1981.

The Marvin L. Vinson award for commitment to excellence, named for the mayor who served Clarksville from 1983 until his death on June 16, 2001, went to four city officials for their 12 years of service. Vinson was League president in 1992-1993.

Recipients were honored for 12 years of dedicated service each to their cities and to the League.

Recipient **Alderman Robert Lewis** of Jacksonville died of cancer June 15, the day before he was to receive the award. He had served on the League Executive Committee and

was a member of the Large First Class Cities Advisory Council.

Other recipients are McDougal **Recorder/Treasurer Bobby Brown**, a member of the Second Class Cities Advisory Council; Prescott **Mayor Howard Taylor**, a member of the Executive Committee and former Advisory Council member; and Sherwood **Mayor Bill Harmon**, a member of the Executive Committee and Cash/Pension Management Trust Board and a former Advisory Council member.

The award named after Adrian L. White, mayor of Pocahontas 1967-1974 and League president 1970-'71, went to eight city officials for dedicated service of distinction over six years to their cities and to the League's boards, councils and committees. They are Alpena **Mayor Bobbie Bailey**, Blytheville **Mayor Barrett Harrison**, Cave Springs **Mayor Thekla Wallis**, Corning **Mayor J.H. Ermert**, Little Rock **Intergovernmental Relations Manager Odies Wilson III**, Menifee **Mayor Stanley Morris**, Pea Ridge **Mayor Jackie Crabtree** and Texarkana **Mayor Horace Shipp**.

Twenty-six cities received the Four Star Municipality Awards for demonstration of excellence in loss control management in employee

safety, wellness, vehicle safety and prevention of legal liability: **Altus, Arkadelphia, Ash Flat, Charleston, Cotter, Dierks, Elm Springs, Flippin, Foreman, Hardy, Havana, Hermitage, Junction City, Keiser, Knoxville, Lamar, Lincoln, Mount Ida, Mulberry, Patterson, Portland, St. Charles, Sulphur Springs, Summit, West Fork and Wheatley.**

Mayors of the Year Award went to Russellville **Mayor Raye Turner** for the category of Large First Class and First Class Cities and to Wrightsville **Mayor Lorraine Smith** in the category of Cities of the Second Class and Incorporated Towns.

Aldermen/City Director of the Year Award went to Hot Springs **City Director Bill Edwards** for the category Large First Class and First Class Cities, and Elkins **Alderman Bobby McGarragh** received the award in the category of Cities of the Second Class and Incorporated Towns.

St. Charles Mayor Robert Patrick, a past League president, administers the awards program, which he initiated, for the mayors and the aldermen/city directors of the year. A committee of persons who do not hold city offices nor are members of the Municipal League select winners from statewide solicited nominations.

Four Star Winners help their cities and towns save tax money through lower program rates, have healthier employees and save other costs. Pictured from left, first row, Ash Flat Recorder/Treasurer Charlotte Goodwin, Hermitage Mayor Joyce Copeland, Altus Mayor Veronica Post, West Fork Mayor Virgil Blackmon, Lincoln Mayor Henry Buchanan, Cotter Mayor Elwood Mosley; second row, Hermitage Executive Secretary Lanette Vines, Bentonville Mayor Terry Coberly; third row, Lamar Alderman Susan Sparks Sturdy, St. Charles Mayor Robert Patrick; fourth row, Elm Springs Alderman Ralph Blythe, Arkadelphia City Manager Jimmy Bolt and Mayor Chuck Hollingshead and Parkin Mayor Charles Patterson accepting the city of Patterson's award.





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Top left, clockwise, Marianna Mayor Robert Taylor shares some light moments with Lake Village delegates Clerk/Treasurer Lynette Graham, from left, Mayor JoAnne Bush, and Councilmembers Joe Dan Yee and Sharon Walker; Gov. Huckabee and NLC President Hunt visit on opening day of convention; Cabot Mayor Mickey Stumbaugh, candidate for Congress, right, laughs with Clarksville Mayor Billy Helms, left, and Councilmember James Houston; City Attorney Henry Kinslow presented a resolution on behalf of El Dorado at resolutions committee.

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Diamond City

Recorder/Treasurer Sandy Beaver



Top left, clockwise, state Rep. J.R. Rogers, former mayor of Walnut Ridge, center, and his All-Star Band returned for another entertaining, rousing evening of music at the close of the first day of Convention business; The dessert table in the exhibit hall was a popular gathering spot; “Welcome. We are building an inclusive community,” beside this Jacksonville group, is the sign that NLC President Jim Hunt would like all cities and towns to erect; the state’s money was discussed minutes later by state Rep. Benny Petrus, left, and Gov. Huckabee after introductions by League President Terry Coberly, Bentonville mayor; the Hot Springs Fire Department Color Guard performed a precision movement posting of the colors to officially open the 72nd League Convention.



Dumas

- Mayor Marion Gill
- Councilmember Roy Dalton
- Councilmember Diane Fisher
- Councilmember James Jackson
- Councilmember T.C. Pickett

Earle

- Mayor Sherman Smith
- Councilmember Jimmie Barham
- Councilmember Sarah Johnson
- Councilmember Bobby Lockett
- Councilmember Robert Malone
- Councilmember Jesse Selvy

East Camden

- Mayor Rick Massey

Edmondson

- Mayor Patricia Henderson
- Recorder/Treasurer Pamela Rance

El Dorado

- Mayor Bobby Beard
- Councilmember Dianne Hammond
- Councilmember Justin Hendricks
- City Clerk Mary Hill
- Public Works Department Debbie Stinson
- Executive Secretary to Mayor Carolyn Waller
- Councilmember Judy Ward
- City Attorney Henry Kinslow

Elkins

- Mayor Jack Ladyman
- Recorder/Treasurer Peggy Barton
- Planning Commission Don Cryder
- Councilmember Bruce Ledford
- Councilmember Tim Martens
- Councilmember Bobby McGarrah

Elm Springs

- Councilmember Ralph Blythe

England

- Mayor Jimmy Wallace
- Water Office Beverly Burks
- Administrative Assistant Tammie Jinks

Eureka Springs

- Mayor Kathy Harrison
- Councilmember Robert Berry
- Councilmember Beverly Blankenship
- City Clerk Mary Jean Sell
- Councilmember Lori Weaver

Fairfield Bay

- Mayor William Duncan
- City Attorney AJ Kelly
- Councilmember Doyle Scroggins
- Councilmember Willa Wells

Farmington

- Public Works Director Shane Hausam
- City Business Manager Melissa McCarville
- Councilmember Ernie Penn
- Financial Officer Jimmy Story
- Councilmember Kelly Thomas

Fayetteville

- Mayor Dan Coody
- Clerk/Treasurer Sondra Smith
- Deputy City Clerk Amber Wood

Forrest City

- Mayor Larry Bryant
- Clerk/Treasurer Derene Cochran
- Councilmember Louise Fields
- Councilmember Steve Hollowell
- Councilmember Mary Jeffers
- Councilmember Chris Oswalt
- Councilmember Cecil Twillie

Fort Smith

- Vice Mayor Gary Campbell
- Assistant City Clerk Sherri Gard

Friendship

- Mayor Alfred Kosienksi

Garfield

- Mayor Laura Hamilton
- City Attorney Joanne McCracken

Garland

- Mayor Yvonne Dockery
- Recorder/Treasurer Janice Hanson

Gassville

- Mayor Louis Mershon

Gentry

- Mayor Wes Hogue
- Councilmember Janice Arnold
- Councilmember Clara Garrett
- Councilmember Ruth Kuelper
- City Clerk Jo Ellen Martin
- City Attorney Jay Williams

Gillett

- Mayor Layton Matmiller
- Recorder/Treasurer Marla Wallace

Gillham

- Mayor Estalee Branson

Glenwood

- Mayor Ron Martin

Gould

- Councilmember John Austin
- Councilmember Jimmy Bynum
- Recorder/Treasurer Barbara Fountain
- Councilmember Harry Hall

Green Forest

- Mayor Richard Deweese
- Public Works Director Buddy Fry



Top left, clockwise, From bleacher seating to light fixtures, exhibits were a big attraction, especially when meals and refreshments were offered among the displays; the Hot Springs barber-shop quartet entertained at the opening general session; Kerrie Liles Lauck receives the Glenn G. Zimmerman Award for "outstanding contribution to the practice of Arkansas municipal law," as presented by North Little Rock City Attorney Paul Suskie, president of the Arkansas City Attorneys' Association. Lauck is an attorney with the Bureau of Legislative Research. She has served as staff attorney for the City, County, and Local Affairs Committees for the House and Senate, the Joint Performance Review Committee, and the Rural Fire Departments Committee. Her work primarily focuses on municipal and county affairs for the state. Kerrie is active in a variety of civic and community groups in central Arkansas. The award is named in honor of Glenn G. Zimmerman, the Arkansas Municipal League executive director from 1942 until his death in 1974. Zimmerman is the father of Don A. Zimmerman, who succeeded his father as executive director in 1974.

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Recorder/Treasurer Donna Cheevers
Administrative Assistant Pat Watkins
- Greenwood**
Mayor Garry Campbell
City Attorney Mike Hamby
Finance Director Dallas Melvin
Administrative Assistant Genia Ward
- Greers Ferry**
Recorder/Treasurer Treva James
- Guy**
Mayor Sam Higdon
- Hamburg**
Mayor Gordon Hennington
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Councilmember Joyce Myers
Councilmember Johnny Nolan
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Mayor Donnie Faulkner
Councilmember Fred Pipkin
- Harrison**
Mayor Robert Reynolds
Councilmember Mark Steven Fowler
- Hartford**
Mayor Melba Fox Hobbs
Councilmember George Decker
Recorder/Treasurer Janice Fildes
Councilmember Judy Michael
- Haskell**
Recorder/Treasurer Rose Marie Wilkinson
- Heber Springs**
Mayor Paul Muse
Clerk/Treasurer Nancy Hurley
- Hermitage**
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Administrative Assistant Jeanetta Evans
- Highland**
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Councilmember Clyde Fisher
Councilmember Shawn Reed
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HR Director Charlotte Bradley
City Manager Catherine Cook

- Hot Springs**
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Deputy City Manager Lance Hudnell
City Director Elaine Jones
HR Director Minnie Lenox
Engineering Manager Danny McPhate
Metropolitan Study Director
Dianne Morrison
City Manager Kent Myers
City Director Steve Smith
City Director Carroll Weatherford
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Recorder/Treasurer Janice Smith
- Jacksonville**
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Councilmember Kenny Elliott
Councilmember Bill Howard
Public Works Director Jimmy Oakley
Councilmember Linda Rinker
Councilmember Marshall Smith
Councilmember Bob Stroud
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Mayor Shannon Willis
- Jennette**
Mayor Frank Lucas
- Jericho**
Mayor Helen Adams
Councilmember Freddie Mae Banks
Councilmember Lawrence Edwards
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City Attorney Reginald Robertson
Councilmember Willie Robinson
Fire Chief Otto Stapels
- Johnson**
Mayor Richard Long
Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Allen
Court Clerk Betty Whittaker
City Attorney Danny Wright

- Jonesboro**
Councilmember Jimmy Ashley
City Attorney Phillip Crego
Assistant City Attorney Carol Duncan
Councilmember Alec Farmer
Finance Director Larry Flowers
HR Director Suzanne Hackney
Councilmember Jim Hargis
City Clerk Donna Jackson
Councilmember John Street
- Kibler**
Mayor Gary O'Kellely
Treasurer Brenda Hunter
- Lake Village**
Mayor JoAnne Bush
Councilmember Sammy Angel
Clerk/Treasurer Lynette Graham
Councilmember Sharon Walker
Councilmember Joe Dan Yee
- Lakeview**
Councilmember Joe Gies
- Lamar**
Councilmember Susan Sparks Sturdy
Councilmember Sissy Stumbaugh
- Leachville**
City Clerk Ruth Ann Keith
- Lepanto**
Mayor Dale Dunlap
- Lincoln**
Mayor Henry Buchanan
- Little Rock**
Mayor Jim Dailey
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Assistant to Mayor Shayla Beebe
City Attorney Tom Carpenter
Assistant to Board of Directors
Russell Hall
City Manager Bruce Moore
City Director Johnnie Pugh
Intergovernmental Affairs Manager
Odies Wilson III
City Director BJ Wyrick
- Lowell**
Street Superintendent Tony Davis
Councilmember Marie Haussermann
Councilmember Michael Solomon
- Madison**
Mayor James Brooks

- Magnolia**
Mayor Lane Jean
Councilmember Cecil Dennis
Councilmember James Moore
- Malvern**
Mayor Stephen Northcutt
Parks Chairman Terry Bracy
Treasurer Rebecca Draper
HR Director Virginia Harrison
- Manila**
Mayor Clifford Veach
Councilmember Whiz Davis
Councilmember Leroy Douglas
City Attorney Wayne Wagner
- Marianna**
Mayor Robert Taylor
- Marion**
Mayor Frank Fogleman
Councilmember Sanders Carter
Councilmember Richard Cockrill
- Marked Tree**
Mayor Jr. Ashlock
Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Wright
- Marshall**
Mayor James Busbee
Recorder/Treasurer Beverly Morton
- Maumelle**
Clerk/Treasurer Joshua Clausen
- McCrory**
Mayor Doyle Fowler
City Attorney Joe Peacock
- McDougal**
Recorder/Treasurer Bobby Brown
- McGehee**
Councilmember Margaret Hood
- McNeil**
Councilmember Brenda Kelly
Councilmember Terry Kelly
- Melbourne**
Mayor Mike Cone
Recorder/Treasurer Alecia Bray
Administrative Assistant
Bridget McSpadden



Convention walkers and joggers on the second of two early morning outings, as arranged by Hot Springs City Manager Kent Myers, donned their Hot Springs-provided t-shirts, and took off for routes along bath house row and beyond. They began here at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

Mena

Mayor Jerry Montgomery
 Administrative Support Becky McKee
 Fire Chief John Puckett
 Councilmember David Spurgin
 City Attorney Danny Thrailkill
 Clerk/Treasurer Regina Walker
 General Manager-Mena Water
 Wayne McDaniel

Menifee

Mayor Stanley Morris
 Councilmember Margarette Oliver

Mineral Springs

Mayor Steve Dixon
 Fire Chief Chris Hostetler
 Councilmember Dana Smith

Monette

Mayor David Fletcher

Monticello

Mayor David Anderson
 City Attorney David Hoffman

Montrose

Mayor Larry Coulter

Morrilton

Mayor Stewart Nelson
 Mayor-Elect Bobby Kirby
 Councilmember John Payne

Mountain Home

Councilmember Jennifer Baker
 Councilmember Stewart Brunner
 City Attorney Roger Morgan

Mountain Pine

Mayor Frank Babb
 Recorder/Treasurer Tambrea Bailey
 City Attorney David White

Mulberry

Mayor Betty Feller

Nashville

Mayor Mike Reese
 Councilmember Nick Davis
 Public Works Director Larry Dunaway
 Councilmember Jackie Harwell
 Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Sherman
 Councilmember Vivian Wright
 Police Chief Larry Yates

Newport

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Treadway
 Councilmember William Young

Norfolk

Mayor Jim Reeves
 Recorder/Treasurer Donna Hinton
 Councilmember Donald Sappington

Norman

Mayor Al Davis

Norphlet

Mayor Jim Crotty
 Recorder/Treasurer Janet Kennedy

North Little Rock

Councilmember Martin Gipson
 Treasurer Mary Ruth Morgan
 Auditor Jerry Reagan
 Parks and Recreation Director
 Bob Rhodes
 City Attorney Paul Suskie
 City Clerk and Collector Diane Whitbey
 Councilmember Murry Witcher

Ogden

Mayor Sandra Furlow

Oseola

Councilmember Tommy Baker

Ozark

Mayor C.L. Coley
 City Attorney Neva Witt

Paragould

Mayor Mike Gaskill
 Councilmember Randy Aden
 Councilmember Jackie Branch
 Councilmember Farrell Gibson
 Councilmember Sharron Joy
 Councilmember Charles Long
 City Clerk Judy Reddick
 Councilmember Mark Rowland
 Councilmember Bonnie Wyatt

Paris

Mayor Bill Elsen
 City Attorney Kevin Barham
 Councilmember Lance Jarrard
 Councilmember Raymond Sharum
 Councilmember Bret Sullivan
 Councilmember Edye White
 Personnel Director Jewell White

Parkin

Mayor Charles Patterson
 Councilmember Betty Lee
 Councilmember Mary Watson

Pea Ridge

Mayor Jackie Crabtree
 Pea Ridge/Centerton Deputy City
 Attorney Andrew Huntsinger

Perla

Mayor Nancy Smith

Piggott

Mayor Gerald Morris
 City Attorney John Lingle

Pine Bluff

Mayor Carl Redus
 HR Coordinator Vickie Conaway
 HR Director Ken Ferguson
 Councilmember Irene Holcomb
 Assistant City Attorney John Snyder
 Finance Director Eric Tucker

Plumerville

Mayor W.C. Plummer

Pocahontas

Mayor Gary Crocker
 City Attorney Joe Grider

Pottsville

Mayor Jerry DuVall
 Councilmember John Hefflin
 Police Chief Blake Herren
 Recorder/Treasurer Carless Teeter
 Councilmember George Woolf

Prairie Grove

Mayor Sonny Hudson

Precott

Mayor Howard Taylor

Redfield

Councilmember Robert England
 Councilmember John Jones
 City Attorney Gregory Vardaman

Rockport

Councilmember Jerry Cunningham

Rogers

City Clerk Peggy David

Russellville

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 Director Of Finance Tori Apple
 Director Of Public Works
 Morgan Barrett
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 Parks and Recreation Director
 Mack Hollis
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 City Attorney Trey Smith
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Mayor Tim Mayfield

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Mayor Belinda LaForce
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 Clerk/Treasurer Tammy Gowen
 City Engineer Mark Lane
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Mayor Bill Harmon
 Councilmember Marina Brooks
 Councilmember Lex Davis
 A & P Director Cheryl Ferguson
 City Clerk Virginia Hillman
 Parks and Recreation Director
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 Councilmember Sheila Sulcer

Siloam Springs

Mayor M.L. VanPoucke
 Public Works Director Trevor Bowman
 City Director Carol Smiley
 City Director Ken Wiles
 City Clerk Peggy Woody

Smackover

Recorder/Treasurer Carolyn Willett

Springdale

Mayor Jerre Van Hoose
 Councilmember Billy Eden
 Public Works Director Sam Goade
 City Attorney Jeff Harper



Top left, clockwise, Earle Mayor Sherman Smith, right, and Mike Henard of Henard Utility Products, Inc., Searcy, framed by a vacuum machine, discuss the company's equipment; St. Charles Mayor Robert Patrick signs papers as others await their turns; NLC President Jim Hunt and St. Charles Mayor Robert Patrick renew acquaintances from past NLC meetings; Hamburg City Attorney Paul Keith registers with Lori Sander of the League; Hot Springs provided the t-shirts and the delegates—some, at least—provided the energy for early morning walks along bathhouse row; the group from Stamps enjoyed the meal before the next session and still had time to catch up.

Springtown

Mayor Loretta Riley
Clerk/Treasurer Virginia Riley

St. Charles

Mayor Robert Patrick

Stamps

Mayor Ian Ouei
Treasurer/Recorder Annette Fallin

Star City

Mayor Gene Yarbrough

Strong

Mayor Daryell Howell

Stuttgart

Personnel Director Carol Ables
Finance Officer Jane Jackson
Police Chief Michael Smith
Councilmember Ruth Ann Trice
Councilmember Johnnie Warren

Texarkana

Mayor Horace Shipp
City Director Shirley Bradley
City Director Chad Dowd
City Clerk Patti Grey
Executive Assistant Karen Lovejoy
Assistant Mayor Londell Williams

Thornton

Mayor Levenis Penix

Tollette

City Manager Charles Miller

Trumann

Mayor Ronnie Harrison
Public Works Director Bill Matthews

Tuckerman

Councilmember Bearl Bennett

Van Buren

Planning Assistant Cami Brown
Clerk/Treasurer Barbie Curtis
Director of Public Works Don Mullens
City Attorney Candice Settle

Wabbaseka

Mayor James Murry

Waldron

Mayor Troy Anderson
Councilmember Kenneth Bynum
City Clerk/Treasurer Betty Hunt
Councilmember Bob Smoot

Walnut Ridge

Mayor Glenn Murphy

Ward

Mayor Art Brooke
Councilmember Donnie Rouse
Councilmember Jeff Shaver
Councilmember Ginger Tarno
Councilmember Glenn Walden

Warren

Mayor Bryan Martin
City Attorney David Chambers
Councilmember Dorothy Henderson

Washington

Recorder/Treasurer Margaret Stephens

Watson

Mayor Fred Beatty

West Fork

Mayor Virgil Blackmon
Clerk/Treasurer Paula Caudle
Councilmember Pam Redfern

West Memphis

Councilmember Herman Coleman
Councilmember Clarence Davis
Councilmember Joyce Gray
Sr. Deputy City Clerk Cindy Greenwood
Councilmember Helen Harris
Councilmember James Holt
Treasurer Frank Martin
Councilmember Marco McClendon
City Clerk Phillip Para
City Attorney David Peeples
Purchasing Agent Renita Rash
Councilmember Vickie Robertson
Councilmember Lorraine Robinson
Councilmember Ramona Taylor

West Point

Mayor Glen Hamilton
Recorder/Treasurer Marie Falcinelli

White Hall

Councilmember David Beck
City Attorney John Cone

Wiederkehr Village

Mayor Al Wiederkehr
Deputy Recorder/Treasurer
Betty Swedeen

Wilmar

Mayor Curley Jackson
Recorder/Treasurer Amanda Orr

Wilton

Councilmember Russell Hatridge

Wrightsville

Mayor Lorraine Smith

Wynne

Mayor Paul Nichols
Councilmember Philip Bankston
Councilmember Juanita Pruitt
City Attorney Kathleen Talbot



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On Arkansas 69, about 8 miles northwest of Batesville in Independence County, Cushman's businesses glow in the dusk of a summer evening.

Cushman celebrates a century!

A former mining town whose lifeblood was manganese ore, Cushman marks its 100th birthday this year.

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

CUSHMAN IN NORTHWEST INDEPENDENCE COUNTY OWES its namesake to a railroad executive of long ago, but the town's real heritage lies in mostly what it's rich in—manganese ore deposits, among the richest in the United States.

That heritage and the town's 100th year of incorporation were celebrated June 24 at the town's 14th Miner's Day celebration. The town's mining past comes alive on Miner's Day with crafts, history, entertainment, gospel singing, a street dance and good food.

Settlers arrived in 1810 and later, when manganese, an essential component in the production of iron and steel, was discovered, the area boomed with miners and mining companies. They dubbed the settlement Minersville in the mid-19th century.


Independence County granted the petition for Cushman's incorporation on March 12, 1906. The community, about 10 miles northwest of Batesville on Arkansas 69, was incorporated as Cushman. As mining operations grew, a rail line was built to haul the ore and to transport supplies and people. The railroad construction was halted for a while after a blasting accident killed Will Thurlo, a miner, where Cushman is located—about a half-mile east of the original Minersville settlement.

Rail construction recommenced, and the Cushman line was completed in 1886. The Cushman local carried passengers, mail and freight daily to and from Newport.

The town grew rapidly after the completion of the rail and became a major shipping point in north Arkansas. In 1916 Cushman was shipping 1,000 tons of ore a month and, by 1937, five railcar loads a week. The tiny mining community boomed and boasted seven general stores, two blacksmith shops, two doctors, a drug store, two hotels, several churches and a school.

Growth halted in August 1959 when the government ceased buying and stockpiling manganese. As mining ended, so did the need for a railroad. The last train was dispatched on Dec. 21, 1963.

Cushman is home to the Cushman Country Store and Hurley Gas, among other businesses. Cushman has five churches, a school, a post office, fire station and a city park. Mayor Tim Brown, Recorder/Treasurer Kelly Geoffrian, and aldermen Don Riley, Andy Cowden, James Augustus, Winfred Franks and Charlie Traub lead this town of 461.

Cushman is one of nine Arkansas municipalities celebrating 100 years of incorporation this year. Read profiles of the other eight cities and towns—Chidester, Gillett, Fourche, Higginson, Hunter, Leslie, Magness and McGehee—in the March *City & Town*. 

Clean Indoor Air Act:

A Primer



Q I know that the General Assembly just passed the Clean Indoor Air Act. What does this law do and does it apply to our city or town?

A The Clean Indoor Air Act added Arkansas Code Annotated 20-27-1801 et seq. to the Arkansas Code. The Act prohibits smoking “in all public places and enclosed areas within places of employment,” with a few narrow exceptions. It also applies to “all vehicles and enclosed areas owned, leased or operated” by any municipality or other local authority or board created by an Act of the General Assembly or by ordinance. While it does contain a few exemptions, it is very unlikely that any of them will apply to municipalities.

Q When does the Act take effect?

A The effective date of the Act is July 21, 2006.

Q Exactly where is smoking prohibited?

A As noted above, smoking is prohibited in “enclosed areas” and vehicles. The statutory definition of “enclosed area” is a common-sense approach. “Enclosed area” means all space between a floor and ceiling that is enclosed on all sides by solid walls or windows, exclusive of doorways, that extend from the floor to the ceiling.

Q Some local business owners have asked the City Council if we can pass an ordinance allowing smoking in certain businesses, such as restaurants and bars, in our city. What do I tell them?

A Exemptions are provided by the statute in section 20-27-1805 for some types of businesses. There is no provision in the Act for a municipality to exempt anybody from the law by ordinance.*

* Technically, the plain language of the Act states that it does not prohibit the enactment of local laws or ordinances that “are in direct conflict with” the Act. Ark. Code Ann. § 20-27-1808(a). While this may appear to allow local ordinances that would alter the effect of the statute, the League legal staff believes that this is most likely a drafting error and that a court, reading the section as a whole, might read the statute as prohibiting cities from passing ordinances that are less restrictive than the Act.

Q May a city or town enact ordinances or rules that are more restrictive than or additional to the Act?

A Yes. The Act states that it is cumulative and allows similar or additional local ordinances and employer policies that do not conflict with the Act. Note also that a city or town may regulate similar conduct so long as it does not impose penalties that are either more or less severe than those imposed by the Act. See 14-55-502.

Q Our Chief of Police smokes in his patrol car. What does the Clean Indoor Air Act mean for him or her?

A It means he or she can no longer smoke in the patrol car. The Clean Indoor Air Act specifically prohibits smoking in any vehicle or other enclosed area owned, leased or operated by the State of Arkansas, its agencies and its political subdivisions, among other things.

Q Our city council members drive their own vehicles to the Arkansas Municipal League's Convention every year. What does the Act mean for them?

A The Clean Indoor Air Act does not apply to privately owned vehicles, but the Arkansas Protection from Secondhand Smoke for Children Act, another law passed in 2006, applies to all vehicles. That law prohibits smoking in a vehicle in which a child of less than six years of age and less than sixty pounds is a passenger in a car seat. In other words, they can smoke in their own vehicles, unless they are also taking a small child with them.

Q Are violations of the Act punished by civil or criminal penalties? Who decides which it should be?

A Both. The Department of Health and Human Services has proposed a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) fine for each violation of the Act. Additionally, criminal penalties in the form of fines of between one hundred dollars (\$100) and five hundred dollars (\$500) may also be levied. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health and the State Board of Health may determine whether civil penalties may be imposed. Criminal penalties may be prosecuted by local law enforcement.

Q If a person is smoking in the worksite, who is held responsible—the smoker or the manager of the worksite?

A Where there's a report of a violation of the Clean Indoor Air Act, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health, investigates the matter according to its own protocols and procedures. If DHHS finds a violation, it may impose civil penalties of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Under the rules proposed by the

Department of Health, not only is the smoker in violation of the law, but the "employer" and the "person in charge" are also in violation of the Act if they allow smoking in an area where it is prohibited. Under the Department of Health's proposed rules, both the smoker and the manager can be fined. DHHS Director Paul Halverson said, in response to legislators' questions about ban enforcement, that the state intends to be lenient in its initial enforcement. Businesses will be warned before being cited for violation of the act.

Q Is there protection for whistleblowers under the Clean Indoor Air Act?

A Yes. The Act prohibits retaliation against persons for filing complaints or for furnishing information regarding possible violations to an enforcement authority.

Q If the Division of Health investigates my worksite, what sort of evidence will they be looking for?

A They would look for evidence that smoking is taking place, such as the smell of cigarette smoke, the presence of ashtrays, or other indications of smoking.


Q We have some employees who want to smoke outside. Is that allowed? If so, how far from an entrance to the workplace must they stand?

A The Clean Indoor Air Act does not regulate smoking outside, so the distance from the entrance is not specified. However, if employees do smoke outside, they should be far enough from the entry to the worksite that smoke does not infiltrate into the enclosed space in the business.

Q What else do I have to do?

A You may post signs that smoking is prohibited. You must notify all of your employees that smoking is now prohibited. You must advise any potential employees or job seekers that smoking is prohibited. Current employees must be notified no later than August 21, 2006, and applicants must be notified upon application for employment. (You can download a "smoke-free workplace" sign from www.ArCleanAir.com, or you can request one from DHHS at 1-800-235-0002.) You must remove all ashtrays that were not permanently affixed to a structure prior to the effective date of the Act, which is July 21, 2006.

Q Where can I find more information?

A For more information about the Act, see www.ARCleanAir.com or call toll-free: 800-235-0002. The Web site and toll-free number also provide information about assistance to quit smoking and other wellness programs for employees. 


Sample ordinance allows opting out of new shielded lighting law

By the Municipal League legal staff

In 2005, the 85th General Assembly passed the Shielded Outdoor Lighting Act, which state Rep. Sam Ledbetter proposed during the Regular Session. The Act became law as Arkansas Code Annotated § 8-14-104 and prohibits public funds from being used to install outdoor lighting fixtures unless they are shielded.

During the Extraordinary Session of the 85th General Assembly of 2006, the legislature amended the Shielded Outdoor Lighting Act to allow municipalities to opt out under certain circumstances. As amended, the Shielded Outdoor Lighting Act allows municipalities to determine by ordinance not to install shielded lighting where the cost of acquiring a shielded outdoor lighting fixture would be prohibitive after comparing the cost of the fixtures and the projected energy cost of the operation of the fixtures.

Below is a sample ordinance a city or town council may use as a guide in drafting an ordinance for this purpose.

Note also that the Act contains an exemption for a municipally owned utility if the municipal employee responsible for procurement determines the cost is prohibitive after the same comparison. In that case, no ordinance is required. However, it would be advisable for the procurement employee to draft a memorandum containing the analysis in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the sample ordinance in order to justify the decision to opt out of the Act. 

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THAT THE COST OF ACQUIRING SHIELDED LIGHTING FIXTURES IS PROHIBITIVE

WHEREAS, Act 1963 of 2005, as amended by Act 11 of 2006 (1st Ex. Sess), enacted the Shielded Outdoor Lighting Act, § 8-14-10 through 8-14-104 of the Arkansas Code Annotated [hereinafter, "the Act."]

WHEREAS, the Act provides that public funds shall not be used to install an outdoor lighting fixture that is not shielded, and

WHEREAS, the Act further provides that said prohibition shall not apply to any municipality or county if the governing body of the municipality or county determines by ordinance or to a municipally owned utility if the municipal employee responsible for procurement determines that the cost of acquiring a shielded outdoor lighting fixture will be prohibitive after comparing (i) the cost of the fixtures; and (ii) the projected energy cost of the operation of the fixtures;

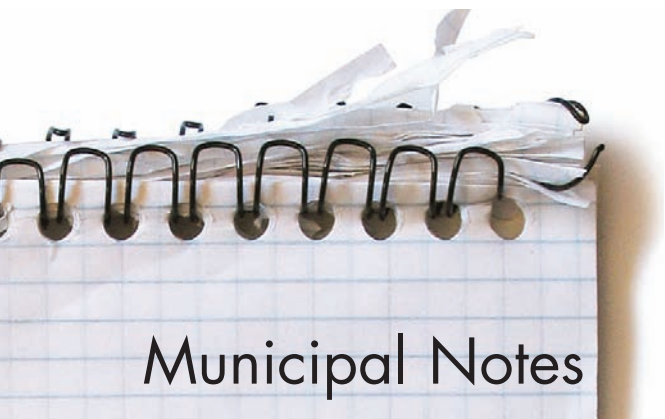
THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF _____,

SECTION 1. The city council finds that [insert facts and figures showing the additional cost of shielded fixtures over non-shielded ones, factoring in the projected energy cost of operating with shielded fixtures and showing what the additional net cost to the city would be.]

SECTION 2. The city council hereby determines that the cost of acquiring shielded outdoor lighting fixtures will be prohibitive.

SECTION 3. The City of _____ hereby expressly intends to avail itself of the exemption from the requirements of the Act pertaining to the purchase of shielded outdoor lighting fixtures.

SECTION 4. The City Council hereby finds that, unless this ordinance goes into effect immediately, the City will be subject to prohibitive costs for shielded lighting fixtures to the detriment of the public welfare and that an emergency is hereby declared to exist such that this ordinance will take effect immediately upon passage.



Municipal Notes



ADEQ discusses stormwater permit changes

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality is considering changes to its stormwater construction permit (permit number APR150000). The ADEQ encourages municipal officials, building contractors and interested citizens to attend one of the public meetings scheduled around the state to learn about the proposed changes.

Meeting times, dates and locations are: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. July 31, Burns Hall, Northwest Arkansas Community College, One College Drive, **Bentonville**; 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Aug. 1, Jones Center for Families, 922 East Emma, **Springdale**; 6 p.m. Aug. 3, Lake Hamilton High School Auditorium, 280 Wolf St., **Pearcy**; 2 and 6 p.m. Aug. 7, Allen Park Community Center, 3609 Race St., **Jonesboro**; 6 p.m. Aug. 8, City Hall, 720 South Hickory, **Mountain Home**; 2 and 6 p.m. Aug. 14, and 2 and 6 p.m. Aug. 21, ADEQ Building D, 8101 I-30, **Little Rock**.

For more meeting information, contact Mo Shafii at 501-682-0616.

Storm water runoff is the most common cause of water pollution. Erosion from construction sites damages the environment by sending more sediment into waterways than would naturally be deposited.

The ADEQ issues Storm Water Construction General Permits and monitors construction sites for compliance. By controlling storm water and erosion at job sites, builders and the ADEQ help protect, enhance and restore Arkansas's natural environment.

The ADEQ offers the following 10 ways to comply with storm water requirements and avoid fines:

- Prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for your site.
- Submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) before starting work.
- Obtain an NPDES stormwater permit before starting work.
- Keep a signed copy of your SWPPP on site and update it regularly.
- Implement all parts of your SWPPP throughout your project.
- Properly train all involved contractors.
- Correctly install and maintain Best Management Practices (BMPs) for sediment control.
- Perform timely inspections and correct problems.
- Maintain complete records of all SWPPP activities.
- Never discharge muddy water, sediment or other pollutants from the site.

Learn more about stormwater requirements and recommended erosion control strategies and BMPs at the ADEQ Web site, www.adeq.state.ar.us.

Disaster training set for citizens

Little Rock's Emergency Management staff and Pulaski County will train citizens for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) in a series of classes. The classes will run 1 to 3 p.m. on eight consecutive Fridays beginning Aug. 4.

CERT, a component of Citizens Corps, creates opportunities for individuals to volunteer to help their communities prepare for disasters and emergencies when ordinary emergency services are overwhelmed. Classes will cover what to expect during disasters, spotting tornadoes, fire suppression, first aid, search and rescue, psychological impact of disasters and terrorism.

To register e-mail Matt Burks at mburks@littlerock.org or call 501-918-3766, or e-mail Kathy Botsford at kbotsford@co.pulaski.ar.us or call 501-340-6911. Space is limited to the first 30 registrants. Others will be placed on a waiting list. Deadline to register was July 21.

Little Rock's mayor moves on

After months of speculation, Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey announced June 2 that he would not seek re-election.

"It's time for me to move to the next phase in my life," Dailey said in a press release. "I look forward to continuing to contribute to and be involved in the community that I believe will be the next great American city. When I considered what the right time would be to step aside, I wanted to be sure that the city would have strong candidates for mayor to lead into the future. After talking with people who intend to run, I can say that the people of Little Rock will have fine choices to make in the next election."

His announcement opens the door to a slate of people known to be considering campaigns to succeed Dailey. They have until Aug. 21 to file for the election.

Dailey has served as Little Rock Mayor since 1995, is a former League president and serves on the League Past Presidents' Advisory Council.

New power plant to light Delta

OSCEOLA—City and company officials broke ground May 31 for a new Plum Point Energy Station near Osceola in Mississippi County, Roby Brock's "Talk Business" reports. The \$1.3 billion, coal-fired electric plant is to be completed in 2010 and will create up to 1,400 jobs for the region. The plant will serve about 650,000 homes in at least three states.



The Stuttgart Post Office, built in 1931, is one of many historic buildings across Arkansas to benefit from 2006 AHPP grant money. Once restored, the post office will serve as the new Stuttgart City Hall.

\$2.255 million in historic restoration grants awarded

THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, AN AGENCY of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, has awarded \$2,255,625 in grants through its Historic Preservation Restoration Grant, Main Street Downtown Revitalization Grant, Main Street Model Business Grant, Main Street Slipcover Grant, County Courthouse Restoration Grant and Certified Local Government programs, Gov. Mike Huckabee announced.

Twenty-eight projects will share \$811,644 in Historic Preservation Restoration Grants to rehabilitate buildings listed on the Arkansas or National Register of Historic Places and owned by local governments. Nine of the 28 recipients are cities and towns. The municipal grant recipients, amounts and improvement projects are:

- Marianna—\$29,640, Elks Lodge
- McGehee—\$27,500, McGehee Depot
- Monticello—\$34,840, Monticello Post Office
- Morrilton—\$36,166, Coca-Cola Building
- North Little Rock—\$10,534, the Old Mill
- Pottsville—\$10,000, Citizens Bank
- Searcy—\$36,000, Smyrna Church
- Stuttgart—\$40,941, Stuttgart Post Office
- Texarkana—\$90,000, Texarkana Municipal Building

Seven Main Street Arkansas programs will share \$150,000 in Main Street Downtown Revitalization Grants. The grants help finance such non-operational projects as facade improvements, street beautification and business assistance. Recipients and amounts are:

- Main Street Argenta, \$4,802
- Main Street El Dorado, \$16,000
- Main Street Helena, \$3,000
- Main Street Ozark, \$13,000
- Main Street Paragould, \$19,200
- Main Street Rogers, \$12,822
- Main Street Russellville, \$81,176

Three Main Street Arkansas programs will share \$150,000 in Model Business Grants. They are:

- Main Street Dumas—\$49,196 for work

at Dumas Seed Cleaners

- Main Street El Dorado—\$53,359 for work at Elm Street Baker/St. Louis Sausage Company
- Main Street Searcy—\$47,445 for work at Sowell's Furniture, Inc.

Eight Main Street Arkansas programs will share \$65,010 in Main Street Slipcover Grants, funded to help finance removal of false facades from historic Main Street Arkansas buildings. Recipients are:

- Main Street Paragould, \$10,000
- Main Street Searcy, \$7,875
- Main Street Texarkana, \$22,625
- Main Street Rogers, \$4,510
- Main Street Argenta, \$5,000
- Main Street Blytheville, \$5,000
- Main Street El Dorado, \$5,000
- Main Street Russellville, \$5,000

Twelve cities will share \$128,550 in grants through the Certified Local Government program, which is open to local governments that contain a historic district commission and a historic district protected by local ordinance, as well as to governments seeking to join the Certified Local Government program. The cities are: Conway, El Dorado, Eureka Springs, Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Helena-West Helena, Hot Springs, North Little Rock, Osceola, Rogers, Texarkana and Van Buren.

Ten cities are in the Certified Local Government program: Little Rock, North Little Rock, Fort Smith, Van Buren, Hot Springs, Eureka Springs, Helena-West Helena, Rogers, El Dorado and Osceola.

Twenty counties share \$950,421 in County Courthouse Restoration Subgrants: Calhoun, Carroll, Cleburne, Cleveland, Columbia, Drew, Franklin, Izard, Lafayette, Lincoln, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe, Poinsett, Pope, Prairie, Saline, Searcy, Woodruff and Yell.

To learn more about the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's grant programs, call 501-324-9880 or visit www.arkansaspreservation.org.

Smackover clerk takes it to the next level

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) has accepted Smackover Recorder/Treasurer Carolyn Willett, a Certified Municipal Clerk, into the Second Level Membership of the Master Municipal Clerk Academy.

The Academy provides further professional education to municipal clerks and helps them meet the challenges of the office. The Academy requires its members to acquire a specific number of points by completing IIMC and college courses, seminars and workshops.

Approximately 15 percent of the IIMC's 10,300 members have qualified for the Academy status.

IIMC President Marcella H. O'Connor, MMC, Municipal Clerk of Uralla Shire Council, Uralla, Australia, said Willett "has demonstrated and obtained career development goals that will aid her in maintaining the quality of excellence that is required of today's public officials and administrators."



Willett

Greenwood clerk achieves IIMC certification

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) has awarded Greenwood City Clerk Wilma Cabe the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC).

Cabe completed the IIMC-approved program conducted by the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. She also attended courses and seminars sponsored by the Arkansas Municipal League.

Cabe has worked for the City of Greenwood since April 1995, serving as water clerk/office manager before becoming the city clerk/treasurer in January 2003. She has been a member of the IIMC since January 2003 and joins 46 Arkansas municipal clerks who hold the CMC designation.



Cabe

Economic security forum set Aug. 30

The Arkansas Coalition for Economic Security, which promotes economic security, will host a forum 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Aug. 30, at Alltel Arena in North Little Rock. It's to help working families become more economically self-sufficient.

Jared Bernstein, a senior analyst for the Economic Policy Institute in Washington and author of *All Together Now: Common Sense for a Fair Economy*, is expected to discuss the institute's forthcoming report, *The State of Working America, 2005-2006*. Mayors and other elected officials are invited. Registration is \$25. Call the Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association for more information, 501-372-0807.

Huckabee names new ADEM director

Gov. Mike Huckabee on June 30 named David Maxwell as director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, *Arkansas Business* reports.

Maxwell, 51, has 26 years of emergency management experience. He has been the ADEM's deputy director since 2002. He is also the alternate governor's authorized representative during federally declared disasters.

Maxwell replaces outgoing director Col. John Bracklin, who resigned the previous week after having served in the post since March.

Sidewalk memorial honors Purcell

BENTON—City leaders, friends and family of Joe Purcell gathered on June 24 to celebrate the unveiling of a sidewalk marker honoring Purcell, the *Benton Courier* reports.

Purcell, who died in 1987, served as Benton city attorney from 1955-59, Benton municipal judge from 1959-66, Arkansas attorney general from 1967-71 and Arkansas lieutenant governor from 1975-81. Purcell served as governor for six days in 1979 in the gap between the resignation of David Pryor to take a seat in the U.S. Senate and the inauguration of Bill Clinton.

Benton Mayor and League 2nd District Vice President Rick Holland commissioned the plaque at the behest of Purcell's family. The sidewalk memorial is located in downtown Benton in front of the old federal building on North Main Street, which is under construction as part of Benton's Streetscape downtown revitalization project.

Harvard accepting award applications

Harvard University will present a \$100,000 grant to each of the five winners of the 2006 Innovations in American Government Award, the school announced.

Administered by the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government, the Innovations Award is heralded as the premier public-sector award in the nation. Each year Harvard presents the award to programs that serve as examples of creative and effective government at its best. Deadline is **Sept. 12**.

All units of government—federal, state, local, tribal and territorial—are eligible to apply. For applications and guidelines visit www.innovationsaward.harvard.edu.

Hot Springs call center to open

Accent Marketing Services on June 21 announced it will open a call center in Hot Springs. The center will employ 450 and carry a payroll of \$7.4 million.

The center will provide inbound customer service support for the subsidiary of a Fortune 100 telecommunications provider, which Accent did not name. Accent expects to begin operations in August.

Obituaries

J. Paul Heard, 88, a former Newport city clerk and municipal court clerk, died July 3.

Sharon Burrow Heard, 53, a member of the Jonesboro City Council 1992-94, died July 14.

Owen Buford Hendrix, 84, an Antoine City Council member for more than 40 years, died July 5. He was a medic in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, served more than 40 years on the Board of the Bank of Delight, served on the Pike County Memorial Hospital Board for 47 years and was its Board chairman, and was a Delight School Board member for 14 years. Hendrix in February received the National Weather Service's most prestigious awards for cooperative observers, the Thomas Jefferson and Dick Hagemeyer awards, for his 45 years of service for the Weather Service. Hendrix in March 1997 was on the *City & Town* cover along with Mayor Russell Barton and Clyde Wingfield, as Antoine celebrated its 100th year of incorporation. They stood in front of the Hendrix Grocery, which Hendrix operated 61 years.

Leland S. Hyde, 88, a Searcy alderman from 1989-2004, died July 11.

Robert L. Lewis, 70, a former Arkansas Municipal League district vice president who in 1982 became the first black elected to the Jacksonville City Council, died June 15. He won every election up to and including the 2006 primary. During the 24 years as alderman,



Lewis

Lewis served as League District 2 vice president and as a member of the League's Large First Class Cities Advisory Council. He has been a voting member of the National League of Cities. Lewis posthumously was honored June 16 with the Marvin Vinson award at the Municipal League Convention.

William Dean Reagan, 86, mayor of Waldo in the late 1940s, died June 10. He worked with Gov. Ben Laney and the Arkansas Highway Commission to pave the two main streets of Waldo.

Winthrop Paul Rockefeller, 57, Arkansas lieutenant governor, who planned to follow in his father's footsteps to become an Arkansas governor, died July 16 of complications associated with treatment for a life-threatening blood disorder. Public figures praised Rockefeller, son of former Governor Winthrop Rockefeller. League Executive Director Don Zimmerman said, "He was a great Arkansan and wonderful human being who was certainly a friend of the cities and towns. He was particularly helpful by virtue of his interest in law enforcement and economic development. All of his loved ones and the entire state have suffered a great loss."



Rockefeller

Ralph Ward, 83, mayor of McNeil, died June 15. Ward was a former member of the McNeil School Board and a former Columbia County deputy sheriff and McNeil city marshal.

Fairs & Festivals

July 28-29, **ALTUS**, Grape Festival, 479-468-4684, vpost@ipa.net, www.altusarkansas.com

July 29, **HEBER SPRINGS**, 20th World Championship Cardboard Boat Races, 501-362-2444, chamber@heber-springs.com, www.heber-springs.com

Aug. 4-5, **EUREKA SPRINGS**, 12th Yards and Yards of Yard Sales, 800-638-7352, info@eurekaspringschamber.com, www.eurekaspringschamber.com; **DIERKS**, 34th Pine Tree Festival, 870-286-2911, dierkscoc@alltel.net, www.dierkschamber.com; **MORRILTON**, 18th Great Arkansas Pig Out, 501-354-5400, www.pigout.org

Aug. 5, **BENTONVILLE**, 1st Blues Festival, 479-271-9153, blair@bentonvilleusa.org, www.bentonvilleusa.org

Aug. 8-12, **TONTITOWN**, 108th Grape Festival,

479-361-2615, tontitowngrapefestival.com

Aug. 10-12, **CAVE CITY**, 27th Watermelon Festival, 870-283-5959, www.cavacityarkansas.info

Aug. 13-13, **HOPE**, 30th Watermelon Festival, 870-777-3640, hopeark@arkansas.net, www.hopemelonfest.com

Aug. 11, **CHEROKEE VILLAGE**, Ice Cream Social and Concert, 870-257-3474, cityhall@centurytel.net

Aug. 12, **GRAVETTE**, 113th Gravette Day, 479-787-6940, www.gravette.biz

Oct. 21, **LAKE VILLAGE**, Lake Chicot Fall Fest

Oct. 26-28, **MOUNTAIN VIEW**, 24th Arkansas BeanFest and Championship Outhouse Races, mvchamber@mvtel.net

Summaries of attorney general opinions

Recent opinions that affect municipal government in Arkansas.

From the Office of Attorney General Mike Beebe

City's bridge, street standards prevail in city

Opinion: 2006-050

Requestor: Glover, Bobby L.—State Senator

Can the county install or replace city roads and/or bridges which do not meet the design and material specifications established by the city? Q2) Does the county have jurisdiction over roads and bridges located outside of the city limits, but within the city's five-mile planning area, to allow the county to replace roads and/or bridges which do not meet the design and material specifications established by the city? Q3) To what extent can the city council dictate and monitor the county's actions in road and bridge construction under ACA 14-301-101? Does this statutory authority extend beyond the city limits into the city's planning area? Q4) Does the county and city's membership and participation in Metroplan, a regional transportation authority, have any impact upon either entity's ability to place and construct significant roadway and arterial roads? What are Metroplan's abilities and authorities with respect to county or city's constitutional and statutory "roadway" rights? Can the county or city, who are members of Metroplan, establish a transportation plan independent of and different from The Metropolitan Transportation Plan passed by Metroplan? If so, what impact would differing transportation plans have upon federal and state funding? **RESPONSE:** With respect to your first question, in my opinion, a county does not have unilateral jurisdiction over streets and bridges within the city limits necessary to override the municipality's building standards with regard to streets and bridges. With respect to your second question, in my opinion a county has jurisdiction over roads and bridges in the five-mile extraterritorial planning area of a municipality through the county judge's constitutional authority to operate the system of county roads and statutory authority that may be independent of the constitutional authority. Concurrently, a municipality has "exclusive" planning jurisdiction, including promulgation of a Master Street Plan, in the five-mile extraterritorial planning area to the extent that the municipality has exercised its jurisdiction under ACA 14-56-413. Whether there is a conflict in a given instance between the respective county and city authority over roads or streets in that area is a question of fact that I am unable to determine. I am also unable to determine what result a court would likely reach if such a conflict were found to exist. With respect

to your third question, I refer you to the answers to Questions One and Two. With respect to your fourth question, I am unable to offer an opinion on the terms of the contract between the applicable entities. I recommend that the city or county consult local counsel regarding the terms of the Metroplan agreement.

City may issue 'exclusive right' for trash pickup

Opinion: 2006-062

Requestor: Laverty, Randy—State Senator

Does a city have the right to issue a contract for trash pickup and recyclables with an "exclusive right" clause in it? Q2) If the answer to q1 is "yes," would the successful contractor with that "exclusive right" be the collector referred to in ACA 8-6-720(3)(e)(1)? **RESPONSE:** Q1) Yes. ACA 8-6-211(a) and -211(e). Q2) No, inasmuch as ACA 8-6-720(e)(1) relates to collections in a regional waste management district, not to collections in a municipal district of the sort authorized in ACA 8-6-201 et seq.

Mayor, county judge may seek junkyard visibility relief

Opinion: 2006-067

Requestor: Key, Johnny—State Representative

Under Act 2147 of 2005, and other applicable statutes, who has the authority to determine if a junkyard is "visible from the main-traveled way of any interstate or primary state highway" for the purpose of filing an application for relief with the circuit court? Q2) Can the county judge make this determination in the unincorporated areas of the county? Q3) If the junkyard is outside the incorporated limits of a city, but within the planning jurisdiction of that city, can the mayor determine if the junkyard is "visible" and apply for relief with the circuit court? **RESPONSE:** With respect to your first question, Act 2147 of 2005, amending ACA 27-74-401 through -409, authorizes a city or county to petition a circuit court for relief. In my opinion, this contemplates executive action to be taken by the mayor or county judge depending on the location of the occurrence. In my opinion, therefore, the answer to your second question is "yes," a county judge may determine whether to file an application for relief with the appropriate circuit court for junkyards in the unincorporated areas of the county. The circuit court, and not the county judge, must ultimately make the required factual determination as to whether the law has been violated.

With respect to your third question, it is unclear whether the mayor's authority to enforce planning ordinances in the extra-territorial planning jurisdiction of the city would override or coexist with the county judge's authority in the unincorporated area. Legislative clarification is warranted. As noted in response to your second question, the factually specific determination of whether the junkyard or automobile graveyard is in violation of the law will ultimately be the province of the trial court.

District courts, judges, jurisdiction clarified

Opinion: 2006-076
Requestor: Childers, Marvin—State Representative
Does Ark. Const. amend. 80, Subsection 7(C) mean that at least one separately elected district judge per county is required, as well as at least one district court per county? Q2) In the alternative, does Section (10) permit the legislature to combine more than one county into a district court judicial district? Q3) In the alternative, does Subsection 16(D) permit combining more than one county into a district court only if there are no qualified candidates in a contiguous county when the election takes place? Q4) Does Subsection 16(D) authorize a district judge to be elected in two separate district courts only if there is no qualified elector in a contiguous county? **RESPONSE:** Q1) No, according to the per curiam opinion of the Arkansas Supreme Court In Re: Supreme Court Amendment 80 Committee's Recommendations for Limited Jurisdiction Courts (Jan. 13, 2005). Q2) Yes, consistent with the per curiam, although Section 10 of Amendment 80 must be read together with Subsections 7(C) and (D) to yield this result. Q3) and Q4) No. The residency restriction in Sec. 16(D) does not bear on the combination of counties for the election of one district judge, as contemplated by the Supreme Court's per curiam.

State representative as judge is doubtful

Opinion: 2006-079
Requestor: Clemons, Booker T.—State Representative
Does an elected State Representative have authority to simultaneously serve as municipal judge? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, the answer to this question is "no." Both Article 5, Sec. 10 of the Arkansas Constitution and Sec. 16(F) of Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution bar such dual service.

4 is quorum for 7-member civil service board

Opinion: 2006-087
Requestor: Smith, Lindsley—State Representative
Does the three-member quorum language found in ACA 14-50-208 apply to a seven-member Board of Civil Service Commissioners, or is a majority of the Board's total membership (in this case 4 members) required to constitute a quorum for transacting business? **RESPONSE:** In my opin-

ion the applicable statute, which may be ACA 14-51-208 instead of 14-50-208, should be read as having been impliedly amended in those cities that have increased the membership of their boards from five to seven members. As a consequence, a quorum of the Board in those cities is four, a majority of the Board's total membership.

County judge decides mountain as barrier

Opinion: 2006-089
Requestor: Wyatt, David W.—State Representative
Pursuant to provisions of ACA 14-38-101(2)(A)(ii), does Ramsey Mountain constitute a natural barrier? Q2) Is Highway 167 a man-made structure that may not be considered for the purpose of determining whether Ramsey Mountain is a natural barrier? **RESPONSE:** I must respectfully decline to answer this question, which raises factual issues that are currently the subject of a judicial dispute to be resolved by the county judge acting in his capacity as the county court.

Cities decide city attorney pensions

Opinion: 2006-091
Requestor: Edwards, Marilyn—State Representative
Does Act 1066 of 1999, codified at ACA 24-12-122(b), establish retirement for all city attorneys in the state who meet the tenure and age requirements set forth in the act? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, ACA 24-12-120(a) (Repl. 2002) vests discretion in the governing bodies of cities of the first and second class to decide whether to pay retirement benefits to city attorneys. If a city chooses to extend a retirement benefit to city attorneys under ACA 24-12-120(a), the city must comply with ACA 24-12-120(b) dictating the age and tenure requirements for such retirement benefits. Furthermore, the language of ACA 24-12-120 extends only to city attorneys for cities of the first and second class and does not establish retirement benefits for city attorneys of incorporated towns.

Passenger liable for seat belt

Opinion: 2006-099
Requestor: Jedley, Larry
Pros. Attorney, Sixth Judicial District
Should the driver or the passenger be cited for not wearing a seatbelt if an adult passenger in the front seat of a car or truck on a street or highway is found not wearing a seatbelt? What statute or law governs that situation? Q2) Is it legal for a person to ride in the bed of a standard pickup truck without seat belts or restraints; or ride without seat belts or restraints within a camper shell or trailer attached to the truck? What statute or law governs these situations? Should the passenger, driver, or both be cited by officers for any such violation? **RESPONSE:** 1) The applicable statutory subchapter is ACA 27-37-701 to -707

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What on earth are conditional uses?

Some neighbors may find them intolerable, so they may not fit just anywhere in a municipality.

By Jim vonTungeln, Staff Planning Consultant, American Institute of Certified Planners



vonTungeln

Zoning administrators sometimes take on the attitude of Humpty Dumpty speaking to Alice in Wonderland: “When I use a word, it means exactly what I intend it to mean, no more, no less.”

Experience suggests to me that this is particularly true of the term *conditional use*. Not only do the definitions vary, there is a smorgasbord of procedures and intents among zoning codes. This can make it harder for the investor to do business in multiple cities. It can also spread confusion among planners. As if enough didn’t exist already.

As I have stated before, most planners don’t make much distinction between a “conditional use,” a “special use,” or a “use permitted upon review.” Each requires some additional scrutiny and accomplishes the same thing. That is to allow uses within a zoning district, but not just anywhere in a district without some special conditions or restrictions.

“Why not just create a separate district for such uses?” one might ask. The simple answer is that such a practice might create an unmanageable number of districts. A more thoughtful response is that we could miss opportunities to enrich our urban fabric.

“Say huh?” (I can hear the boys in the Red Pig Coffee Shop from here.)

Consider an analogy from nature. Suppose we asked a master forester (like *City & Town’s* own John Slater) if a certain plant would work in our garden. Suppose he said, “Of course: it has a beautiful and sturdy trunk, wonderful spring blossoms, and a breathtaking leaf spread in the hottest months.” He adds that it will both attract and impress visitors. Furthermore, it will bring benevolent insects that will help pollinate the other plants. Our garden would not be complete without it.

But before we run for our shovels, he adds, “You have to be careful, though. It must be planted a certain way, fertilized with special ingredients, pruned by a professional, and not allowed to grow above a certain height. Otherwise, it will decay and infect everything around it.” He then reminds us that some plants can’t tolerate it nearby so it won’t fit just everywhere in our garden.

That is a conditional use. They complete and enrich our communities but they must be handled with care. This includes how we define them.

A typical definition might read as follows.

Conditional Use: A use that would not be appropriate generally or without restriction throughout the zoning district but which, if controlled as to number, area, location or relation to neighborhood may be appropriate for the district.

They also require a special administrative procedure. Typically the planning commission approves conditional uses after a public hearing. Conditions become part of the record.

Somewhere in the process, someone must decide what uses will be conditional. This is where it can become difficult.


There seems to be a tendency these days to overuse the conditional use concept. This probably evolves from laziness on the part of planners. If we can’t decide whether a use will be appropriate, we’ll just label it as conditional and let someone else sort it out.

We can address this problem by remembering that it is not necessarily the use but such things as the size, shape, height, bulk, activity and traffic generation of urban forms that should establish zoning districts.

Inherent in the concept of conditional use is, of course, that the planning commission may impose conditions on its approval. These should be rationally connected to the impact of the use on the neighborhood. Some particularly bizarre (but common) conditions are ownership and termination after a certain time. I mean, if it is a proper land use for Sally shouldn’t it be a proper land use for Bill? And I have never understood how a land use could be appropriate for a year but then, like Cinderella’s carriage, cease to function. Go figure.

More defensible conditions might involve things such as additional parking, reduced signage, buffers, height limitations or limits on bulk. These in turn should relate to the specific setting of the proposed use, as well as the fulfillment of plan objectives.

Truth is, conditional uses are simply a tool in the process of dealing with urban development. As always, they should be the result of thought and planning on the front end. Otherwise, we would end up just using them as “zone-busters.”

Persons having comments or questions may reach Jim vonTungeln at 501-372-3232. His Web site is www.planyourcity.com. He is available for consultation to Municipal League members as a League service. 

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and although it does not expressly address who is subject to the penalties imposed, the language appears to indicate that the adult front seat passenger is responsible for his or her own failure to wear a seatbelt and that the driver may not be cited for the adult passenger's failure. 2) For children under the age of fifteen, the Child Passenger Protection Act requires the use of proper child passenger safety restraint systems and this requirement applies, with certain exceptions, to passenger automobiles, vans and pickup trucks traveling on public roads streets and highways. With regard to persons over the age of fifteen, the most potentially applicable law is ACA 27-35-104 (riding in spaces not intended for passengers) and possibly 27-51-104(b)(7) (careless and prohibited driving) These statutes are general in nature, however, and do not specifically address the question you pose regarding travel in the open bed of pickup trucks or within camper shells or attached trailers. I cannot conclusively determine whether these statutes prohibit the conduct you describe. If applicable, the former statute imposes punishment on the driver, or in some cases the owner of the vehicle. The latter statute imposes liability on the driver.

Records not public if no suspension, firing

Opinion: 2006-110

Requestor: Payne, Marilyn
Director, Human Resources

Was the decision of the custodian of records to withhold release of disciplinary actions that did not result in suspension or termination in response to a Freedom of Information Act request for all records relating to a current police officer, consistent with provisions of the FOIA? RESPONSE: Yes, assuming that that the records in question did not in fact form a basis for any suspension or termination.

Read full opinion for records release

Opinion: 2006-111

Requestor: Thomas, Stuart—Chief of Police, LRPD
Police officers object to the release of any existing internal affairs and/or personnel files, including all disciplinary records, grievances and adverse action files in response to a Freedom of Information Act request, due to their participation in undercover investigations. Would release of the requested documents be consistent with provisions of the FOIA? RESPONSE: In the absence of any indication of what documents the custodian intends to produce, the opinion sets forth the standards the custodian should apply in making his or her determinations regarding disclosure.

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Raise money, recruit volunteers, join forces for regional animal control

Advice and financial assistance are available for municipalities that lack animal control agencies and ordinances.

By Julia Coulter



Coulter

On June 15 I was privileged to participate in the 72nd Arkansas Municipal League Convention as a guest speaker. I appreciated the honor and was excited to share experiences about enforcing animal control ordinances.

I left the convention in a troubled frame of mind, however. Although I had addressed a subject that I was sure would benefit others, I realized by the end of the session that my discussion on animal control ordinances had aggravated an underlying problem.

From the questions and statements, I understood that many persons who represented smaller towns and cities were frustrated and discouraged. I had been talking about enforcing animal ordinances when many of them had no animal control department to begin with. Therein lay their frustrations.

I heard repeatedly that towns, cities and counties could not afford their own animal control agencies or departments. Although they were glad to have me speak, they needed solutions, not advice about ordinances that they had no means of enforcing.

I left the conference troubled because I didn't have readily available answers. Disturbed, I went searching for solutions. I still don't have complete answers, but I have suggestions.

Fundraising events, grants, animal-licensing ordinances, collaborating and fostering all could help towns and cities find answers to animal control problems.

Municipal governments may not think of fundraising at first. It is not just for nonprofit organizations. According to the "No More Homeless Pets" forum at www.bestfriends.org, IRS Tax Code Section 170(A) allows charitable donations to government organi-

zations. People love animals and often are willing to reach deep into their pockets to help the cause. The site tells how to set up a trust fund for animal control and how to determine the costs to pick up, house and euthanize animals.

Grants are many for municipal and nonprofit organizations, and Web sites inform how to raise money for municipal animal control. While grants would not solve all funding problems, grants may provide a starting place.

Funding opportunities are offered for financial assistance for shelter expansion, improvements, or new construction. Funds are available for developing adoption guarantees for adoptable shelter dogs and cats, and for addressing animal welfare, feral cat colonies and more.

(see **Animal Control** page 47)

web RESOURCES

GRANTS FOR NONPROFITS: ANIMAL WELFARE

www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/2animal.htm

Web pages and books for nonprofit organizations seeking funding opportunities related to animal welfare.

MEACHAM FOUNDATION MEMORIAL GRANTS

www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pa_shelter_services_grants_meacham

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PETSMART www.petsmart.com/charities/index.shtml

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SHELTERSOURCE www.sheltersource.org/grants.htm

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Cities and towns hold keys to world peace

Not only do municipal partnerships promote business and culture, they also promote peace through understanding.

By Sherman Banks

I said in my last article that we would continue the discussion about how the war in Iraq has affected the economy. But since this is the 50th anniversary of Sister Cities International, let's look at how Sister Cities has enabled municipalities to be keepers of the flame for peace. As we think about one-on-one relations, cultural and educational exchanges, economic and tourism development, we must do so as citizen diplomats.

As we move further into the 21st century, where war or the threat of war looms at our borders or, as on Sept. 11, 2001, within our borders, we must consider what it means to be a mayor of a city. Is the safety of the citizens you govern your only responsibility, and does that responsibility span beyond your city's boundaries? President Eisenhower addressed this question 50 years ago when he had the vision to create Sister Cities International and People-to-People. Initially the concept was to reach out to foreign cities through culture and education. In the last 20 years the emphasis has changed to include economic and tourism development.

When Eisenhower on Sept. 11, 1956, established Sister Cities International, he intended to forge peace through one individual and one community at a time. He believed that municipalities both foreign and domestic would, through diligence, hard work, respect and mutual trust, lead to long lasting partnerships. The partnerships have yielded cultural and educational exchanges, and are now yielding dividends in economic and tourism development.

Can municipalities through Sister Cities effect change in Arkansas's economy? No, but they can be affected by the change. To have a clear concept of the 21st century, one must understand globalization as it is viewed in the United States.

No longer does a person's country represent the core

of citizenship or identity. Today, a new murky world is dawning, one that advocates global governance as the portent to humanity's social,

political and economic future.

Indeed, in this post-Cold War environment, nation-states—like the societies they serve and accommodate—find themselves in the relentless swell of transformation.

National interests give way to global loyalties. World citizenship is touted as preferable to the narrow views of nationalism, and no individual, corporation or country is immune to this revolution. Welcome to "globalization," where everyone is either a pawn or a player.

Eisenhower thought a municipality-to-municipality partnership was the first step to forge foreign enterprise. President Johnson, in addition to his emphasis on "The Great Society," had a keen eye for international trade. He thought it remarkable that after war it was international trade that helped bring strength and growth to the

free world's economy. It helped enrich the lives of people and in so doing served the cause toward peace.

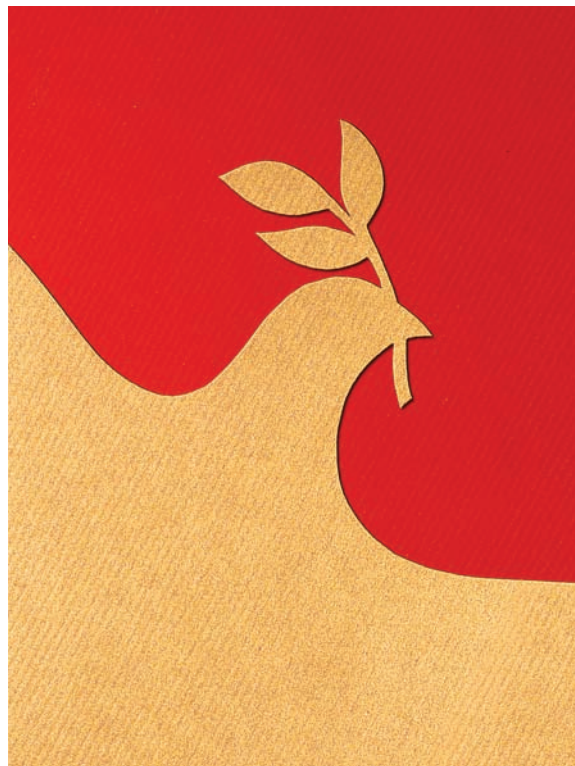
The movement of people across national borders has shaped states and societies since time immemorial, but the most distinctive development in recent years is that movement has become global in scope. Its impact on domestic and international politics has enormous economic and social consequences.

Because of these changes in our world, the development of international partnerships can be vitally important to a city or town. Partnerships are alliances between key representatives from business, government and education. They work to promote commercialization and advancement of technology, innovative educational opportunities and cultural enrichment.

Sister Cities during its 50 years has offered an unequalled opportunity for people of all ages, races and



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(see **Sister Cities** page 47)

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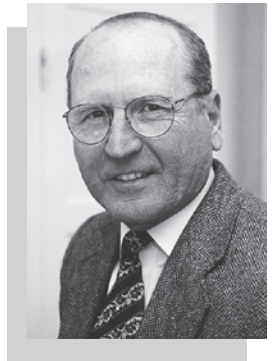
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Get street smart

Perform simple street maintenance now and avoid expensive future repairs.

By A.E. (Al) Johnson Jr.



Johnson

Every day cities and towns dedicate new streets. With dedication comes the responsibility to maintain these new streets, even while municipalities struggle to maintain existing streets.

As I make trips around the state, I see drop inlets filled with leaves and gutters filled with debris. Weeds grow in the spaces between the streets and curbs and gutters. Bermuda grass creeps out over the asphalt. Ditches are full of sediment. Hedgerows are taking over parts of streets. What little pavement marking exists is washed out and in need of repainting, and potholes remain unrepaired for weeks.

When the words “street maintenance” come up, municipal officials immediately respond: “If we had any money, we would overlay these streets, or at least do a chip and seal.” Let’s face it; we have just about used up that excuse. The problems I listed are routine maintenance issues that involve nothing but labor and a few materials. We are talking about getting the sticks and brush out of a pipe inlet so the water will not back up into the sub-grade. Even something as simple as raking the leaves from the drop inlet would help.

Yes, everybody wants a big project. But it is time that we face up to it and get serious about maintaining our city streets.

Bermuda grass really likes asphalt. If it’s growing underneath, the runners will come right up through a

two-inch layer of asphalt.

Bermuda grass also likes the heat in the asphalt and it will survive and put down roots that will eventually destroy the pavement. A little bit of herbicide can go a long way in protecting your asphalt.

This maintenance work does not require a fleet of heavy equipment. Most of this work can be done with a pickup truck and hand tools. Yes, we are talking about those dreaded rakes and shovels! And we can throw in a hand sprayer for the herbicide.

Most cities have at least one dump truck, a backhoe and a small farm tractor with a bush hog. These three pieces of equipment allow a city to perform the maintenance needed to keep up its streets.

We are not talking about big excavators, bulldozers or asphalt laying machines. We are talking about identifying the maintenance problem areas and potential problem areas, and effectively directing the work force and equipment that you have available.

When you do have work that requires special equipment, remember that most contractors rent much of their equipment. Consider renting. And don’t forget the on-call contract that you can have with fixed unit prices, such as ditch clean-out per linear foot, hot mix asphalt per ton, and GB3 gravel base delivered and spread within the city limits on a per ton basis. All these should have a minimum amount per job, such as a thousand linear feet for a ditch or 20 tons of asphalt or rock.

If you are not maintaining your streets because you don’t have the money, then increase the road use taxes with the cities getting their 15 percent share.

The defeat of the recent highway bond issue in no way reflects a lack of support for funding Arkansas’s highways, roads and streets. This bond issue was different than the previous bond issue in that it would have given the five-member Arkansas Highway Commission the authority to direct up to \$500 million in construction to any part of the state, thus making the Arkansas Highway Commission a political football.

Let’s go back to a little pay-as-you-go highway, road, and street maintenance and construction and fund it with road use tax increases.

Reach Al Johnson at 501-374-7492. He is available to consult with member cities and towns for one on-site consultation a year as a service of your Arkansas Municipal League.



A little herbicide and elbow grease can keep weed-clogged gutters like this one clear and prevent expensive future sewer repairs.

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A lot accomplished when lots cleaned up

Cleaning and maintaining a subdivision's overgrown lots increases neighborhood safety and property values.

By John Slater, Urban Forestry Partnership Coordinator

In the May *City & Town*, Jim vonTungeln, Arkansas Municipal League staff planning consultant, wrote "Fix the basics on your way to changing the world." I enjoyed his column very much. There are many little places that require little or no money to fix but make a big difference when cleaned up.

I want to share a personal experience that relates to his column.

After 20 years of living in rural Garland County, I moved to Hot Springs. This was about 12 years ago, and I was picky about where I wanted to live. I'm a private person who doesn't want a house surrounded by a lot of other houses. After looking at numerous homes for sale, we found a house located in a small subdivision that has only one way in and out. In fact, if more than two cars go by our home in an hour, we know that someone in the neighborhood is having a yard sale. It's actually safe for kids to play in the street.

The subdivision is on a hill with three short streets. It is a small square with one street in the middle. I chose our house because it is the last home on the street, is forested on two sides and across the street in front, and has three treed lots down the hill.

My wife and I joke that on the way home after looking at the house, she asked me what I thought of the fireplace and I said, "What fireplace?" I was looking outside and she was looking inside. My reason for buying the house wasn't the floor plan.

It wasn't long after moving into our new home that we discovered we had a problem. About 100 feet from our house, the road makes a 90-degree turn, and the treed lots across the street hid anyone who was at the bottom of the hill, which were overgrown with honeysuckle and privet. The lower road follows a creek, which was also overgrown. People were drinking and partying down there and I found out from neighbors that it was not unusual to have folks there at all times of the day or night. I called the police to report their presence on many occasions. I found drug paraphernalia and alcohol containers in the area. This is a nice neighborhood except for the problem area, about 50-100 feet long, where there is no visibility from the homes.

After living here for a year, I could see that the problem was not going to go away. I did not like the idea of having drunks and drug users close to home, so I decided to take their hiding place away.



Slater

One thing President Bush and I have in common is we like to clear brush. I did not know at first who owned the three lots across the street, but I did not think they would mind if I cleaned them. I cut the privet and the honeysuckle and dug up the stumps, leaving the best trees on the lot. For the first three years, I had to buy a new push mower every year because I hit so many rocks and stumps. The more I cleared, the less we had to call the police because we could now see the people at the foot of the hill. By the time I was through, one could mow the area, and it looked like a little park. I then started clearing along the lower road by the creek. It's in a flood plain, so there are no homes between the road and creek.

In the beginning, it would take me 6-8 hours on weekends to mow the area I had cleared. I can now do it in about three hours because I have three neighbors helping me with the mowing. I haven't seen the loiterers in years now.

A real estate agent held an open house in the neighborhood, and my wife and I decided to go to see the value of the homes in our area. We visited with the sales person, who had been in the area before it was cleared. He said everyone in the neighborhood should give the person who cleared and maintained that land a cut of their profits when they sell their house, because it increased their property values. Homes are selling faster and for more because of the little park at the foot of the hill.

I maintain the area for many reasons—not only for exercise, but because I like the way it looks. When I sit in my house, look out the picture window and see the trees, it makes me feel like I'm still out in the country. It's also my way of doing volunteer work to give back to the community.

We accomplished many things by solving the drug and alcohol problem at the bottom of the hill. Neighbors became involved in the cleanup, solved a trash problem and increased the property value in the neighborhood. It's a little place that required little or no money to fix but made a big difference when cleaned up. It's an example of something we can all do.

I want to encourage all community leaders when approached by people or groups that want to do volunteer work to try to assist them any way you can.

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.



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The screenshot shows the website for the Arkansas Municipal League. At the top, the browser address bar displays "http://www.arml.org/". The website header includes the Arkansas.gov logo and navigation links for "Online Services | Privacy | Accessibility | Security". The main content area features a large banner with the league's logo and the slogan "ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE - GREAT CITIES MAKE A GREAT STATE". Below the banner is a navigation menu with links to "About the League", "Staff Directory", "Calendar of Events", "Publications", "Legislative Action Center", "League Programs", "Benefit Programs", "Related Resources", "Classifieds", and "Cities of Arkansas". A search bar is located to the right of the menu. The main content area contains a welcome message and a list of news articles under the heading "Arkansas.gov eNewsRoom". A yellow callout bubble on the right side of the screenshot contains the text: "Submit photos of your city or town for display on the League's homepage to wvb@arml.org."

- eNewsRoom offers online news articles from Arkansas's municipalities' dailies.
- *City & Town* is available to download in its entirety in PDF from the *Publications* page.
- *Cities of Arkansas* local government portal page gives visitors a sneak peek at the quality of life in the municipalities across Arkansas.
- Flyout menus provide easier navigation and cut down on search time.
- A search engine makes it easy to locate topics, based on specific words.

Keep checking back ...

- *e.Locallink*, interactive videos provided by CGI Communications, will include a welcome to the League's Web site from Executive Director Don Zimmerman and an Introduction to the Arkansas Municipal League.
- *eCart*, order and pay for publications and mailing lists online.
- *Legislative Action Center* will be home to legislative matters, including a new *Legislative Bulletin*.

Newsletter

JULY 2006

The Newsletter, provided by a'TEST consultants, is included in *City & Town* as a service of the Arkansas Municipal League Legal Defense Program.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE ABUSE: A TEEN KILLER

By Mike Messenger, Vice President
a'TEST consultants, inc.

Prescription medication abuse by teens and young adults is a growing problem in the United States that often has deadly consequences. Parents play a huge role in the prevention of this type of drug abuse.

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America conducts an annual tracking study on drug abuse issues and these facts are significant enough to cause great concern. The following list should be of concern to each and every one of us:

- One in six teens has abused a prescription pain medication.
- One in 10 report abusing prescription stimulants and tranquilizers.
- One in 11 has abused cough medication.

With this data, we should realize quickly that prescription and over-the-counter medications should be locked up in every household. It is not uncommon for teenagers to steal medications from their parents, or from the medicine cabinets of friends' families, stores or other sources.

Many teens believe these drugs are safe because they have legitimate uses, but taking them to get high or to self-medicate without a prescription can be dangerous and, in some cases, deadly. Abusing these drugs can lead to addiction just as easily as street narcotics and other illicit drugs.

Parents might ask at what age teens begin to abuse prescription drugs. The answer is shocking. Kids as young as 12 are experimenting with prescription medications to get high or for self-medicating purposes. Pharmaceuticals are often more readily available to 12-year-olds than illicit drugs because they can be taken from the medicine cabinet at home, while attaining marijuana necessitates knowing someone who uses or sells the drug. Another interesting fact is that kids have the perception that it is safer to take a pill than to smoke pot or drink alcohol. Additionally, it is not uncommon for a child to sneak alcohol from a family bar or liquor cabinet so that they can experiment with getting drunk.

According to the 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, four types of prescription drugs are commonly abused by young people: pain relievers, stimulants, sedatives and tranquilizers. Eleven percent of teens 12-17 reported lifetime non-medical use of pain relievers and four percent reported lifetime non-medical use of stimulants.

Painkillers are the most common medications abused by teens, especially younger teens. Stimulant abuse is more common among older teens and college students. Girls are more likely to be abusers of prescription medications than boys (4.3 versus 3.6 percent).

If you want to help your teen and other young people, keep all prescription medications hidden. Keep all medications out of their reach rather than in the medicine cabinet. Talk to your teen and warn him or her that taking prescription medications without a doctor's supervision can be just as dangerous and potentially lethal as taking illicit drugs. No one wants a child taking heroin, but painkilling medications are made from the same drug category: opiates.

Other important facts to share with a teenager or young person concerning prescription or over-the-counter drug abuse are:

- Prescription medications are powerful substances. Sick people under the care of a caring physician may benefit enormously. Prescription medication can have a very different impact on a well person. It is important to note that too much aspirin can cause severe bleeding.
- Prescription medications can cause dangerous interactions with other drugs or chemicals in the body.
- Many pills may look pretty much the same, but depending on the drug and the dosage, the effects can vary greatly from mild to deadly.
- Last, but certainly not least, explain the dangers in mixing drugs and alcohol. Numerous medications have warnings that alcohol should not be consumed with them, and the outcome of mixing the two can be devastating.

Keeping teenagers safe and drug-free is a big responsibility. We all share in the responsibility to help assure them a good, healthy life. Our actions can help them reach that goal. Keeping your medications locked up is critical, and so is good communication with your child. Observing any behavioral changes and taking appropriate action to identify the cause (even using a drug test as an identification tool) is our duty as adults.



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Municipalities must publish semiannual financial statements

The time is rapidly arriving for the semiannual reporting of each city's financial statement. Refer to the **2005-2006 Handbook for Arkansas Municipal Officials**, Section 14-59-116, pg. 598, and Section 14-237-113, pg. 845.

The first reference provides that the governing body of each municipality shall publish semiannually in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the municipality a **FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY** by Sept. 1 covering the first six months (January through the end of June) of the current calendar year.

The financial statements should include the receipts and

expenditures for the six-month period and also a statement of the indebtedness and financial condition of the municipality.

The latter law, 14-237-113, provides a similar publication requirement for the operating authority of the **WATER and SEWER DEPARTMENTS**. Water and sewer departments administered by one or two commissions must comply with the law. If the water and sewer departments are administered by the city council, then it is the responsibility of the city council to comply with Section 14-237-113.

Suggested Forms A, B and C follow. For additional information, call the League at 501-374-3484.

The suggested **FORM A** is for use by cities of the first class and second class to comply with 14-59-116.

Form A		
City of _____		
(first or second class)		
Financial Statement January 1, 2006-June 30, 2006		
GENERAL FUND		
Balance January 1, 2006		\$ _____
Cash Receipts		
General Turnback	\$ _____	
5-Mill Tax	\$ _____	
Franchise Tax	\$ _____	
Occupation Tax	\$ _____	
Liquor and Beer Tax	\$ _____	
Local Sales Taxes	\$ _____	
Other City Taxes	\$ _____	
Court Fines and Fees	\$ _____	
Sanitation Charges	\$ _____	
Other Permits and Charges	\$ _____	
Total Receipts		\$ _____
Total General Fund Available		\$ _____
Expenditures		
Administrative Expense	\$ _____	
Salaries	\$ _____	
Social Security	\$ _____	
Utilities	\$ _____	
Supplies	\$ _____	
Fixed Assets	\$ _____	
Other	\$ _____	
Total Expenditures		\$ _____
Balance General Fund June 30, 2006		\$ _____
STREET FUND		
Balance January 1, 2006		\$ _____
State Highway Revenue	\$ _____	
County Road Tax	\$ _____	
Other Street Revenues	\$ _____	
Total Street Revenues		\$ _____
Total Available Street Fund		\$ _____
Expenditures		
Salaries	\$ _____	
Supplies	\$ _____	
Other	\$ _____	
Total Expenditures		\$ _____
Balance Street Fund June 30, 2006		\$ _____
In the event a municipality maintains a police, fire, parks or other department, the city should publish financial statements for these departments in the same manner as they separate those departments on their Cash Receipts and Disbursements Journals.		
BONDED INDEBTEDNESS		
Type of Debt	Amount	Date Last Payment Due
General Obligation	\$ _____	
Water Revenue		
Sewer Revenue		
Other		Date Free of Debt _____
Total	\$ _____	
All financial records for the City of _____ are public records and are open for public inspection during regular business hours of ____ A.M. to ____ P.M., Monday through Friday, at City Hall in _____, Arkansas.		
If the record is in active use or in storage and, therefore, not available at the time a citizen asks to examine it, the custodian shall certify this fact in writing to the applicant and set a date and hour within three (3) days at which time the record will be available for inspection and copying.		

The suggested **FORM B** is for use by incorporated towns to comply with 14-59-116. It may be posted in five (5) public places rather than published in towns where no newspaper is published.

Form B		
Incorporated Town of _____		
Financial Statement January 1, 2006-June 30, 2006		
GENERAL FUND		
Balance January 1, 2006		\$ _____
Cash Receipts		
State General Turnback	\$ _____	
Local Sales Taxes	\$ _____	
City General Taxes	\$ _____	
Other Receipts	\$ _____	
Total Receipts		\$ _____
Total General Fund Available		\$ _____
Expenditures		
Salaries	\$ _____	
Utilities	\$ _____	
Supplies	\$ _____	
Fixed Assets	\$ _____	
Other	\$ _____	
Total Expenditures		\$ _____
Balance General Fund June 30, 2006		\$ _____
STREET FUND		
Balance January 1, 2006		\$ _____
State Highway Revenue	\$ _____	
County Road Tax	\$ _____	
Other Street Revenues	\$ _____	
Total Street Revenues		\$ _____
Total Available Street Fund		\$ _____
Expenditures		
Salaries	\$ _____	
Supplies	\$ _____	
Other	\$ _____	
Total Expenditures		\$ _____
Balance Street Fund June 30, 2006		\$ _____
BONDED INDEBTEDNESS		
Type of Debt	Amount	Date Last Payment Due
Water Revenue	\$ _____	
Sewer Revenue		
Other		Date Free of Debt _____
Total	\$ _____	
All financial records for the Town of _____ are public records and are open for public inspection during regular business hours of ____ A.M. to ____ P.M., Monday through Friday, at Town Hall in _____, Arkansas.		
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see next page for **FORM C**

The suggested **FORM C** is for use by Water and Sewer Departments to comply with 14-237-113.

Form C		
City or Town of _____		
Financial Statement January 1, 2006—June 30, 2006		
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS		
Balance January 1, 2006		\$ _____
Cash Receipts		
Water Payments	\$ _____	
Sewer Payments	\$ _____	
Sanitation Funds	\$ _____	
Other	\$ _____	
Total Receipts		\$ _____
Total Funds Available		\$ _____
Expenditures		
Salaries	\$ _____	
Social Security	\$ _____	
Supplies	\$ _____	
Fixed Assets	\$ _____	
Other	\$ _____	
Total Expenditures		\$ _____
Balance Water and Sewer Fund June 30, 2006		\$ _____
BONDED INDEBTEDNESS		
Type of Debt	Amount	Date Last Payment Due
General Obligation (Water or Sewer)	\$ _____	
Water Revenue		
Sewer Revenue		
Other		Date Free of Debt _____
Total	\$ _____	
All financial records of the Water and Sewer Department of (City or Town) of _____ are public records and are open for public inspection during regular business hours of ____ A.M. to ____ P.M., Monday through Friday, at the Water Department in _____, Arkansas.		
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The Internet may produce more leads than I can provide here, but the accompanying table offers informative sites.

Revenue from animal licensing ordinances, both from license issuance and from failure to license fines, can be tagged for a special animal control fund. The police or sheriff's office can enforce this type of ordinance, and will likely be glad to have a tool to use when called upon to confront John Doe's four cocker spaniels that always run loose and cause the neighbors to call city hall!

Collaboration with sister cities or counties is a good idea, one that Mayor Chip Ellis of Clinton, beautifully articulated at the conference. The mayor advocated contacting other towns or cities that have similar problems and joining forces to create a regional animal control agency.

Fostering is a resource that has been overlooked. Many people are willing to help foster dogs and cats until permanent homes can be found. Reach out to persons in your community who are willing to help you. A nonprofit group may help alleviate many animal control problems by providing volunteers and long-term fundraising work. Ask your community for help. Residents can't give it if they don't know of your need.

These are generalizations. I don't have an ironclad answer for each individual community out there. But there are answers, and there are ways to meet the needs of your communities. Good luck!

Coulter is Lead Animal Control Officer at North Little Rock Animal Control. She can be reached at 501-791-8577 or e-mail bgrace@aristotle.net. 

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ethnicities to experience and exercise citizen diplomacy by creating and strengthening partnerships between U.S. and international communities in an effort to increase global cooperation at the municipal level, to promote cultural understanding and to stimulate economic development. Sister Cities leads the movement for municipal development and volunteer action by motivating and empowering private citizens, municipal officials and business leaders to conduct long-term programs of mutual benefit.


Because our world gets smaller and smaller, we can ill afford to continue to live as strangers. Through the spirit of attaining or projecting ultimate truth within the human family, can we hope to attain unequalled opportunity for all people? Only through the efforts of all communities can we increase global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding and

stimulate economic development.

As citizen diplomats we can agree that peace is the overwhelming concern of mankind. Therefore, we must be willing to put together our energy and intelligence and consider how the ethical insights of each nation can be transformed into a preamble of peace for all nations.

As leaders within your municipality you can embark upon another 50 years by becoming partners with a foreign city in developing cultural and educational exchanges, economic and tourism development, and be the continued voice of peace.

I will return to Part II on how the war in Iraq has affected our economy in the August *City & Town*.

For information, contact Sherman Banks, president of Sister Cities International at 501-376-8193, e-mail sbanks@aristotle.net, or write to P.O. Box 165920, Little Rock, AR 72216. 

Convention continued

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originate in the United States by birds already here. “A pandemic virus will be brought by humans.”

Another concern is the health care system may be overwhelmed and those who need to be in a hospital may not be able to. Alternative locations? “How would we staff them?” Wilson wondered.

Preston Brailsford, director of the League’s loss control services, urged cities and towns to coordinate planning with police and firefighters, but also work with water, street and other departments. “You will need to work with them all to involve them all to make it effective in what is going on.” He urged the attendees to visit www.riskinstitute.org for free assistance. Another resource is www.pandemicflu.gov.

That Web site announced July 11 that Arkansas’s allocation for state and local bird flu preparedness is \$1,163,333; Phase II, is \$2,317,518. The Arkansas allocation is part of \$350 million included in emergency appropriations for upgrading state and local pandemic influenza preparedness passed by Congress in December. What funds will be available for eligible jurisdictions is at www.pandemicflu.gov/news/allocation.html.

—John Woodruff

Media are suspicious, so be open, city officials advised

City officials should be as open and frank as possible with the news media, and if you don’t know the answer to a reporter’s question, admit it, Tom Larimer, the executive director of the Arkansas Press Association and former newspaper publisher, said. Tell the reporter you’ll find the answer and will get back with the reporter, Larimer advised.

Then, follow through on the promise to call the reporter, Larimer stressed at the workshop, “Getting Along With the News Media: Is It Possible?” John Woodruff, *City & Town* editor, also spoke.

“Reporters and editors are suspicious by nature,” Larimer said. “If you don’t get back with them, they think you’re hiding something.” Larimer emphasized

the importance of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and its role in ensuring the public’s access to information. He praised Arkansas’s FOIA, which recently was named the fifth most effective such act in the United States.

Woodruff shared similar advice. He said it was important to know reporters and their editors or news directors to help maintain friendly, trusting relations. He agreed with Larimer on the importance of getting back with reporters when immediate answers aren’t possible. He added that because reporters are on deadline, it’s important to meet those deadlines with responses to their questions.

Woodruff suggested also, “when you mess up, fess up.” That may help avoid excessively negative stories when city officials beat the media to the punch with breaking bad news, but this is the time to stress the positive points on the tough issues, he said.

Attendees’ questions turned almost exclusively to the FOIA. The speakers stressed that city officials should be familiar with the act and study it and related information in the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act Handbook. The handbook was placed in every delegate’s convention registration packet, and it is available from the League or as a downloadable PDF at www.arkansaspress.org/pubsidx.

Woodruff, prior to taking over as editor of *City & Town* in 1992, covered North Little Rock for 21 of the 22 years at the *Arkansas Gazette*, and was a reporter at other newspapers prior to that. About 25 city officials attended the media session.

—Andrew Morgan

Managing diversity, colliding generations

Hot Springs Human Resources Director Minnie Lenox stressed that to manage workplace diversity one must first understand diversity and how it became a priority. Past attempts at diversity, affirmative action and later a cultural move toward valuing and accepting difference, left organizations partially

achieving a diversified workplace.

“The people were there, but they weren’t necessarily a part of the organization,” Lenox said of affirmative action. “They were there for statistical purposes.”

Lenox quickly eliminated the metaphor of a melting pot for diversity. “When you put everything into the pot and melt it, it loses its identity,” she said. “It’s not about losing the identity of the individual. It’s about taking that individual and that identity and bringing it into the organization and letting it enhance the organization.”

“Treat others as they want to be treated,” the platinum rule according to Lenox, is the fundamental approach needed when dealing with people and cultures. Train, address concerns and evaluate, Lennox said. Successes are critical elements for effectively managing diversity, she said.

Once a diverse workforce is established, realizing the benefits and minimizing costs are keys to continuous management and for retaining diversity. “When we bring people into our organization, we don’t want them to leave their identity outside the door,” Lenox said.

Melanie Kennon, president of espire World, a human resource, training and development company, said that a person’s differences that contribute to diversity also are based on his or her experiences, which are often shaped by when they were born. Generational differences, caused by cultural and societal changes, make people react and see the world in a certain ways, Kennon said. “It’s not a one-size-fits-all management structure anymore,” Kennon said.

According to Kennon, retaining employees is more cost effective than recruiting. Learning what each generation values, and what they need to feel motivated are important to curb miscommunication and misunderstandings. “Even though we’ve got those differences, in culture and generations,” Kennon said, “everyone has the same human need to feel valued.”

—Lamarie Rutelonis



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Arkansas turns the corner toward better health

The College of Public Health celebrates five years of making the state a healthier place.

By James M. Raczynski, Ph.D., M.P.H.

As we in the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health celebrate the college's five-year anniversary this month, we must remember and acknowledge the bold leadership that made the college possible.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Public Health was formed in July 2001, but the story really began in 1998, when Arkansans learned of an unexpected windfall: A legal settlement with the tobacco industry that would send the state more than \$50 million a year.

The question for the state's leaders became: "How to spend the money?"

Ultimately, the question was taken to the people. The November 2000 vote was historic and unique. Arkansas, for decades among the least healthy states in the nation, became one of the few states to dedicate all of its tobacco money to improving the health of its residents.

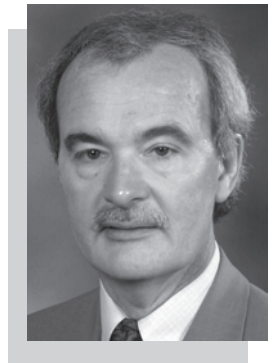
Dedicated to improvement

Gov. Mike Huckabee, key legislators, the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement and other health care experts developed the plan that was approved by the people. Establishing the College of Public Health and other health-related programs supported by tobacco settlement funds signaled that the state was ready to dedicate itself to improving the health and well-being of its people.

The college has moved quickly to tackle the state's significant public health issues. It has received more than \$15 million in research funding from outside UAMS—now more money than it has received from tobacco funds. It became fully accredited in less than three years, the fastest accreditation for any fledgling college of public health.

Arkansas: A national model

Many other states are looking to enact public health measures, and Arkansas is a national model. This recognition is



Raczynski

a tribute to the work of the governor and the late Dr. Fay Boozman, who directed the state Division of Health, and many other legislators and health leaders.

Why do we need a College of Public Health? In today's world, health care is about more than traditional medical care. Today, our major sources of chronic disease are often preventable lifestyle issues, largely stemming from tobacco use, obesity and a lack of exercise. Physicians and nurses many times aren't trained to deal with those issues.

Fostering healthy lifestyles

The College of Public Health and its trained practitioners are working on strategies to improve the health of an entire population by fostering the adoption of healthy lifestyles. Examples of the way the college is doing this include:

- The statewide tobacco cessation program under the direction of Christine Sheffer, Ph.D., which offers counseling, as well as special assistance for employers who want to make their workplaces tobacco free
- A new Web-based approach to combating obesity being evaluated by Delia West, Ph.D., director of our Center for Obesity Studies
- Studying and reporting to the Legislature the effects of Act 1220, the state's childhood obesity law that applies primarily to school diet and physical activity standards
- Educating Arkansans and health care providers through continuing education and other public forums
- Strong partnership with a number of communities to assist them in developing healthy lifestyle programs

The College of Public Health has expanded its degree programs in its five-year history and 88 students have graduated with a Master of Public Health or a Post Baccalaureate Certificate. Ninety percent of the graduates are employed in a public health related field.

Arkansas's still new investments in public health already have thrust the state into the national limelight. I expect that future generations will remember the turn-of-the-century investments as the time when Arkansans turned the corner toward better health.

Dr. Raczynski is a professor and dean at the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health, UAMS.





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RUCKER, MD	MARK	SPRINGDALE EMERGENCY GROUP	609 W MAPLE AVE	SPRINGDALE	AR	72764	479-751-5111
TOTTEN, MD	MATTHEW	SPRINGDALE EMERGENCY GROUP	609 W MAPLE AVE	SPRINGDALE	AR	72764	479-751-5111
TOTTEN, MD	MATTHEW	FIRST CARE FAMILY DOCTORS	100 S SHILOH	SPRINGDALE	AR	72764	479-750-3630
NUTT, OD	JERRY R	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	105 E ASH	WARREN	AR	71671	870-226-5214

IN-STATE UPDATES

CALDWELL, MD	DAVID	GYNECOLOGY	416 MAIN ST.	ARKADELPHIA	AR	71923	870-246-2431
UBBEN, MD	KENNETH L.	UBBEN DERMATOLOGY CLINIC	5 CUNNINGHAM CORNER CTR.	BELLA VISTA	AR	72714	479-5855-124
JORDAN THERAPY OF BENTON		PHYSICAL THERAPY	2113 WATTS RD	BENTON	AR	72015	501-315-5800
SLEZAK, MD	JAMES	BENTON EMERGENCY GROUP	3000 MEDICAL CTR. PKWY	BENTONVILLE	AR	72712	479-553-1000
STENSBY, MD	HAROLD	BENTON EMERGENCY GROUP	3000 MEDICAL CTR. PKWY	BENTONVILLE	AR	72712	479-553-1000
TUTT, MD	RICHARD (RICK)	BENTON EMERGENCY GROUP	3000 MEDICAL CTR. PKWY	BENTONVILLE	AR	72712	479-553-1000
CAMPBELL, MD	CHARLES E. JR.	UROLOGY	609 FULTON ST.	BLYTHEVILLE	AR	72315	870-763-0855
NADVI, MD	SAMINA	PED. ONCOLOGY & HEMATOLOGY	880 W. MAIN ST.	BOONEVILLE	AR	72927	479-675-2800
BAKER, MD	DAVID L	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	2097 HWY 65 SOUTH	CLINTON	AR	72031	501-745-3937
BAKER, MD	DAVID L.	ARKANSAS EYE CENTER	810 MERRIMAN	CONWAY	AR	72032	501-329-3937
LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC		CARDIOLOGY, CARDIOVASCULAR	HWY 10 AT DETROIT	DANVILLE	AR	72833	479-495-2241
VOINEA, MD	ALINA	SA PHYSICIAN SERVICES	714 W. FAULKNER	EL DORADO	AR	71730	870-863-5184
WILSON, MD	WILLIAM	CARDIOLOGY, CARDIOVASCULAR	815 THOMPSON	EL DORADO	AR	71730	870-862-4555
VOELKER, MD	DONALD	CARDIOLOGY, CARDIOVASCULAR	700 WEST GROVE	ELDORADO	AR	71730	870-863-0333
ARMSTRONG, MD	LARRY	NWA NEUROSCIENCE INSTITUTE	3336 N FUTRALL DR	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-571-4541
BELL, MD	JEFF	FAYETTEVILLE SURGICAL ASSOC.	3264 N NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-521-3300
DAVIS, MD	DAVID	NEUROLOGY	1826 N CROSSOVER RD #1 PMB #142	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72701	479-442-4070
MILLER, MD	MARK	ACCESS URGENT CARE	2630 E CITIZENS DR #3	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-527-9966
RATCLIFF, MD	DAVID	WASHINGTON REG. MEDICAL GROUP	3215 N NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-463-1704
ROUTSONG, DO	RODNEY	NWA NEUROSURGERY	1706 JOYCE BLVD #2	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-521-0900
SMITH-FOLEY, MD	STACY	IMAGING ASSOC. OF NWA	55 W SUNBRIDGE	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-442-6266
AHMED, MD	REZINA	ST EDWARD MEDICAL SERVICES	7301 7301 ROGERS AVE	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-314-6065
ALDERINK, MD	CARLISLE	LABORATORY MEDICINE ASSOC.	7301 ROGERS AVE	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-314-6074
GABY, MD	CECIL	PEDIATRIC & ADOLESCENT MED.	7303 ROGERS AVE # 101	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-452-7447
HERNDON, DO	JIM	FAMILY PRACTICE	7301 ROGERS AVE.	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-314-6065
HEWETT, MD	MARK	HEWETT UROLOGY CLINIC	600 S. 14TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-785-2604
JOHNSON, MD	SANDRA	JOHNSON DERMATOLOGY CLINIC	9207 HWY 71 SOUTH #9	FORT SMITH	AR	72916	479-649-3376
MAGRINI, DPM	KENT	FOOT HEALTH CENTER	5004 S U #101-B	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-452-8074
MILLER, MD	SHAWN	FAMILY PRACTICE	623 SOUTH 21ST ST	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-441-1500
MURPHY, DO	ANNE	FAMILY PRACTICE	623 SOUTH 21ST ST	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-441-1500
PELUSO, MD	FRANK	GASTROENTEROLOGY	1500 DODSON AVE.	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-709-7430
SILVER, MD	DANNY	EMERGENCY MED.	7301 ROGERS AVE	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-314-4779
SWICEGOOD, MD	JOHN	PAIN MANAGEMENT	7303 ROGERS AVE #100	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-314-6922
TICER, MD	RICHARD K.	WEST. AR. ANESTHESIOLOGY	3420 S 74TH ST	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-452-1581
WRIGHT, DPM	JOHN D.	FOOT HEALTH CTR.	5004 S. U #101-B	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-452-8074
BOWMAN, MD	VERNON D JR	HOPE HEMPSTEAD EMERGENCY GROUP	2001 S MAIN ST	HOPE	AR	71801	870-722-2450
HERNDON, MD	GRETA PARKS	HOPE HEMPSTEAD EMERGENCY GROUP	2001 S MAIN ST	HOPE	AR	71801	870-777-2323
KHAN, MD	ABDUL	HOPE- HEMPSTEAD EMERGENCY GROUP	2001 S MAIN ST	HOPE	AR	71801	870-777-2323
NASH, MD	CLAYTON	HOPE HEMPSTEAD EMERGENCY GROUP	2001 S MAIN ST	HOPE	AR	71801	870-777-2323
PARCON, MD	PAUL	HOPE HEMPSTEAD EMERGENCY GROUP	2001 S MAIN ST	HOPE	AR	71801	870-777-2323
SHAW, MD	MICHAEL ALLEN	HOPE HEMPSTEAD EMERGENCY GROUP	2001 S MAIN ST	HOPE	AR	71801	870-777-2323
UMOH, MD	DANIEL	HOPE HEMPSTEAD EMERGENCY GROUP	2001 S MAIN ST	HOPE	AR	71801	870-722-2450
GILLESPIE, MD	JOHN	MCFARLAND EYE CENTERS	3604 CENTRAL AVE #A	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71913	501-318-3738
HOPE, MD	JOHN	MCFARLAND EYE CENTERS	3604 CENTRAL AVE #A	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71913	501-318-1111
PICKHARDT, MD	MARK	BOSTON MTN. RURAL HEALTH	932 N GASKILL	HUNTSVILLE	AR	72740	479-738-1000
CROUTHER, MD	MARCUS	PULASKI EMERGENCY GROUP	1400 W BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-985-7000
DONCER, MD	RICHARD	PULASKI EMERGENCY GROUP	1400 W BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-985-7000
EKANEM, MD	FELIX	PULASKI EMERGENCY GROUP	1400 W BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-985-7000
GARNER, MD	KIMBERLY K.	PULASKI EMERGENCY GROUP	1400 W BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-985-7000
GRIMM, MD	BRIAN	PULASKI EMERGENCY GROUP	1400 W BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-985-7000
PURDY, MD	CHARLES	PULASKI EMERGENCY GROUP	1400 W BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-985-7000
RAY, MD	VERNA	PULASKI EMERGENCY GROUP	1400 W BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-985-7000
SNODGRASS, MD	PHILLIP	PULASKI EMERGENCY GROUP	1400 W BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-985-7000
STILLS, MD	DAVID	PULASKI EMERGENCY GROUP	1400 W BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-985-7000
BARBER, DO	JEFFERY L.	NEA CLINIC	4901 E JOHNSON	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-932-8222
NICHOLS, MD	DAVID	NEA CLINIC	311 E MATTHEWS	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-935-4150
PHILLIPS, MD	JOHN K	NEA CLINIC	3024 STADIUM BLVD	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-972-7000
ANGEL, DDS	BRYAN	PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY	300 S RODNEY PARHAM #3	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-4799
BALTZ, MD	BRAD	HEMATOLOGY ONCOLOGY SRVS OF AR.	9600 LILE DR #200	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-907-6444
BUCHMAN, MD	J. K.	GENERAL SURGERY	500 S. UNIVERSITY #720	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-664-4321
CALDWELL, MD	CHARLES	LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	#7 SHACKLEFORD WEST	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-664-5860
FLAHERTY, MD	PATRICK J. III	LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	#7 SHACKLEFORD WEST	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-664-5860
HART, MD	THOMAS M.	PAIN CONSULTANTS OF AR.	9501 LILE DR #900	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-7246
HARTER, MD	SCOTT B.	RADIOLOGY CONSULTANTS OF LR	9601 LILE DR #1100	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-5240
HENRY, MD	G. MICHAEL	GRACE CLINIC FOR WOMEN	9600 LILE DR #250	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-225-9905
HOPE, MD	JOHN	MCFARLAND EYE CENTERS	17200 CHENAL PKWY #440	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72212	501-830-2020
I CARE OF ARKANSAS		HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	1527 S BOMAN #D	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-687-0999
JAMES, OD	BRENT A	MCFARLAND EYE CENTERS	17200 CHENAL PKWY #440	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72212	501-830-2020
LEDING, MD	CARL JOHN	LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	#7 SHACKLEFORD WEST	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-664-5860
MCCARVER, MD	RODNEY	LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	#7 SHACKLEFORD WEST	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-664-5860
MCCORD, MD	STACIE L.	AR. ONCOLOGY ASSOC.	1000 N UNIVERSITY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72207	501-661-0060
MICHAELS, DC	SONJIA	CHENAL CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC	17200 CHENAL PKWY #170	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223	315-480-5729
MURPHY, MD	BRUCE E.	LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	#7 SHACKLEFORD WEST	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-664-0889

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CLINIC/SPECIALTY	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE
NAYLES, MD	LEE C.	NAYLES MEDICAL CLINIC	1122 CAPITAL	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72201	501-371-0055
NOKES, MD	STEVEN	BAPTIST HEALTH IMAGING CENTER	9601 LILE DR. #108	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-202-1868
REED, MD	MARK	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
SKINNER, DC	KYLE	CHEVAL CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC	17200 CHEVAL PKWY #170	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223	501-821-6934
STEWART, MD	JEFFREY	LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	#7 SHACKLEFORD WEST	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-664-5860
WONG, MD	WILSON	LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	#7 SHACKLEFORD WEST	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-664-5860
ZELK, MD	MISTY	PEDIATRIC & ADOLESCENT MED.	11908 KANIS RD #G8	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-455-2678
ADKINS, MD	JAMES KEVIN	FAMILY PRACTICE	614 NORTHDOWN	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-425-3131
ARMISTEAD, MD	CHARLES W.	TWIN LAKES CARDIAC ANESTHESIA	624 HOSPITAL DR	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-424-7070
BARKER, MD	MONTY R.	ENT ASSOC. OF MTN. HOME	626 BURNETT DR.	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-424-4200
BLACK, MD	JOHN P	MTN HOME EMERGENCY GROUP	624 HOSPITAL DR #2A	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-508-1139
BURNETT, MD	RICHARD L.	BURNETT-CROOM-LINCOLN-PADEN	405 BUTTERCUP DR.	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-425-3030
CHATMAN, MD	IRA	ANESTHESIOLOGY	624 HOSPITAL DR	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-508-1005
CHENEY, MD	LORI	MTN. HOME MEDICAL GROUP	353 E EIGHTH ST	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-425-3125
CHENEY, MD	MAXWELL	MTN. HOME MEDICAL GROUP	353 E EIGHTH ST	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-425-3125
CHOCK, MD	DANIEL	CHOCK MEDICAL CLINIC	503 S. COLLEGE	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-425-5535
CLARK, MD	JAMES	ANESTHESIOLOGY	715 S CHURCH ST	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-424-7070
NEIS, MD	PAUL	ENT ASSOC. OF MTN. HOME	626 BURNETT DR.	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-424-4200
GREEN, MD	ROGER	HARRIS MEDICAL CLINIC	1117 MCLAIN ST #800	NEWPORT	AR	72112	870-523-0193
GREENWOOD, MD	DAVID	PULMONARY CONSULTANTS	3401 SPRINGHILL DR #340	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-753-2424
JOHNSON, MD	M. BRUCE	GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOC.	3401 SPRINGHILL DR #350	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-791-3800
BONNER, MD	JIMMY D	GREENE EMERGENCY GROUP	900 W KINGS HIGHWAY	PARAGOULD	AR	72450	870-239-7000
FLIPPIN, MD	DANE H.	GREENE EMERGENCY GROUP	900 W KINGS HIGHWAY	PARAGOULD	AR	72450	870-239-7000
KENT, MD	WILLIAM C	GREENE EMERGENCY GROUP	900 W KINGS HIGHWAY	PARAGOULD	AR	72450	870-239-7000
MITCHELL, MD	BENJAMIN	GREENE EMERGENCY GROUP	900 W KINGS HIGHWAY	PARAGOULD	AR	72450	870-239-7000
WILSON, MD	JOHN	GREENE EMERGENCY GROUP	900 W KINGS HIGHWAY	PARAGOULD	AR	72450	870-239-7000
GILLESPIE, MD	JOHN	MCFARLAND EYE CENTERS	3805 W. 28TH AVE	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-536-4100
HALL, OD	W. BRENT	HALL EYECARE	3001 W. 28TH	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-541-2020
HOPE, MD	JOHN	MCFARLAND EYE CENTERS	3805 W. 28TH AVE	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-536-4100
REID, OD	NELSON V.	HALL EYECARE	3001 W 28TH	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-535-0358
BRADLEY, MD	JAMES F JR	RANDOLPH EMERGENCY GROUP	2801 MEDICAL CENTER DR	POCAHONTAS	AR	72455	870-892-6000
CORBELL, MD	CARROLL	RANDOLPH EMERGENCY GROUP	2801 MEDICAL CENTER DR	POCAHONTAS	AR	72455	870-892-6000
DOLLINS, MD	STEPHEN	PSYCHIATRY	324 N SECOND ST	ROGERS	AR	72756	479-633-8000
WULF, DC	TODD M.	THE WULF CLINIC	593 HORSEBARN RD. #101	ROGERS	AR	72758	479-271-9191
HACKLER, MD	KEITH	VALLEY DIAGNOSTICS	2504 W MAIN #H	RUSSELLVILLE	AR	72801	479-967-6492
WHITE CO. MEDICAL CTR. SOUTH		HOSPITAL	1200 MAIN ST	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-278-3100
THOMAS, MD	MARTHA	PEDIATRIC & ADOLESCENT MED.	2505 W BEEBE CAPPS EXPSWY.	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-207-5801
ALLEN, MD	WILLIAM	SPRINGDALE EMERGENCY GROUP	609 W MAPLE AVE	SPRINGDALE	AR	72765	479-751-5711
BALL, MD	PETER H.	SPRINGDALE EMERGENCY GROUP	609 W MAPLE AVE	SPRINGDALE	AR	72765	479-751-5111
BRIMBERRY, MD	RONALD K.	SPRINGDALE EMERGENCY GROUP	609 W MAPLE AVE	SPRINGDALE	AR	72765	479-751-5111
HALL, OD	W. BRENT	HALL EYECARE	105 E. ASH ST.	WARREN	AR	71671	870-226-5214
IN-STATE DELETES							
WAGNER, MD	T. DAN	GENERAL SURGERY	2101 CONGO RD.	BENTON	AR	72015	501-778-7435
MCCRARY, MD	GEORGE A.	CABOT MEDICAL CLINIC	2037 W. MAIN ST.	CABOT	AR	72023	501-843-4555
DIXON, MD	JERRY W.	GENERAL SURGERY	525 WESTERN AVE. #203	CONWAY	AR	72032	501-327-4828
HARDBERGER, MD	R. E.	ARKANSAS EYE ASSOC.	106 S. ATLANTA ST.	DANVILLE	AR	72833	479-495-2020
POSEY, MD	WILLIE L. II	LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	704 GROVE ST.	EL DORADO	AR	71730	870-863-6133
BONNER, CRNA	SHERRIE	OZARK REGIONAL ANESTHESIA	3215 N NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-442-3961
MCCUSKEY, CRNA	BONNIE	OZARK REGIONAL ANESTHESIA	3215 N NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-442-3961
FORREST CITY MEDICAL CTR.		HOSPITAL	1601 NEWCASTLE RD	FORREST CITY	AR	72335	870-261-0000
BARKER, MD	CHARLES	GASTROENTEROLOGY CTR.	1500 DODSON AVE.	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-709-7430
STILL, MD	EUGENE F.	PLASTIC SURGERY SPECIALISTS	2717 S. 74TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-452-9080
STREETMAN, CRNA	PHILIP	ANESTHESIOLOGY	3312 S 70TH ST	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-424-2744
BURNETT, MD	RICHARD L.	FAMILY PRACTICE	7345 HWY. 62 W.	GASSVILLE	AR	72635	870-435-6177
BOWMAN, OD	RONNY	EYE GOUP	1435 W CENTER ST #A	GREENWOOD	AR	72936	479-996-2020
PURDY, MD	CHARLES	HOPE HEMPSTEAD EMERGENCY GROUP	2001 S MAIN ST	HOPE	AR	71801	870-722-2450
PICKHARDT, MD	MARK	BOSTON MTN. RURAL HEALTH	932 N GASKILL	HUNTSVILLE	AR	72740	479-738-1000
SPEECH LEARNING & HEARING		SPEECH THERAPY	1120 JOHN HARDEN #D	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-985-0202
BALTZ, MD	BRAD	ARKANSAS ONCOLOGY ASSOC	1000 N UNIVERSITY AVE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72207	501-661-0060
BARLOW, MD	BRIAN E.	LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	#7 SHACKLEFORD WEST	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-664-5860
BUCHMAN, MD	J. K.	GENERAL SURGERY	11401 I-30 #204	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72209	501-455-2800
LANDRY, MD	ELAINE	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
MANN'S, MD	ANGELA	ONCOLOGY & HEMATOLOGY	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
PANDIT, MD	SUDHIR	LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	#7 SHACKLEFORD WEST	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-664-5860
ROBINSON, MD	CHRISTY	EMERGENCY MED.	4301 W MARKHAM #783	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
STANGER, PHD	CATHERINE	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
WESTERFIELD, MD	ROBERT E.	LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	#7 SHACKLEFORD WEST	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-664-5860
WAGNER, MD	T. DAN	GENERAL SURGERY	1002 SCHNEIDER DR. #102	MALVERN	AR	72104	501-332-2339
CREMEEN, DDS	THOMAS L.	GENERAL DENTISTRY	98 W. MAIN ST.	MARIANNA	AR	72360	870-295-2644
CLARKE, MD	JAMES	MTN. HOME ANESTHESIOLOGY	715 S. CHURCH	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-424-7070
MARSTON, DPM	CLIFFORD B.	PODIATRY	400 S COLLEGE #3	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-425-1466
TULLOS, MD	MARK	GENERAL SURGERY	1000 W KINGSHIGHWAY #13	PARAGOULD	AR	72450	870-239-5916
UBBEN, MD	KENNETH L.	UBBEN DERMATOLOGY CLINIC	2054 S. 54TH ST.	ROGERS	AR	72758	479-464-4334
HANCOCK, DDS	GEORGE	GENERAL DENTISTRY	1931 E. U.S. 412	SILCOAM SPRINGS	AR	72761	479-524-9379
MOSELEY, DDS	PATRICK P. SR.	GENERAL DENTISTRY	506 THOMAS ST.	STAMPS	AR	71860	870-533-4791
STILL, MD	EUGENE F.	CORNERSTONE MEDICAL GRP.	2010 CHESTNUT #C	VAN BUREN	AR	72956	479-410-3223
HODGES, MD	JOHN	OTOLARYNGOLOGY (ENT)	300 TYLER ST.	WEST MEMPHIS	AR	72301	870-735-7603
OUT-OF-STATE ADDITIONS							
SURGERY CTR. OF SPRINGFIELD		OUTPATIENT SURGERY CTRS.	1350 E WOODHURST DR	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-887-5243
HUGHES, MD	VERNON T (TOMMY)	EMERGENCY MED.	122 WESTOWER AVE	CLARKSDALE	MS	38614	662-887-5235
ERIAN, MD	HANI	INTERNAL MED.	197 S MEDICAL PARK DR	GREENVILLE	MS	38701	662-335-4105
OLIVER, MD	LEMUEL	EMERGENCY MED.	2602 JAMES TOWN WAY	JACKSON	MS	39211	662-887-5235
PARKER, OD	RYAN	WELLS VISION & LASER EYE CENTER	1702 N COMMERCE #A	ARDMORE	OK	73401	580-223-5300
WELLS, OD	KEVIN	WELLS VISION & LASER EYE CENTER	1702 N COMMERCE #A	ARDMORE	OK	73401	580-223-5300
LAWSON, MD	RONALD	THE WEST CLINIC	1588 UNION AVE	MEMPHIS	TN	38104	901-322-0251
HALL, MD	DAVID	DIGESTIVE HEALTH ASSOC. OF TX	1600 CENTRAL DR #155	BEDFORD	TX	76022	817-267-8470
OUT-OF-STATE UPDATES							
ALMOND, MD	DONNA L.	HEARTLAND RADIOLOGY	221 PHYSICIANS PARK DR.	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-222-7441
SCOUFOS, DO	JENNIFER	SEQUOYAH MEMORIAL HOS. CLINIC	1109 E CHEROKEE	SALLISAW	OK	74955	918-774-0147
WOODSON, DO	STEPHEN	WOODSON FAMILY MED. CLINIC	907 NW 5TH ST.	STIGLER	OK	74462	918-967-3355
KHALIL, MD	MOHAMMAD	TEXARKANA INTERNAL MEDICINE ASSOC	1000 PINE ST	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-255-0245

Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas



KEY: Counties with countywide tax (shaded is 1¢ unless otherwise noted)
 (2) 2¢ being collected in that municipality
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Source: Debbie Rogers, Office of State Treasurer
See also: www.state.ar.us/revenue/eta/sales/taxrates.html

Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2006

Month	Municipal Tax	County Tax	Total Tax	Interest
January	\$32,687,504	\$33,033,724	\$65,721,228	\$184,083
February	\$40,075,677	\$39,032,068	\$79,107,745	\$76,989
March	\$32,771,550	\$32,771,095	\$65,544,012	\$256,793
April	\$32,010,237	\$32,413,705	\$64,423,942	\$174,245
May	\$35,233,916	\$35,510,242	\$70,744,158	\$240,060
June	\$34,375,245	\$33,751,145	\$68,126,390	\$67,572
Total	\$207,154,089	\$206,511,979	\$413,666,068	\$999,742
Averages	\$34,525,682	\$34,418,663	\$68,944,345	\$166,624

June 2006 Municipal Levy Receipts

Table listing municipal levy receipts for June 2006, organized by county and city/township. Includes sub-section for County Sales and Use Tax.

June 2006 Municipal/County Levy Receipts

Table listing municipal/county levy receipts for June 2006, organized by county and city/township.

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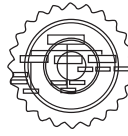
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PROJECT ENGINEER—Rogers Planning and Transportation Dept seeks project engineer; \$50,000-\$60,000/yr; benefit pkg; Duties: coordination and expedite projects from concept to completion. Work with city staff, consultants and public daily to facilitate design and construction of projects; work on eng. rel. issues, incl subdivision and large scale development plan review as well as construction and hydrology review as it relates to development. Exp. w/ computer aided drafting, eng. design programs, ability to compute quantities and prepare construction estimates for eng. projects. Min. 4 yrs. exp. as civil eng. Application at www.rogersarkansas.com or call Gina Kincy, HR Director; Mail application/ resume to at 300 W. Poplar, Rogers, AR 72756.

FINANCE DIRECTOR—Jonesboro is accepting applications for Finance Director. The director serves as CFO; advises dept. heads and elected officials; develops annual city operating budget and capital improvements program; analyzes revenues, expenditures; monitors dept. expenditures; prepares fin. reports; oversees city cash mgmt. program; oversees payroll, accts. payable, purchasing and collections. Should know principles and practices of public finance, budgeting and accounting; skill in using financial comp. software; skill in mgmt., supervision; oral and written communication skills; have Masters Deg. in rel. course of study with 3-5 yrs. rel. exp. Starting sal. \$58,751.30-\$64,850.44 plus benefit pkg. Applications at city hall or www.jonesboro.org. Mail to Jonesboro City Hall, Attn: HR Director, 515 W. Washington, Jonesboro AR 72401. **Deadline July 28.** EOE.

HR DIRECTOR—Russellville seeks director of HR to develop policy, direct and coordinate human resources activities such as employment, compensation, labor relations, benefits, training and employee services. HR director also maintains municipal cemetery records, maintains municipal Web site and assists Civil Service Commission. Min. qualifications: degree in public admin., personnel admin. or related; prefer HR professional certification (PHR or SPHR) and Master's Degree or equiv.; 5 yrs. exp. in HR; 2 yrs. supervisory exp.; must possess and maintain valid Ark. Class D (non-commercial) DL. Starting salary \$38,229 plus benefits. Closes **July 17** or until filled. For complete job description and application visit www.russellvillearkansas.org, or contact the Work Force Investment Center at 479-968-2784, or city hall at 479-968-2098. EOE/AA.

POLICE CHIEF—Barling seeks police chief.

Chief plans, coordinates, supervises and evaluates PD operations; develops policies and procedures; plans and implements law enforcement program for the city; reviews dept. performance, effectiveness; evaluates evidence, witnesses and suspects in criminal cases; supervises and coordinates annual dept. budget; directs development and maintenance of systems, records and legal docs.; trains and develops dept. personnel; handles grievances; maintains dept. discipline; prepares, submits reports; attends req. meetings, conferences; ensures enforcement of laws, ordinances. Desired qualifications: degree in police sci., law enforcement, criminal justice, public admin. or rel. field, or equiv. exp.; 7 yrs. police work exp., 3 of which at sgt. or higher; completion of basic law enforcement training acad. or equ. Salary commensurate with edu., skill and exp. Send resume to Administrator, City of Barling, P.O. Box 23039, Barling, AR 72923, or pick up 8 to 5, M-F at Administration Office.

POLICE OFFICER—Elaine seeks F/T cert. police officer. Send resume to City of Elaine, c/o Mayor V.P. Fiser, P.O. Box 605, Elaine, AR 72333; call/fax 870-827-3760.

PATROL OFFICER—Lake Village Police Dept. seeks cert. applicants for patrol officer. Good sal. (\$19,000 year for entry level cert.) and ben. incl.; 11 paid holidays; 3 wks. paid vac.; health, eye and dental insurance; uniform pay (\$1,720 yearly); and LOPFI Retirement System. Call 870-265-5055 for application or mail resume and cert. to: Lake Village Police Dept., ATTN: Chief Percy Wilburn, P.O. Box 725, Lake Village, AR 71653. EOE.

POLICE OFFICER—Allport (Lonoke County) is seeking a full-time officer. Mail resume and cert. to: Allport Police Dept, P.O. Box 58, Humnoke, AR 72072.

CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS—Forrest City Police Dept. seeks cert. officers. Good sal., benefits inc. paid holiday, health, dental, eye insurance, retirement, 3 wks. paid vac. and LOPFI. Call 870-633-3434 for more info. or send resume and copies of cert. to Chief's Office, c/o Forrest City Police Dept., 225 N. Rosser St., Forrest City, AR 72335. EOE.

POLICE OFFICER—Wilmot (Ashley County) is taking applications for police officer; cert. applicants only. Wilmot City Hall, 870-473-2603 for info.; or mail resume or copies of cert. to P.O. Box 67, Wilmot, AR 71676, ATTN: Mayor Harris.

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN—Barling is accepting application for a working foreman. Desired qualifications: Min. 5 yrs. exp. in public works construction; able to operate backhoe, loader brush chipper, tractor with mower or blade; have ability to prepare, analyze and use reports and records; Must have Ark. driver's lic., Ark. Class II or above wastewater license and Class I water treatment distribution license; sal. negot., based on exp. Send resume with sal. req., work exp., and refs. to City of Barling, Public Works Director, P.O. Box 23039, Barling, AR 72923-0039. Position requires background check and drug test.

WASTE DISTRICT DIRECTOR—The Boston Mountain Solid Waste District seeks director to lead and manage day-to-day activities. Reports to board of directors. Min. requirements: degree in public or business admin., conservation, environmental eng. or related field; 5-7 yrs. exp. in solid waste mgmt.; outstanding oral and written comm. skills, program development and implementation abilities; must have Solid Waste Systems Mgr. cert. or ability to acquire cert. in one yr. of hire. Sal. \$60,000 DOE plus benefits. Submit cover letter, resume, references and sal. history by **July 28** to City of Springdale, ATTN: HR Director, 201 Spring St., Springdale, AR 72764.

WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR—Marshall (Searcy County) seeks a water/wastewater operator with Class II license. Salary neg., DOQ, exp. Contact Mayor James Busbee, 870-448-2543 or 870-448-7506; or P.O. Box 1420, Marshall, AR 72650; FAX, 870-448-5692.

WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR—England seeks licensed operator to supervise water/wastewater facilities, distribution. Submit resume, references and past 5-year annual sal. to ATTN: Amanda Reynolds, P.O. Box 37, England, AR 72046. Apps. available at 110 N.W. 2nd St.

WASTEWATER OPERATIONS FOREMAN—Bentonville is taking applications for a wastewater operations foreman. Sal range: \$18.73/hr-\$28.09/hr. Responsibilities include: supervision of 7-10 employees; efficient maintenance, operations, management of equip, vehicles, bldgs and grounds of wastewater treatment plant. Apps. at www.bentonvillear.com, or City Hall. Mail resume to City of Bentonville, ATTN: HR Dept, 117 West Central, Bentonville, AR 72712 or fax app./resume to 479-271-3105. EOE.

POLICE CAR—For Sale, 1995 Chevy Caprice; Bethel Heights PD is taking offers; vehicle fair to good condition; over 150 K miles. Make offer or inquire, Chief Don McKinnon, Bethel Heights Police Department, 479-751-1757 or dmckinnon@bethelheightsark.org.

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