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<p>Washington County Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds</p> <p><b>\$109,380,000</b></p>	<p>Saline County Jail Construction Capital Improvement Bonds</p> <p><b>\$8,500,000</b></p>	<p>Harrison School District #1 Limited General Obligation Refunding</p> <p><b>\$5,255,000</b></p>	<p>City of Fayetteville Hwy 71 East Square Project</p> <p><b>\$3,725,000</b></p>	<p>City of Tucker Water &amp; Sewer Refunding &amp; Construction</p> <p><b>\$1,700,000</b></p>
<p>City of Little Rock Capital Improvement Bonds</p> <p><b>\$70,635,000</b></p>	<p>Fort Smith School District Construction Bonds</p> <p><b>\$8,000,000</b></p>	<p>City of Pocahontas Water &amp; Sewer Construction Bonds</p> <p><b>\$4,635,000</b></p>	<p>City of Little Rock Hilton Little Rock Metro Center Project</p> <p><b>\$3,135,000</b></p>	<p>City of Hazen Water &amp; Sewer System Improvement</p> <p><b>\$1,615,000</b></p>
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<p>Northwest Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management District Waste Disposal Refunding &amp; Construction</p> <p><b>\$12,340,000</b></p>	<p>City of Decatur Water &amp; Sewer Refunding &amp; Construction Project</p> <p><b>\$7,715,000</b></p>	<p>City of Barling Water &amp; Sewer Revenue &amp; Refunding Bonds</p> <p><b>\$4,195,000</b></p>	<p>Wynne School District #9 Construction Bonds</p> <p><b>\$2,296,361</b></p>	
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 Hotel rates, registration forms and payment information are all here to sign up for the League's Winter Conference, Jan. 10-12, at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock. Meet legislators in informal get-togethers and discuss League legislative positions and policies for the 2007 legislative session.

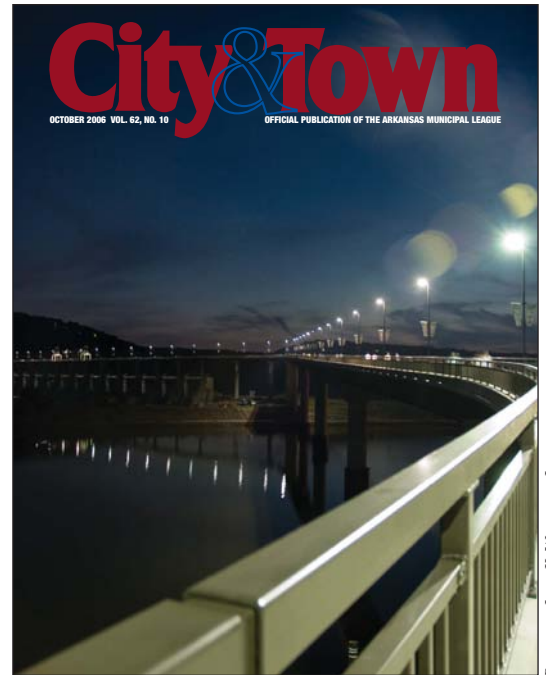


The big bridge for biking, running and walking is open and in use, as these early-morning exercisers demonstrate. It was Oct. 2, the first weekday after the new route opened from Murray Park in Little Rock to Cook's Landing in North Little Rock and over the Arkansas River. The 14-foot-wide trail, shown here from the Little Rock side, is built atop Lock and Dam No. 7, thus its nickname, The Big Dam Bridge.

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ON THE COVER—The official weekend ceremonies, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, for opening the \$12.5 million pedestrian/bicycle bridge between Little Rock and North Little Rock had concluded, but as night approached, walkers and bicycle riders and the curious just kept coming. No wonder. It's the longest bridge in the country built for that purpose. See pages 6 and 7 for more info. Enjoy!—jkw

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Dear Friends,

*City & Town* is the official publication of the Arkansas Municipal League, but it is more than a publication. It is a learning tool for city officials. I see the League as having three functions. It is a lobbyist for cities and towns, it is a supplier of services, and it is an education tool for city government leaders. The first two everyone takes for granted. The last one may be one of the most important, because it supports the first two.



There are no static textbooks for running a city—even the code book changes at least every two years. The League has training meetings from time to time on various subjects. There are also specific texts for some subjects like annexations, and you can find a complete list on the League Web site. But to me, the best learning tool is *City & Town*, which I look forward to every month. Until I became president, my copy was delivered a couple of days after everyone else's; now mine comes at the same time, which is nice.

I would encourage every city leader to go through *City & Town* and at least scan every story for things that might apply to his or her community. Particularly things like the Attorney General's Opinions, Engineering Perspective, Animal Corner and Planning to Succeed apply to every city. Even though you might not have a Sister City, there might be ideas that you can apply to your community.

If we are going to be successful leaders, it is about learning and keeping abreast of what is happening in government. It is about learning to do our job the best way that we can. Being the best is about doing what the electorate hired and expects us to do.

"Great Cities Make a Great State."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stewart Nelson". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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

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Cyclists participating in the Pulaski County Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge opening ceremony coast down to the Cook's Landing area on the north side of the Arkansas River.

## 'Bridge to friendship and community' links cities

But the potential outreach is national for this longest pedestrian/biking bridge of its kind in the country.

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

Six bridges famously span the Arkansas River and connect Little Rock and North Little Rock. The cities can now add a seventh to that list—the Pulaski County Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge over Murray Lock and Dam, playfully nicknamed the Big Dam Bridge.

“Welcome to your bridge,” Pulaski County Judge F.G. Buddy Villines told the thousands gathered the morning of Sept. 30 at Cook's Landing on the North Little Rock side of the river to celebrate the ribbon cutting and public opening of the bridge. The “ribbon” was a bicycle inner tube, befitting one of the bridge's uses.

Immediately after the ribbon cutting, onlookers cheered as the first official riders biked across the bridge. Crossing from the Little Rock side, mayors Jim Dailey of Little Rock and Patrick Hays of North Little Rock, who were major supporters of the project, pedaled across, leading hundreds of other bicycle riders. Nearing the north end, they linked and raised their hands in a show of support. Each city has developed seven miles of bicycle-running-walking trails connecting each end of the new bridge.

With 3,463 feet in length over the river, it's the longest pedestrian and bicycle bridge built for that purpose in the United States. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers managed construction of the bridge, built with weathering steel girders to minimize maintenance. (Weathering steel has a natural oxide coating that becomes dense with age and relatively impervious to atmospheric corrosion. Minor damage heals itself, greatly reducing maintenance.) The bridge's 14-foot-wide concrete deck soars 65 feet above the navigational channel at Murray Lock and Dam.

After completing the trail from downtown North Little Rock to Cook's Landing, Mayor Hays thought it would be terrific to somehow link the trail with the one at Murray Park on Little Rock's side of the river. Armed with a map of the area and a laser pointer, Hays “planted the seed” in Villines' head. “Buddy became a co-disciple, and the discipleship became a passion,” Hays said.

The \$12.5 million bridge is the result of eight years of planning and cooperation among the cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock, Pulaski County,

From left, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Col. Wally Walters, Gov. Mike Huckabee, Pulaski County Judge F.G. Buddy Villines, state Highway Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum and Federal Highway Administration representative Sandra Otto celebrate the ribbon cutting of the "Big Dam Bridge," the longest pedestrian and bicycle bridge built for that purpose in the United States.



state and federal governments and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. To pay for the construction, city and county leaders secured over \$8 million in federal transportation dollars and nearly \$4 million in Pulaski County transportation dollars. Central Arkansas Water spent \$500,000 to build a pipe to connect the Little Rock and North Little Rock water systems.


The bridge forms the western arc of a planned 17-mile loop of world-class trails along the river, connecting the Arkansas River Trail's north and south sides at the dam. To complete the loop, the cities plan to convert the historic Rock Island Railroad Bridge, adjacent to the Clinton Presidential Library, for pedes-

trian and bicycle use. To help pay for the conversion, The Clinton Foundation is selling "Bridge Builder Pavers." The concrete stones can be personalized with an engraved message and will be placed on the bridge.

Other officials helping with the ribbon cutting, in addition to Villines were U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Col. Wally Walters, Little Rock District engineer; state Highway Commissioner Carl Rosenbaum; Federal Highway Administration representative Sandra Otto; and Gov. Mike Huckabee.

The bridge-opening ceremonies included a 5K foot race after the ribbon cutting and a 100-mile bicycle tour the next day. Organizers hope the bike tour, dubbed the Big Dam Bridge 100, which winds its way through North Little Rock, Little Rock, Conway and back, will become a major annual national cycling attraction.

Villines, who was instrumental in securing support for the project, was enthusiastic about its potential benefits. "Let this be a bridge to friendship and community," he said.

Villines and Huckabee expressed that beyond offering walkers, joggers and bicycle enthusiasts unparalleled views of the scenic Arkansas River and surrounding natural areas, the bridge represents the cities' commitment to health and fitness. "The cost of poor health will far outweigh the cost of the bridge," said Huckabee, who, dressed in his running duds, was a participant in the Big Dam 5K. With the bridge, Central Arkansas will be considered a fitness center, he said. 



The Imam Agin Muhammad Jr., at left, one of three local religious leaders to offer invocations at the opening ceremony, looks on with others gathered to welcome the first riders crossing the bridge.



# State offers electrical inspection aid

State inspector found electrical code violations that ranged from “minor infractions to what we consider as serious threats to life or property.”

By Ronald E. Baker

Over the past couple of years, the electrical division of the Arkansas Department of Labor has been involved in electrical inspections throughout the state.

Although we primarily concentrate on rural areas and smaller municipalities that do not have inspection service, we have, on occasion, made inspections in larger cities.

Generally, inspections in larger cities involve licensing issues or complaint investigations. It is our policy to involve the local inspector, to the extent possible, in any local investigation.

We were recently asked to perform inspections involving municipality-owned sewer systems. Engineering firms designed the systems and the municipalities were told that the systems were code compliant. However, upon our inspection we found issues that could have placed several people in danger.

The systems were designed so that generator power could be used to empty holding tanks in the event of disruption of normal power; however, there were no provisions to separate the generator source from the utility power source. Had the generators been used, power could have been fed into the utility power grid, which would endanger utility workers trying to restore

service to the community.


In reverse, if the power were restored while the generator was connected, there is a high probability that the generator would be destroyed and the city employee injured. We met with city officials, electrical contractors and engineers to correct this situation.

To avoid future situations of this type, we would like to offer our assistance to any municipality before planned utility projects are finalized. This would avoid delays caused by inadequate installation designs.

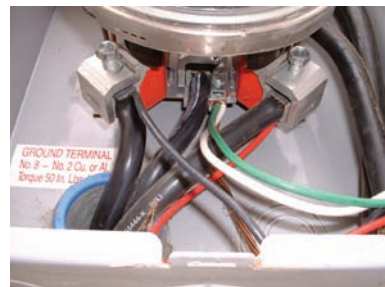
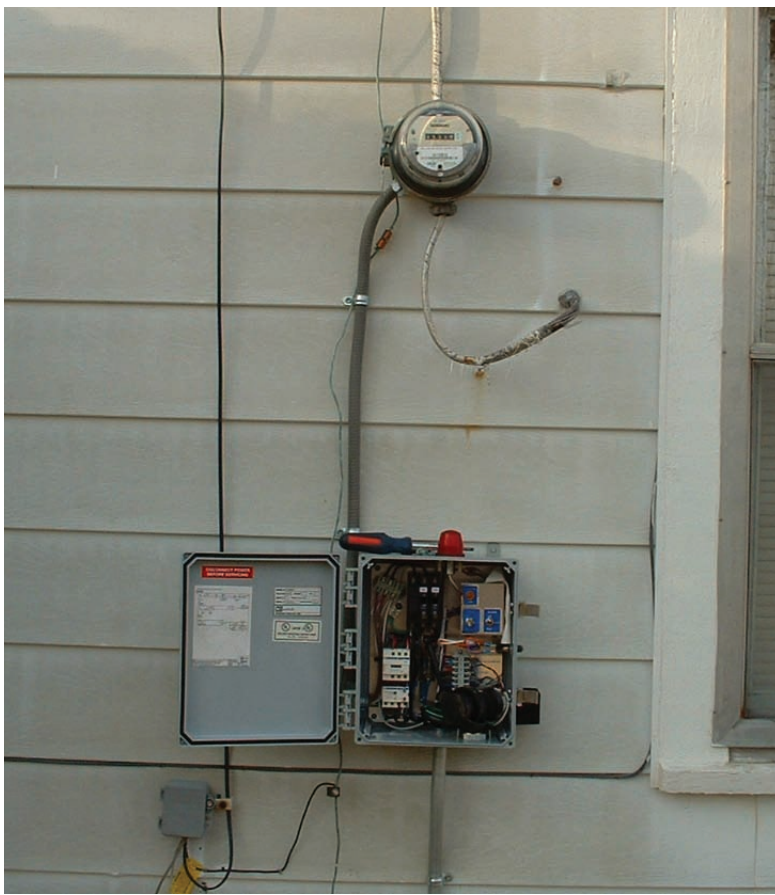
State law requires that anyone performing electrical work be licensed prior to performing any electrical work. We have encountered many violations pertaining to this law. We have also encountered many different violations of the state adopted National Electrical Code.

These violations range from minor infractions to what we consider as serious threats to life or property. Our ultimate goal is to develop working relationships with municipalities throughout the State of Arkansas.

We are willing to assist any city or town with inspections, design review, licensing enforcement or any other need that is within the jurisdiction of the Arkansas Department of Labor. Anyone seeking assistance can contact our office and we will respond in the appropriate manner to address concerns.

*Ronald E. Baker is Labor Code Enforcement Administrator for the Arkansas Department of Labor. He can be reached at 501-682-4547 or ron.baker@arkansas.gov.* 

At left, the connection on the side of a house is improperly wired to the electrical meter because it lacks a disconnect, which is a violation of the National Electrical Code that could prevent accidental contact with energized parts. The lugs inside the meter were improperly double tapped, which could cause a hazard because of potential loose connections; also, the addition of the 30-ampere load could overload the service wires and cause an electrical fire. Below, the lugs, which are the metal base connections immediately below the meter, are double tapped. Even if each lug is rated for the double tap, it is doubtful that a #10 (a very small size of wire for this size of meter) is approved for the purpose shown here.





# Rural conservation trees serve cities and towns

It's imperative that we protect rural forestlands, which play an invaluable role in maintaining air and water quality.

By James R. Fazio

**I**n our rapidly changing world, the importance of trees and rural forestland is beyond anything imagined even a decade ago. In fact, the perception of rural trees as simply a supply of wood or a pleasant backdrop in the picturesque countryside is becoming as outmoded as dial telephones.

Rural forests and conservation trees directly benefit all of us who live in cities. "Ecosystem services" is the new term given to this gift—and it translates into big dollars. Rural forests and field buffers mean less erosion, cleaner water supplies downstream, less flooding, more pure air and even cooler summer temperatures.

The value of trees and open space for the protection of city water supplies is especially important as more and more demands are being placed on limited amounts of water. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, New York City has spent \$170 million since 1997 to purchase 70,000 acres of forestland to protect waterways that feed city-owned reservoirs. The same story is repeated in places like Boston and even Dakota County in Minnesota's Land of Lakes.

"There are great examples of cities finding it just good economics to pay farmers upstream of their water supplies to plant or maintain conservation trees as buffers along waterways," says John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation. "It's just smart for cities to care about—and pay for—conservation trees in rural areas to protect their water."

This effort to put trees to work on behalf of clean water is supported by the National Arbor Day Foundation's Conservation Trees program and by efforts of the Natural Resources Conservation Service to promote chemical-absorbing buffer strips on farms.


With one eye to the future, city managers are also recognizing the danger and public costs of depleting underground water supplies, or aquifers, if homes and

pavement are allowed to blanket what has always been open space. In San Antonio, where more than 1.2 million people rely on underground water, residents appreciate the need to protect this valuable resource. In 2005, they voted to tax themselves to purchase thousands of acres needed to prevent smothering the soil with homes, highways and parking lots.

Rural conservation trees do double duty by enhancing recreation, harboring wildlife and cleaning the air while also assuring future water supplies. In many cases, the trees are also available for sustainable forestry practices. But as we look to the future, the big question is: How can we keep conservation trees and rural forests serving our nation?

## Economic evolution is needed

Because of increasing awareness of the ecosystem services provided by forests, a nonprofit, public/private partnership has been created to promote incentives and speed the evolution of economic systems to compensate owners of these forests. Forest Trends ([www.forest-trends.org](http://www.forest-trends.org)) sees market values as the key to preserving our nation's 427 million acres of private forestland. If economic methods are not soon employed to stop the trend of converting woodlands to housing developments, shopping malls and other non-forest uses, society will lose the value of these lands for wildlife habitat, air pollution control, water purification and other "services" we too often take for granted.

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# WINTER CONFERENCE

Peabody Hotel  
January 10-12, 2007

REGISTRATION

**Registration and payment must be received in League office by Dec. 15, 2006, to qualify for advance registration.**

Advance registration for municipal officials . . . . .	\$100
Registration fee after <b>Dec. 15, 2006</b> , and on-site registration for municipal officials . . . . .	\$125
Spouse/guest registration . . . . .	\$50
Child registration . . . . .	\$50
Other registrants . . . . .	\$150
<b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT BANQUET ONLY . . . . .</b>	<b>\$25</b>

- Registration will be processed **ONLY** with accompanying payment in full. Make checks payable to the Arkansas Municipal League.
- Registration includes meals, activities and copies of **Handbook for Arkansas Municipal Officials, 2005-'06 edition**.
- No daily registration is available.
- Registration must come through the League office. No telephone registrations will be accepted.
- **No refunds after Dec. 15, 2006.**
- Cancellation letters must be postmarked by **Dec. 15, 2006.**

HOUSING

**To set up direct billing, contact hotel accounting offices.**

**Doubletree Hotel—501-372-4371**

**Wyndham Hotel—501-371-9000**

Peabody Hotel (headquarters hotel)	
Single/ Double . . . . .	\$112                      Check-in . . . . . 3 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel	
Single/ Double . . . . .	\$103                      Check-in . . . . . 3 p.m.
Wyndham Hotel	
Single/ Double . . . . .	\$89                      Check-in . . . . . 3 p.m.

- Cut-off date for hotel reservations is **Dec. 15, 2006.**
- Rooms in Little Rock are subject to an 11.5 percent tax; in North Little Rock a 14 percent tax.
- If your first choice and second choice are unavailable, the Housing Bureau will assign you to an available facility.
- Rooms will be held until 6 p.m. and then released unless guaranteed by credit card.
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• **WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL?** (see opposite page for fees)

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# Municipal Notes

## LECC studies law enforcement ethics

“Ethics and Excellence in Law Enforcement” is a seminar Oct. 25 in Little Rock, as presented by the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (LECC).

The one-day conference led by Brian Polansky emphasizes techniques to ensure ethical compliance, reduce citizen complaints, enhance law enforcement professionalism and encourage successful and fulfilling careers. Topics include causes of police corruption; reasons why officers lose their jobs; reasons why police marriages end; ethical decision making; the role of victimization, rationalization and self-deception; ensuring mental and emotional fitness for duty; and raising delicate issues.

Conference check-in and breakfast begins at 8 a.m., Oct. 25, at the Holiday Inn Presidential, 600 Interstate 30, Little Rock. To register for the conference, complete and mail the registration form below. Registration is \$20 and is required in advance (check or cash only). Registration deadline is Oct. 20.

For more information, call Mandy Warford, 501-340-2648.

## Seminar studies 2004 Beslan school tragedy

Law enforcement officers have the opportunity for a training class, “The Beslan Terrorist School Siege and Lessons for America,” on Nov. 16 at the Robinson Center Exhibition Hall.

The Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (LECC) of the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District, and the Arkansas Tactical Officers’ Association are sponsoring the class.

John Giduck is presenter of the class. Giduck is a member of the Archangel Group, a non-profit organization providing security and anti-terror training and services. Giduck was at the conclusion of the battle by Russian Special Forces to retake the middle school in September 2004 from Muslim Chechen terrorists. Of the more than 300 killed, more than half were children.

The seminar studies how the terrorists’ plan was formed, how intelligence was developed for the assault, how defenses were deployed and how negotiations failed and why. It is discussed what went wrong and what went right.

Vulnerabilities of U.S. schools to the same type of assault and needed changes in security to protect students are offered. Giduck is author of *Terror at Beslan: A Russian Tragedy with Lessons for America’s Schools*.

Registration fee is \$20 a person in checks or cash and required in advance. The conference will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Conference check-in and breakfast begins at 8 a.m. Lunch is on participants’ own.

Below is a registration form that may be used for either the Oct. 25 LECC conference or the Nov. 16 conference or duplicated for one each.

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# Summaries of attorney general opinions

Recent opinions that affect municipal government in Arkansas.

From the Office of Attorney General Mike Beebe

## Job reinstatement differs from new hire

Opinion: 2006-121

Requestor: Wills, Robbie—State Representative

Are civil service commission rules and regulations providing for reinstatement to a vacancy for “the same or similar position from which [an employee] resigned” where the former employee does not have to “compete” for the position consistent with the general statutory requirements for “open competitive examinations” pursuant to ACA 14-51-301? Q2) If a department sought to fill a vacancy and there existed an “eligible list” which did not include a “former employee” and the former employee sought “reinstatement” without testing, would this create a conflict between a former employee seeking the position under such a reinstatement rule and those “standing highest” on an eligible list seeking the same position? **RESPONSE:** Q1) Yes. Competitive examination is for the purpose of identifying eligible candidates for appointments or promotions, as distinguished from “reinstatement.” Q2) No, because the rule properly distinguishes between the reinstatement of a former employee and appointment or promotion from an eligible list.

## Nix two mills for county hospital

Opinion: 2006-159

Requestor: Hill, Jim—State Senator

If the county presently has a one-mill tax in place to support a county-owned hospital, does the county have the authority, under the procedure spelled out in Ark. Const. Amend. 32, Section 3, to conduct another election for the purpose of levying an additional rate of taxation not exceeding one mill on the dollar on the assessed value of real and personal property in the county (effectively creating a two-mill rate of taxation) in an effort to raise more revenue to support the county-owned hospital? **RESPONSE:** No.

## Citation OK for nuisance abatement

Opinion 2006-144

Requestor Bradford, Jay—State Representative

If a city has an ordinance which prohibits the overgrowth of grass and weeds on lots, the accumulation of rubbish, etc., and has authorized its code enforcement officers to issue citations, may the officers issue citations immediately upon finding such prohibited conditions exist or are they required to follow the procedures laid out in ACA 14-54-901 through -904 first; i.e., must they give seven

days notice before they can issue the citation? Q2) If a property owner is a repeat offender and the aforementioned notice is required to be given first, does the officer have to give the notice each time the property offends or can the city pass an ordinance providing that once you have been noticed and you fail to maintain the lot, the city can take such steps as necessary and continue to clean the lot and charge it to you as owner as necessary? **RESPONSE:** Q1) Citations generally may be issued immediately because the notice under 14-54-903 does not apply in connection with criminal prosecutions. Q2) No response necessary, although the city may wish to consider proceeding under 14-54-1501 et seq. to abate a “common nuisance.”

## Delta Caucus sees progress despite limited funding

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) in four years has taken federal money of \$40 million and matched that with \$162.4 million in other federal programs and with \$356.3 million in private money the DRA has created “leveraged” effect of \$559.4 million.

The figures are provided through the Mississippi Delta Grassroots Caucus, which represents 42 counties in eastern and central Arkansas and portions of seven other states. “The DRA has done a great job in its short history with a small budget,” Lee Powell, manager of the Caucus said in a note Oct. 2 to Caucus members.

The money is leading ultimately to over 36,000 jobs created and/or retained, over 24,000 families with new water and/or sewer service, and over 3,500 people being trained for jobs, Powell said.

Powell reminded members that final Congressional budgetary actions will come up probably in mid-November and that Caucus participants and affected persons in all the Delta areas need to keep Congress apprised “about the great work the DRA does for the region.”

The DRA benefits from direct funding, but the delta region receives funding through other federal agencies. The Senate appropriations committee has approved \$20 million for the Delta transportation program, to go along with \$12 million in the basic regional economic development commission funding in the energy and

(see **Delta Caucus**, page 32)



# Bentonville clerk achieves academy membership

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) has accepted Bentonville City Clerk Suzanne Grider, a Certified Municipal Clerk, into the First 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



Grider

members to acquire a specific number of points by completing IIMC and college courses, seminars and workshops. Approximately 15 percent of the IIMC's more than 10,300 members have qualified for the program.

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

## Obituaries

George Charles Blevins, 77, a former mayor of Avoca, died Sept. 17.

Raymond (Pete) Ross, 83, a former mayor of White Hall, died Sept. 24.

Clarence G. Wieman, age 81, a former Arkadelphia alderman, died Sept. 30.

## Clerks regional meet Nov. 29-Dec. 2

The University of Mississippi and the Mississippi Clerks and Collectors Association will host the 2006 International Institute of Municipal Clerks Regional Meeting Nov. 29-Dec. 2 in Vicksburg, Miss.

For more information, contact Renee Moore, director, Continuing Legal Education at 662-915-6738 or e-mail moore@olemiss.edu.

And if you need information about what is going on with the clerks, treasurers and collectors in Arkansas, try their Web site, [www.ACCRTA.org](http://www.ACCRTA.org) (home of the Arkansas City Clerks, Recorders, Treasurers Association).

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## Call the capital city 'The Rock'

"Today, Little Rock is 'The Rock,'" Mayor Jim Dailey announced Oct. 2 at the unveiling of Little Rock's new official nickname. "City of Roses" had been the city's nickname from the late 1800s through the mid-20th century. That name is "a thing of the past, like gas street lights and streetcars," Dailey said.

The new nickname should not be confused with Little Rock slogans—"City Limitless" and "Big on the Rock." "The Rock" will be used to promote city-sponsored events, appear on bumper stickers and the like. Organizers established a call-in and on-line voting system for the public to suggest names during the last year. "The Rock" was the overwhelming favorite, with more than 60 percent of the votes.

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# Honey, I shrunk the lot

Follow zoning regulations to avoid disputes before the board of adjustment.

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

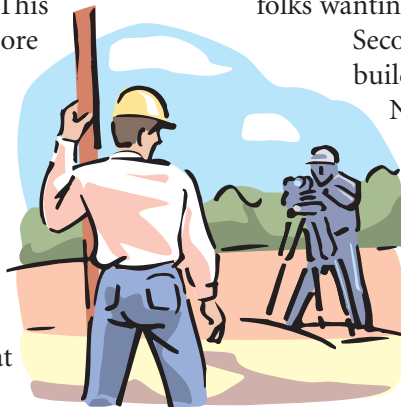
Planning statutes in our state require that a city's zoning regulations include a provision for a board of adjustment. As stated in this space before, the board does two things: It hears disputes involving interpretation of the zoning regulations, and it grants variances where strict compliance would force a hardship due to unique characteristics of a particular property. The first is usually a simple affair, while the second can drive a person insane.

Variances for hardship are rarely justified but almost always approved if there is no complaint from the neighbors. In fact, the most common reason for requesting a variance, although seldom stated as such, is that a particular regulation creates an inconvenience. These tend to sail through board approval. This makes dealing with complicated requests more difficult, as illustrated by the following.

The second most common cause for a request results when someone has built a home that violates a setback. Typically the owner discovers—or discloses—the fact only after it is completed. The chosen recourse is to request a variance. The results can be messy.

The applicant offers the defense that the house is already built and it would pose a hardship if the board of adjustment doesn't grant a variance. Requiring removal would indeed create a hardship. While I am not aware of a case in our state that resulted in demolition, there have been instances around the country where that was the outcome. The logic behind this drastic recourse is that a self-imposed problem cannot be the result of a condition unique to the property.

What causes such problems? There are many reasons, ranging from the sinister to situations caused by the vagaries of marriage, *i.e.*, a spouse shows up at the work site and demands a change such as an enlarged porch or bay window. The change is made, and goes undetected until some title clerk notices it just before the real estate closing. (They do a good job, those title clerks.) Then there are fairly innocent mistakes. Locating a backhoe on the wrong side of a line marking a foundation may result in a mistake of a foot or more. Again, for some reason or other, title clerks are better at discovering this than either homebuilders or city staff.



Finally, there have been instances where, given a board of adjustment with a long history of forgiveness, developers simply undersize lots and oversize houses and tell the homeowners not to worry. Simply file a request for a variance and all will be fine. A note is in order, however. That tactic doesn't work as well as it used to.

Solutions after the fact are scarce, short of demolition. If the board of adjustment refuses a variance, and no corrective action is taken, the title to the property may remain clouded. This benefits no one.

How can you take preventive action? Start by "reading the riot act" to your inspectors. It may require extra effort to measure footings accurately, but it is worth it in terms of maintaining good relations with folks wanting to build homes in your community.

Second, require that a surveyor locate the building corners before footings are laid.

Normally, surveyors stake out lot corners but then don't show back up until the home is built and the owner needs a property survey. By then, any damage is done.

Third, put the word out over the "homebuilders telegraph" that the board of adjustment is no longer going to consider such variances in a forgiving manner. This is one of the fastest communications networks on the planet. They will be instantaneously aware of your new policy.

Most importantly, use education. A simple information sheet handed out with a building permit may work wonders in providing homeowners or homebuilders with their responsibilities.

And finally, let the remedy fit the problem. If it only happens once in every 100 homes built, it certainly might be better to be charitable. If, on the other hand, a pattern centers on a particular builder or a particular subdivision, stronger methods remain available. These might involve some sort of demolition, or your city attorney may approve fines. Otherwise, an "Acme Lot Stretcher" may be the only answer. 🏛️



Persons having comments or questions may reach Jim vonTungeln at 501-372-3232. His Web site is [www.planyourcity.com](http://www.planyourcity.com). He is available for consultation as a service of the Arkansas Municipal League.



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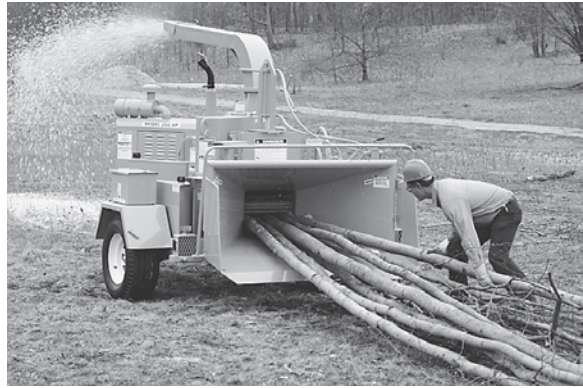
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# Legacy of a leader

When good leaders move on, their positive influence remains.

By Shona Osborne

*(Successful animal control officers and their departments of city governments are quick to point out that their ability to provide their services and operate as they were employed to do depends on support from city officials, their governing bodies and leaders. What makes a good leader and support for the sometimes controversial and sometimes thankless job of providing animal services and animal control? This column talks about one strong leader at Conway's Animal Welfare, a division of the Conway Police Department.—Ed.)*

Positive and consistent leadership is the key to successful organization or business. We tend to seek out these leadership qualities, whether on a professional or personal level. Changes in leadership are inevitable, and when they occur, those affected must stay positive.

A leader, Police Major Benny Battles, assumed duties of animal services when I was new here more than three years ago. Major Battles rolled up his sleeves and said, "Where do we start?" Little did I know of the great paths we would travel together and the lessons that I would experience.

Not being from Conway, I knew no one, and Major Battles knew everyone. A great leader will listen to your plans to improve things, support your ideas and encourage you to make those plans a reality. Due in part to that leadership, Conway implemented a successful spay/neuter program for dogs and cats. Many dreams in Conway Animal Welfare have become reality under Major Battles' guidance.

Leadership is not about barking out orders from behind a desk. Leadership is about getting involved with coworkers, caring about how they are doing, understanding how they feel and always maintaining an open-door policy. When celebration is appropriate for a job or task successfully completed, the strong leader will celebrate shoulder to shoulder but never demand the limelight and will always give credit where credit is due.

When one has taken a wrong turn, the effective leader will scold in private and praise an employee for accomplishments achieved. This leader will inspire confidence and help polish an employee's ideas before they are put in practice.

Leadership is the one element that can make or break an organization, regardless of the amount of money and tools available. Without it, failure is sure to result. We expect leadership in our personal and professional lives, and the public expects it from us.

Conway Animal Welfare will soon start a new chapter. Our leader has decided to teach others the same lessons he has taught in Animal Welfare.

We have been very fortunate to have such a great

leader in Animal Welfare these past three years. Major Battles has taught a great deal about positive leadership and humanity. Not just anyone can lead. It takes a special person to almost always think of others before he thinks of himself.

Major Battles taught me that we all pick our battles. Some are worth fighting, and others are lessons we file away for future reference. An even greater gift is the willingness to choose between the two and the courage and wisdom to know the difference.

*Shona Osborne is manager of Conway Animal Welfare.*



## Fall weather can stress pets


Dogs and cats can suffer more when the weather is cool and wet than when temperatures fall below freezing, according to Steve Jones, animal expert for the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.

Jones, a 4-H livestock specialist, says outdoor pets are most likely to suffer hyperthermia when temperatures are in the upper 30s or lower 40s, it's raining or drizzling and the wind is blowing.

"If animals are in good health and they can escape the wind, they can survive cold weather," said Jones. "It's when they become chilled, literally to the bone, that their bodies' heat mechanisms can't overcome the elements."

Jones said outdoor pets need proper nutrition, regular vaccinations, de-worming, shelter and water to stay healthy. "You should feed your pets a balanced commercial ration. There are pet foods tailored to the nutritional needs of puppies and kittens as well as mature, even geriatric, pets.

"Puppies need more protein and fat because they burn up more energy. As dogs get older, they need minerals to prevent degenerative bone disease—just like humans." Dr. Jeremy Powell, extension veterinarian, said.

Provide shelter for pets during cold weather, Jones said. He gave these other tips: The shelter doesn't have to be fancy, just a windbreak and place where they can stay dry. It's important that pets always have fresh, clean water. Make sure the water isn't frozen or that it's so cold it can drive down the animal's body temperature. It helps to place water containers in the sun so they can be solar-heated. 



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# Globalization a "catch 22"

While it may make good business sense to take advantage of the globalization trend, no safety net is in place.

By Sherman Banks

We hear daily in the media rumblings about globalization, and these rumblings are not isolated to the anti-globalization movement.

In East Asia, the financial crisis of 1997 left a negative sense of globalization, though a vigorous economic recovery has tempered that. Globalization has fared badly in Latin America because of the breakdown in the Argentine economy in 2000 and the financial crises in Brazil in 1999 and 2001. In Europe, Poland has expressed concern over foreign capital infiltrating their banking system. France and Italy express the same fears. In France and Germany, citizens link globalization with pressures to disrupt the social democratic state. In the United States, outsourcing of service-sector jobs is a prime concern, and many blue-collar workers resent the loss of manufacturing jobs to foreign workers.

In April 2005, Martin Wolf of *The Financial Times* gave a lecture titled "Will Globalization Survive?" at Washington, DC's pro-globalization Institute for International Economics. Harvard professor Jeffrey Friedens recently published *Global Capitalism: Its Fall and Rise in the 20th Century*, which was featured at a recent International Monetary Fund book forum. Friedens supports globalization, but the final section of his book is titled "Global capitalism troubled." He writes about the possibility that, as in the 19th century, today's globalization may fail.

Historians note that the first globalization ended with the Wall Street crash of 1929 and the ensuing Great Depression. Political conditions created by WWI profoundly affected the response to the 1929 market crash, fostering a turn to social democracy in the United States, Great Britain and France. In Germany, the difficult economic burdens imposed by the 1919 Treaty of Versailles would eventually create a turn to Nazism.

History reveals that flaws in the banking system rather than politics caused the failure of the first globalization. Banking systems lacked modern safety nets as

deposit insurance and lenders of last resort, and the gold standard had no stability because foreign countries could demand their payments in gold. The system was vulnerable to unsound and insecure banking principles and to the danger that increased as financial markets and banking systems grew because the supply of gold and the backing asset was fixed. When insecurity set in, it was impossible to stop. Our banking systems collapsed.

Bankruptcy and the deflation of currency set in.

If today's globalization crashes, it will be because of economic factors, but those factors will differ from the past because of differences in banking the system. The New Deal era created a system that remedied earlier financial instability by restricting private ownership of gold and by creating deposit insurance. It also created an economy in which income was more broadly shared due to unionization, minimum wage laws and social security provisions. However, a social democratic mass consumption economy is expensive for individual capitalists, giving them an incentive to evade its costs. That

has been a driving force behind globalization since 1980, and that is the contradiction in today's system.

If globalization is having a persistent downward effect on U.S. inflation, what are its effects on employment? Donald Kohn, a member of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Federal Reserve System, said in a recent speech that an expansion of trade does not hamper an economy's ability to create jobs and operate at its potential, given time for any temporary disruptions to be resolved. We now have an unemployment rate as low as 5 percent, and that rate has been stable without a pickup of underlying inflation; our economy's ability to provide jobs on a sustainable basis has not been impaired. Kohn further speculated that globalization should have little effect on total employment; international trade does expand an economy's productive potential. By permanently raising the level of potential output, globalization




does not relieve central banks of their responsibility for maintaining price and economic stability.

How the forces of demand, supply and expectation interact has probably not been changed in any fundamental way by the recent trend of globalization. Although the extent and duration of its dampening influence on inflation in the future are standing questions, it is clear that the more the United States can draw upon world capacity, the inflationary effect of an increase in the total demand might be dampened. Lastly, Kohn said that from another perspective, integrated economies and financial markets could also exert powerful feedback, which may be less forgiving of any perceived policy error. It is probably clear that the need to compete for business in a global economy has raised the efficiency and flexibility of economic systems.

What is the alternative? One possibility, however unlikely, is a return to a world of tariffs and quotas. A second possibility may be the emergence of regional trade and investment blocs. A third possibility, and the most likely, is to preserve globalization and establish new domestic and international rules that support a

social mass consumer economy. All three scenarios challenge today's system.

Finally, how does globalization affect Arkansas? Arkansas is one of those unique Southern states that has investments in Asia, Europe and South America. Wal-Mart and Acxiom have investments worldwide, particularly in China. Arkansas exports a substantial amount of rice and cotton to Japan and China each year. Prudent and sound business practice says the state must follow the national and international trend and take advantage of globalization. However, no fail-safe system is in place in case the market takes a nosedive. Globalization has become the "catch 22" of the economic market. I challenge city leaders to take a hard look in your area to determine if globalization has brought about economic inequality or enhanced free trade. 



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# When public goes private

Privatization and public-private partnerships can benefit municipalities, though some things are best left to the public sector.

By A.E. (Al) Johnson Jr.

**W**hen I first became aware about 25 years ago of efforts to privatize public services, the initial idea was that private companies operated more efficiently than their government counterparts and therefore could provide equal or better services at a lower cost to taxpayers.

My first experience with privatization was at the highway department when highway contractors decided that they could perform a larger part of routine maintenance and save highway users money while still making a profit. Such maintenance as asphalt overlay and roadside mowing does lend itself to privatization. Other maintenance work, such as bridge repair, slide rebuilding and repairing traffic directional signs, requires immediate response and a certain expertise usually only available through the highway department.

If a public agency such as the highway department were to give up all of its maintenance capabilities, it would be at the mercy of the private sector; there would be no checks and balances for work quality or cost control. Most highway departments have reached a balance of private and public sector work.


Another privatization effort came when major suppliers of potable water systems and wastewater treatment facilities decided they could be more efficient than most municipalities. The available privatized systems were either cost prohibitive or lacked the customer base to support the investment. Additionally, municipalities valued their water and wastewater tax base and chose to go the bond route and make the necessary improvements.

The next big push for privatization was solid waste. The Environmental Protection Agency greatly assisted this privatization effort by mandating strict landfill construction and operating procedures along with strict reporting and monitoring requirements. As a result of the complicated federal regulations and the desire to get rid of the stigma of "garbage man," most small- and medium-sized cities and towns were willing to give up their solid waste collection and disposal services.

One attempt at privatization did not really involve government directly. The deregulation of the

electric utility companies aimed to end regional monopolies by allowing other companies to generate electricity and transmit it on the existing power grid and charge competitive rates. A similar effort had been successful in the telecommunications industry by allowing different telecommunication companies to rent existing communication lines from other companies. The telecommunication breakup was different than electrical deregulation in that the companies did not have to generate a product, and they really did not have to provide a maintenance service to their customers. Though electric power deregulation might be beneficial to many industries, it would be a nightmare for the average customer since they would have to contract with a supplier, a power generator, a power line transmitter and a service company. Imagine how difficult it would be to restore power to a storm-damaged area where there are a multitude of service companies, transmission companies and power supplies.

The most recent effort to privatize is a brilliant and potentially lucrative financing scheme of the infrastructure. Investment companies are considering buying freeways and bridges under a 100-year concession lease agreement for a one-time capital purchase price with the authority to collect tolls on those facilities and for those tolls to be adjusted based on various economic indicators. The city or state leasing the facility will receive a major cash windfall that can be used for other projects or to maintain streets and highways. The 100-year lease will address minimum maintenance requirements and traffic enforcement responsibilities. This effort is just the tip of the iceberg for creative financing coming to the public sector.

Privatization of the infrastructure and public services broadens the tax base, in contrast to a growing government that shrinks the tax base. We can look for more private-public partnerships and privatization schemes in the future. 



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# Trees offer more than just good looks

Urban trees make communities more attractive, improve air and water quality, conserve energy and enhance property values.

*The following article is taken from one of my favorite brochures on urban forestry. It is produced by U.S. Department of Agriculture Southern Region and is reprinted with the permission of the U.S. Forest Service. I have passed out many of these brochures over the years.—John Slater*

## “Urban and Community Forestry: Improving Our Quality of Life”

*“I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree.”*

These words by American poet Joyce Kilmer capture the love most people share for trees. This sentiment may be especially appropriate in urban areas where

trees are particularly noticeable and play critical roles in the quality of life. Trees are also major capital assets in our cities and towns. As much an integral part of the scene as streets, sidewalks and buildings, they represent a major component of the “green infrastructure.”

### What trees do

Trees are not only beautiful in themselves but add beauty to their surroundings. Trees add color to the urban scene, soften the harsh lines of buildings, screen unsightly views and provide privacy and security, while contributing to the general character and sense of place in the communities.

### Trees improve air quality

Air pollution is the bane of most cities and many towns. At its worst, it can be seen, smelled and even felt. Since the emission of many air pollutants increases with higher temperatures, trees can improve air quality by lowering air temperatures. Trees cleanse by absorbing pollutants and trapping and filtering through their leaves, stems and twigs.

### Trees clean water and reduce storm water runoff and erosion

Trees influence the flow of water in several ways. Their leafy canopies catch precipitation before it reaches the ground, allowing some of it to gently drip and the rest to evaporate. This interception lessens the force of storms and reduces runoff and erosion. Research indicates that 100 mature trees intercept about 100,000 gallons of rainfall per year in their crowns, reducing runoff and providing cleaner water.

### Trees temper local climate

Trees modify local climate chiefly by lowering air

Plant it; they will come: Trees provide food and shelter for birds and small animals.



temperature and increasing humidity. They also influence wind speed and reduce glare. Inner cities are commonly known as “heat islands” because the buildings and pavement absorb energy and radiate it back. Trees lining streets or near buildings provide shade that can reduce the heat island effect, lessening the amount of air conditioning needed. Evaporation of water from trees through the transpiration process also has a cooling effect, especially in hot climates or seasons.

### **Trees conserve energy**

In addition to reducing the heat island effect, community trees conserve energy with their shading and evapotranspiration effect. For example, three or more large trees strategically placed on sunny sides of a house shade it from the hot summer sun, thus reducing the air conditioning cost as much as 30 percent. Deciduous trees are best for this use because they lose their leaves in winter, exposing the house to the warming winter sun, which lowers the energy needed to heat the house. Coniferous trees, because they retain their needles year-round, make fine screens and serve well as windbreaks when placed in the path of the prevailing winds, usually the north and northwest sides. These trees can also reduce energy use in a house by shielding it from the most severe cold.

These energy savings, spread over many houses and many neighborhoods, can reduce the demand for power production, which in turn reduces the air pollutants produced by utility plants.

### **Trees are good for the economy**

A community’s trees provide subtle but real economic benefits. The value of houses on lots with trees is usually higher than that of comparable houses on lots without trees. Studies show that shoppers linger longer along a shaded avenue than on one barren of trees. Shaded thoroughfares are not only more comfortable but also psychologically more attractive. An abundance of trees “says something” about a community that makes it more appealing to newcomers as well as residents. In addition to enhancing the home and business environment, recreation areas such as parks, greenways and river corridors that are well stocked with trees tend to keep recreation seekers at home rather than driving many miles to find suitable places to play.

### **Trees create habitat for plants and animals**

Wherever trees are established, wildlife and other plants are sure to follow. Trees and associated plants provide shelter and food for a variety of birds and small animals. The presence of trees creates an envi-

ronment that allows the growth of plants that otherwise would not be there, enhancing the diversity.

### **Trees improve health**

The health benefits of cleaner air and water are self-evident. Green environments also reduce stress in people, making them more productive at work and happier at home. Trees and their associated vegetation have a relaxing effect on humans, giving them a general feeling of calmness and well-being. Among those who benefit from the proximity of trees are hospital patients. Studies show that patients with a window view of greenery recover faster and suffer fewer complications than those without such views.

### **Trees serve as screens**


Densely planted rows of trees around homes and buildings and along streets and roads can serve as screens to preserve privacy and shut out unwanted or unsightly views. Wide belts of such plantings can also help to muffle sound.

### **Trees promote community**

A stronger sense of community, an empowerment of inner-city residents to improve neighborhood conditions, and the promotion of environmental responsibility and ethics can be attributed to involvement in urban forestry efforts. Active involvement in tree-planting programs enhances a community’s sense of social identity, self-esteem and ownership; it teaches residents that they can work together to choose and control the condition of their environment. Conversely, a loss of trees within a community can have significant psychological effect on residents.

### **What you can do as community leaders**

Cities and towns make harsh environments for trees, so we must give them special care and protection. Establishing and maintaining community trees and forests can be challenging and costly, but the benefits are well worth the time, trouble and money spent. Trees in urban settings often need to be protected, planted (or transplanted) and tended. This is both an individual and community responsibility.

*Make a Memory...Plant a tree* 



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# Newsletter

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

## **MEDICAL REVIEW OFFICER QUESTIONS INTERNET PRESCRIPTIONS**

We at a'TEST are often asked if a Medical Review Officer is permitted to accept an employee's prescription for medication obtained over the Internet. The Medical Review Officer is authorized to accept an employee's prescription for medication obtained over the Internet *only* if there is

proof that a legitimate doctor-patient relationship has been established.

There are generally four elements that serve as indicators that a legitimate doctor-patient relationship has been established: 1) A patient has a medical complaint; 2) A medical history has been taken; 3) A physical examination has been performed; and 4) Some logical connection exists between the complaint, the medical history, the physical examination and the drug prescribed.

The completion of an online questionnaire reviewed later by a pharmacy-employed doctor fails to establish a proper doctor-patient relationship.

The Medical Review Officer should, at a minimum, consider the following items when verifying the test result: 1) The name, physical location and state(s) of licensure of the prescribing practitioner; 2) Whether the employee was professionally evaluated for the current medical complaint by the prescribing practitioner and the last time the employee was in direct contact with the prescribing practitioner; 3) Whether the employee initiated the request to the pharmacy for a particular medication; and 4) Whether a proper doctor-patient relationship existed.

## **A MOTHER'S STORY: DRUG ABUSE MAY BE WHERE LEAST EXPECTED**

Misty Fetko of Ohio told her story recently so that other parents would look out for the signs of drug abuse in their children. She knows firsthand how the signs can be missed,

and only after her son's death from an overdose, did she realize that he was abusing drugs. As a registered nurse who worked in an emergency room, she saw drug issues daily, but she didn't really see what was happening to her son, Carl, until it was too late.

On the morning of July 16, 2003, Misty had gotten up early to walk the dog, and as they walked past Carl's car, she saw an empty bottle of cough syrup in the backseat. Knowing that cough syrup is often abused and that Carl had previously experimented with marijuana, she went to his room. The door was locked. When she was able to enter the room, Carl was lying motionless. He wasn't breathing. She began CPR, but it was too late.

She and Carl had talked about drugs and alcohol—and he assured her that he wasn't using either. Misty found two empty bottles of cough syrup in the basement of her home. She was determined to keep drugs out of the house, but cough syrup? Carl kept a journal and wrote on the Internet about the highs produced by the cough syrup. He liked the hallucinating effects and discussed the amounts to use to get a particular feeling. In the journal he wrote that he was increasingly "pulled" to the effects of escape more and more—and the drugs provided it.

There were no needles, no powders, no smells, no large amounts of money being spent—none of the "typical" signs associated with drug abuse evident to Misty and her family. Carl's autopsy report revealed that he had died from a lethal mix of drugs: Fentanyl, a strong prescription narcotic available in a patch that is removed and eaten to achieve an abusive high; cannabinoids found in marijuana; and DXM, the active ingredient in cough syrup. Misty did not know where Carl got the Fentanyl.



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# 'Critical' health care issue lands on Nov. 7 ballot

As baby boomers near retirement, educating the next generation of medical professionals is the key to averting a health care crisis.

By I. Dodd Wilson, M.D.

**B**aby boomers are at or near the height of their careers, powering our economy and leading our local, state and national governments. They also make up the largest percentage of our doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other health care professionals. For this influential group—and for the rest of us—it's time to think seriously about the consequences of the boomers' approaching mass exodus from the work force.

The first boomers will reach age 65—retirement age—in 2010.

From a health care perspective, the issue is worrisome. Not only will Arkansas lose many of its health care workers, their departure will place unprecedented demands back on the state's health care system.

## Rural Arkansas vulnerable

A major shortage of health care workers will be especially problematic for Arkansas's smaller communities, which struggle today to keep an adequate supply of doctors and their local hospitals open. Arkansas is even more vulnerable because its population already is older and less healthy than those of most other states.

Despite the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences' top-five ranking in the percentage of graduate residents and fellows who remain in-state, Arkansas ranks 48th among the 50 states in physicians per capita, and many of the state's doctors are already nearing retirement age. Nationally, one-third of the practicing physicians are over age 55. The youngest average age of Arkansas's specialist physicians in pediatrics and anesthesiology is 49.

Also, Arkansas has one of the lowest concentrations of nurses in the United States, and the nation already struggles with a nursing shortage. A *Nursing Management Aging Workforce Survey* released in July 2006 by the Bernard Hodes Group found that 55 percent of nurses plan to retire by 2020. The national nursing shortage is expected to grow from 14 percent in 2010 to 34 percent by 2020. Similar shortages are projected in other health care fields.

## Classroom space needed

Medical schools nationwide have been asked by the Association of American Medical Colleges to increase class size by 30 percent.


UAMS, as home to the state's only colleges of medicine, pharmacy, public health and doctorate-level nursing program, is uniquely positioned to relieve some of the pressure on our health care system in the years ahead. We are already expanding enrollment and programs, but classroom space is at capacity.

The Nov. 7 general election ballot is full of important issues, but one stands out for those of us in Arkansas's public colleges and health care fields: the higher education bond program.

The bond program is not a tax, and it would allow construction of academic facilities to handle historic enrollment increases. While I can't tell you how to vote, I can tell you that this issue is critical to Arkansas's economic future and quality of life as all our public colleges struggle to keep pace with record enrollments and try to remain competitive with colleges in neighboring states.

From a health care perspective, the additional classroom space necessary to produce more health care workers is vital to adequate access to health care in the years ahead.

UAMS's top priority for its share of the bond program funds is to add classroom space for all of its education programs. In addition to a new education building, UAMS plans to renovate the old state hospital for the College of Health Related Professions, which educates health care professionals in fields such as respiratory care, genetic counseling, dental hygiene, audiology and speech pathology.

Please consider these important issues when you vote Nov. 7. 



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GRIFFITH, MD	RICHARD	CHIROPRACTIC	5326 W MARKHAM #12	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-663-4663
HOSKYN, MD	JERRI	ST VINCENT MEDICAL GROUP	1 ST VINCENT CIRCLE #210	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-552-4462
JENNINGS, MD	BRYAN	RIVER CITY DERMATOLOGY	500 S UNIVERSITY AVE #716	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-228-4664
NASR-ANAISSIE, MD	LINA	RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	500 S UNIVERSITY AVE #101	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-664-3914
NORRIS, MD	BRIAN	CHENAL FAMILY PRACTICE	11215 HERMITAGE RD #103	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-219-1929
RAMASWAMY, MD	SRIINIVASAN	ARKANSAS RADIOLOGY	9501 LILE DR #600	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-7596
RYPKEMA, MD	SCOTT	THE FAMILY CLINIC	4202 S UNIVERSITY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72204	501-562-4838
SKINNER, DC	KEVIN	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
TARINI, MD	GREGG	CHENAL CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC	17200 CHENAL PKWY #170	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223	501-821-6934
AKEL, OD	ABE JR	ANESTHESIOLOGY	904 AUTUMN RD #500	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-202-4000
MULLINS, DDS	PATTI J	KILGORE VISION CENTER	2943 HWY 62 WEST	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-424-4900
HEARD, DDS	DANIEL	GENERAL DENTISTRY	1307 HWY 367 NORTH	NEWPORT	AR	72112	870-523-5483
YADA, LCSW	KIMBERLY	CENTRAL AR FAMILY DENTISTRY	2400 CRESTWOOD RD #205	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-753-2244
MCCOLLUM, PT	BRADY THIRL	LAKEWOOD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	4020 RICHARDS #F	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-753-1616
BANKS, MD	RAYNANDO	OZARK PHYSICAL THERAPY	257 AIRPORT RD #E	OZARK	AR	72949	479-667-3710
LEBLANC, MD	HEATHER	FAMILY PRACTICE	1401 STATE ST #C	PINE BLUFF	AR	71601	870-536-3460
NORTON, OD	W. TIM	GENERAL SURGERY	1609 W 40TH #403	PINE BLUFF	AR	71602	870-534-4188
PINE BLUFF OPTICAL		OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	5501 S OLIVE	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-541-0722
WALKER, MD	TORRANCE	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	3073 W 28TH	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-534-8184
ARKANSAS TRANSFER SERVICE		ORTHOPAEDICS SURG. & SPORTS	1609 W 40TH AVE #501	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-534-3449
FRANKS, OD	JUSTIN	AMBULANCE	1901 N 13TH	ROGERS	AR	72757	479-631-2975
GRANT COUNTY		OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	109 E PINE ST	SHERIDAN	AR	72150	870-942-3621
INHOME SERVICES		HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	204 N OAK #A	SHERIDAN	AR	72150	870-942-7845
CONNOR, MD	CHRISTOPHER	NW DERMATOLOGY CLINIC	601 W MAPLE AVE #610	SPRINGDALE	AR	72764	870-526-7200
THE PHYSICAL THERAPY CTR.		PHYSICAL THERAPY	2215 FAYETTEVILLE RD #4	VAN BUREN	AR	72956	479-474-0200
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ALAM, MD	EJAZ	FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER	1309 W MAIN ST	WALNUT RIDGE	AR	72476	870-886-3211
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UBBEN, MD	KENNETH L.	UBBEN DERMATOLOGY CLINIC	5 CUNNINGHAM CORNER CTR.	BELLA VISTA	AR	72714	479-585-5124
HOGUE, MD	F. PAUL	SALINE MEDICAL GRP.	#5 MEDICAL PARK DR. #102B	BENTON	AR	72015	501-315-4512
MARTINDALE, MD	J. L.	SALINE MED PEDS	#5 MEDICAL PARK DR. #102A	BENTON	AR	72018	501-315-1222
MARTINDALE, MD	MARK A.	SALINE MED PEDS	#5 MEDICAL PARK DR. #102A	BENTON	AR	72015	501-315-1222
TILLEY, MD	ROGER L.	SALINE MEDICAL GRP.	#5 MEDICAL PARK DR. #102B	BENTON	AR	72015	501-315-4512
WILTSHIRE, MD	JASON	GENERAL SURGERY	#5 MEDICAL PARK DR. #206	BENTON	AR	72015	501-778-7427
FLAKE, MD	WILLIAM K.	ST JOHNS CLINIC	211 CARTER ST	BERRYVILLE	AR	72616	870-423-3338
GEORGE, MD	LAWRENCE	ST JOHNS CLINIC	211 CARTER ST	BERRYVILLE	AR	72616	870-423-5312
ASHLEY, MD	BRENDA	NO CABOT FAMILY MEDICINE	1911 N 2ND ST	CABOT	AR	72023	479-843-5757
QUICK, DDS	DONNY	ORAL SURGERY	2425 PRINCE ST #2	CONWAY	AR	72034	501-329-3223
FRASER, MD	DAVID B.	SA REGIONAL HEALTH CTR.	715 N. COLLEGE	EL DORADO	AR	71730	870-862-7921
KING, MD	STEPHEN	INTERNAL MED.	700 W GROVE	EL DORADO	AR	71730	870-863-2000
PRATHER, MD	KENNETH	SOUTH ARK REGIONAL HEALTH CTR	715 N COLLEGE	EL DORADO	AR	71703	870-862-7921
DAUT, MD	PETER	HENRY EYE CLINIC	22 W COLT SQUARE	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-442-5227
JELINEK, MD	GREGORY	OZARK RADIOLOGY GROUP	3215 N NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-463-1000
ALBERS, MD	DAVID G.	R & A RADIOLOGY	310 LEXINGTON AVE	FORT SMITH	AR	72902	479-494-0500
BODIFORD, MD	GARY L.	BODIFORD EYE CENTER	9001 JENNY LIND	FORT SMITH	AR	72908	479-649-7018
JACOB, MD	JOB	GASTROENTEROLOGY	509 S MAIN ST	HOPE	AR	71801	870-777-6665

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CLINIC/SPECIALTY	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE
LARSEN, DC	KURT	CHIROPRACTIC	7137 PARK AVE	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71901	501-922-3377
LAL, MD	SUNDEEP L.	AR SPINE & JOINT CLINIC	813 MARSHALL RD	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-982-2525
ABRAHAM, MD	CARL J. JR	INFECT. DISEASE & CONTROL CONS.	1000 E MATTHEWS #D	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-932-5043
AMERICANHOME PATIENT		HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	3005 MIDDLEFIELD DR.	JONESBORO	AR	72401	800-750-0770
BEAM, MD	DAVID	NEA CLINIC	3024 STADIUM BLVD	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-972-7000
DICKSON, MD	SCOTT M.	AHEC	223 E. JACKSON	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-972-1054
FERGUS, MD	RAYMOND S.	NEA CLINIC	3024 STADIUM BLVD	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-972-7000
MCKEE, MD	SANDERS B.	MCKEE FAMILY PRACTICE	505 E. MATTHEWS #105	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-910-5750
FRINDIK, MD	J. PAUL	PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY	800 MARSHALL ST	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-320-2903
GIBSON, MD	GUNNAR H.	DERMATOLOGY	4200 RODNEY PARHAM #202	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72212	501-227-4323
GREENWOOD, MD	DENISE	ARKANSAS BREAST CTR.	5600 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-296-9100
KEMP, MD	STEPHEN	PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY	800 MARSHALL	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-320-2903
FLAHERTY, PHD	ROLLIE	SA REGIONAL HEALTH CTR	412 N VINE	MAGNOLIA	AR	71753	870-234-7500
BERRY, PT	EMILY	MALVERN FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC	850 HENRY ST	MALVERN	AR	72104	501-337-1836
HAGEN, PHD	JODY	LIVING WELL	2001 CLUB MANOR DR #J	MAUMELLE	AR	72113	501-687-0488
CROSSLIN, OD	CHARLES	KILGORE VISION CENTER	2943 HWY 62 WEST	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-424-4900
KILGORE, MD	KENNETH	KILGORE VISION CENTER	2943 HWY 62 WEST	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-424-4900
RAE, OD	STEVEN	KILGORE VISION CENTER	2943 HWY 62 WEST	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-424-4900
DOBBINS, DDS	JACOB	GENERAL DENTISTRY	1002 SUNSET VALLEY DR	MTN. VIEW	AR	72560	870-585-2511
SCHULTZ, MD	CHARLES	JACKSONVILLE NEUROLOGY	4020 RICHARDS RD #C	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-985-1323
KELLER, OD	LUTHER B.	ARKANSAS EYE ASSOC.	102 PLANTATION DR	OSCEOLA	AR	72370	870-563-3596
JONES, MD	CHARLES	FAMILY PRACTICE	220 N PHOENIX AVE	RUSSELLVILLE	AR	72801	479-967-3980
LEAVELL, MSPT	ADAM	VAN BUREN PHYSICAL THERAPY	420 W POINTER TRAIL	VAN BUREN	AR	72956	479-471-3330
CALDWELL, OD	JULIE	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	201 S. AVALON	WEST MEMPHIS	AR	72301	870-732-4701
CHIN, MD	ROBERT	MIDSOUTH WOMENS CLINIC	304 S. RHODES	WEST MEMPHIS	AR	72301	870-733-1240

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SHIELDS, MD	MARY C.	DENNIS DAVIDSON CLINIC	2000 HARRISON ST #D	BATESVILLE	AR	72501	870-793-4724
BUSBY, MD	JAMES D.	EMERGENCY MED.	214 CARTER ST.	BERRYVILLE	AR	72616	870-423-3355
SHARON, MD	NADAV	GENERAL SURGERY	211 CARTER ST	BERRYVILLE	AR	72616	870-423-5312
FITTS, PHD	MICHAEL	SA REG HEALTH CTR.	715 NORTH COLLEGE	EL DORADO	AR	71730	870-862-7921
ALLEN, MD	B. EUAL	FAMILY PRACTICE	2907 E. JOYCE BLVD.	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-521-8260
SANDERS, CRNA	BILLY	GREY FOX ANESTHESIA	3396 N. FUTRALL DR #1	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-582-1938
TANG, MD	KEJIAN	NEUROLOGICAL ASSOC.	1794 JOYCE BLVD #3	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-442-4070
CHU, MD	MELISSA A.	CROSSROADS MEDICAL CLINIC	1420 HWY 62/65N	HARRISON	AR	72601	870-741-3600
MOFFETT, MD	SHIROLYN	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY	620 N. WILLOW	HARRISON	AR	72601	870-365-2176
ARNOLD, MD	SAMUEL H.	GENERAL SURGERY	104 E. 16TH ST.	HOPE	AR	71801	870-722-5969
MOORE, MD	CHARLES	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
VONLANTHEN, MD	MARYELLEN	PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY	800 MARSHALL	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-320-2911
DEYOUNG, MD	BRUCE D.	FAMILY PRACTICE	126 W. 6TH ST.	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-425-3131
GREENWOOD, MD	DENISE	ARKANSAS BREAST CTR.	1924 FENDLEY DR. #114	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72114	501-296-9100
MESSENGER, MSPT	ANDY	OZARK PHYSICAL THERAPY	257 E AIRPORT RD.	OZARK	AR	72949	479-667-3710
SMITH, MD	NORMAN	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY	1000 W. KINGSHIGHWAY #4	PARAGOULD	AR	72450	870-239-3225
TURLEY, MD	J. THOMAS	UROLOGY	#2 HALSTED CIRCLE	ROGERS	AR	72756	479-636-9669
CHAN, MD	PATRICK	NEUROSURGERY	1120 S. MAIN ST.	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-305-4577
PATTERSON, DDS	J.D.	GENERAL DENTISTRY	333 E. MARKET	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-268-8634

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TURNER, DO	JACKIE	INTERNAL MED.	304 TEACO RD #A	KENNETT	MO	63857	573-717-7676
ESSMAN, PSYD	JOHN	ST JOHNS PSYCHOLOGY CLINIC	940 W MT VERNOR #210	NIXA	MO	65714	417-820-9590
LOBATI, MD	FREDERICK	ST JOHNS INTERNAL MEDICINE	199 JOHNSTOWN DR	ROGERSVILLE	MO	65742	417-753-7770
SHERWOOD, MD	DANIEL	ST JOHNS CLINIC	HWY 39 & REDING RD	SHELL KNOB	MO	65747	417-858-3731
KUBIK, MD	VICTORIA	ST. JOHNS ORTHOPEDICS	1229 E SEMINOLE #230	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-5610
SCHRUNK, DO	KEVIN	ST JOHNS CLINIC SOUTH CREEK	2711 S MEADOWBROOK	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65807	417-887-0081
THORSON, MD	PHATARAPORN	ST JOHNS CLINIC PATHOLOGY SRVS	1235 E CHEROKEE	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-6850
ZHAI, MD	JENNIFER	ST JOHNS CLINIC OF NEUROLOGY	1965 S FREMONT #2800	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-9123
GARCIA, MD	JOHN	ST JOHNS CLINIC	608 BUSUNESS ROUTE 66	ST ROBERT	MO	65584	573-336-5100
ELKHALILI, MD	ABDELNASER	MID SOUTH SPORTS CLINIC	1693 S COLORADO ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38701	662-332-8700
BODIFORD EYE CENTER		OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	63223 E 290 RD	GROVE	OK	74344	918-786-9013
BODIFORD EYE CENTER		OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	1200 W 4TH ST	TAHLEQUAH	OK	74464	918-431-9945
ORTHOPEDIC SERVICES		DURABLE MED. EQUIP & SUPPLIES	5550 S GARNETT #102	TULSA	OK	74146	918-632-0033
BODIFORD EYE CENTER		OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	690 WILSON ST	VINITA	OK	74301	918-256-4070
SNOWBERGER, MD	NOEL	DIGESTIVE HEALTH ASSOC. OF TX.	7777 FOREST LANE #A212	DALLAS	TX	75230	972-566-6667
DAVE, MD	MANISHA	DIGESTIVE HEALTH ASSOC OF TX	6300 W PARKER RD #428	PLANO	TX	75093	972-394-5757
SETHI, MD	RAJIV	DIGESTIVE HEALTH ASSOC OF TX.	6124 W PARKER RD #230	PLANO	TX	75093	972-398-0393
LIFENET		AMBULANCE	6300 HAMPTON RD	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-832-8531

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MITTMAN, MD	DEAN L.	ST JOHNS DERMATOLOGY CLINIC	2115 S FREMONT #2100	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-7220
TARSNEY, MD	SEAN	ST JOHNS NORTHSIDE CLINIC	1640 E KEARNEY	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65803	417-888-8888
SCHORR, DO	PAUL	FAMILY PRACTICE	901 N GALLOWAY	MESQUITE	TX	95149	972-216-4900
BLACK, MD	D. SCOTT	ADV. CARDIOLOGY OF TEXARKANA	5502 MEDICAL PKWY.	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-794-8820

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FARMER, MD	CHRISTOPHER	FAMILY PRACTICE	500 W PORTER	AURORA	MO	65605	417-678-7888
RITTMAN, DO	CHRIS	INTERNAL MED.	260 TERRACE RD.	BRANSON	MO	65616	417-336-2273
FARMER, MD	CHRISTOPHER	FAMILY PRACTICE	120 W 16TH ST	MTN. GROVE	MO	65711	417-926-6111
LIPPETT, MD	DONALD	SJC ROGERSVILLE	199 JOHNSTOWN DR	ROGERSVILLE	MO	65742	417-753-7770
BROTHER, MD	MICHELE	FAMILY PRACTICE	1235 E CHEROKEE	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-2600
TING, MD	MATTHEW H.	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY	3231 S. NATIONAL	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65807	417-885-0828
WALDRON, LCSW	KATHERINE	ST JOHNS CLINIC	1965 S FREMONT #2850	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-3800
CALLENDER, MD	WILLIAM	GREENVILLE FAMILY MED. CTR	1467 HWY 1 S.	GREENVILLE	MS	38701	662-335-1621
TURLEY, MD	JOHN	OTOLARYNGOLOGY (ENT)	5210 POPLAR AVE #200	MEMPHIS	TN	38119	901-761-5211
HAVEL, CRNA	TAMMY	LIVING HOPE NEW BOSTON MED CTR	520 HOSPITAL DR	NEW BOSTON	TX	75570	903-628-5531
RALLS, CRNA	MICHAEL	LIVING HOPE NEW BOSTON	520 HOSPITAL DR	NEW BOSTON	TX	75570	903-628-5531
THOMAS, MD	JAMES H JR	EMERGENCY MED.	520 HOSPITAL DR	NEW BOSTON	TX	75570	903-628-5531



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 water appropriations bill, and \$2.5 million through USDA Rural Development to the DRA region. The region comprises 240 counties in eight states, from southern Illinois to New Orleans, and eastward to 20 counties in Alabama.

The region's mayors, elected county officials, business leaders, nonprofit foundations, universities and colleges, experts in agriculture, transportation, health care, education, rural development, hunger and nutrition and biofuels through the Caucus keep their senators and representatives and the executive branch apprised about the region's needs.

## Looking for Arkansas homes with tales

HGTV's show, "If Walls Could Talk," is looking for homes in central and eastern Arkansas to feature on the show.

Featured homes have amazing histories and current owners who possess items found in the houses or on the properties that provide clues about their past.

Owners have found items in or around them ranging from old letters, photos, art and books to toys, clothing, guns and hidden rooms and passageways. If your home has a story to tell, or you know about one that does, contact Gregg Stucker at 303-712-3172 or e-mail [gstucker@highnoonentertainment.com](mailto:gstucker@highnoonentertainment.com). Do that by Oct. 25. Include in your e-mail a description of the items you've found and how they relate to your home's history.

## Changes to 2006 Directory, Arkansas Municipal Officials

### Gentry

Delete	AL	Jim Krein
Add	AL	Michael Crawford
Delete	AL	Roy Beeler
Add	AL	Kevin Johnston

### Tontitown

Delete	AL	Steve Smith
Add	M	Steve Smith
Delete	R/T	Sherry Pianalto
Add	R/T	Tracy Goddard
Delete	CA	Jeff Reynerson
Add	CA	Mark Dossett
Delete	WS	David Sbanotto
Add	WS	Brandy McAdoo
Delete	CEO	Steve Sabo
Add	CEO	Shane Harrison
Delete	AL	Andrew Penzo
Add	AL	(Vacant)
Delete	AL	Kevin Riggins
Add	AL	Brad Marveggio

## Little Rock Mayor challenges to be in '100 best'

Community leaders have until Nov. 3 to participate in the second 100 Best Communities for Young People Competition. The competition, begun in 2005 by the America's Promise organization, identifies cities and towns that provide resources that young residents need to succeed.

Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey, whose city was named one of the 100 Best for 2005, challenged municipal leaders in Arkansas to enter the competition.

"Cities that do not apply for this award are missing out on a chance to promote the recognition they earned for making children a priority," Dailey said. "This competition gives me a national platform to share Little Rock's success story. No mayor or city should pass on this opportunity!"

To enter, visit [www.americaspromise.org/100Best](http://www.americaspromise.org/100Best).

## Caldwell mayor wants county judge seat, too

After 20 years, Caldwell Mayor Gary Hughes wants to do more for his community. The Associated Press has reported that Hughes didn't intend to run for re-election as mayor of the St. Francis County town after winning the Democratic Party nomination for county judge. But when no one ran for mayor, he decided to take on both posts.

"I'm just doing it simply because I've been in community service all my life, and I want to continue to serve the community I live in," Hughes said. League General Counsel Mark Hayes said no state law bars simultaneous service as mayor and county judge. One law, however, prohibits being paid for more than one elective office. Hughes, 48, faces no opposition in the county or city elections.

## AHPP lands grant to fund Delta heritage projects

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has received a \$100,000 Preserve America grant to help the Rural Heritage Development Initiative (RHDI) develop heritage trails in the Delta, AHPP Director Ken Gruenwald has announced. Preserve America is a federal initiative that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our cultural and natural heritage.

"This Preserve America grant will help the RHDI survey, research and document historic resources to be included in musical heritage, African-American heritage and agricultural heritage trails in the Delta region," he said. "We appreciate the assistance of Arkansas Delta Byways in helping us to achieve this grant."

The Byways promotes travel and tourism in Arkansas, Chicot, Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Drew, Greene, Lee, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Poinsett and St. Francis counties.

Funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the RHDI is a three-year pilot program focusing on heritage tourism, business development, preservation education and landmark preservation. (See related story in September *City & Town*, pg. 13.)

# Fairs & Festivals

Oct. 21, **LAKE VILLAGE**, Lake Chicot Fall Fest  
 Oct. 26-28, **MOUNTAIN VIEW**, 24th Arkansas BeanFest and Championship Outhouse Races, mvchamber@mvitel.net  
 Oct. 28, **CHEROKEE VILLAGE**, 10th Octoberfest, 870-257-5522, cvcityhall@centurytel.net; **MAMMOTH SPRING**, 3rd Spooktacular, 870-625-3235, www.mammothspringar.com; **PALESTINE**, 5th L'Anguille River Festival, 870-581-2166, mayorcarroll@arkansas.net; **PARAGOULD**, Pumpkins in the Park, 870-240-0544, www.mainstreetparagould.info; **RUSSELLVILLE**, 15th Downtown Fall Fest & Chili Cook-off, 479-967-1437; **WALNUT RIDGE**, 6th Iron Mountain Fall Festival, 870-886-3232, lawrencecofc@cox-internet.com; **WEST MEMPHIS**, Main Street Fall Fest, 870-735-8814, mainstreet@citywm.com  
 Oct. 31, **FAYETTEVILLE**, 5th Trick-or-Treat on the Square, 800-766-4626, www.fayettevilletourism.com; **SHERWOOD**, 10th Halloween Carnival, 501-835-8909, Cherylf@ci.sherwood.ar.us  
 Nov. 9, **MOUNTAIN VIEW**, Bluegrass Festival, 870-269-8068, www.YourPlaceInTheMountains.com; **VAN BUREN**, Veteran's Day Parade, 479-883-2795, www.vanburen.org  
 Nov. 10-11, **EUREKA SPRINGS**, Food and Wine Weekend, 479-253-7333, www.eurekasprings.org  
 Nov. 11, **HUNTSVILLE**, Veteran's Day Parade, 479-738-6000, www.huntsvillearchamber.com  
 Nov. 16, **EL DORADO**, Downtown Holiday Lighting Ceremony, 870-863-6113, www.GoElDorado.com  
 Nov. 18, **BERRYVILLE**, Holiday Parade, 870-423-3704, www.berryvillear.com  
 Nov. 18-25, **STUTTGART**, 71st World Championship Duck Calling Contest and Wings Over the Prairie Festival, 870-673-1602, www.stuttgartarkansas.com  
 Nov. 18-28, **BENTONVILLE**, Winter Wonderland Lighting of the Square, 479-254-0254, www.mainstreetbentonville.org  
 Nov. 24-25, **HOT SPRINGS**, Winter Wonderland Craft Festival, 501-262-3651  
 Nov. 25, **PARIS**, Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Parade, 479-963-2244, www.paris-ar.com; **SPRINGDALE**, Christmas Parade of the Ozarks, 479-927-4530, rodeooftheoarkas.com  
 Nov. 26-Dec. 30, **ROGERS**, A Rogers Christmas in the Hawkins House, 479-621-1154, gbland@rogersark.org  
 Nov. 28, **MONTICELLO**, 12th Carols of Christmas Holiday Parade, 870-367-6741, www.montdrewchamber.com  
 Nov. 30, **HOT SPRINGS**, Christmas Around the World Parade, 501-321-2277, www.hotsprings.org;  
**JACKSONVILLE**, Holiday Lighting Ceremony, 501-982-1511, www.jacksonville-arkansas.com; **OSCEOLA**, 28th Winter Festival, 870-563-2281, www.osceolachamber.net; **RUSSELLVILLE**, 20th Christmas Parade, 479-968-2530, www.russellvillechamber.org;  
**STAMPS**, Christmas in Stamps, 870-904-0815, jmo46@sbcglobal.net

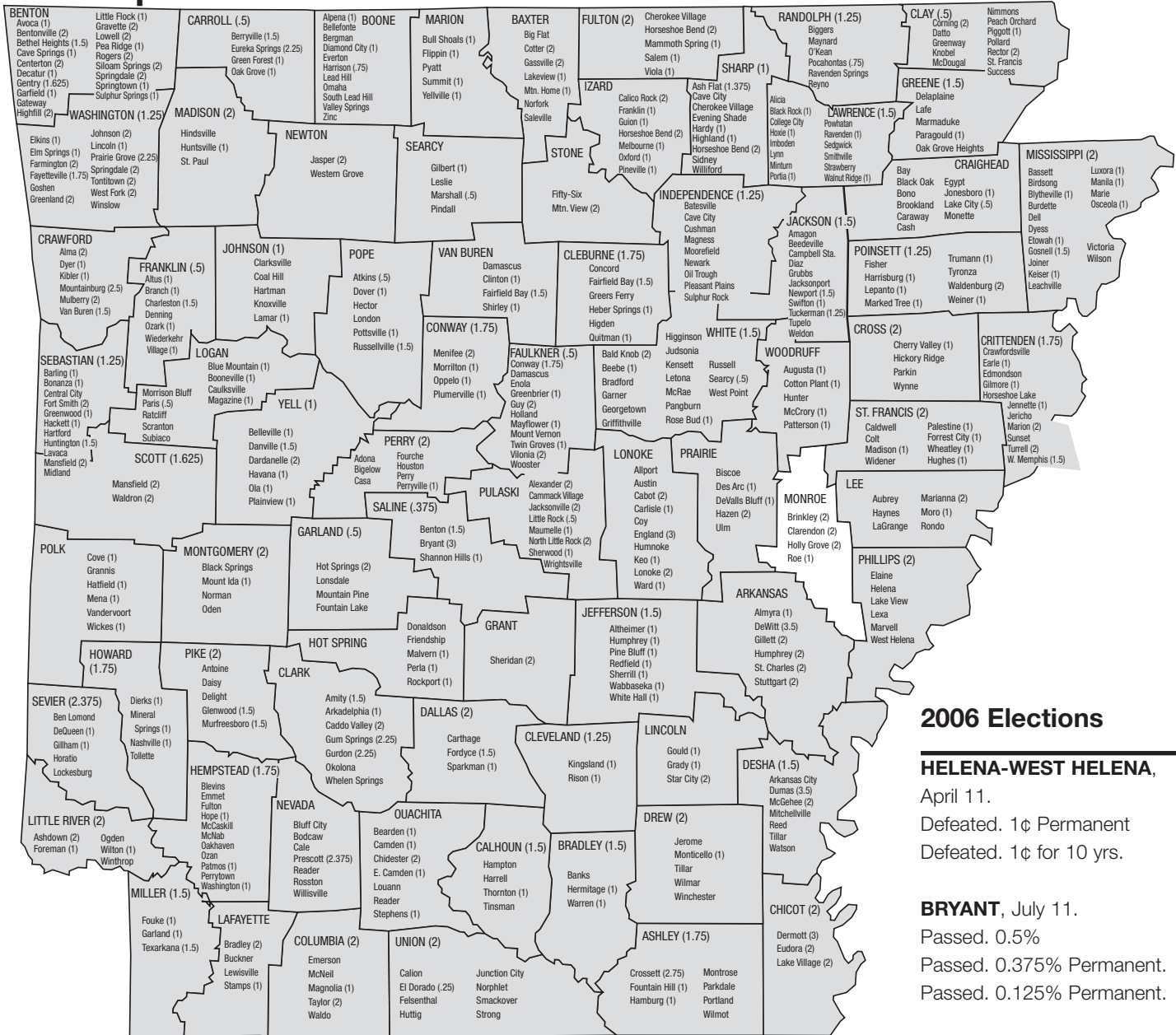
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**MENA**, Christmas Festival, 479-394-8355, www.gomenaarkansas.com;  
**MOUNTAIN HOME**, Christmas Parade, 870-425-5111, www.EnjoyMountainHome.com  
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## Pocahontas celebrates 150 years!

Pocahontas residents and visitors celebrated the city's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with activities Sept. 21 through Oct. 8 and, of course, a huge birthday cake float. The cake was the city's entry Sept. 21 in the Sesquicentennial Parade—the official inaugural event for three weekends of birthday activities and special events. Bands, dances, vintage airplanes, history reenactments, founders' exhibits, parties, hot air balloons, buggy rides and other goings-on added to the fun. The photo is courtesy of the *Pocahontas Star Herald* and staff member Dalton Sullivan.

# 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](http://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
July	\$35,046,470	\$34,756,794	\$69,803,264	\$322,687
August	\$35,934,262	\$36,071,576	\$72,005,838	\$55,735
September	\$34,686,426	\$34,960,684	\$69,647,110	\$366,161
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$312,821,247</b>	<b>\$312,301,033</b>	<b>\$625,122,280</b>	<b>\$1,744,325</b>
Averages	\$34,757,916	\$34,700,115	\$69,458,031	\$193,814

## 2006 Elections

### HELENA-WEST HELENA,

April 11.  
 Defeated. 1¢ Permanent  
 Defeated. 1¢ for 10 yrs.

### BRYANT, July 11.

Passed. 0.5%  
 Passed. 0.375% Permanent.  
 Passed. 0.125% Permanent.

### SPRINGDALE, July 11.

Passed. 1%

### TUCKERMAN, July 11.

Passed. 1/4¢  
 For: 156 Against: 52

### PULASKI COUNTY, Sept. 11.

Defeated. .25%  
 for jail, crime prevention  
 For: 12,088 Against: 16,112

### ENGLAND, Aug. 8.

Passed. 1¢ Build, equip  
 fitness center  
 For: 264 Against: 245  
 Passed. 1¢ Operate center  
 For: 266 Against: 239





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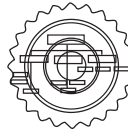
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**FIREFIGHTERS**—Jonesboro Civil Service Commission will test for entry level firefighters Saturday, Nov. 4. Pick up application packets at the human resource office, 515 W. Washington, Jonesboro. Applications accepted through Oct. 20. Candidates must be U.S. Citizens, possess HS diploma or GED, min. age 21, max age 31, no felony convictions, possess valid DL, pass physical agility test, written test, drug screen, medical exam and background check. Call 870-933-4640. EOE.

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**POLICE OFFICER**—Lewisville seeks applications for the position of police officer. Pick application packages up 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F at Lewisville City Hall, 330 West 1st St. Position open until filled. Contact Chief Jason Tomlin for information, 870-921-4971.

**POLICE OFFICER**—Allport (Lonoke County) seeks a full-time officer. Mail résumé and cert. to: Allport Police Dept., P.O. Box 58, Humnoko, AR 72072.

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mayor; performs and coordinates the investigation, development, design and construction of eng. projects; and supervises operation, maintenance of all dept. equip. Bachelor's deg. in Civil Engineering and/or five yrs.' exp. in engineering work (two yrs. of which in mgr./supervisory capacity) preferred. Should have knowledge of federal flood plain mgmt. and state/local regulations. Applications accepted at City of Pine Bluff HR Dept., 200 E. 8th, Room 104, Pine Bluff, AR 71601; fax 870-850-2449; or e-mail [vconaway@cableynx.com](mailto:vconaway@cableynx.com). Open until filled.

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