

Happenings!



February 2012

NORTH LITTLE ROCK VISITORS BUREAU

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Now - February 10: Great American Cleanup in AR Youth Poster Contest. The poster should convey a message supporting the Keep America Beautiful® Great American Cleanup™ in Arkansas. It should stress the need to keep Arkansas clean and green by planting flowers and trees, cleaning up parks and public areas, building trails, improving downtowns, and picking up litter. For details on artwork or prizes call 888-742-8701 or email sarah.wruck@arkansas.gov.

Now - December 31: Argenta Community Development Corporation is offering free federal and state income tax filing assistance to joint and individual filers with gross incomes of \$60,000 or less. Call 501-374-0622, visit www.ArgentaCDC.org or email taxprep@argentacdc.org to learn more.

February 1 - 29: Painting With A Twist, Uncork your inner artist! Bring a friend or two, a snack and your favorite beverage. They supply everything needed to complete your masterpiece, including instruction from a talented local artist. Call 501-352-1366 or visit www.PaintingWithATwist.com.

February 2: Signing Day in the Rock presented by Bank of the Ozarks for 6 p.m. at Verizon Arena. Head Coach Bobby Petrino and his staff will present their 2012 recruits and plans for next season at this exciting event celebrating Razorback Football. Tickets are \$65 pp, available at all Central AR Bank of Ozarks locations and at www.LRRazorbackClub.com.

February 2 - 25: Brandon's Rock Town Distillery Tour in LR! Tour Arkansas' 1st legal distillery and taste the award winning spirits on Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. & 3 p.m. Cost: \$7pp Call 501-907-5244 or visit www.DrinkBrandons.com.

February 3: NLR Chamber FYI Luncheon from 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the NLR Chamber of Commerce. Speaker: Ken Kirspel, NLR School District. For tickets call 501-372-5959, visit www.NLRChamber.org.

February 6: Downtown Tip Off Club at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. Speaker: Steve Shields, Joe Foley, and Scott Norwood, UALR Cost: \$15 member, \$20 guest. Call 501-372-5959, visit www.NLRChamber.org.

February 6 - 14: Ride Red on the River Rail in honor of Valentine's Day and the National Heart Health Awareness Month! CATA is offering a raffle ticket to win 1 of three prizes to all patrons who ride the River Rail Trolley. Those wearing red will receive two tickets. Call 501-758-1424 for details.

February 7: Broadway Bridge Public Involvement Meeting from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Arkansas Transit Assoc. Training Room, 620 W. Broadway St. in NLR. This will be an "open house" meeting with no formal presentations. The public is invited to visit anytime during the scheduled hours to view exhibits, ask questions, and offer comments. For details, please contact Ruby Jordan at 501-569-2379.

February 7 - 28: Tales from the South, a live taping of the radio series, is held weekly on Tuesdays at Starving Artist Cafe. Cost: \$5 admission plus dinner. Dinner at 5 p.m.; taping begins at 7 p.m. Seating is limited. For details, call 501-372-7976 or visit www.TalesFromTheSouth.com.

February 9: Live at Laman, held monthly every 2nd Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Laman Library Plaza. This month's act will feature The Smittle Band. Their sound has been described as "jazzy Americana" featuring smooth vocals with a pop sensibility and is reminiscent of Baptist church stylings. For details call 501-758-1720 or visit www.LamanLibrary.org.

February 10 - 14: Valentine's Day Special at the Great American Grill Enjoy 1 of three dining options for \$30.95 - \$19.99 pp. Reservations required. Call 501-945-4444 or visit www.NorthLittleRock.HGI.com.

February 11: Rascal Flatts "Thaw Out 2012" with special guests Sara Evans and Hunter Hayes for 7:30 p.m. at Verizon Arena. Ticket Prices: \$25.50 - \$60.50. Tickets available at the Arena Box Office, 501-975-9000 or through TicketMaster locations, 800-745-3000, visit www.TicketMaster.com.

February 11 - 14: Valentine's Day Cruises aboard the Arkansas Queen Riverboat. Boarding at 6:30 p.m. and returning for 9:30 p.m. Reservations or details at 501-372-5777, visit www.ArkansasQueen.com.

February 13: Downtown Tip Off Club at the Wyndham Riverfront 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. Speaker: Dave Van Horn, Univ. of AR Baseball. Cost: \$15 member, \$20 guest. Call 501-372-5959, visit www.NLRChamber.org.

February 13: Reel Classics with The Rep at Laman Library, Main Branch. Brings classic film to life with pre-film discussion by The Rep's artistic production staff. This month, join The Wiz Costume Designer and Rep Production Manager Rafael Castanera as he shares an exclusive sneak peek at the costume sketches for The Rep's upcoming production of The Wiz, opening March 9, and talks about designing costumes for the stage. Call 501-758-1720 or visit www.LamanLibrary.org.

February 15: 27th Annual Meeting of the NLR Chamber of Commerce at Verizon Arena Reception at 5:15 p.m., Dinner and Program at 6:45 p.m. Featured Speaker: Mike Huckabee, Fox News Channel TV Show Host "HUCKABEE" and former Governor of Arkansas. Ticket Price: \$60 pp. For tickets or details call 501-372-5959, visit www.NLRChamber.org.

February 16: Argenta Film Series for 7 p.m. at the Argenta Community Theater. Cost: \$8. The Wise Kids A vivid, dynamic Southern coming-of-age drama, takes place in the transitional space between high school and college, when life seems to be all questions and no answers, and the future is wide open. Writer director Stephen Cone, will attend. For details or tickets visit www.LittleRockFilmFestival.org or call 501-353-1443.

February 17: NLR Friends of Animals Chili Supper from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Park Hill Christian Church on JFK Blvd. Menu: Chili (beans, no beans, veg.), cole slaw, nachos, crackers, punch, coffee, and homemade desserts. Cost \$5 adults, \$4 kids (9-12) For details call 501-607-4887.

February 17: Argenta's 3rd Friday ArtWalk held the 3rd Friday of each month from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. "Art Inside Unexpected Places" can be found inside the First Presbyterian Church on 4th and Maple Street. For details or to display your artwork, please call 501-993-1234 or visit www.ArgentaArtWalk.com.



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February 17 - 18: Nuclear Cowboyz at Verizon Arena for 7:30 p.m. Advance Ticket Prices: \$32 Adults, \$17 Kids, \$127 VIP. For more info visit www.NuclearCowboyz.com. Tickets available at the Arena Box Office, 501-975-9000 or through TicketMaster locations, 800-745-3000, visit www.TicketMaster.com.

February 18: Head North to Health FREE Health Screening by Baptist Health at McCain Mall from 9 a.m. - Noon. FREE screenings include: PSA for men, Cholesterol, Blood sugar, Carbon Monoxide, BMI, Blood Pressure, and Flu Shots(limited).

February 19: Winter Jam Tour Spectacular for 6 p.m. at Verizon Arena. Headlined by Skillet, also featuring Sanctus Real, former Newsboys frontman Peter Furler, Kari Jobe, Building 429, Group 1 Crew, illusionist Brock Gill, and national speaker Nick Hall. In addition, the OneVerse Pre-Jam Party will include Dara Maclean, For King & Country, and We As Human. VeggieTales' Bob and Larry will also make a special appearance. Tickets \$10 at door. Call 501-975-9000 or visit www.JamTour.com for details.

February 21: Downtown Tip Off Club at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. Speaker: Rick Schaeffer, Razorback basketball color analyst and co-host Drive Time Sports. Cost: \$15 member, \$20 guest. Call 501-372-5959, visit www.NLRChamber.org.

February 21: NLR High School Musical - Grease. For tickets or details call 501-771-8220 or 501-771-8127.

February 22: Monthly Wine Dinner at Starving Artist Cafe, 7 p.m. Held monthly on the 4th Wednesday. Each dinner has a theme with 3 courses and 3 wines; \$50 pp all inclusive. RSVP required. Call 501-372-7976 or visit www.StarvingArtistCafe.net.

February 24 - 25: 69th Annual Arkansas Golden Gloves State Championship Tournament at the NLR Community Center for 7 p.m. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$6 students. Call 501-791-8541 for details.

February 25: 4th Annual Chili with a Kick benefiting Youth Home at Dickey-Stephens Park. Cost: \$5. Includes all you can eat chili, games, kickball tournament, cook-off, live music and more! Call Larry Betz at 501-821-5500 Ext. 209 for details.

February 27: Downtown Tip Off Club at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. Speaker: TBA Cost: \$15 member, \$20 guest. Call 501-372-5959, visit www.NLRChamber.org.

February 28 - 29: 2012 HHI Sustainability Conference at the Wyndham Riverfront. Designed for community members and health care professionals. Cost: FREE Call Andi Ridgeway at 501-280-4561 for details.

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Arkansas Queen Riverboat: Offers many different cruises along the Arkansas River including; lunch, sightseeing, dinner, music, and holiday cruises. They are also available for a private party or corporate event. Call 501-372-5777 or visit www.ArkansasQueen.com for details.

Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame Museum: Located on the west side of Verizon Arena. Open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call 501-663-4328 or visit www.ArkSportsHallOfFame.com for more information.

The U.S.S. Razorback Submarine: Visit the USS Razorback (SS 394), a BALAO Class Fleet Submarine located at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum. Ask about Birthday Parties and Group Overnight Stays! **Winter Hours:** Friday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sundays 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. CLOSED Monday - Thursday. Visit www.AIMM.museum for details. To schedule a group tour call 501-371-8320 or e-mail: info@AIMM.Museum.

North Little Rock Animal Shelter's Mobile Adoption Unit: Lakewood Village Friday from 1:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Call 501-791-8577 for details.

North Little Rock Parks and Recreation: Call 501-791-8543 (8545), visit www.NLRPR.org for details on events. To rent pavilions or the Hospitality House, call 501-791-8537. Burns Park Baseball call 501-753-0012, or visit www.BurnsParkBaseball.com. Bonzai BMX Track visit www.BonzaiBMX.com, call 501-753-6989. Burns Park Campgrounds call 501-771-0702. Burns Park Golf Course call 501-758-5800. Burns Park Soccer 501-791-8540. Burns Park Softball call 501-758-3009. Burns Park Tennis Center visit www.ArkTennis.com, call 501-791-8585. Funland call 501-753-7307. Open Sat. & Sun Easter Weekend - Labor Day Weekend. Riverview Skateboard Park call 501-791-8540. NLR Colts American Legion Baseball call Jeral Howard 501-951-8800.

The Big Dam Bridge: Spanning the Arkansas River with 4,226 linear feet of bridge at 90 feet above the river it connects the two cities and the AR River Trail. **Directions:** Take I-40 to Exit #148, head south on Crystal Hill Rd. At the red light turn left onto North Shore Dr. At the four-way intersection turn right onto Cook's Landing Rd. For details or events, visit www.BigDamBridge.org or www.RiverTrail.org.

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