

# NORTH LITTLE ROCK E-NEWSLETTER

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## North Little Rock e-Newsletter

If you have information you would like to share with other city employees, residents and businesses throughout North Little Rock, then let us know. The City Clerk's office provides a monthly *e-letter* to those who subscribe through the North Little Rock website.

To sign up, email [Dwhitbey@northlittlerock.ar.gov](mailto:Dwhitbey@northlittlerock.ar.gov).

### Are You Ready to ShakeOut?

The central United States is earthquake country. A large earthquake could become an unprecedented catastrophe, affecting multiple states and have a devastating impact on the national transportation system, electric power grid, and economy. With earthquakes as an inevitable part of our future, government agencies of all sizes must make plans and take actions to reduce the consequences of these disasters. What we do now will determine what our lives will be like afterwards. With this in mind, the Central United States Earthquake Consortium and its Member States created the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut ([www.shakeout.org/central.us](http://www.shakeout.org/central.us)), an earthquake drill and preparedness activity which allows everyone to participate.

The principles practiced in the ShakeOut can be applied to many other hazards. Government Agencies also need to be prepared for fire, flood, hazardous materials release, and pandemics. In particular, agencies can use the drill to get their staff, communities, and states involved and prepared for a big earthquake. Furthermore, the level of your staffs' personal and family preparedness will be key to them being available to support your organization after a disaster.

A number of drills, etc. have been put together for government agencies of all sizes to use. The general earthquake response of *Drop, Cover, and Hold On* ([www.dropcoverholdon.org](http://www.dropcoverholdon.org)) is the foundation. To be flexible, there are three levels of drills (simple, basic, intermediate).

So why should we talk about earthquakes? Anyone in central Arkansas who has watched the news lately knows about all of the earthquakes in and around the Greenbrier area in Faulkner County. After a little internet research, I found our states earthquake history online.



### Arkansas—Earthquake History

Found at <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/states/arkansas/history.php>

The northeast section of Arkansas is located in the New Madrid seismic zone and was seriously affected by great shocks that occurred in that zone in 1811—1812. Arkansas' 40 mile-long, half-mile-wide Lake Saint Francis was formed by these earthquakes.

The Mississippi embayment—fall line area, in which the New Madrid seismic zone is located, extends from Cairo, Illinois, south through northeastern Arkansas, western Kentucky, and Tennessee, then westward to include the lowland area of southern Arkansas, the eastern Oklahoma—Texas border area, and northeastern Texas. Major historic seismic activity has been limited to a line extending west of the Mississippi River, from Cairo to west of Memphis. Several damaging earthquakes indicate an earlier history of severe earthquakes in the same area.

Outside the Mississippi Embayment, the first shock listed for Arkansas occurred in October 1882. Since few reports were received from the region most affected, the epicenter of this shock is not well known, and several investigators have placed the origin near El Reno, Oklahoma, instead of western Arkansas. The shock threw bricks from chimneys at Sherman, Texas, and shook houses sternly at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Its felt area covered parts of all of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, and Missouri, about 135,000 miles.

An earthquake occurred near Melbourne, about 95 miles northeast of Little Rock, in December 1883. Rockslides occurred on a railroad cut, and thunderous earth noises were heard. Glassware and crockery broke, and buildings shook at Melbourne.

A shock in March, 1911, about 40 miles south of Little Rock, was so severe at Pine Bluff that

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**"Where's Mel"!** The 1st person to CALL 340-5317 and tell one of us where you found "Mel" will win a prize!

## North Little Rock Animal Control

For more information, call **501-791-8577**

### Are You and Your Pet Prepared for a Disaster?

If you answered “no”, then here are some pointers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s website (FEMA)

#### Information for Pet Owners

If you evacuate your home, **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND!** Pets most likely cannot survive on their own; and if by some remote change they do, you may not be able to find them when you return. (For additional information, contact the Humane Society of the United States).

#### Plans for Pet Disaster Needs

Identify shelter. For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets. Find out which motels and hotels in the area you plan to evacuate to allow pets—well in advanced of needing them. There are also a number of guides that list hotels/motels that permit pets and could serve as a starting point.



Include your local animal shelter’s number in your list of emergency numbers—they might be able to provide information concerning pets during a disaster.

Take pet food, bottled water, medications, veterinary records, cat litter/pan, can opener, food dishes, first aid kit and other supplies with you in case they’re not available later. While the sun is still shining, consider packing a “pet survival” kit which could be easily deployed if disaster hits.

Make sure identification tags are up to date and securely fastened to your pet’s collar. If possible, attach the address and/or phone number of your evacuation site. If your pet gets lost, his tag is his ticket home. Make sure you have a current photo of your pet for identification purposes.

Make sure you have a secure pet carrier, lease or harness for your pet so that if he panics, he can’t escape.

### Can Animals Sense Natural Disasters?

By Regina Bailey, About.com Guide

On December 26, 2004, an earthquake along the floor of the Indian Ocean was responsible for a tsunami that claimed the lives of thousands of people in Asia and East Africa. In the midst of all of the destruction, wildlife officials at Sri Lanka’s Yala National Park reported no mass animal deaths. Yala National Park is a wildlife reserve populated by hundreds of wild animals including elephants, leopards, and monkeys. Researchers believe that these animals were able to sense the danger long before humans.

Animals have keen senses that help them avoid predators or locate prey. It is thought that these senses might also help them detect pending disasters. Several countries have conducted research on the detection of earthquakes by animals. There are two theories as to how animals may be able to detect earthquakes. One is that animals sense the earth’s vibrations. Another is



that they can detect changes in the air or gases released by the earth.

There has been no conclusive evidence as to how animals may be able to sense earthquakes. Some researchers believe the animals at Yala National Park were able to detect the earthquake and move to higher ground before the tsunami hit, causing massive waves and flooding.

Other researchers are skeptical about using animals as earthquake and natural disaster detectors. They cite the difficulty of developing a controlled study that can connect a specific animal behavior with an earthquake occurrence.

Although scientists disagree as to whether animal behavior can be used to predict earthquakes and natural disasters, they all agree that it is possible for animals to sense changes in the environment before humans. Researchers around the world continue to study animal behavior and earthquakes. It is hoped that these studies will help to aid earthquake predictions.

Need a new addition to your family?

Call  
501-791-8577  
...we’ve got the perfect companion for you!



## North Shore Animal League America Annual Tour For Life—2011

Coming to North Little Rock—Lakewood Village Shopping Center  
April 13, 2011 from 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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Support spaying and neutering in Arkansas by getting your own Arkansas Specialty *Please Spay or Neuter* License Plate at any State Revenue Office.



# NORTH SHORE ANIMAL LEAGUE AMERICA

## TOUR FOR LIFE - 2011

is coming to North Little Rock!



**Lakewood Village**  
2851 Lakewood Village Drive  
North Little Rock, AR  
Wednesday, April 13, 2011  
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Throughout March and April NSALA will be on its life-saving mission across America with its TOUR FOR LIFE helping over 100 shelters and rescue groups find homes for orphaned pets. North Little Rock has been one of the stops on the tour since 2003 - the only stop in Arkansas and the smallest city on the tour.

North Little Rock Animal Shelter was picked to be a stop on the tour because of our adoption rate and also because we have an aggressive spay and neuter program.

We have asked the following shelters and rescue groups to join us for this event:



Jacksonville Animal Shelter, Maumelle Animal Shelter, Bryant Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, CARE (Central Arkansas Rescue Group), Ali's Alley Cats, Greyhound Rescue, Pine Bluff Animal Control, and Little Rock Animal Village.

- \*Join us for adoptions - all animals adopted that day will be given a free microchip and rabies shot.
- \*The first 50 people bringing a sterilized animal to the event will be given a free microchip! (One per family.)
- \*Drawings for 6 certificates to spay or neuter your dog or cat
- \*Free giveaways - pet care info - dog training tips and demos - pictures of newly adopted pets and with their families.



**Lt. Mark Shoemaker, Deputy Fire Marshal,**  
**North Little Rock Fire Department**  
501-812-5942 or 501-340-5377 or [mshoemaker@northlittlerock.ar.gov](mailto:mshoemaker@northlittlerock.ar.gov)



## Seasonal Fire Safety Tips

Spring is here once again. Now is a great time to go over some easy fire safety tips that will help ensure a fire free entrance into summer:



- ▶ Check smoke detector batteries, and replace if necessary
- ▶ Smoke detector units should be cleared of dust and/or replaced if necessary
- ▶ Fire extinguishers should be checked, and recharged if necessary
- ▶ Electric wiring should be checked for damage, and replaced if necessary
- ▶ Electric outlets and extension cords should **NOT** be overloaded
- ▶ Air conditioning units and electrical cords should be checked
- ▶ Barbeque Gas grills (including gas hoses) and propane tanks should be inspected prior to use
- ▶ **Never** use open flame devices to strip paint. This is dangerous and illegal
- ▶ Do not burn yard waste or trash. This is dangerous and illegal in many places
- ▶ Windows should be checked to make sure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as exits
- ▶ Review your family's Fire Escape Plan
- ▶ Fuels for lawn and garden equipment, etc. should be stored in an approved container only
- ▶ Pesticides and chemicals should be stored in an approved container and away from children (and pets)
- ▶ Swimming pool chemicals should be stored according to manufacturer guidelines
- ▶ Oil based paints and solvents should be stored in a metal cabinet

## BBQ Grill Fire Safety Tips

The outdoor cookout season is almost in full swing now that summer is coming. Listed below are a few helpful hints in making your outdoor barbeque a fire safe event.

### Propane Gas Grills

- ▶ Before each use, check hoses for signs of wear and tear, and that the connection to the tank is tight
- ▶ Remove excess grease buildup from the unit, to prevent flare ups
- ▶ Periodically check the inside gas tubes for the buildup of spider webs that can cause blockage, causing gas to backflow into the control valves, where it could potentially ignite
- ▶ An orange flame is an indication that there is an obstruction in the gas tubes that lead to the burners. Flame should be blue in color
- ▶ When igniting the grill, make sure the lid or cover is in the open position
- ▶ Never leave the unit unattended while cooking, and keep children at a safe distance
- ▶ Always shut the tank off after each use
- ▶ If the unit catches fire, do not attempt to extinguish it, especially if propane is burning freely, **CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**. Propane will reignite with explosive force
- ▶ Proper location and placement of the unit is very important. Keep the unit away from the sides or back of your home, as well as open windows. If fire occurs, it will spread to the building

### Charcoal Grills

- ▶ Careful use of charcoal starter fluid is very important. Follow directions on the can and never apply additional fluid once the fire has been ignited
- ▶ The use of an electric starter or paper is an alternate method, and pre-treated charcoal should also be used
- ▶ Place all ashes in metal cans



The information above was found at

[www.pelhamgov.com/departments/departments/Spring%Fire%Safety%20Tips...](http://www.pelhamgov.com/departments/departments/Spring%Fire%Safety%20Tips...)



The **Annual Henry Awards Banquet** took place on March 8, 2011, during the Governor's Conference on Tourism. North Little Rock Advertising and Promotion Director Karen Trevino received the Tourism Person of the Year Award, which was the highlight of the event.

The Henry Awards honor individuals and organizations which have made important contributions to the state's tourism industry in the preceding year. (The Henry Awards have been a feature of the annual Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism since their debut in 1981. The awards are named for Henri de Tonti, founder of Arkansas Post in 1686 and who is often hailed as the first "Arkansas Traveler.")

Other awards for 2010 included:

**Media Support Award:** Kat Robinson, Little Rock

**Bootstrap Award:**

Argenta Downtown Council, North Little Rock

**Arkansas Heritage Award:** 1929 Hotel Seville, Harrison

**Grand Old Classic Special Event Award:** Smackover Oil Town Festival, Smackover

**Outstanding Volunteer Service Award:** Bull Shoals Powerhouse Tours, Lakeview

**Community Tourism Development Award:** Mountains, Music & Motorcycles, Mountain View

**The Natural State Award:** Pea Ridge National Military Park, Garfield

**Tourism Special Achievement Award:** The Peabody Little Rock, Little Rock

*Above left:* Miss Arkansas Alyse Eady presenting the **Tourism Person of the Year Award** to Karen.

**North Little Rock Hires Fit 2 Live Coordinator**



Ms. **Bernadette Gunn** recently joined the Mayor's staff. Her focus will be on improving healthy eating and active living opportunities for North Little Rock city employees and the entire city.

Bernadette is originally from Connecticut. She moved to Arkansas from Montana with her fiancé who is from Little Rock. While in Montana, she worked for the Montana Food Bank Network on food policy and access. She also worked for the Montana Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Programs on School Breakfast, summer food programs, and improving students' access to fresh fruit and vegetables. She has a B.A. degree from Middlebury College in Vermont where she majored in Film and Media Studies.



She loves the outdoors...hiking, running, geocaching, floating the river and more. Bernadette has already discovered the beauty of the Natural State and our Southern Hospitality and is looking forward to making North Little Rock her "forever home"! To contact Bernadette, call 501-975-8777 or email her at [bgunn@northlittlerock.ar.gov](mailto:bgunn@northlittlerock.ar.gov).



**Community Garden Grants Available!**

If you have organized and are operating *or* are ready to start a community garden in your neighborhood, you may apply for grant funding from the city. Funds can be used for garden construction materials in exchange for your volunteer planting and maintenance efforts.

If you plan to apply for a *Fit 2 Live* Community Garden Grant, a representative from your group must attend an informational meeting on **Saturday, April 9, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.** in the City Council Chambers, in City Hall (300 Main Street).

Please RSVP to Bernadette Gunn, *Fit 2 Live* Coordinator (see left), at [bgunn@northlittlerock.ar.gov](mailto:bgunn@northlittlerock.ar.gov). Include your name, garden group name and location (if any), and how many people plan to attend.

Grant applications can be obtained at the Neighborhood Services Office at 3427 N. Magnolia Street, or call 501-791-8500. Forms are also available on the city website at [www.northlittlerock.ar.gov](http://www.northlittlerock.ar.gov).

The deadline to submit an application is 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2011.

For more information, contact Bernadette at 975-8777.

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hundreds of excited residents crowded into the streets in panic; windows were broken in several sections of the city. At one school, walls cracked, and plaster fell on pupils. "Glasses were shaken from counters in confectionery stores, and dishes were broken in many kitchens," the record notes. The shock was felt throughout southeastern Arkansas and adjacent States.

During the period of 1911 to 1933, two *local* intensity V earthquakes centered in the Black Rock—Pocahontas area of northeastern Arkansas; two additional intensity V tremors were noted, one near Little Rock, the other near Marked Tree, and both were felt over 30,000 square mile areas. None of these caused property damage, but they alarmed much of the populations near their centers.

The early morning of December 9, 1933, brought another minor tremor to Arkansas. Many residents of Manila, Mississippi County, were awakened by a sharp earthquake that broke windows in several homes.

Very light tremors in 1937 and 1938 in the northeastern part of Arkansas were felt over 25,000 and 90,000 square miles of Arkansas and several surrounding States. Neither was damaging. This region is noted for relatively light-intensity shocks being felt over extremely large areas.

Over the years, more earthquakes were noted. On January 1, 1969, a tremor centered about 19 miles northwest of Little Rock and caused much commotion in the area. In Little Rock, plaster cracked, and furniture was moved about in some homes; and trees and utility wires swayed and shook throughout a wide area. The shock was also noted by residents in southern Missouri and western Tennessee.

**So what is an earthquake?** According to Wikipedia, an earthquake is the result of a sudden release of energy in the Earth's crust that creates seismic waves. The seismicity or seismic activity of an area refers to the frequency, types and size of earthquakes experienced over a period of time.

At the Earth's surface, earthquakes manifest themselves by shaking and sometimes displacing the ground. When a large earthquake epicenter is located offshore, the seabed sometimes suffers sufficient displacement to cause a tsunami. The shaking in earthquakes can also trigger landslides and occasionally volcanic activity.

In its most generic sense, the word *earthquake* is used to describe any seismic event—whether a natural phenomenon or an event caused by humans—that generates seismic waves. Earthquakes are caused mostly by rupture of geological faults, but also by volcanic activity, landslides, mine blasts, and nuclear tests.

## So, Why Should You Participate in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut?

We all must get better prepared for major earthquakes, and also practice how to protect ourselves when they happen. The purpose of the ShakeOut is to help people and organizations to both.

### How To Participate

There are many ways for individual, business, schools, faith-based organizations, community groups, scouts, and others to participate in the ShakeOut, to get prepared for earthquakes, and to share what you're doing with others so they can do the same.

To learn more or register for the upcoming event, scheduled for April 28, 2011, at 10:15 a.m., go to [www.shakeout.org/central.us/](http://www.shakeout.org/central.us/).



Other reasons to participate in the Central U.S. ShakeOut...no community is immune from natural hazards whether it be earthquake, wildfire, flood, winter storms, drought, heat wave, dam failure, tornados or more. It is important as a community that we work together to reduce human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by these hazards.

Community resiliency to earthquakes and other disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all stakeholders in our community—individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, business, and government.

*The Great Central U.S. Shakeout has increased interest this year due to the events in Japan which began with a devastating earthquake, followed by a tsunami and nuclear radiation leaks. We are reminded of the events following Hurricane Katrina when thousands of people evacuated to our area. By planning now, we can be somewhat prepared for future disasters before they happen.*

## **Little Rock Air Force Base**

### **Releases Impact Study**

*Arkansas Democrat Gazette, March 8, 2011*

The latest economic impact study released by the Little Rock Air Force Base (LRAFB) estimated that in 2010 the base plugged about \$712 million into Central Arkansas' economy, more than double that reported a decade ago.

The base released the annual study, which covered fiscal 2010 from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.

Comparatively, in fiscal 2000, the base's economic impact was estimated at \$351 million.

Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville is the largest C-130 base in the world, with about 100 planes in its inventor.

The base is home to the **19th Airlift Wing** of the Air Mobility Command, which deploys around the world to

aid in war efforts and humanitarian missions. The **314th Airlift Wing** of the Air Education and Training Command, which trains all C-130 crews in the nation and in 44 allied counties. The **189th Airlift Wing of the Arkansas National Guard**, which trains instructor crews and is home to the new C-130AMP variant with upgraded avionics.

Staffing at the LRAFB has grown to about 5,300 and the base is expected to grow by another 300 airmen in the coming years with the addition of a new Air Force Reserve unit.

The civilian work force on the base has grown as well, including Department of Defense, contractors and private businesses.

Another major change is the number of people living on the base (13%); the remainder live in the surrounding communities (including North Little Rock).

To see the entire Economic Impact Analysis go to [littlerock.af.mil](http://littlerock.af.mil).



### **City Officials and Community Leaders Take Part in Community Relations Tour**

In late February several individuals from North Little Rock and surrounding cities were invited to attend a Community Relations Tour which took them from Little Rock Air Force Base (LRAFB) to Luke Air Force Base and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, in Arizona. The purpose of the trip was to learn about the international training mission at LRAFB and other such organizations in the Air Force.

Colonel Mark G. Czelusta, Commander of the 314th Airlift Wing, LRAFB was the host and pilot of the C-130 the group flew in for the trip. In a briefing the day before the trip Colonel Czelusta discussed the importance of the training mission and the units that make up the base community referred to as "Team Little Rock." He went on to say the 314th Airlift Wing's mission is to provide initial, periodic upgrade, and



advanced training to all US Air Force and most US Marine Corps C-130 crew members. About 1,800 students graduate from LRAFB training annually. Additionally, they train crews and maintainers from 42 partner nations.

It is important for foreign students to be exposed to the U. S. professional military establishment and the American way of life. Sitting side-by-side with US students in a wide range of courses, foreign students also develop an understanding and regard for US democratic values, respect for individual and human rights, and importance of the rule of law. Students are also exposed to US military procedures and the manner in which our military functions under civilian control.

Located west of Phoenix, Luke Air Force Base is home to the 56th Fighter Wing, the largest fighter wing in the world and the only active-duty Air Force F-16 training wing. Luke has 138 aircraft, 24 squadrons, four tenant units, over 6,200 military and civilian personnel, and supports more than 70,000 family members and military retirees each year. The wing also has stewardship of the 1.7 million acre Barry M. Goldwater Range. Luke AFB is a national treasure with highly flexible joint service training and realistic combat replications perfect for air-to-air and air-to-ground training and 57,000 cubic miles of airspace. Critical mission elements include the ability to land and take-

off in either direction, access to the Barry M. Goldwater Range, touch and goes and access to statewide military training routes. *Left: Colonel Czelusta and Chief Master Sergeant Mark D. Marson (Command Chief Master Sergeant 314th AW—LRAFB stand next to a C-130 Colonel Czelusta flew to the "Boneyard" last year .*  
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## ***North Little Rock City Council Schedule***

Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month in City Hall. Meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. and can be viewed on our website.

For more information please call the City Clerk's Office at 501-340-5317 or visit our website at [www.northlittlerock.ar.gov](http://www.northlittlerock.ar.gov).

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ward 1	Alderswoman Debi Ross	753-0733
	Alderswoman Beth White	758-2738
Ward 2	Alderswoman Linda Robinson	945-8820
	Alderman Maurice Taylor	690-6444
Ward 3	Alderman Steve Baxter	804-0928
	Alderman Bruce Foutch	658-9714
Ward 4	Alderman Murry Witcher	835-0009
	Alderman Charlie Hight	758-8396

### Other Elected Officials

**Mayor**, Patrick Henry Hays  
501-340-5301

**Clerk and Collector**, Diane Whitbey  
501-340-5317

**City Attorney**, C. Jason Carter  
501-975-3755

**City Treasurer**, Mary Ruth Morgan  
501-753-2028

**District Court Judge**, Jim Hamilton  
501-791-8559

**District Court Judge**, Randy Morley  
501-791-8562

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While visiting Luke AFB, guests had the opportunity to visit with several foreign students from Taiwan and Singapore and learn about their needs while living in the US (with their family members in most cases).

The 355th Fighter Wing at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (D-M) is composed of four groups: the 355th Operations Group, the 355th Maintenance Group, the 355th Mission Support Group and the 355th Medical Group. Together, along with their tenet organizations, they make up 6,100 Airmen and 1,700 civilian personnel at D-M. Most people know that D-M is also home to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG) aka "Boneyard" (*picture above right*), is a one-of-a-kind specialized facility within the Air Force Material Command structure. AMARG provides critical aerospace maintenance and regeneration capabilities for Joint and Allied/Coalition warfighters in support of

Applications may be obtained in the Human Resources Department, City Services Bldg., 120 Main St., 3rd floor, NLR, AR., 72114 **and must be completed and returned by the closing date. Late applications will not be accepted.** *Job-related test, interviews or other types of selection methods may be administered in order to determine whether an applicant possesses the required knowledge, skill and ability. A thorough background check and other necessary screening will be made on all persons selected for hire. After all other requirements have been satisfactorily met offers of hire are conditioned on satisfactory completion of a job-related physical exam, including a drug screen.* **AS AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER, THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK IS SEEKING QUALIFIED BLACK AND FEMALE APPLICANTS.**

## **City Offices - 120 Main**

**IT/Data Processing**, Kathy Stephens

501-975-8820

**Finance**, Bob Sisson

501-975-8802

**Information**

501-975-8888

**Human Resources**, Betty Anderson

501-975-8855

**Planning**, Robert Voyles

501-975-8835

**Purchasing**, Joe Smith

501-975-8881

**Revenue/Audit**, Jerry Reagan

501-975-8895

**Utilities Accounting**, David Melton

501-975-8888



global operations and agile combat support for a wide range of military operations. AMARG occupies 2,600 acres and manages an inventory of more than 4,200 aircraft, 40 aerospace vehicles and 350,000 line items of production tooling. The Center's highly skilled 662-member workforce regenerates aircraft, returning them to flying status or preparing them for overland shipment. The AMARG team also reclaims hundreds of millions of dollars worth of parts to support global warfighting operations.

The Center's primary customer is the Department of Defense.

*Below: C-130 and C-5 on tarmac at D-M*



## This and That

### North Little Rock Advertising and Promotion



is looking for a bank of volunteers to work local Convention registrations. 15-20

volunteers are needed to be on call to work at convention desks.

Volunteers will be trained and would work approximately 4 hours per morning.

For more information, contact Angela Selman, Volunteer Coordinator, Hays Center, 501-975-4297.

### Buying Fresh Veggies...

*what you should look for:*

**Asparagus:** stalks should be tender and firm; tips should be closed and compact. Choose stalks with very little white; they are more tender; use soon because it toughens quickly.

**Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts and Cauliflower:** flower clusters on broccoli and cauliflower should be tight and close together. Brussels sprouts should be firm and compact. Smudgy, dirty spots may indicate pests or disease.

**Cabbage and Head Lettuce:** choose heads that are heavy for their size. Avoid cabbage with worm holes and lettuce with discoloration or soft rot.

**Cucumbers:** choose long, slender cucumbers for best quality. May be dark or medium green, but yellow ones are undesirable.

### Buying Fresh Fruit...

**Bananas:** skin should be free of bruises and black or brown spots. Purchase them slightly green and allow them to ripen at room temperature.

**Melons:** in **cantaloupes**, thick, close netting on the rind indicates best quality. Cantaloupes are ripe when the stem scar is smooth and the space between the netting is yellow or yellow-green. They are best when fully ripe with fruity odor.

Ripe **watermelons** have some yellow color on one side. If melons are white or pale green on one side, they are not ripe.



## April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Parents and caregivers who have support—from family, friends, neighbors, and their communities — are more likely to provide safe and healthy homes for their children. When parents lack this support or feel isolated, on the other hand, they may be more likely to make poor decisions that can lead to neglect or abuse.

### WAYS TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

- Sleeping together with a baby can lead to tragedy
- Never hit or shake a child
- Know who's taking care of your child at all times
- Don't leave a child unattended in a car
- Help a friend, neighbor or relative. Being a parent isn't easy. Offer to take care of the children so the parent(s) can rest or spend time together.
- Help yourself. When the big and little problems of your everyday life pile up to the point you feel overwhelmed and out of control – take time out. Don't take it out on your child.
- Promote programs in school. Teaching children, parents and teachers prevention strategies can help to keep children safe.

If you have reason to believe a child has been abused or neglected call the hotline number below.

ARKANSAS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
**HUMAN  
SERVICES**

[www.StopArChildAbuse.com](http://www.StopArChildAbuse.com)  
DHS Child Abuse Hotline  
**800-482-5964**



*Left:* North Little Rock Mayor Patrick Henry Hays presented a Proclamation to Miss Raygan Sylvester during the North Little Rock City Council meeting March 28, 2011 following her presentation on seat-belt use. Miss Sylvester is Miss Metro 2011 and a member of the North Little Rock Mayor's Youth Council. The proclamation declared May 2011 as **Seatbelt Awareness Month** in the City of North Little Rock.

*Right:* North Little Rock Mayor Patrick Henry Hays presented a plaque to Ms. Lynn Welsh during the March 28, 2011, North Little Rock City Council meeting in recognition of her being the first woman to serve on the North Little Rock Civil Service Commission and recognizing her service to the City of North Little Rock for the past 20+ years.



**Congratulations to newly elected Ward 3 Alderman Bruce Foutch!**  
 Contact information:  
 address: 10 Scenic Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas, 72118  
 telephone number: 658-9714  
 North Little Rock city email address: [bfoutch@northlittlerock.ar.gov](mailto:bfoutch@northlittlerock.ar.gov)  
 A swearing in ceremony will be held on April 11, 2011, prior to the City Council meeting in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

# ♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ♪ APRIL

Department	Name		Date	Department	Name		Date
Administration	VALENCIA	HARDY	4/22	Police	JOSEPH	MADISON	4/7
Animal Shelter	JULIA	COULTER	4/19	Police	LEONARD	MONTGOMERY	4/8
OES/911	ROSEMARY	TORRES	4/7	Police	LABRENDA	COHENS	4/9
Electric	WILLIAM	HARPER	4/2	Police	JAMES	DANCY	4/10
Electric	MICHAEL	ALLEN	4/4	Police	JOHN	LYON	4/10
Electric	ROBERT	HUGHES	4/6	Police	JOHN	YATES	4/12
Electric	SHANE	PRATER	4/10	Police	JOHN	BRECKON	4/13
Electric	CHRISTOPHER A.	RAY	4/24	Police	PHILLIP	LOWRY	4/18
Electric	ROBERT	REYNOLDS	4/27	Police	CHARLES	MILES JR.	4/19
Electric	RONNIE	PETTIT	4/28	Police	BLAKE	BARNES	4/20
Electric	EDDIE	REED	4/30	Police	BRIAN	KILGORE	4/22
Fire	CHARLES	BLACK	4/8	Police	JACOB	HOUSE	4/27
Fire	ALAN	GARNER	4/13	Code	VICKI	HUMPHREY	4/16
Fire	TODD	HINK	4/13	Public Works	RODGER	GREENE	4/13
Fire	JON	MILLER	4/14	Sanitation	HAROLD	FORD	4/24
Fire	BLAKE	WATKINS	4/18	Sanitation	FREDDIE	HASKINS	4/25
Fire	BILLY	JONES	4/21	Street	GEORGE	STAUBER	4/1
Fire	ALANA	MERRITT	4/22	Street	THOMAS	CONES	4/2
First Dist Court	YVONNE	HARRIS	4/9	Street	GREGORY	PATILLO	4/16
Police	THOMAS	DICKSON	4/1	Street	KENNETH	WILLIAMS	4/26
Police	PAUL	CANTRELL	4/3	Traffic	DEIDRA	DEVINE	4/25
Police	JANICE	JENSEN	4/3	Vehicle Maint	DANNY	ABLES	4/10
Police	BRANDON	DAVIDSON	4/4	Vehicle Maint	JOHN	KULL	4/29
Police	IRA	WHITNEY	4/4	Parks Admin	BOBBY	RHOADS	4/9
Police	KENNETH	KINCADE	4/6	Parks Maint	JAMES	HOLCOMBE	4/8

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*Left: during the March 28, 2011, City Council meeting, **North Little Rock Mayor Patrick Henry Hays** presented a Proclamation to Gary “Bud” Gray, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services in recognition of his efforts during the 2011 Legislative Session regarding the passage of a bill pertaining to Dispatcher Training and setting up a program for handlers of 911 Calls in the state.*

# APRIL EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Dept	Name		# Years	Dept	Name		# Years
Animal Shelter	MICHAEL	PROBST	10	Fire	MICHAEL	HOLLEY	16
OES	SHELLY	DAVIS	1	Fire	JAMES	WILLOUGHBY	16
OES	SHAKIIA	MOORE	1	Fire	JOHN	ADAMS	29
OES	WILLIAM	FERRY	9	Fire	FREDERICK	GUNTHER	29
Electric	THOMAS	BLYTHE JR.	5	Fire	DAVID	MATCHETT	29
Electric	BRENDA	WILSON	11	Fire	FORREST	MOBBS	29
Electric	LYNWOOD	ANDERSON	14	Fire	DONALD	PAYNE	29
Electric	CHARLES	BOLDEN	15	Fire	LARRY	SHOOK	29
Electric	JOAN	STEWART	23	1st Dist Court	JANET	HILL	21
Electric	MICHAEL	ALLEN	27	2nd Dist Court	DENNIS	HENDERSON	5
Electric	JAMES	CARPENTER	34	UAD	NAKISHA	MORAGNE	11
Electric	JIMMY	CROWLY	38	Police	JASON	WOODWARD	13
Finance	SHARON	HENLEY	33	Police	SANDRA	PETRIZZO	15
Fire	CLINT	BUTLER	1	Police	THOMAS	DICKSON	18
Fire	ZAKARY	WARD	1	Police	CRISS	GARDNER	18
Fire	JOSH	BURKS	7	Police	MICHAEL	NELSON	18
Fire	JOSHUA	COX	7	Police	JOHN	YATES	18
Fire	MICHAEL	GARRETT	7	Police	MARK	TUBBS	19
Fire	RICHARD	HARGROVE	7	Police	LUISE	ARMSTRONG	23
Fire	DENNIS	POOLE	7	Police	KENNETH	KINCADE	23
Fire	CLINT	REEKIE	7	Police	SIAVASH	MORSHEDI	23
Fire	JASON	ROE	7	Police	TRACY	ROULSTON	23
Fire	JASON	KNIFE	9	Police	WILLIAM	KOVACH	24
Fire	TIMOTHY	MAHAN	9	Police	ROBERT	SCOTT	24
Fire	CHRISTOPHER	MORENO	9	Police	JEFFREY	BAKER	33
Fire	GREGORY	NASH	9	Police	ALICE	BROWN	43
Fire	JASON	WARD	9	Code	DAVID	SCHALCHLIN	15
Fire	WILLIAM	DAVIS	10	Public Works	WILLIAM	SMITH	22
Fire	STEPHEN	FORTSON	10	Public Works	BOBBY	WARD	23
Fire	BRYAN	HILL	10	Sanitation	HERMON	CUNNINGHAM	2
Fire	JEFF	JEFFERIES	10	Sanitation	DAVID	BELL	3
Fire	JASON	KNOERNSCHILD	11	Sanitation	LESLIE	RICHARDSON	6
Fire	DUDLEY	SCHRADER	11	Street	DONNELL	ACKLIN	1
Fire	CLAYTON	ZAKRZEWSKI	11	Street	STEVEN	HUBBARD	1
Fire	GREGORY	BROWN	12	Street	TERRY	GLENN	4
Fire	ROBERT	BRYSON	12	Street	WILLIE	PACE	9
Fire	JASON	FENDER	12	Street	THOMAS	CONES	14
Fire	BRIAN	OAKLEY	12	Street	FREDERICK	MOORE III	15
Fire	KYLE	SIMPSON	12	Traffic	TIMOTHY	MARVIN	32
Fire	TODD	IRBY	13	Vehicle Maint	JOHN	KULL	10
Fire	JAMES	KOLB	13	Parks Maint	ROBERT	DAVIS	8
Fire	MICHAEL	THOMPSON	13	Parks Maint	DONALD	EOFF	8
Fire	LAITH	ADAMS	14	Parks Maint	CHARLES	BROOKS	10
Fire	HEATH	HOOPS	14	Parks Maint	BENJAMIN	ELLIS	10
Fire	EARL	MAHANAY	14	Parks Maint	WILLY	TIDWELL	14
Fire	RICKY	CRANFORD	15	Parks Rec	TONY	PATE	4

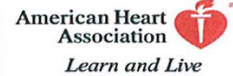
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# National Start! Walking Day is April 6, 2011

Join North Little Rock City Employees at the foot of the Junction Bridge. We will walk together to the middle where we will greet employees from the City of Little Rock. They outnumber us...however, we can outnumber them on April 6...all we need is for you to show up and participate!

For more information about either event, contact Bernadette Gunn at 501-975-8777 or bgunn@northlittlerock.ar.gov.

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**HEART WALK.**

## 2011 Central Arkansas Start! Heart Walk

### Event Schedule, Location, & Contacts:

**April 16, 2011**

**North Shore River Walk, NLR**

**8:00 a.m. – Registration/Pre-Walk Ceremony**

**9:00 a.m. - Walk Begins**

**Sign Up On Our Website!**

**[www.centralarkansasheartwalk.org](http://www.centralarkansasheartwalk.org)**

**2011 Start! Heart Walk Chair—Mike Brown**  
Executive Vice President/COO Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield

### **Have Questions? Contact:**

**Lloyd Webre, Heart Walk Director**

**[lloyd.webre@heart.org](mailto:lloyd.webre@heart.org) or 501.379.1178**

**OR Jennifer Ferguson, Heart Walk Associate:**

**[jennifer.ferguson@heart.org](mailto:jennifer.ferguson@heart.org) or 501.379.1180**

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## Voting for the *America's Most Wanted All Star*

begins at 12:00 a.m. April 21, 2011 through 11:59 p.m. May 8, 2011

You all helped *North Little Rock Police Officer Tommy Norman* become the AMW All Star week 1 finalist earlier this year, now you can help him be the 2011 Winner! See below for details...

During the All-Star voting period, visitors to [www.amw.com/allstar](http://www.amw.com/allstar) will be able to cast one vote, each day of that voting period for one of the eight (8) Weekly Finalists that they believe exemplifies the All-Star qualities. The Weekly Finalist who receives the most votes during the Grand Prize All-Star voting period will be designated as the 2011 AMW All-Star Winner, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein. The Grand Prize All-Star voting period starts at 12:00 am (EDT) on April 21, 2011 and ends at 11:59 pm (EDT) on May 8, 2011.

You can vote once daily (more than once if you have multiple email accounts!). So mark your calendar for April 21, 2011 and vote every day to help Tommy win!



# VOTE FOR OUR ALL-STAR!



*Voting begins April 21 and goes through May 8...  
vote early and vote often for*

# Tommy Norman

**North Little Rock Lions Club**  
**Annual**  
**Bob Moore Memorial**  
**Fish Fry**

**April 15, 2011**



**Pond Raised Catfish *or* Breaded Chicken Strips**  
***With All the Trimmings***

**Serving 4:30 PM until 7:30PM**

**Burns Park Hospitality House in North Little Rock**

**Adults**  
**\$11.00**

**Children (12 and under)**  
**\$9.00**

**Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Tickets Available at the Door***

Since 1917, Lions clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities. From involving members in projects as local as cleaning up an area park



**We Serve**

or as far-reaching as bringing sight to the world's blind, Lions clubs have always embraced those committed to building a brighter future for their community.



2nd Annual Levy Rats Picnic  
**DOUBLESHOT**

To perform 60's Rock  
 and Dance Music!

**DOUBLESHOT**  
 Members: (L to R): Mike Byrd, James Kirkendoll, Lonnie Allen, Robert Krzeszinski, Rodney Eoff, Charles Stewart (kneeling)

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PARK



Burns Park • Saturday, May 21st

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BBQ lunch with all of  
 the trimmings from  
**The Meat Shoppe!**

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Plus a 2nd  
 Annual Levy  
 Picnic T-shirt!

ONLY  
**\$10**  
 Without  
 meal

Surprise  
 Guests!



Bring a non-  
 perishable food  
 item for the  
**AMBOY FOOD  
 BANK**



Bring an extra \$1 to bid on Auction items. Bring a lawn chair. All proceeds to benefit the Neighbors of Levy in Crisis (NOLIC) fund.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER APRIL 15TH!**

Make checks payable to: Levy Alumni Association • Send to: PO Box 1423, North Little Rock, AR 72115

DROP OFF at: Bob's Pawn Shop | 3713 MacArthur Drive, North Little Rock

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