

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

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NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP



OUR COMMUNITY
LETS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Keep North Little Rock Beautiful!

The **Great North Little Rock Clean-Up** is a special one-day community event, held in May, designed to encourage residents to join into a litter clean-up of neighborhoods and city streets, parks, trails, and river banks. The event is lots of fun for families, youth groups, businesses, churches, community groups, and civic clubs, and is designed to clean up the city, to educate young and old about the environment, to promote recycling, city beautification, concern for the environment, energy efficiency, and a multitude of other reasons to Keep North Little Rock Beautiful.

This year's event is **May 19, 2012** from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A volunteer celebration (including lunch and T-shirts will be held at the Lakewood Village Pavilion from noon until 1:00 p.m. For more information email KNLRB@aol.com, visit www.facebook.com/KNLRB or call Margaret Powell, North Little Rock Community Relations Director at 51-340-5305.

RIVERFEST 2012

Friday, May 25th

Government Mule
Staind
Neon Trees
Boyz II Men



Sunday, May 27th

Little Big Town
Joe Walsh
B.O.B.
Snoop Dogg



Saturday, May 26th

Lynyrd
Skynyrd

Mute Math
Chevelle
Third Eye Blind



Trout Fishing in America

Tickets are on sale now at area Walgreens stores. Pre-sales tickets (at Walgreens) will be \$20 + \$.75 handling fee - per ticket.

Tickets for the weekend at the gate will be \$30 Online registration is available for the 3rd annual Riverfest Rock 'N Stoll 5K (includes a 3-day admission ticket to Riverfest!)

For more information, times and locations, site map, etc., visit www.riverfestarkansas.com.



"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



North Shore Animal League Annual Tour For Life

In partnership with PURINA ONE®, Tour for Life is the world's largest cooperative national adoption initiative aimed at reinforcing the importance and advantages of shelter pet adoptions and familiarizing communities with their local shelter.

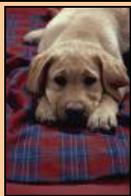
The tour was conceived by North Shore Animal League America – the world's largest no-kill animal rescue and adoption organization – eleven years ago and is responsible for placing thousands of pets into loving and permanent homes.



Folks lined up early to get microchips and rabies shots for their four-legged family members. Volunteers from North Little Rock

Friends of Animals including Dr. David Bevans and his wife, were on hand to assist wherever needed!

Above (right) Eddie and Margaret Powell posed for a photo with their wonderful dog Annie who they rescued from the shelter. Above (center) a new puppy, also named Annie, has found her new forever home with this cute little girl and her family. Special thanks to Kara and Jen from North Shores!



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companion for you!



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

Spay and Neuter License Plate Funds collected in 2011 were distributed during the Tour For Life event. Right: **Fairfield Bay Animal Protection League**(l-r) Joe Smith, City of NLR, Diane Whitbey, City of NLR, Robert Holliday and Ernest Majhenich, Fairfield Bay and "Dobey".

Below middle: **Izard County Animal Rescue Effort (ICARE)** (l-r) Joe Smith, City of NLR, Diane Whitbey, City of NLR, Delories Brown, ICARE, Dr. Susan Weinstein, DVM, State Health Department, and Billy Grace, City of NLR..

Below bottom: **Madison County Pet Shelter** (l-r), Joe Smith and Diane Whitbey, City of NLR, Polly Potter and Judy Goodwin, Madison County Shelter, Dr. Susan Weinstein, and Billy Grace, City of NLR.





Former North Little Rock Mayor William F. “Casey” Laman

October 20, 1913—April 16, 2012

Pictured below: Mayor Patrick Henry Hays, Mayor Laman and former Mayor Terry Hartwick at a ceremony at the Old Mill





Above, City Treasurer Mary Ruth Morgan, Mayor Laman, his granddaughter Kendall Young, and daughter Christy Simon.

“Casey” Laman was born on October 20, 1913 to Anna and Jim Laman. He had two siblings. His father was a machinist-helper for the Missouri Pacific Railway Company. When Casey was 3 years old, his family moved to North Little Rock. He got his nickname “Casey” as a child because he loved to hear his father play the “Ballad of Casey Jones” on the guitar.

After going to Little Rock Junior College for two years and working part time as a soda jerk at Argenta Drug Store, he spent his junior year at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. After college, he ran Laman Furniture Company until he was 28 when he was drafted into the Army Air Corps, where he served as a radio operator on a B-17. At the conclusion of WWII, he returned to work at the furniture store and served on the North Little Rock School Board for nine years.

At the age of 47 his life took a different direction when he read a sign that said, “NLR: A City Without Bonded Indebtedness.” He realized the sign had two too many words. His city was a “City Without.” He set out to change the face of North Little Rock. He ran for mayor and served as the city’s mayor for 16 1/2 years (1958—1972 and again in 1979—1980).

Always at his side, Arlene, his beloved wife of 63 years, gave him strength, encouragement, and support in their marriage and his endeavors for a better city. Casey “did not follow where a path led. He went where there was no path and left a trail.” Mayor Laman modernized one of the state’s most populous cities by directing millions of federal, state, and local dollars for housing, education, recreation, and infrastructure. Some of his accomplishments as Mayor include building three high-rises for the elderly, three recreation centers, a Police and “Courts” Building, North Little Rock’s first hospital, first Animal Shelter, five Fire Stations, a new Library, an instant Parks Program for children, a new Health building, and a new Sanitation building. He created the city’s first sewer and planning commission, led efforts to purchase the Water Department for the city, initiated the city’s Urban Renewal Program, and the Neighborhood Youth Corps. He led efforts to develop Burns Park, which includes a 27 hole golf course, 11 pavilions, 6 lighted tennis courts, a Girl and Boy Scouts’ campout area, a children’s zoo, an amusement center, bike trail, archery range, campsite, 16 baseball fields, and soccer fields. He cleared the city of slums, including one of the biggest ones behind the floodwall near the Arkansas River, paved many streets, hired the first horticulturist to help beautify the city and its parks, and led several other beautification and clean-up programs. Mayor Laman’s accomplishments as a municipal leader were widely recognized, and honored with awards from many organizations including the Arkansas Municipal League, the Arkansas Planning Commission, the United States Jaycees, and the Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of Park Hill Baptist Church and is survived by his loving family, daughter and son-in-law Christy and Dr. Eugene Simon, and his grandchildren, Chad Simon, Kendall Young (Justin), and Casey Simon (Amy), and his great-grandchildren, Anna and Owen Simon and Jack and Luke Young all of North Little Rock.

Memorials can be made to the William F. Laman Library, 2801 Orange Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114 or Arkansas Children’s Homes, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

Several folks expressed their sadness: Judy Ross - UAD, “That makes me so sad, loved the man.” Paul Myrick - Bob’s Pawnshop, “He was a great Mayor.”

Mayor Laman’s legendary stories will live on in hearts and minds of those who had an opportunity to hear them.





James (Jim) Dean Chapman *September 3, 1956—April 21,*

Jim was retired from the North Little Rock Police Department where he served 23 1/2 years. He worked his way through the department to the rank of lieutenant and served in several capacities. His passion at work was solving crimes. He worked as an investigator and then later as the supervisor of investigations. During his career he was instrumental in the solution of numerous murders and other crimes. He was serious about his job and expected the best of himself and others. At the same time he was know for adding some levity to ease the stress of the job. He volunteered for extra duty by serving on the department’s honor guard. During his funeral service, the North Little Rock Honor Guard was present. Lt. Chapman retired from the department in 2004 to accept the position of Chief of Arkansas State University (ASU) Police Department. Under his leadership, the department accomplished many firsts. One of the most important was in 2009 when ASU’s University Police Department became the first University Police Department in the state of Arkansas to receive full accreditation and status by the IACLEA. The ASU police department completed the three-year process in one-and-a-half years and adopted the 321 standards from IACLEA and UPD policies and practices and established documentation that personnel operate according to them.

At the time of his death, Jim was employed with Arkansas Best Freight (ABF) as the regional safety and security manager for the ABF terminals in Arkansas, Louisiana, Memphis and Jackson, Tennessee.

Jim enjoyed time spent with friends on the golf course, and riding his motorcycle, but mostly he enjoyed being with his wife and daughter. He was a man of honor and integrity, who deeply loved his family and was deeply loved in return. He will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Grace Chapman, and father-in-law Percy Best. He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 27 years, Debbie and his beloved daughter Candace. Son James D. Chapman, Jr., his precious (funny) dog Zoe. His mother-in-law Helen Best, sister-in-laws Dianne Best, Denise Glenn (John), Delanie Harrell (Rob), brother-in-laws Chris Best (Ellyce), Craig Best (Karina), and father William M. Chapman and wife Myrna, brother Robert Chapman (Terri Lynn) and numerous nieces and nephews.

During the funeral service, Police Chief Danny Bradley, Sammy Cates and Randy Martin, shared memories of their friend and fellow officer, many were very humorous and brought a number of laughs to those in attendance. “Chap” as he was known at NLRPD had nicknames for many of his co-workers, like “Skinny-D”, and “Flea”, just to name a couple. He was a man with many friends and much love in his life and left their side too soon.

Central Arkansas’ First “Little Free Library”

“We are so pleased to be able to offer a new idea in library service to our community. We hope our patrons enjoy the availability of books throughout North Little Rock as we add them to other locations in the City,” said Jeff Baskin, Laman Library Director. North Little Rock actually has two locations, one in front of the City Services Building, 120 Main and one south of the Dog Park in Burns Park.

So, how does it work? People can visit the library, take a book, and replace it with another—all free of charge and without being a library patron. All books used in the library are donated and recycled to the public. “Little Free Library” is a national program used to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide, and now totaling over 2,500 participating libraries.

For more information, call the Laman Library at 501-758-1720.



Employees in the City Clerk’s Office followed the city council’s new healthy eating suggestions on April 23. The ladies were celebrating Professionals Day.

North Little Rock Fire Department

TICKS

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Last month's article ended as we started looking at Lyme disease. This disease was first diagnosed in the U.S. in 1975 in Old Lyme, Connecticut. The disease is reported worldwide and throughout the U.S., but most U.S. cases occur in the northeastern, mid-Atlantic and north central states. Lyme disease does occur in Arkansas but is not common. The total number of nationally reported cases by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2005 was 23,305. Many cases go unreported or may be misdiagnosed. Lyme disease is now the most common tick-borne disease in the U.S.

Lyme disease is called the great imitator because its symptoms imitate the symptoms of so many other diseases. The classic sign of the early stage, which begins a few days after the bite of an infected tick, is a slowly expanding red rash (erythema migrans), which may fade in the center as it spreads away from the tick bite location. It is often described as looking like a bull's-eye with alternative light and dark rings. However, it can vary from a reddish blotch appearance to red throughout.

Only 50 to 80 percent of infected individuals develop this rash. Other early manifestations that some people experience include flu-like symptoms such as mild headaches, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes, stiff and painful muscles and joints, fatigue and low fever. If left untreated, the rash usually fades spontaneously over a few days to months, although the spirochetes remain. If any of these symptoms appear, seek prompt medical attention. Since the rash may fade before medical attention is sought, a photograph of the rash can aid proper diagnosis.

Early diagnosis of Lyme disease is based on finding a tick and the rash or, if there is no rash, the severe flu-like symptoms. A highly reliable ELISA-based antibody test and other blood tests can sometimes confirm infection. Antibiotics given during the early stage can eliminate or decrease the severity of the latter-stage symptoms. Antibiotics are also used to treat latter-stage symptoms. Persons in areas with Lyme disease must be alert to ticks found on their bodies and to rashes or severe flu-like symptoms in the summer. Prompt medical attention can prevent or lessen the long-term effects of Lyme disease. Lyme disease is not considered to be fatal, but the arthritis and other latter-stage symptoms may be severe and chronic.

A vaccine developed to prevent Lyme disease was approved in December 1998 by the FDA, but according to the CDC, this vaccine is no longer available. The vaccine manufacturer discontinued production in



2002, citing insufficient consumer demand. Protection provided by this vaccine diminishes over time. Therefore, anyone who received the Lyme disease vaccine before 2002 is probably no longer protected against the disease.

Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness (STARI)

Southern tick-associated rash illness (STARI) is a newly recognized tick-borne disease that produces a rash very similar to the one caused by Lyme disease (erythema migrans). Most cases of STARI occur in the southern and south central U.S., where lone star ticks, *Amblyomma americanum*, are most prevalent.

Because of the similarities to Lyme disease, STARI is often referred to as "Lyme-like disease." Unlike Lyme disease, STARI is associated with the bite of the lone star tick, *Amblyomma americanum*. Symptoms of STARI are milder than those of Lyme disease and include fatigue, headache, stiff neck, occasionally fever and an expanding red ring-like rash with a clearing central area at the site of a lone star tick bite. Also, unlike Lyme disease, STARI has not been associated with any arthritic, neurological or chronic symptoms. Although no specific recommendations for treating STARI have been published, the rash and other accompanying symptoms are resolved after treating with specific antibiotic therapy.

The bacterium associated with STARI is thought to be the spirochete bacterium *Borrelia lonestari*. DNA analysis of a patient biopsy and the associated lone star tick revealed *B. lonestari*. Researchers from CDC and other organizations continue studies to gain additional information of STARI.

Precautions and Prevention

1. Avoid tick-infested areas when possible.
2. Use tick repellents and apply according to label instructions. Insect repellents containing DEET and **clothing only** repellents containing permethrin are used most commonly.
3. Wear light-colored clothing when in tick-infested areas, as dark ticks are more easily spotted against a light background. Check yourself and your children frequently for ticks.
4. Promptly remove ticks when found. If a tick is removed within a few hours after attachment, there are usually no adverse consequences. Remove a tick promptly with tweezers where its mouthparts enter the skin. Clean the tick bite with a disinfectant.

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5. Be aware of tick-borne disease symptoms.
6. Insecticide application and habitat modification are methods used to reduce tick populations around the home. Consult your local Cooperative Extension office for more information.

Pets and Livestock

Tick-borne diseases can also cause serious illness in domestic animals. Pets allowed to come in contact with ticks may become

infected with Lyme disease, so frequently inspect pets and remove any attached or unattached ticks. With pets and livestock, use tick control products recommended by veterinarians.

Maverick's tail (pictured right) is the perfect home for ticks. Unfortunately, they have caused him a great deal of discomfort. Be sure you check your pets and livestock arm pits, rectum, udder, tail, folds of flesh, etc. These all make the perfect home for a blood thirsty tick.



Did you know that ticks are small arachnids?

And arachnids are spiders? First of all...EEKKK!!!!

According to Wikipedia, ticks are small arachnids in the order of Ixodida. Along with mites, they constitute the subclass Acarina. Ticks are ectoparasites (external parasites), living by hematophagy on the blood of mammals, birds, and sometimes reptiles and amphibians. Like all arachnids, ticks have eight legs.

There are three families of ticks, one of which —

Nuttalliellidae—comprises a single species, *Nuttalliella namaqua*. The remaining two families contain the hard ticks (Ixodidae) and the soft ticks (Argasidae).

Attempts to limit the population or distribution of disease-causing ticks have been unsuccessful.

A natural form of control for ticks is the guineafowl, a bird species which consumes mass quantities of ticks. Just 2 birds can clear 2 acres in a single year.

Encountering Native Snakes in Arkansas

Information found at the University of Arkansas, United States Department of Agriculture, and County Governments Cooperating. <http://www.uaex.edu>.

Article by Rebecca McPeake,

Associate Professor and Extension Specialist—Wildlife

Snakes are feared more than any other wildlife species in Arkansas. According to psychologists and animal behaviorists the fear of snakes is a learned behavior. Recent findings indicate our brains are pre-conditioned to readily accept this fear. Yet statistically, venomous snakebites account for fewer deaths than bee or wasp stings or lightning strikes, though these are rare. Despite their rarity, data from annual reports of the American Association of Poison Control Centers indicate a trend of increasing numbers of venomous snakebites. On average, a total of 8,200 snakebites occurred annually between 2000 and 2006 in the United States, of which about half were from venomous snakes. Of the 30,000 reported venomous snakebites during that time, only 21 resulted in mortality, or 0.07 percent of all venomous snakebites.

According to the Arkansas Department of Health, from 1960 to 2007 only three Arkansas residents died from native snakebites, with all three occurring in the 1960s. One death in 1960 was a rattlesnake bite, while the other two in 1964 and 1965 were unspecified snake species.

In 1995, one nonresident died in Arkansas from a rattlesnake bite acquired in another state, and in 2004 another nonresident died after being bitten by an exotic, nonnative pet snake.

Despite their low incidence, occasionally snakebites occur, and with quick medical treatment, the vast majority of victims survive. Obviously, avoiding encounters with snakes will decrease the odds of being bitten. An antivenom is available for all native pit vipers, so it is helpful, but no longer imperative, to determine the particular species of pit viper.

Arkansas Snakes

Snakes serve an important role in our environment. They prey on rodents, insects, toads, frogs, crayfish, minnows and other snakes and are themselves food for hawks, owls, foxes, bobcats, raccoons, fish and many other species. Of the 36 species of native snakes in Arkansas, only six are venomous.

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People mistakenly kill snakes when in fact they pose no threat. Most venomous snakes are slow to strike and do so only if provoked. Typically, snakes will go to great lengths to avoid a confrontation with people. A study of cottonmouths in the field (45 snakes) and laboratory (36 snakes) found half of the snakes encountered in the field tried to escape. In the lab, where escape was not an option, over three-fourths used threat displays and about a third (13 of 36) bit an artificial hand used in tests.

Some nonvenomous snakes share common characteristics with venomous snakes, perhaps to appear more threatening. The nonvenomous eastern hognose or “puff adder” will increase its head size and emit a smelly musk. If this doesn’t cause the threat to leave, the snake will roll over and play dead. The hognose, as well as other nonvenomous snakes, have color variations and patterns that can be mistaken for rattlesnakes. Some nonvenomous snakes will vibrate their tails against dead leaves, making rattle-like sounds. Although these characteristics are intended to improve survivability, these adaptations may lead to the opposite outcome when snakes encounter snake-intolerant people.

Venomous Versus Nonvenomous

Venomous native snakes present in Arkansas are the copperhead (*Agkistrodon contortrix*), cottonmouth (*Agkistrodon piscivorus*), western diamondback rattlesnake (*Crotalus atrox*), timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*), western pigmy rattlesnake (*Sistrurus miliarius*) and Texas coral snake (*Micrurus tener*). All but the Texas coral snake are in the family *Crotalinae*, also called pit vipers, with retractable fangs to inject venom and subdue prey. Snakes in

the pit viper family are identified by a combination of characteristics including patterning and coloration, head shape,

elliptical pupil (i.e., “cat eye”), presence of pits between eye and nostril, body thickness and unbroken tail scales behind the vent. Rattlesnakes are easily identified by the distinctive rattles on the end of their tails, which are used when rattlesnakes are frightened as an avoidance alert.

The venom of pit vipers is hemotoxic, which means it destroys red blood cells, capillaries and tissue. Rattlesnake venom is the most severe of the pit vipers. Nationally, rattlesnakes account for the vast majority of snakebites. At least 24 or 34 reported snakebite deaths were from rattlesnakes between 1983 and 2006. Cases studies indicated several were caused by a combination of alcohol consumption and poor judgment or an allergic reaction to the antivenin. No deaths were recorded from coral snakes during this time.

A Texas coral snake’s coloration distinguishes it from nonvenomous snakes. Remember the saying, “red touch

yellow—kill a fellow; red touch black—venom lack,” to help prevent mistaken identity with similar nonvenomous species such as the milk snake. The coral snake has potent venom which is neurotoxic, attacking the nervous system of its prey. Venom is injected through short fangs, requiring the coral snake to bite and chew its prey for delivery of venom. Fortunately, the coral snake is usually docile and seldom bites when disturbed. Few people come into contact with coral snakes because of its highly secretive habits in forests in southwestern Arkansas.

Avoiding Snake Encounters

Understanding snakes and their habits can help with avoiding a snake encounter. Oftentimes movies and the popular press play upon people’s fear of snakes for entertainment purposes. Snakes do not chase someone down and try to do harm. A venomous snake observed from a distance and left alone is completely harmless.

The camouflage of pit vipers makes them well-suited to hiding undetected in locations where prey species are likely to be present. Snakes wait for their prey underneath or beside logs, rock and debris. To avoid pit vipers, walk on paths with clear visibility and little ground cover where snakes may be easily seen. Never step over logs or other obstacles unless you can see the other side. Carry a walking stick, make noise and be wary, particularly of where your foot is about to step. When walking or hiking outdoors in an area known for snakes, wear snakeproof boots at least 10 inches high or snake leggings.

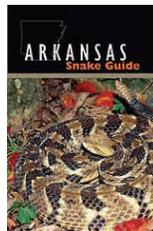
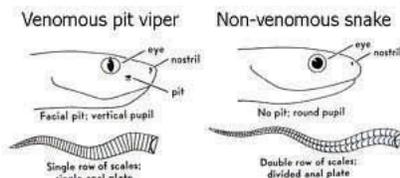
Pattern your outdoor activity to avoid snakes. Snakes are ectothermic or “cold-blooded,” which means their body temperature is similar to their surroundings. Most snakes prefer to maintain body heat at about 86 degrees F, though they are active in temperatures ranging from 50 to 104 degrees F. Snakes often seek particular locations to regulate their body temperature. In the heat of summer, snakes are more active at night and seek cooler areas for daytime retreat. When walking at night in the summer months, use a flashlight. In the late fall and early spring, snakes seek rocks or patches of sunlight to bask and heat their bodies and tend to be more active during daylight hours. Be snake alert when walking through rocky areas or in leaf litter, which can camouflage a snake.

When cleaning debris, watch where you put your hands and feet. If possible, don’t put fingers under debris you intend to move. Use a wooden pole to move or flip the object first to make sure a snake isn’t hidden underneath.

If you encounter a snake, step back and allow it to go on its way. Snakes usually don’t move fast, and you can retreat from the snake’s path.

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission publishes a free *Snake Guide* to get one call 800-364-4263 or http://www.agfc.com/pdfs/dfm/arkansas_snake_guide.pdf.

You can also visit Snakes of Arkansas website: www.SnakesofArkansas.com sponsored by the Arkansas Herpetological Society.



**Preferential Primary/Nonpartisan
Judicial General Election
May 22, 2012**

First day to early vote—5-7-12
Last day to early vote—5-21-12

The following candidates will be on the ballot:

Nonpartisan Judicial Candidates

State Supreme Court

Associate Justice Pos 4

Court of Appeals Judge Jo Hart
Raymond Abramson

Circuit Judge

District 6, Division 11, Subdistrict 6.2

Patti James
Tjuana Byrd
John Hout

North Little Rock District Judge

Position 1

J. Jeff Wankum
Judge Jim Hamilton

*(Unopposed candidates can be viewed by
visiting votepulaski.net)*

Democratic Preferential Primary Election

U.S. President

Barack Obama
John Wolfe

State Senate District 31

Rep. Fred Allen
Senator Joyce Elliott

State Representative District 30

Norith Ellison
Charles L. Armstong
Tommy Branch, Jr.

State Representative District 33

Warwick Sabin
Mark A. Robertson

State Representative District 37

Lisa McCollum Smith
Phynaus Wilson III
Eddie L. Armstong III

Justice of the Peace District 5

Mary Jillian Kennedy
Terri Hollingsworth
Lillie Ingram McMullen

Justice of the Peace District 9

Judy Green
Wilma Walker

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Republican Preferential Primary Election

U.S. President

Rick Santorum
Mitt Romney
Ron Paul
Newt Gingrich

State Senate District 15

Mark Lowery
City Clerk/Treasurer Joshua Clausen

Justice of the Peace District 11

James Stanley
Bob Johnson

Justice of the Peace District 12

Jeff Rollins
Karilyn Brown

Constable / Hill Township

Constable Rick Scott
Dennis L. Sobba

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visiting votepulaski.net)*

Precincts in North Little Rock

#10	Levy Baptist Church	3501 Pike Ave
#14	Berean Baptist Church	5512 Pike Ave
#15	Greater New Bibleway Church	1217 W. 22nd
#16	City Hall	300 Main Street
#17	Willow House	2500 Willow St, #102
#18	Trinity Lutheran Church	3802 North Olive
#19	North Heights Recreation Center	4801 Allen Street
#20	Lakewood United Methodist Church	1922 Topf Road
#21	Park Hill Christian Church	4400 JFK
#22	Levy Church of Christ	5124 Camp Robinson
#23	Crestwood Elementary	1901 Crestwood
#24	St. Anne Parish	6150 Remount Road
#25	Indian Hills Church	6801 JFK
#48	Harris Elementary	4424 Hwy 161 North
#50	Central Baptist Church	5200 Fairway
#51	NLRHS East Campus	2400 Lakeview
#52	Sherman Park Rec Center	624 North Beech

For more information, contact the Pulaski County Election Commission at 501-340-8383.



2011 Annual Report from the Adjutant General of Arkansas Maj. Gen William D. Wofford Arkansas National Guard

The following message was taken from the Arkansas National Guard Annual Report for 2011. It is an official publication of the Arkansas Military Department, Arkansas National Guard. For more information or to obtain a copy of the entire report, call the Arkansas National Guard Public Affairs Office at 501-212-5020 or visit www.arguard.org.

It is a privilege to present the Arkansas National Guard's annual report for fiscal 2011. The year presented some extremely significant challenges for our force, but as always our Soldiers, Airmen and civilian employee were up to the task.

Our commitment to serve the communities of Arkansas was demonstrated early in the year as we took on numerous winter weather missions. Nearly 200 of our troops were again called out in late April when tornadoes devastated communities in Faulkner, Garland and Carroll Counties. Before the dust had settled, the rising waters of the Mississippi River engulfed a large number of communities throughout east Arkansas.

For roughly two weeks, we supported the fight against those floodwaters with over 600 Guardsmen lending a hand. But what's even more significant is that the vast majority of our Soldiers supporting the effort were actually from the other side of the state. Our troops from the 142nd Fires Brigade proudly answered the call as our troops from the affected communities were out of state preparing for deployment overseas.

The flooding hit as roughly 2,000 Soldiers from the 39th were heading to Fort Irwin, Calif., to participate in a National Training Center rotation, in



preparation for a 2012 deployment to Afghanistan. As if that wasn't enough, during that same timeframe our troops also participated in a National Level Exercise to help prepare for a potential catastrophic earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone.

With all of those irons in the fire, and with roughly 350 Soldiers and Airmen serving our nation over-

seas, we never failed to meet a single mission. And I've only touched on the big rocks. There were countless other accomplishments throughout the year that are better told throughout the pages of the (2011) report.

Over the fiscal year we took time to remember the 20th anniversary of the Arkansas Guards' return from Operation Desert Storm, as well as the 10th anniversary of the attacks of 9/11 which brought us back to the desert by way of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Those events in our history are the primary reason we have grown to be so strong over the years with such a professional force of experienced personnel.

But I would be remiss if I didn't mention the others who are just as responsible for the Arkansas National Guard's growth into such a fine organization. Our men and women are only able to perform so successfully at this level due to the tremendous support we enjoy from our Families, friends, employers, legislators and entire communities throughout the state. That support is greatly appreciated and we are more than happy to return the favor.

With this, we proudly close another successful chapter of our history and we pledge our continued support for years to come.



Adjutant General of Arkansas Maj. General William D. Wofford Arkansas National Guard presents a plaque to State Representative Barry Hyde of North Little Rock in recognition of his service as President of the North Little Rock Camp Robinson/ Camp Pike Community Council.

The North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting on April 11, 2012, at the 5-Mile Creek Walking Trail entrance at the former YMCA and future CAC location on John F. Kennedy Boulevard.

Pictured below holding the ribbon are City Engineer Mike Smith, Tom Brooks, Cinergi, Representative Barry Hyde, Mayor Patrick Henry Hays, Alderman Murry Witcher and City Clerk Diane Whitbey.

Numerous NLR Chamber Vanguard Committee members also participated as well as neighborhood residents.





North Little Rock Charging Wildcat Football Players participated in the Nike Football Combine in Dallas Texas.



North Little Rock had five players place in the top ten (out of 1,250 participants).

Kavin Alexander (pictured above and below) finished 1st overall with a 129.24 sparq rating.

Alexander (Class for 2014) is a running back.



Alexander is a rising talent to keep an eye on during the off season and next fall.

Also ranking in the top five SPARQ Rating were: Rodney Bryson—108.42 and Payton Holmes—108.15.

In the Kneeling Power Ball Toss: Curtis Parker—48.5' and Cameron Williams—41'.



For the second time in 2012 the Nike Football SPARQ Combine tour made its way to Texas. The venue at Cowboys Stadium provided a great platform for college stars of tomorrow to showcase their skills where the pros play on Sundays. Athletes who took part were looking for a chance to gain national exposure on the combine circuit.

Star tailback Altee TenPenney (pictured above right) was coming off of a lower leg injury that sidelined him for his

junior season, but didn't stop him from competing among the talented field. Tenpenney entered the event as the top performer after posting a 129.60 APARQ rating at last year's Dallas Nike combine. His 2011 performance was good enough to earn a spot to Nike Football's *The Opening* as an underclassman, where he finished in the top five in the APARQ Rating National Championship.

Tenpenney will head to Tuscaloosa in 2013.

To view a recap of the event go to http://espn.go.com/high-school/football/events/nike-sparq-combines/2012/story/_id7731704/dallas-nike-football-sparq-combine-recap.

RATS!

There's Rats Everywhere!

3rd
 Levy Rat Reunion Picnic
 Saturday May, 12th
 Burns Park Pavilion 10



There will be Music! Rats! Friends! Food!
 Watch for more details.

REGISTER NOW!

Food - \$6 per plate (BBQ)
 T-shirts - \$10 small to XXL; \$15 for 3XL & larger

Mail or Bring in your *Rat hole* money to:
 Bring to: **Bob's Pawn Shop**
 3713 MacArthur Dr, NLR, AR 72118
 Mail to: **Levy Rat Picnic**
 PO Box 1423
 NLR, AR 72115

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3rd Annual Rat Reunion Picnic

Looks like the Easter Bunny visited the sculpture in front of the Hays Center last month. *Picture provided by Charlie Baxter*



Lakewood Elementary Student Wins Watts the Energy Otter's Earth Day Poster Contest (see below)—Jacqueline S. Chun, a 5th grade student and her school each received a \$50 gift card. Chun also received an energy efficiency gift bag for her home and a Certificate of Achievement from Mayor Hays. Her poster will be displayed in City Hall for one month.



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.

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

This and That



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

You never know who you will find on Facebook...

Below left: North Little Rock Mayor Patrick Henry Hays was tagged while speaking at a Press Conference to promote healthy eating.

Right: Laman Library Director Jeff Baskin dressed like Charlie Brown.

Crock Pot Roasted Chicken



All you need is one whole chicken—remove giblets (should be in a little bag) from inside and rinse. Pat dry, then sprinkle salt in the cavity. Next either throw coarsely chopped onion in side the bird or place in the bottom of your crockpot. Next, sprinkle whatever spices you like on the chicken (pepper, thyme, garlic powder, etc.

Cook on low 4-8 hours.



🎵 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 🎵 MAY

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date		
DEBRA	LUSK	OES/911	1	JOSEPH	GREEN	Parks Maint	16
KIMBERLY	LAURENT	Electric	2	JEFFREY	GLOVER	Electric	17
RICHARD	MACKAY	AIMM	3	LONNELL	TIMS	Electric	17
KAREN	ALLEN	Police	4	AMY	COOPER	Fire	17
WILLIAM	THOMPSON	Police	5	BRYAN	KINKAID	1st Court	17
CAREY	WALKER JR	Sanitation	6	KARL	SORRELLS	Fire	18
JOHN	HARRIS	Parks Rec	6	PATRICK	GARRETT	Fire	19
BOBBY	HIGDON	Public Works	7	RYAN	DAVIDSON	Fire	19
STEVEN	GRIMES	Street	7	JASON	WOODWARD	Fire	19
MICHAEL	HOLLEY	OES/911	8	CHARLES	BARNES	UAD	19
EARL	WATSON	Fire	8	KATIE	ALSTON	Police	19
STEVEN	LANKFORD	Parks Rec	8	DARWIN	BUSH	Street	20
JACOB	SCHMIDT	Police	9	RUSTY	GARTRELL	UAD	21
SEAN	WALKER	Police	9	BILLIE	BLACK	Police	21
SHANE	DOUGAN	Police	10	CAROLINE	PRENTICE	Fire	22
VICTOR	RODRIGUEZ	Traffic	10	CHARLES	BINYON	Police	22
KRASTAL	DUCKERY	Police	11	CHARLES	HARRIS	Parks Golf	22
SUSAN	BURLESON	Electric	12	STEVEN	HUBBARD	Commerce	25
ROSETTA	VAN PELT	Police	12	WILLIE	PACE	Police	25
GREGORY	ZONNER	Fire	13	DANNY	DILLON	Street	25
JOSEPH	HIMON	Police	13	KATHRYN	DILLON	Parks Maint	26
JERRI	DAUGHERTY	Police	13	JIMMY	TRAMMELL	Police	27
EUGENE	TYREE JR	Police	13	COREY	GIBBS	Street	27
JOHN	BARBER	Police	14	BRYAN	SPEARS	Vehicle Maint	28
WESLEY	HONEYCUTT	Police	15	JENNIE	CUNNINGHAM	UAD	29
LARRY	MICKEL	Parks Maint	15	TONY	PATE	Police	29
SHANA	COBBS	OES/911	16	GARY	BOYD	Police	31

If a name is listed of an employee who is no longer with the city, or if someone has been omitted, please let me know. This list is generated at the beginning of the year.



Recycling pickup schedule for May in red below... (for North Little Rock)

Week of April 30 (No Pickup)

Week of May 7—11

Week of May 14—May 18 (No Pickup)

Week of May 21—May 25

Week of May 28 - June 1 (No Pickup)

Fresh Garden Salsa

3 lg tomatoes, peeled and diced
 1/2 c. white onion, chopped fine
 1/2 jalapeno pepper, chopped
 1 Anaheim pepper, seeded and chopped
 1/2 sweet red pepper, chopped
 2 tbsp cilantro, chopped
 1/4 tsp salt

Fresh lime juice (from 1/2 lime)
 1 tsp white wine vinegar
 1 tbsp. water or tomato sauce

Place ingredients in colander to reduce tomato liquid while preparing other ingredients. Place a bowl under colander if you want to collect the juice.

Put all ingredients in a glass, ceramic or stainless steel bowl. Mix and let stand 30 minutes. Enjoy!



MAY EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Dept	# Years	Name	Dept	# Years		
GLINDA	CRAIGMYLE	Admin	2	LAURA	LARISON	UAD	1
CLAYTON	ROGERS	Airport	1	KRASTAL	DUCKERY	UAD	5
JOHN	ALEXANDER	Animal Shelter	12	SANDRA	TARKINGTON	UAD	5
MARILYN	HALL	Animal Shelter	9	DAVID	MELTON	UAD	3
KIMBERLY	LAURENT	OES/911	12	MICHAEL	HOPPER	AIMM	1
RICHARD	MACKEY	OES/911	20	KEISA	WILLIAMS	Planning	1
JAMES	BRAY	Electric	37	ELLISA	MCEUEN	Police	1
JEFFERY	ELLISON	Electric	30	CRAIG	EDWARDS	Police	17
WILLIAM	THOMPSON	Electric	14	TERRY	KUYKENDALL	Police	17
EBBIE	USSERY	Electric	23	VERA	WAYNE	Police	5
VICKEY	WOODWARD	Electric	28	JANICE	JENSEN	Police	2
MARVIN	GULLETT	Electric	34	DARWIN	BUSH	Police	3
RICKY	CARRINGTON	Electric	8	DHURMON	CUNNINGHAM	Sanitation	3
CHRISTOPHER	PLY	Electric	8	CHARLES	HARRIS	Street	1
CHARLES	BASS	Fire	32	JULIUS	CRAIG	Street	14
CHARLES	REDDING	Fire	32	JUSTIN	MCDUGAL	Vehicle Maint	5
WARREN	ALMON	Fire	18	FRANKLIN	GRIFFIN SR.	Vehicle Maint	19
CHRISTINA	YIELDING	Legal	12	KENNY	BROCK	Vehicle Maint	20
WILLIAM	BROWN	Legal	10	PAULA	SMITH	Parks Admin	22
JEAN	HOBBY	UAD	12	MICHAEL	WALKER	Parks Maint	13
PAMELA	SALMON	UAD	5	TINA	WORRELL	Parks Rec	9
LINDA	WILLIAMS	UAD	5	JENNIE	CUNNINGHAM	Parks Rec	17
CYNTHIA	BOONE	UAD	28				

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North Little Rock City Offices

will be closed

Monday, May 28, 2012,

in observance of

Memorial Day.

Garbage and trash routes

will run

one-day delayed all week.

(i.e. Monday's pickup will be Tuesday and so on).

Recycling will **NOT**
be picked up since this is **not**
our scheduled week.

Can anyone guess who the lovely young contestant is pictured right?

She was named Miss Congeniality during a Pageant for the City Beautiful Commission.

I'll give you a hint...she recently retired from the city after 17 years of dedicated service.

Photo provided by the North Little Rock History Commission.

