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From the Desk of the Co-Presidents Serafini and Burl

The League of Women Voters of Arkansas state convention was a great success with a great deal of energy generated. At the suggestion of LWVUS Liaison, Carolie Mullen, members agreed to a structure of co-presidents for 2009-2011. Diane Burl and Mary Alice Serafini will share the presidency which will hopefully lead to a stronger and more active state organization. As a result of the convention, the topic of Foster Care was chosen with a committee that has been working all summer and fall focusing on the transition from foster care to adulthood. Much to everyone's great interest, League member Sue Madison sponsored Bill 391 which passed in March. Act 359 assures that Arkansas has a concrete and intentional plan of action to assist foster children and their families make this important transition. Currently, local Leagues are holding educational meetings on Foster Care and should expect consensus questions in October.

The 2008 version of Government in Arkansas (GIA) was revised by Margaret, PhD and Doug Reed PhD; edited and reviewed by League Members and is now available at the Education Depository. GIA is now an approved textbook in the state of Arkansas, the Reeds have donated a set of lessons plans and exams in DVD form for every teacher who uses the book. Your efforts to remind your high schools and institutions of higher learning of the new edition are greatly appreciated as are your purchases as gifts for community members who support the League. Thanks to Linda Okiror for working well with the Reeds to bring this to a reality.

LWVUS encourages all League members to stay informed and advocate for needed health care reform. The focus is on quality, affordable health care for U.S. citizens. See the web page, www.lwv.org for details pertaining to the various components of health care reform that the League supports. Likewise, become informed of the League's stand on the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 in which the U.S. Congress has focused on battling global warming. Use the web and send your thoughts to your members of Congress.

Please remember that our members are still engaged in actively monitoring gas drilling in Arkansas and supporting measures which protect our environment. Please do not lose sight of this important process and issues in which other state Leagues including Pennsylvania, New York and Colorado are also engaged.

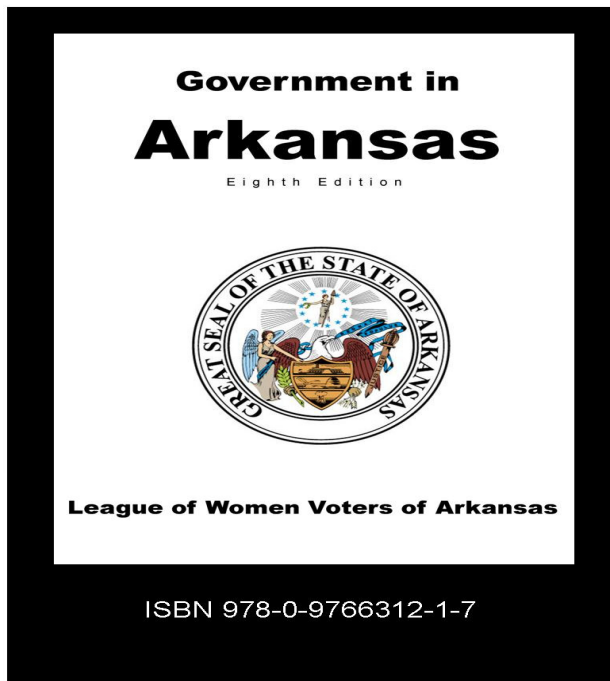
Finally, please remember that 2010 is the year of a census. Leagues can support the process of collection of data by emphasizing its importance in the allocation of political representation for state, municipal and federal government. It impacts funding and assures fair representation. Add this to your Voter Education whenever possible.

All the best in this League year, Diane and Mary Alice

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Government in Arkansas Update

Many thanks to editors Dr. Douglas and Mrs. Margaret Reed for completing the 2009 edition of *Government in Arkansas*. This edition includes a section on the Secretary of State, a reformatted layout with review questions in each chapter and a free Teacher's Resource CD available for all school orders. Printed by Lightning Source, a print-on-demand publishing company, the book is available at the Educators Book Depository in Little Rock for re-sale at the still affordable, \$15.00 per copy.

The Depository still has a 2004 edition inventory of over 3,000 books. If you know worthy individuals or organizations that may benefit from complimentary copies of the 2004 edition, you may call the Depository at 501-490-0007 and arrange to pick up any quantity of books for re-distribution.

LWVAR Treasurer Joyce Hale distributed 400 copies of the 2004 edition to the 2009 Class of the Arkansas Governor's School on the campus of Hendrix College.



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**GOVERNOR BEEBE ANNOUNCES \$42.5 MILLION IN
 RECOVERY FUNDS
 FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

LITTLE ROCK -- Governor Mike Beebe today announced the distribution of \$42.5 million of America Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds for higher-education institutions in Arkansas. The money will come from the Government General Services Fund and will be used for renovation, energy-efficiency upgrades, and expansion of higher-education facilities.

Beebe also announced an additional \$26.6 million in funding or potential funding for other Arkansas projects. "Our fiscally responsible education funding has given Arkansas more options for our education recovery funds," Governor Beebe said. "Investing this money in higher education will pay benefits for Arkansas students long after this economic stimulus has ended."

Four-Year Institutions

- Arkansas State University \$4,000,000
- Arkansas Tech University \$2,960,000
- Henderson State University \$2,900,000
- Southern Arkansas University \$2,500,000
- University of Arkansas at Fayetteville \$4,000,000
- University of Arkansas at Fort Smith \$2,000,000
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock \$4,000,000
- University of Arkansas at Monticello \$2,514,000
- University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff \$3,000,000
- University of Arkansas - Clinton School of Public Service \$270,750
- University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture \$1,400,000
- University of Central Arkansas \$3,000,000

Two-Year Institutions

- Arkansas Northeastern College \$270,750
- Arkansas State University - Beebe \$500,000
- Arkansas State University - Mountain Home \$500,000
- Arkansas State University - Newport \$250,000
- Black River Technical College \$469,100
- Cossatot Community College \$500,000
- East Arkansas Community College \$250,000
- Mid-South Community College \$270,000
- National Park Community College \$235,170
- North Arkansas College \$200,000
- Northwest Arkansas Community College \$750,000
- Ouachita Technical College \$382,691
- Ozarka College \$375,000
 at JEFFP@uca.edu.



Concerned about a proposed SWEPCO rate increase and developing energy efficiency?

A panel of experts will discuss the electrical power dilemma facing Arkansas and ratepayers during a public information program moderated by Hoyt Purvis, University of Arkansas Journalism Department.

Wed., Sept. 23, 2009, from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Fayetteville Public Library

This is also a special LWVWC membership invitation event. Come early, 5:30 to 6:00, for refreshments and visit the membership table before the program for more information.

Topic:

Arkansas finds itself with a need to expand electrical production at the same time it has overcapacity. A controversial coal-fired generating plant, choice of what fuels should be used in the future, an urgency to upgrade transmission, serious environmental concerns and ratepayer costs combine for a perfect "electrical" storm. Learning what Arkansas is facing and what that means to ratepayers is the focus for this League of Women Voters of Washington County's public program.

Panel Participants:

Sandra Byrd, VP, Strategic Affairs, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation and former chair of the Arkansas Public Service Commission

Nicholas Brown, President and CEO of Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Ken Smith, Executive Director of Audubon Arkansas, an organization involved in the lawsuit over the J.W. Turk, Jr. coal-fired plant

Eddie Moore, an attorney working with Audubon on electric efficiency and ratepayers issues and representing the Arkansas Public Policy Panel on energy issues during the 2009 legislative session

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Fayetteville Shale Issues Continue Submitted by Joyce Hale

In spite of drastically lowered natural gas prices, expanded leasing activity as continued in the Fayetteville Shale Play of Arkansas. A moratorium on landfarm permits has brought attention to the failure of operators to properly manage “produced water” from natural gas wells. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has conducted landfarm workshops to discuss proper permitting and management practices and seek input from the public. Reports of well contamination add to a growing concern but are always difficult to prove since some of the contaminants can occur naturally. Individuals continue to seek information from the League when concerned about the impact of drilling on their water quality and property rights.

Property owners in the Fairfield Bay community have voted to wave their covenant rights prohibiting drilling and allow leasing within the development. Ironically, this is home to League members who first brought natural gas drilling to the attention of the 2007 State Convention and requested a state study because of their environmental concerns.

Washington County Conducts a Board Orientation

The LWVWC board members will began their year with an orientation and new board member materials. Notebooks were prepared to provide basic League information as well as specific duties for each officer and committee chair. The notebooks provide a place for each person to keep their information and have it ready to pass to the next person when they assume the same duties.

Testimony Given to ADEQ on Septic Regulations

LWVWC *Program of Action* positions reflect a strong interest in ground water protection and caution about decentralized waste water treatment. Because of this position, Beaver Water district asked that we make a statement at ADEQ’s public hearing seeking comments on updating permits for operators of individual domestic treatment facilities. We drafted a letter and presented it in person at ADEQ headquarters.

The League requested annual inspections, requirements for a permit renewal after five years and a requirement to upgrade systems before renewal, if there were advancements in design or operation.

Washington County Holds a Summer Social

A summer social event brought LWVWC members and potential members together to socialize and see a film about Rachael Carson during the time she wrote *Silent Spring*. Groups with environmental interests were invited to display their materials. Nightbird Bookstore hosted the event and had books by Rachel Carson available to purchase. For others who might like to enjoy this DVD, you may read about it and see a trailer of the film at <http://www.asenseofwonderfilm.com/>.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PULASKI COUNTY ACTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Reprint from 9/21/009

Submitted by Ruth Bell, Committee Chair

BEWARE 'LEAGUE OF AMERICAN VOTERS'

The national League of Women Voters (LWVUS) wants us to be aware that a group calling itself 'League of American Voters' is conducting an advertising campaign against health care reform that seeks to undermine public support by sowing fear and distrust. LWVUS sent a letter calling them to task for using a name clearly designed to be confused with the League of Women Voters in order to disseminate misleading information and block health care reform. LWVUS asked the group to reveal the major sources of funding for the advertising campaign.

The group's response was a blast email to their followers condemning the League of Women Voters. LWVUS began getting disruptive and downright rude phone calls and emails from "supporters" of the so-called League of American Voters. LWVUS is arranging for greater security due to a variety of threats that have been made, and exploring legal options available to help protect the name "League of Women Voters" from those who are misusing it.

What can LWVPC do to counter this effort to mislead the public by "hi-jacking" our name and reputation?

Warn friends and acquaintances that League of American Voters has no connection with League of Women Voters

Share the story of the group's reaction to LWVUS's request to cease using our name.

Does this have relevance to us in Pulaski County? Yes. Several LWVPC supporters have forwarded e-mails from League of American Voters and have pointed out possible confusion of that group with LWVPC.

STATUS MAUMELLE WATERSHED PROTECTION

Pulaski County continues to carry out the requirements of its recently passed Ordinance to protect Maumelle Watershed. Last month the County hired a well respected out-of-state firm to develop a storm water drainage management plan, and site evaluation tool for the Watershed within Pulaski County. (A site evaluation tool is a type of check list to enable County employees to evaluate how proposed subdivisions meet the Watershed Ordinance requirements). Pulaski County is carrying out these ordinance provisions with funding provided by Central Arkansas Water's rate payers. Several weeks ago the County hired an out-of-state consulting firm to develop a comprehensive plan for Pulaski County's part of the Watershed. Action Committee members have followed Central Arkansas Water negotiations with the County on these items and will continue to follow these issues.

Negotiations continue, through a third party, to buy low-lying property close to Lake Maumelle from Mr. De Haven. CAW continues negotiations with Game & Fish Commission defining G&FC use of CAW property close to Lake Maumelle. CAW staff is working to set up a permanent Stewardship Council to oversee watershed protection, and with authority to recommend adjustments in CAW's Watershed Management Plan.

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We continue to follow these activities regards Watershed protection and more. Many thanks to Kate Althoff, Linda Bell, Ruth Bell, Nancy Clark, Pat Dicker, Susan Hardin, Dina Nash, Kathleen Oleson and other League members of whose help I am unaware, for their commitment to good water. The need for monitoring of the issue is not over. The help of all LWVoter members in protecting the Maumelle Watershed will continue to be needed.

Although not, technically, part of the Maumelle Watershed, LWVPC has been following CAW's conversations with City of Little Rock on ceding property abutting Highway 300 next to the Lake Maumelle dam to the City for use as soccer fields. In August, LWVPC brought up issues of loss of control of use of the property, dam security, and access to dam in case of need. At its September meeting CAW Board approved an agreement with City of Little Rock which defined recreational uses of the property and the ceding back to CAW of the property if the City used the property for anything other than the specified uses. Although we still have security and safety issues with allowing large numbers of people so close to the dam, we feel the document approved is better because of our comments.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Little Rock School District appointed the Strategic Planning Commission some months ago, funded its work, and charged it with developing a strategic plan for the effective teaching of all its students. A national consulting firm with background working with urban districts, is facilitating the process. Education Chair Lynn Parker observes its meetings. Chaired by Jim Argue and Terence Bolden, members include, among others, representatives of City of Little Rock, UALR, Chamber of Commerce, Classroom Teachers Assn., PTA Council. The Commission plans to present its recommendations to the School Board in December or early January.. The group has developed a comfortable working relationship and its consultants seem to be skilled and experienced facilitators. Look for more information on its work between now and the end of the year.

CITY OF LITTLE ROCK VS. BFI

The City decided not to appeal Judge Kilgore's decision allowing BFI to continue to accept waste from shale mining operations at its Mabelvale Pike facility. Presently BFI is threatening to sue the City for damages due to City preventing BFI's acceptance of shale waste during the period before Judge Kilgore's ruling. If or when BFI sues for damages, the issue of accepting shale mining waste will come up again in a different legal context. We understand BFI told the City it would not sue for damages if the City would support extension of their Mabelvale landfill's permit. The City has refused to do that.

Sustainability Summit
Presented by the City of Little Rock
Friday Sept. 25th and Saturday Sept. 26th
Statehouse Convention Center

State board member Dina Nash will be participate in a panel discussion entitled Lung Health and Coal Plants. Pulaski County board member Nancy Clark has prepared a brochure: Ecological Household Tips.

Friday, September 25, 2009
(Sessions 1-2)

11:00AM – 1:00PM Registration Begins

11:00AM – 5:00PM Sustainability Expo Hall, Governor's Hall IV

1:05PM – 1:10PM City of Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola Opening Remarks

1:10PM – 2:00PM

Session 1: Urban Revitalization

Moderator: Gerald Cound (Village Commons)

Ken Richardson (Little Rock City Board of Directors, 12th Street revitalization)

John Gaudin (Argenta Downtown Council, Argenta redevelopment)

Bob Pest (Ozark Foothills Film Festival, Batesville redevelopment)

Truman Tolefree (Parks and Land Use)

Clean Energy

Moderator: Chris Ladner (Viridian and Chair of Governor's Renewable Energy Commission)

Chris Benson (AR Energy Office, stimulus funds)

Eddy Moore (Audubon, clean energy jobs)

Paul Suskie (PSC)

2:10PM – 3:00PM

Session 2: Water Issues

Moderator: Central Ark Water- Graham Rich / Stephanie Hymel (John)

Rob Fisher (Ecological Conservation Organization (ECO), water quality and testing)? Having second thoughts

Martin Smith (Ecological Design Group, landscaping and water use)

Wind Energy

Moderator: Greg Jones, (WLJ, LRSC Member)

Endurance of British Columbia, overview of wind energy)

Food

Moderator: TBA

Sylvia Blain (AR Local Foods Initiative, LRSC Member) Farm-to-School initiatives

Scott McGhee (Boulevard Bread Company, Za Za, founding AGRA member) (restaurants role and demand)

Jody Hardin (Certified AR Farmer's Market, statewide aggregation facility/processing)

Ragan Sutterfield (Felder Farms, author & consultant)

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(Sessions 2-4)

3:10PM – 4:00PM

Session 3: HEAL Arkansas

Moderator: Shelley Green (AR Earth Institute/Green Corner Store, LRSC Member)

Martha Jane Murray (Clinton Climate Initiative, HEAL AR)

Nature Tourism

Moderator: TBA

Dan Scheiman (Audubon)

Stacey McCullough (UAEX, Agritourism)

Joe Foster (Winrock Institute, Ecotourism)

TBA

4:10PM – 5:00PM

Session 4: Green Building Tour (USGBC, tour stops TBA)

Economic Development and Green Jobs

Moderator: Katy Elliott

Otto Loewer (University of Arkansas Professor of Economic

Development; sustainable economic development resources)

Charlie Stockton (Financing Ozark Rural Growth and Economy-

FORGE)

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Saturday, September 26, 2009
(Sessions 5-6)

9:00AM – 5:30PM

Sustainability Expo Hall, Governor's Hall IV

9:30AM – 9:50AM

Session 5: City of Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola Opening Remarks
Moderator: Mark Robertson (MESA Landscaping Inc., LRSC Member)
Mayor Stodola (City of Little Rock, vision for the city)

10:00AM – 10:50AM

Session 6: Green 101: What is Green?
Moderator: Kelly Ross (Edward Jones, LRSC Member)
April Ambrose (Viridian, LRSC Chair, What is Green?)
Dr. Nancy Landrum (UALR, Sustainable Business Network of C.A.)
Shelley Green (Green Corner Store, AR Earth Institute)
Nao Ueda (GreenAR By the Day)

Recycling

Moderator: Ann Owen (Witt Stephens Nature Center, LRSC Member)
Larry Kerrigan Winter (Madison County Recycling, ?)

Environmental Education

Moderator: Dina Nash
Rob Beadel (AR Forestry Commission, Project Learning Tree)
AR Dept. of Environmental Quality
Kathy Mackey (Dept. of Education; Environmental Literacy Program)

TBA

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Saturday, September 26, 2009
(Sessions 7-8)

11:00AM – 11:50AM

Session 7: Faith and Environmental Stewardship

Moderator: Glen Hooks (Sierra Club, LRSC Member)

Shane Montgomery (church pastor, ?)

Jay McDaniel (Religion Professor at Hendrix College, ?) Budeo-Christian

Pamela Mosely (Author.....)

TBA

New and Existing Homes

Moderator: Ron Hughes (GreenerHomes, LRSC Member)

Scott Reed (? , residential retrofits to EnergyStar standards)

Joe Kuonen (Clear Results, Entergy residential audit program)

Matt Bell, (Viridian, Vertical Lofts and LEED for Homes)

Tim Yocom (Vice President Bank of America Mortgage, energy efficient mortgage incentives)

Transportation

Moderator: Page Wilson (Paul Page Dwellings, LRSC Member)

Wes Craiglow (City of Conway Planning Department, alternative transportation policy and infrastructure)

Tommy Foltz (Consumer Energy Alliance, biofuels)

Steve Luoni (NWA Rail)

TBA

12:00PM – 1:30PM Lunch in Governor's Hall IV

Arkansas Green Restaurant Alliance offers samples of local and organic foods in the expo hall

1:30PM – 2:20PM

Session 8: Keynote: The Greensburg Story

Moderator:

Mayor Bob Dixson (City of Greensburg, Kansas)

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Saturday, September 26, 2009
(Session 9)

2:30PM – 3:20PM

Session 9: Health & the Environment

Moderator:

Perry Ambrose CN (Natural Food Store, municipal public health and environment)

Dr. Joseph Bates

Dina Nash

Joy Rockenbach- OUT (AR obesity and environment)- she's helping find someone

Recycling – Opportunities and Economy

Moderator: George Crook (Crook Consulting, LRSC Member)

Melinda Glasgow (City of LR Recycling Coordinator, city recycling)

Kelly Ross (Keep LR Beautiful Recycling Coordinator, neighborhood recycling)

Carol Beavis (Pulaski County Solid Waste Management District, district recycling)

George Wheatley (Waste Management)

Food

Moderator: Mark Robertson (MESA Landscaping Inc., LRSC Member)

Joanna Seibert (Winrock Institute, Small farmer training program)

Nancy Dockter (Small scale market farmer)

Cody Hopkins (Falling Sky Farms, web based marketing for farmers)

Ed Williams

3:30PM – 5:30PM

Networking Happy Hour, Governor's Hall IV

Little Rock Green Drinks offers entertainment, snacks and drinks

Reflecting on Virtual Council

Submitted by Nell Mock, President
League of Women Voters of Pulaski County

Nell Matthews, President of LWV Pulaski County, and Stephanie Y. Johnson who is on the boards of all three levels of the League, participated in the first ever virtual LWV US Council in June. The two met at the same location but had the use of two computers and two phones for individual participation and to provide some mutual support during the 3-hour program. After signing into the Council from their computers, they dialed up the audio part on their phones. This way each could record individual votes or ask to be recognized by the chair, Mary Wilson, President of LWVUS.

Council is chiefly an opportunity to review budgets and to deal with administrative issues on off years between the national conventions. The budget, as expected, was trimmed a lot because of poor economic times. The National Voter magazine has been dropped. Other budget matters were discussed and approved. One particular issue was the cost of fundraising. According to the budget pages, the expenses were almost as much as the income. Here was one area that was very difficult for this virtual council to deal with because trying to speak to specific line items was hard. One had to queue on-line and wait to be recognized. The lag between recognition and having an open mike left the speaker unsure of when she was speaking to all. The chair might think that no contact was made and move to another speaker. One hopes that these glitches will be improved or eliminated because the \$150 to participate was a great savings over having to travel to D.C. as we did in the past.

In the end, the National office managed to convince enough people that the budget pages were misrepresenting the expenses, and the income from fundraising was essential. The budget was passed.

We heard Senator Kay Hagan, D-N.C. speak of the importance of advocacy and of women in elected positions. This has been a recurring theme of several speakers including Little Rock's own Kathy Webb, state representative, at the May LWVPC Unit Meeting. Another issue was the on-going climate change and effect on women. It is the opinion of many that women will bear a large burden related to dealing with the unsettled weather, erratic rainfall, violent storms, failed crops, and turmoil associated with climate change.

All in all, the virtual council was a good way to participate on the national level without the burden of travel, staying in hotels, and the expense of being away for 3 days. It was also nice to sit in jeans and listen in without having to worry about your hair or makeup! But a virtual council has drawbacks because of the difficulty of communications and the inevitable technological glitches. We expect that improvements will help make this a more useful tool in the future.

RECOVERY FUNDS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas \$250,000
Pulaski Technical College \$500,000
Rich Mountain Community College \$645,000
South Arkansas Community College \$337,435
South Arkansas University - Tech \$740,251
Southeast Arkansas College \$337,435
University of Arkansas Community College - Batesville \$505,000
University of Arkansas Community College - Hope \$500,000
University of Arkansas Community College - Morrilton \$200,000

Private Institutions

Lyon College \$265,000
Philander Smith College \$500,000
University of the Ozarks \$253,249

Other entities to be funded include:

Arkansas Department of Correction \$4,000,000
Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium \$1,875,000
Arkansas Rehabilitation Services \$3,640,000
Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts \$6,000,000
(ASMSA funding contingent on plan approval)
Arkansas School for the Blind \$3,500,000
Arkansas School for the Deaf \$3,500,000
Arkansas Wireless Information Network \$4,100,000

For a more detailed description of the seven immediately preceding entities, please open the above attachment; and note, Governor Beebe has an additional \$6.3 million dollars still unallocated in the General Services Fund and is reviewing additional projects for its use. For more detailed descriptions of each college's projects, please see below.

Brief Project Descriptions (Listed in Alphabetical Order):

Arkansas Northeastern College (Blytheville) \$270,750- The funds will be used to install HVAC systems and accompanying electrical upgrades throughout the Sullins Building. Funds will replace a poorly operating and inefficient 1981 model year system. Project will enhance climate control, achieve greater operating efficiencies, lower energy costs, and provide fresh air exchange within the building. For more information, please contact Robin Myers at rmyer@anc.edu.

Arkansas State University (Beebe) \$500,000 - The funds will improve the academic student service facilities of the England Center. The England Center is a classroom building on the ASU Beebe campus. The funds will be help replace old mechanical, lighting and electrical systems with more energy efficient systems and replace and restore building fixtures. For more information, please contact Jerry Carlisle at jhcarlisle@asub.edu.

Arkansas State University (Jonesboro) \$4,000,000 - The money will be put towards general improvement projects of academic facilities. Projects include classroom and lab renovations, boiler upgrades, energy efficient window replacement, and electrical upgrades. Funding will specifically go to engineering lab renovations, organic chemistry lab renovations, residence hall window replacements, elevator upgrades, and biology lab renovations. For more information, please contact Ed Kremers at ekremers@astate.edu

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ASU (Mountain Home) \$500,000 - ASU will update energy management control systems, including an HVAC system in the computer server area, remodeling building entrance to eliminate loss of temperature control, and various other control system upgrades. Floor coverings will also be replaced. For more information, please contact John Davidson at jdavidson@asumh.edu.

ASU (Newport) \$250,000 - The money will go towards general renovation/improvement projects of academic facilities, along with other campus needs. Various projects include renovations to the Technical Center-Marked Tree Building, HVAC replacement, weatherization measures, and exterior finishing replacements. For more information, please contact Bob Stiger at rstiger@asun.edu.

Arkansas Tech (Russellville) \$2,960,000 - The campus will receive funding to upgrade McEver Hall's HVAC, electrical system, fume hoods, and lighting. The project priorities will yield utility savings of \$199,000 per year.

Black River Technical College (Pocahontas) \$469,100 - The college started a unique initiative in 2003 to replace traditional heating and air condition systems with geothermal heating and cooling systems. These efforts have greatly improved the overall energy efficiency of the campus. This present announcement of funding will be convert the Law Enforcement Training Academy into a more energy efficient facility. A 15 year return on investment has been calculated for total cost recovery. For more information, please contact Loretta Williams at Loretta@blackrivertech.org.

Cossatot Community College (De Queen) \$500,000 - General improvement projects to academic facilities. Projects include building renovations, roof and HVAC replacements. For more information, please contact Mike Kinkade at minkade@ccua.edu.

East Arkansas Community College (Forrest City) \$250,000 - The funding will facilitate building upgrades to allow for better energy efficiency. The upgrades will be subject to LEED standards for green ratings. Existing energy ratings will be reduced by over 40%. For more information, please contact Morris Boydston at mboydstun@eacc.edu.

Henderson State University (Arkadelphia) \$2,900,000 - Henderson State will improve Foster Hall. They will replace the elevators and upgrade the HVAC system. For more information, please contact Bobby Jones at jonesb@hsu.edu.

Lyon College (Batesville) \$265,000 - Lyon aims to replace the A/C system in the Alphin Building and replace windows in Spragins Residence Hall. For more information, please contact Ken Rueter at krueter@lyon.edu.

Mid-South Community College (West Memphis) \$270,000 - Mid-South will make general improvements to their academic facilities. Specifically, Mid-South will replace the Greyhound Building's HVAC system. Southland houses general education classrooms and science laboratories. For more information, please contact Dr. Sunny Morris at SMorris@midsouthcc.edu.

National Park Community College (Hot Springs) \$235,170 - NPCC will work on the existing 30 year old building. They will replace their HVAC system. For more information, please contact Janis Sawyer at jsawyer@npcc.edu.

North Arkansas College (Harrison) \$200,000 - North Arkansas College will upgrade its IT blade server, battery backup and power supply. The computer lab will also see significant upgrades. For more information, please contact Don Sugg at dsugg@northark.edu.

Northwest Arkansas Community College (Bentonville) \$750,000 - NWACC has planned general energy efficiency improvement projects to their academic facilities. They will renovate their main campus buildings, improve their HVAC system, and make other energy efficiency upgrades. For more information, please contact Rodney Showalter at rshowalter@nwacc.edu.

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Ouachita Technical College (Malvern) \$382,691 - Ouachita aims to replace their current flat roof with an insulated pitched roof. This will reduce solar heat gain and repair leaks. For more information, please contact Dr. Roger Coomer at rcoomer@otcweb.edu.

Ozarka College (Melbourne) \$375,000 - Similar to Ouachita Tech, Ozarka will replace the John E. Miller Building roof. They will replace it with a pitched metal roof to reduce solar heat gain and prevent leaks. For more information, please contact Tina Wheelis at twheelis@ozarka.edu.

Philander Smith College (Little Rock) \$500,000 - Philander Smith will reduce their energy consumption by 19% or more retrofitting campus lighting, HVAC, and climate controls. For more information, please contact President Kimbrough at wkimbrough@philander.edu.

Pulaski Technical College (North Little Rock) \$500,000 - Pulaski Tech will make improvements to their Aerospace Technology Center. For project exacts, please contact Dr. Dan Bakke at dbakke@pulaskitech.edu.

Rich Mountain Community College (Mena) \$645,000 - Rich Mountain will replace HVAC units, implement a disaster site for business continuity plan and build a greenhouse for an environmental science academic program. For more information, please contact Brenda Gillogly at bgillogly@rmcc.edu.

South Arkansas Community College (El Dorado) \$337,435 - The campus will make general improvements to academic facilities. One such improvement will be the replacement of the Whitfield Building's roof. For more information, please contact Vernie Meador at vmeador@southark.edu.

Southern Arkansas University (Magnolia) \$2,500,000 - SAU will replace worn out roofing with energy efficient systems; replace worn out, inefficient heating and cooling equipment; upgrade current energy management control systems to state of the art; and complete its district heating and cooling loops. For more information, please contact Darrell Morrison at drmorrison@saumag.edu.

Southern Arkansas University Tech (Camden) \$740,251 - SAUT will make many changes to campus facilities. With their funding, they will make energy improvements to their roofing, windows, HVAC systems and become more accessible to people with physical disabilities. For more information, please contact Gaye Manning at gmanning@sautech.edu.

Southeast Arkansas College (Pine Bluff) \$337,435 - SAC will install four inches of black preventer (RPZ) and run four inches of water main from Hazel Street in Pine Bluff to the five existing buildings on the Southeast Arkansas College campus. For more information, please contact David Bradford at dbradford@seark.edu.

Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts (Hot Springs) \$5,000,000 - ASMSA received funding to improve residential facilities. For more information, please contact JaNan Abernathy at abernathyj@asmsa.org.

University of Arkansas Community College (Batesville) \$505,000 - UACCB will make renovations to their main campus building. These renovations will be to improve energy efficiency. For more information, please contact Gayle Cooper at gayle.cooper@uaccb.edu.

University of Arkansas Community College (Hope) \$500,000 - UACCH will implement various energy conservation measures. For project exacts, please contact Jerald Barber at jbarber@uacch.edu.

University of Arkansas Community College (Morrilton) \$200,000 - The campus will be procuring a geothermal HVAC system. For more information, please contact Dr. Linda Birkner at birkner@uacem.edu.

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University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service (Little Rock) \$270,750 - The campus will receive funds to implement sustainable operations and maintenance practices. Funding will also curb the Choctaw Station's environmental impact. For more information, please contact Debbie Shock at dschock@clintonfoundation.org.

University of Arkansas (Fayetteville) \$4,000,000 - The University of Arkansas will receive \$4,000,000 to make general improvements to several academic facilities. Projects include elevator code upgrades and roof repairs, among several others. For more information, please contact Don Pederson at dop@uark.edu.

University of Arkansas (Fort Smith) \$2,000,000 - The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith will receive \$2,000,000 to renovate Boreham Library. The library was built in 1986 to serve a mid-size community college. It must now meet the needs of a rapidly growing four-year institution. For more information, please contact Mark Horn at mhorn@uafortsmith.edu.

University of Arkansas (Little Rock) \$4,000,000 - UALR will replace aging and inefficient HVAC equipment in several buildings, including Fribough Hall, with new high-energy efficient equipment. Most of the replacement work will be done on equipment that is 25 years old or older. For more information, please contact Cindy Milazzo at cdmilazzo@ualr.edu.

University of Arkansas (Monticello) \$2,514,000 - The campus will make energy reduction investments to various academic facilities. These investments will reap estimated annual savings of \$250,000 or more. For more information about project details, please contact Jay Jones at jonesj@uamont.edu.

University of Arkansas (Pine Bluff) \$3,000,000 - UAPB is receiving \$3,000,000 to replace their HVAC system and make the campus more accessible to individuals with physical disabilities. For more information, please contact Russell Wills at willsr@uapb.edu.

University of Central Arkansas (Conway) \$3,000,000 - UCA will make general improvements to an array of campus facilities. Projects include weatherization, waterproofing, lighting retrofits, and roof replacements. For more information, please contact Jeff Pitchford

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Remember the Dates:



Luncheon Planned for Washington County Legislators

In November, LWVWC members will have the opportunity to become acquainted with the area legislators and discuss the topics likely to arise in the January, 2010 legislative session. We will also learn about the nature of this new session since meeting annually will begin for the first time. This will be an opportunity for our representatives to know about our priority issues and alert us to legislation when it introduced relating to these topics.

Reminder to All Local League Treasurers

After 2007, the IRS has required every non-profit organization regardless of income to report annually. For most, this is a very short, easy filing. You should have filed last year, but if you haven't, be sure to get that done and file this year's as well. For more information go to <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html> for the simple postcard filing. Reports are due on the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of the organization's fiscal year. For the Leagues this means November 15th.

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