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You won't want to miss this.

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The theme of the conference is: "Creating Connected Communities in the Emerging 21st Century Economy." We will again meet at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service headquarters in Little Rock. **Learn more!**

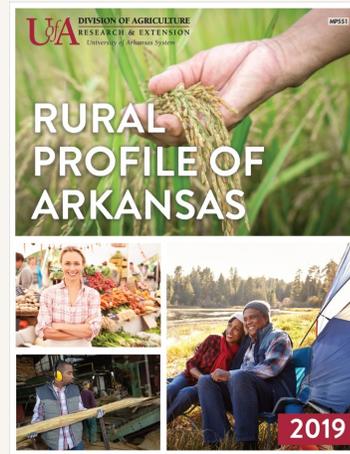
Corning is growing together

In July, Corning's largest employer and only major grocery store closed. Community-wide uncertainty ensued, prompting community members, stakeholders and businesses to evaluate how the loss of this major employer would impact the economic future of Corning. **Check it out!**

2019 Rural Profile of Arkansas Shows How Rural Areas of the State Differ from Urban Areas

The Rural Profile of Arkansas - 2019 is the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture's ongoing contribution to greater understanding of the differences in the social, demographic and economic conditions between rural and urban areas of the state.

[See more here!](#)



Kickstart Sheridan is on the move

With the theme "This is Our Time," Kickstart Sheridan is completing its strategic blueprint and action plan, and moving toward a launch event on May 7

[Read the story!](#)

New Vision Newport

The purpose of New Vision Newport is to equip new leaders for Newport and Jackson County to be effective leaders in the community. Sponsored by the **Newport Area Chamber of Commerce**, New Vision Newport also has benefited from involvement by the **Newport Economic Development Commission**, the University of Arkansas System Cooperative Extension Service, and other community organizations from its inception. [See the blog post about it!](#)



Baxter County is Moving Forward

Baxter County Forward was formed last fall as a way to bring the community and county together to plan for the future. Initially sponsored by the Mountain Home Area Chamber of Commerce, a broad-based steering committee was formed to engage in the Breakthrough Solutions development process, leading to a strategic blueprint and action plan.

[More info here.](#)

Story of the Month: Discover the Mindset for the Class of 2022

If you want to gain insight into how college students entering college in the fall of 2018 see the world, hold on to your hat. Born in 2000, the first year of the new millennium, these students are members of the College Class of 2022. Thanks to Beloit College, who compiled this list. Here are a few excerpts for this class:

- They are the first class born in the new millennium, escaping the dreaded label of “Millennial,” though their new designation—iGen, GenZ, etc. — has not yet been agreed upon by them.
- Outer space has never been without human habitation.
- They have always been able to refer to Wikipedia.
- When filling out forms, they are not surprised to find more than two gender categories to choose from.
- The Prius has always been on the road in the U.S.
- Exotic animals have always been providing emotional support to passengers on planes.
- Robots have always been able to walk on two legs and climb stairs.
- None having served there, American Presidents have always visited Vietnam as Commander-in-Chief.
- Mass market books have always been available exclusively as Ebooks.
- They’ve grown up with stories about where their grandparents were on 11/22/63 and where their parents were on 9/11. Source: themindsetlist.com

Website of the Month: The world’s longest 3D-printed bridge Speaking of the future and the past, did you know that the longest 3D printed bridge in the world was inspired by an ancient design? You can see it [here](#).

Quote for the Day: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to far, go together."
-Source unknown

Coming Events

March 28: Thrivers and Strugglers, A Growing Economic Divide, Conway AR; sponsored by the UCA Center for Community and Economic Development and the Center for Household Financial Stability. Go to <https://uca.edu/cced/events/>.

April 1-4: Mid-South Basic Economic Development Course, sponsored by Arkansas Economic Developers and Chamber Executives, Little Rock. Go to <https://www.aedce.org/>

April 14-16: MAKO Conference, Branson, MO, sponsored by chambers of commerce in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Go to: <http://makconf.com>

April 24-25: Business Retention and Expansion Training Session, Ft. Smith, sponsored by Create Bridges Program, U of A Cooperative Extension Service. Go to <https://www.uaex.edu/business-communities/economic-development/business-retention-expansion.aspx>

May 14-16: 2019 Arkansas Rural Development Conference, Hot Springs AR. Go to: www.arkansasedc.com/Rural-Services/division/conference-info.

June 25-26: 2019 Breakthrough Solutions Conference and Pre-Conference Workshop, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, Little Rock. More information coming out soon.

July 29-August 2: 33rd Annual Community Development Institute, UCA in Conway. Go to: <https://uca.edu/cced/events/>.

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