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**Throughout Independence County,** the Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice of business, providing advocacy, promotion, and resources for Chamber members. We set the standard for excellence in member service, community collaboration, business growth and achieving a high quality of life in the Batesville area.

The Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1919 and has since worked diligently to foster a positive community atmosphere—from business connections to community involvement, from education initiatives to recreational opportunities—and we will continue to do so far into the future.

**We invite you to discover the Batesville area through our eyes!** Learn all that we have to offer, discover our history, culture, and lifestyles, and understand why so many call the Batesville area the hub of North Central Arkansas!

# IMPACT Independence County

For communities to thrive, they must have strategic long-range plans. In recent history, Independence County has suffered a series of economic hardships including industry turnover, unemployment, a lack of essential infrastructure, retail development disinterest, declining population, and a lackluster tourism economy. If such trends were to continue, we as Independence County citizens would witness a disheartening breakdown of our community. IMPACT Independence County was developed to prevent that breakdown and move Independence County toward a prosperous future.

In early 2015, a steering committee made up of Lyon College, the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville, and the Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce developed a strategic planning initiative that would empower the people of Independence County to determine their own direction.

The initial phases of IMPACT Independence County are complete. Eleven hundred surveys were completed by Independence County citizens, and the survey yielded results that led to the development of four citizen-led IMPACT committees—Economic Prosperity, Educational

Excellence, Healthy Living & Well-Being, and Tourism. Each committee has developed IMPACT project objectives that will ensure a thriving future for Independence County.

It is crucial that we continue to dedicate ourselves to our community's future and generate momentum that will make the IMPACT objectives a reality. IMPACT has focused on its social capacity in planning for the future of Independence County, and we must use that same social capacity to make certain that IMPACT is a success.

## WHAT WILL IMPACT DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

The IMPACT Independence County objectives will ensure our community's prosperity in the areas that need growth and revitalization, and it will keep our community's strengths on track for further prosperity. Our county's biggest asset is our commitment to its future. IMPACT Independence County couples our commitment with vision and direction and holds us all accountable for the future of our community.



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Mark Martin Museum

## Unique to Independence County

### Lyon College

Lyon College is an independent, residential, co-educational, undergraduate liberal arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Founded in 1872, it is the oldest independent college in Arkansas. Lyon is classified as a baccalaureate (liberal arts) college by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and it is included in the top tier of the country's best liberal arts colleges by U.S. News and World Report.

### University of Arkansas

#### Community College at Batesville

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### Paul H. "Rocky" Willmuth

#### Shooting Sports Complex

The Paul H. "Rocky" Willmuth Shooting Sports Complex features a 1200-square foot clubhouse, a 1200-square foot education center, five trap fields, archery fields, and three pavilions with grilling facilities. The facility is open to the public.

### Mark Martin Museum

The Mark Martin Museum provides a glimpse into the career of racing legend and Independence County native, Mark Martin.



Lyon College



# Unique to Independence County



## **Old Independence Regional Museum**

Old Independence Regional Museum presents the history of a 12-county region. The museum's exhibits are frequently updated to reveal the unique history of its home county (Independence County) and its surrounding area.

## **The White River**

The White River is a 720-mile river that meanders along the northern half of Arkansas. Nearly 57 miles of the White flow through Independence County and serve as a destination for floaters, kayakers, fishers, and boaters throughout the region.

## **Main Street Batesville**

Independence County is home to the oldest main street in Arkansas! Main Street Batesville—with its beautiful streetscape, farmer's market, historic homes and churches, and charming shops—is full of community appeal.

## **Jamestown Crag**

Jamestown Crag is the only climbing sports destination in North East Arkansas and boasts over 70 climbing routes.

## **White River Regional Medical Center**

White River Regional Medical Center is the largest employer in the region, and its flagship facility is located in Independence County.



White River Regional  
Medical Center



Jamestown Crag



Old Independence Regional Museum





## NEW! Community Center

The City of Batesville is a recreation destination! From walking trails and kayaking on the White River to premiere soccer and diamond sports fields. With a historic downtown area, Batesville has something that everyone will enjoy.

In 2016, we will complete our latest community attraction, the City of Batesville Community Center and Aquatics Park. Visitors will enjoy:

- 2,100 sq. ft. group exercise studio
- 4,000 sq. ft. cardio/strength training center
- 2 board rooms, 4 meeting rooms, and 2 indoor party rooms
- Community room with view of aquatics park
- Commercial catering kitchen
- 25,000 sq. ft. gymnasium for athletic and community events
- 25-meter x 25-yard competition pool
- Children's pool with play structures
- Zero depth entry heated therapy pool
- Zip Line
- 400-meter lazy river/current channel
- Tanning Decks
- And much more!



## White River Wonderland

The holiday season kicks off at the very beginning of December with the lighting ceremony at the Batesville Municipal Building on Main Street. The historic downtown and Riverside Park is decorated with one of the state's greatest lighting presentations, complete with animated displays, thousands of lights sequenced to music, and a one-of-a-kind 34-foot snowman.

The city's holiday celebration includes the Christmas parade, the ice skating rink at the amphitheatre and carriage rides through Riverside Park along the White River.

For more information on the White River Wonderland, please visit [CityofBatesville.com](http://CityofBatesville.com), [Facebook.com/CityofBatesvilleChristmasTourofLights](https://www.facebook.com/CityofBatesvilleChristmasTourofLights), or contact Johnathan Abbott at (870) 698-2432.



**The City of Batesville  
welcomes you!**

**Thanks for making  
us your recreation  
destination!**



# Government



Independence County Courthouse

## Independence County

Population: 36,959

County Seat: Batesville

Primary & Secondary Schools: 8

Post-secondary Schools: 2

County Tax: 8.25%

Cost of Living: 84% of National Average

Average Age: 40

Courthouse: 192 E. Main St. / Batesville (870) 793-8828

Judge: (870) 793-8800

Treasurer: (870) 793-8899

Clerk: (870) 793-8828

Circuit Clerk: (870) 793-8833

Prosecuting Attorney: (870) 793-8825

Assessor: (870) 793-8842

Tax Collector: (870) 793-8823

Sheriff: (870) 793-8838

Coroner: (870) 793-8838

Veterans' Benefits: (870) 793-8812

Voter Registration: (870) 793-8833

Sanitation/Recycling: (870) 793-8892

Emergency Alert System: (870) 793-8816

Dispatch: (870) 698-2450

[www.independencecounty.com](http://www.independencecounty.com)

## City of Batesville

Population: 10,401

Primary & Secondary Schools: 5

Post-secondary Schools: 2

City Tax: 10.25%

Cost of Living: 84% of National Average

Average Age: 33

City Hall: (870) 698-2400

Attorney: (870) 307-0050

Clerk: (870) 698-2400

Fire: (870) 698-2439

Police: (870) 698-2450

Sanitation: (870) 698-2430

Streets: (870) 698-2430

Airport: (870) 251-1244

Animal Control: (870) 698-2424

Cemetery: (870) 698-2432

Code Enforcement: (870) 698-2456

Landscaping: (870) 698-2431

Parks & Recreation: (870) 698-2427

Utilities: (870) 698-2415

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### Cave City

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[cityhall@cavecity.us](mailto:cityhall@cavecity.us)

### Cushman

P.O. Box 10 / Cushman / 72526  
(870) 698-0853

### Magness

P.O. Box 109 / Magness / 72553  
(870) 799-3253

### Moorfield

### Newark

P.O. Box 315 / Newark / 72562  
(870) 799-2663  
[newarkcityhall@yahoo.com](mailto:newarkcityhall@yahoo.com)

### Oil Trough

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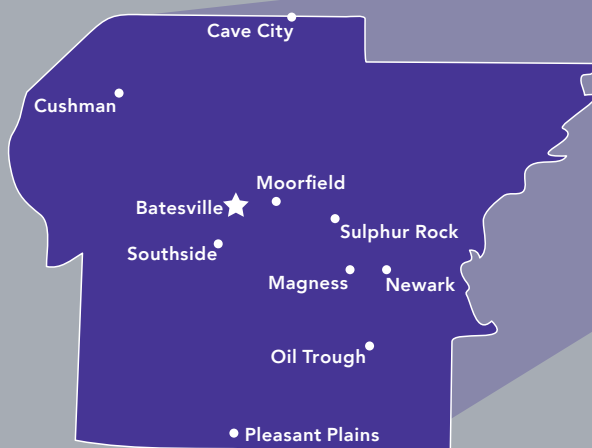
### Pleasant Plains

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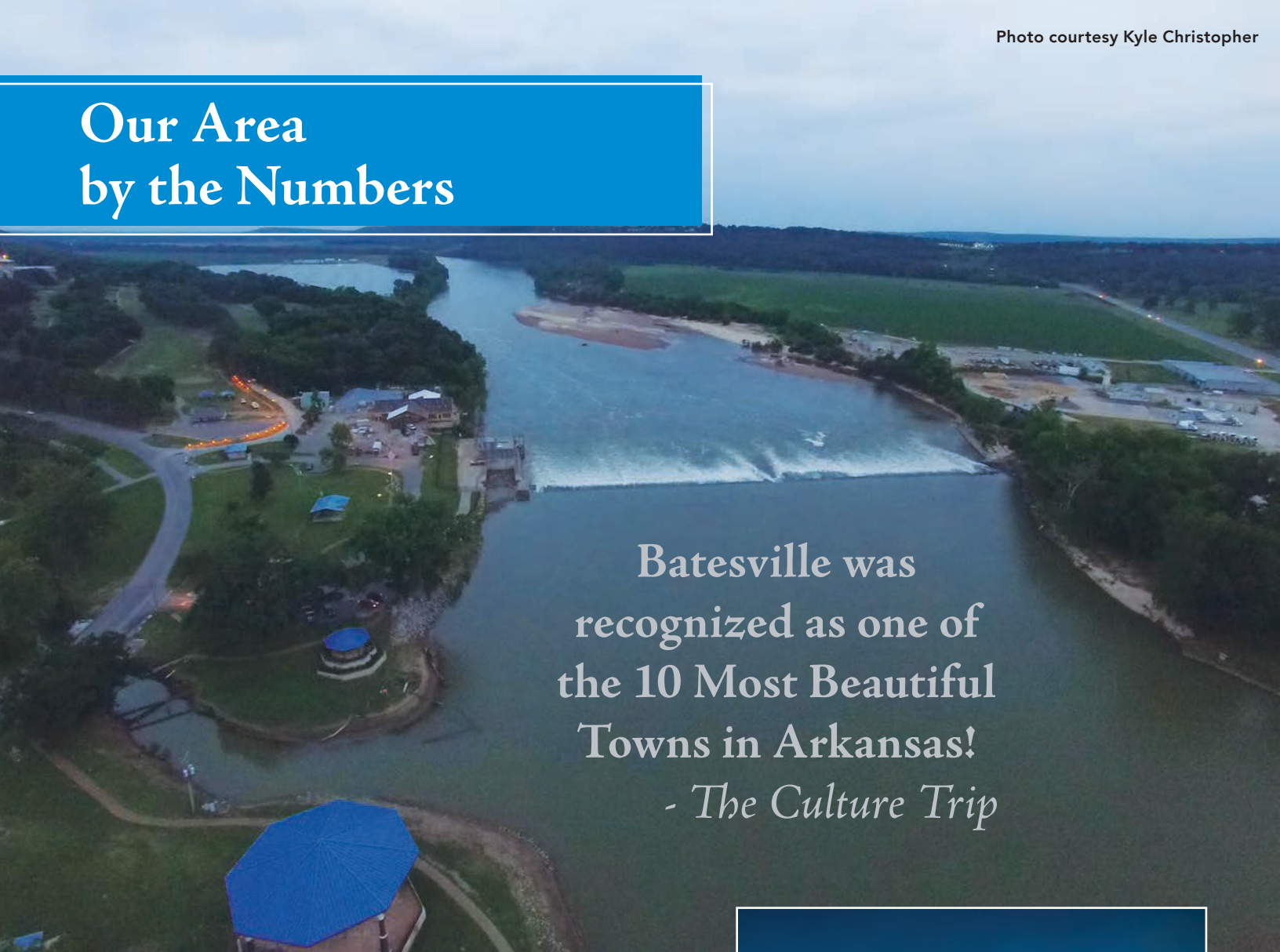
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# Our Area by the Numbers

An aerial photograph of a river flowing through a landscape. A dam is visible in the middle of the river, creating a small waterfall. The surrounding area includes green fields, some buildings, and a road. The sky is overcast.

Batesville was  
recognized as one of  
the 10 Most Beautiful  
Towns in Arkansas!  
*- The Culture Trip*

County Civilian Labor Force: **15,275**

**8%** Unemployment Rate

Per Capita Income: **\$32,500**

Average Household Income: **\$50,523**

Batesville Regional Airport is **3 miles** south of Batesville.

**94.8 miles** from Little Rock.

**68.2 miles** from Jonesboro.

**121 miles** from Memphis, TN.

Winter Average Temperatures: **47.7 degrees** (maximum) and **28 degrees** (minimum)

Summer Average Temperatures: **88.2 degrees** (maximum) and **66.7 degrees** (minimum)

Average Annual Rainfall: **56.57 inches**







## Life in Independence County

**“This charming town  
is home to loving people,  
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*Cindy Cooke, President,  
Batesville Board of Realtors*

**Independence County is a unique blend of the  
Arkansas Delta and the Ozark Foothills, and people  
who live here are just as unique. A blend of cultures  
and lifestyles puts Independence County citizens in a  
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- Appliances
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- Estate Sales

### COMMERCIAL

- Store to Store Deliveries
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- Parts Deliveries
- Furniture, Appliances, Electronics



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## Housing

### Average Home Cost

Independence County: \$95,000

Batesville: \$122,000



Batesville Housing Authority: (870) 793-9104

Gateway Properties: (870) 793-8100

Coldwell Banker: (501) 366-1205

Crye-Leike Batesville Real Estate Center: (870) 698-9999

Denison Heights Duplexes: (870) 307-5517

Doyle Rogers Company: (870) 793-5717

The Property Shoppe: (870) 251-2486

R.M. Weaver Real Estate: (870) 524-2268

Shelbytown Leasing, LLC: (870) 864-9080

The Batesville Landing: (870) 698-1823

# Faith & Churches

## Adventist

Batesville Seventh Day Adventist Church – 30 Gap Rd. / Batesville

## Baptist

Allen Chapel Free Will Baptist Church – 629 Allen Chapel Rd. / Batesville

Batesville First Baptist Church – 610 E. Main St. / Batesville

Calvary Baptist Church – 1775 Lyon St. / Batesville

Cedar Grove Baptist Church – 200 Sandy Ln. / Batesville

Emmanuel Baptist Church – 1915 Batesville Blvd. / Batesville

Faith Baptist Church – 537 Stacey Dr. / Batesville

Fellowship Baptist Church – 1003 Batesville Blvd. / Batesville

First Free Will Baptist Church – 430 Blossom Dr. / Batesville

Landmark Baptist Church – 445 White Dr. / Batesville

Mount Zion Baptist Church – 149 Rorie St. / Batesville

New Beginnings Baptist Church – 670 Heber Springs Rd. / Batesville

New Life Fellowship – 35 Nance St. / Batesville

Parkview Baptist Church – 2600 N. Saint Louis St. / Batesville

Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church – 2935 Bethesda Rd. / Batesville

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church – 2645 White Dr. / Batesville

Quail Valley Free Will Baptist Church – 4000 Harrison St. / Batesville

Ramsey Heights Missionary Baptist Church – 449 Heber Springs Rd. / Batesville

Rehobeth Baptist Church – 65 Ham St. / Batesville

Ruddell Hill Baptist Church – 805 Bethesda Rd. / Batesville

Southside Missionary Baptist Church – 1846 Batesville Blvd. / Batesville

Swains Chapel Baptist Church – 290 Swaim Hill Rd. / Batesville

The Compass Church – 4550 Harrison St. / Batesville

Twentieth Street Missionary Baptist Church – 425 20th St. / Batesville

Victory Missionary Baptist Church – 3455 N. Saint Louis St. / Batesville

West Baptist Church – 1100 N. Central Ave. / Batesville

White Drive Baptist Church – 445 White Dr. / Batesville

East Side Baptist Church – 706 E. Center St. / Cave City

First Baptist Church – 112 S. Main St. / Cave City

Maxville Missionary Baptist Church – Hwy 167 / Cave City

Cushman Baptist Mission – Cushman

Newark Southern Baptist Church – 265 E. 10th St. / Newark

White River Baptist Church – Oil Trough

Life Line Baptist Church – Hwy 157 N. / Pleasant Plains

Independence Baptist Church – 7908 Batesville Blvd. / Batesville

Pleasant Plains Baptist Church – 57 Wish St. / Pleasant Plains

Sulphur Rock Baptist Church – 470 N. Vaughn St. / Sulphur Rock

## Catholic

Saint Mary's Catholic Church – 3800 Harrison St. / Batesville

## Church of Christ

North Heights Church of Christ – 200 Warrior Rd. / Batesville

Antioch Church of Christ – 2260 Antioch Rd. / Cave City

Bethesda Church of Christ – 30 Medlock Rd. / Batesville

Central Avenue Church of Christ – 988 N. Central Ave. / Batesville

Church of Christ – 120 Cleghorn Chapel Rd. / Magness

Church of Christ – 79 Rose Dr. / Oil Trough

Desha Church of Christ – 600 Heber Springs Rd. / Batesville

Harrison St. Church of Christ – 1536 Harrison St. / Batesville

Newark Church of Christ – 3rd & College / Newark

Quail Valley Church of Christ – 4104 Harrison St. / Batesville

Southside Church of Christ – 2102 Batesville Blvd. / Batesville

## Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene – 1161 E. Harrison St. / Batesville

## Episcopal

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church – 482 E. Main St. / Batesville

## Jehovah's Witness

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses – 2291 White Dr. / Batesville



## Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints –  
560 Eagle Mountain Blvd. / Batesville

## Lutheran

Hope Lutheran Church – 2415 E. Main St. / Batesville

## Methodist

Batesville First United Methodist Church – 615 E. Main St. / Batesville

Central Avenue Methodist Church – 1205 N. Central Ave. / Batesville

Moorefield United Methodist Church – 30 Cossey St. / Batesville

Southside United Methodist Church – 39 Magnolia St. / Batesville

Hazel Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church –  
402 N. Locust St. / Newark

Cushman United Methodist Church – 2nd & Martin / Cushman

Oil Trough United Methodist Church – 101 Main St. / Oil Trough

Cornerstone United Methodist Church – Hwy 157 E. / Pleasant Plains

Pleasant Plains United Methodist Church – Hwy 167 / Pleasant Plains

Sharp United Methodist Church – 1100 Gainsboro Rd. / Sulphur Rock

Cave City United Methodist Church – 58 Hwy 115 / Cave City

## Other and Non-Denominational

Believers Community Church – 3645 N. Saint Louis St. / Batesville

Jubilee Family Church – 45 Thunderbird Dr. / Batesville

New Beginnings Community Church – 760 Heber Springs Rd. / Batesville

New Faith Gospel Church – 2550 E. Main St. / Batesville

## Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church – 775 E. Boswell St. / Batesville

Faith-Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church –  
3895 Harrison St. / Batesville

New Hope Cumb Presbyterian Church – 3655 Bethesda Rd. / Batesville

## Spirit-Filled

Cave Creek Church – 2790 Cave Creek Rd. / Batesville

East Side Pentecostal Church – 2105 Neeley St. / Batesville

First Assembly of God – 1949 Lyon St. / Batesville

Full Gospel Fellowship Church – 2805 Neeley St. / Batesville

New Life Family Church – 3000 E. Main St. / Batesville

Pleasant Hill Full Gospel Church – 2560 Batesville Blvd. / Batesville

Rock Church – 205 Collietown Rd. / Batesville

Southside Assembly of God – 459 Heber Springs Rd. / Batesville

Spring Mill Assembly of God – 65 Oak Hill Loop / Batesville

The Old Country Church – 3675 N. Saint Louis St. / Batesville





## Arts & Culture



Batesville Area Arts Council Gallery on Main:  
[www.batesvilleareaartscouncil.org](http://www.batesvilleareaartscouncil.org)

Old Independence Regional Museum: [www.oirm.org](http://www.oirm.org)

Kresge Gallery: [www.lyon.edu](http://www.lyon.edu)

Row Johns Library: [www.uacsb.edu](http://www.uacsb.edu)

Mabee-Simpson Library: [www.lyon.edu](http://www.lyon.edu)

Winters Art Studio: [www.wintersartstudio.com](http://www.wintersartstudio.com)

Gallery 246: [www.gallery246.com](http://www.gallery246.com)

Mark Martin Museum: [www.markmartinmuseum.com](http://www.markmartinmuseum.com)

Independence County Library: [www.indolib.com](http://www.indolib.com)

Batesville Community Theatre:  
[www.batesvilleareaartscouncil.org](http://www.batesvilleareaartscouncil.org)

North Arkansas Dance Theatre: [www.nadt.info](http://www.nadt.info)

Holloway Theatre: [www.lyon.edu](http://www.lyon.edu)

Fusion Dance Academy: [www.fusiondanceacademy.net](http://www.fusiondanceacademy.net)

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## Parks & Recreation

### Riverside Park

Riverside Park sits along the beautiful White River in Batesville. Visitors to Riverside Park enjoy numerous playgrounds, a river walk, five pavilions, and, of course, the beautiful floral and fauna that is so characteristic of Independence County, including the golden and bald eagles. [www.batesvilleparks.com](http://www.batesvilleparks.com)

### Batesville Greenway

The Batesville Greenway is a multi-use trail that accommodates walkers, joggers, runners, and cyclists. Trail users begin their activity at the Batesville Recreation Center, pass the community garden, continue through Riverside Park and on around to the Batesville Junior and Senior High Schools. Loop back through the adjoining neighborhood and back to the recreation center, or end or exercise at the school! Ultimately, the Batesville Greenway will encircle the entire City of Batesville—running North of town to the Terry Sims Diamond Sports Complex, past Polk Bayou and Main Street Batesville, and ending back at Riverside Park. [www.batesvilleparks.com](http://www.batesvilleparks.com)

### Climbing

Jamestown Crag is the only climbing sports destination in North East Arkansas and boasts over 70 climbing routes.

### L.E.A.P.

You don't have to be enrolled in classes to enjoy the outdoor amenities of L.E.A.P.! The Lyon Education & Adventure Program takes full advantage of all the Ozark Foothills have to offer! The Lyon College campus features a bike shop, a zipline and ropes course, a disc golf course, a bouldering wall, and a hiking and biking trail. The full lineup is open to outdoor enthusiasts everywhere! [www.lyon.edu](http://www.lyon.edu)

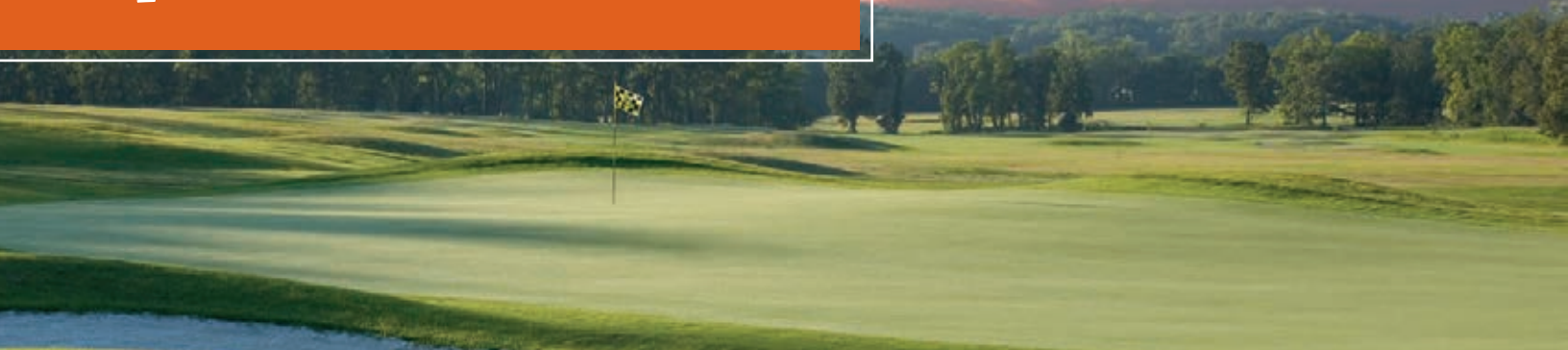
### Batesville Motor Speedway

The Batesville Motor Speedway provides fun and fast entertainment in the Batesville area. The summer schedule is packed with family-friendly events and ends with a championship finale in early fall. [www.batesvillemotorspeedway.net](http://www.batesvillemotorspeedway.net)

### Water Sports & Fishing

Polk Bayou was the first site of settlement in the Batesville area, and it remains a hot spot for outdoor enthusiasts today. Polk Bayou (or Poke Bayou as it is sometimes called) winds along the northern and western boundaries of Batesville and spills into the White River. Fishers, kayakers, canoers—nature lovers of every sort enjoy the Bayou and its versatile recreational opportunities!

# Sports



## School Sports

**Batesville School District #1:** Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Prancing, Cross Country, Softball, Cheerleading, Tennis, Football, Track, Golf, Volleyball  
[www.batesvilleschools.com](http://www.batesvilleschools.com)

**Cave City School District:** Basketball, Baseball, Football, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball  
[www.cavecity.k12.ar.us](http://www.cavecity.k12.ar.us)

**Cedar Ridge School District:** Archery, Baseball, Bass Fishing, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Softball, Track, Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling  
[www.crsd.12.ar.us](http://www.crsd.12.ar.us)

**Midland School District:** Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Track  
[www.midland.k12.ar.us](http://www.midland.k12.ar.us)

**Southside Public School District:** Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Track, Tennis, Volleyball  
[www.southsideschools.org](http://www.southsideschools.org)

**With several high schools, various city leagues, and a collegiate sports program, Independence County is guaranteed sports year-round.**



## Community Sports

### Terry Sims Diamond Sports Complex

A real gem of a recreation complex is the Terry Sims Diamond Sports Complex! The complex features seven MLB-replica baseball fields, two youth softball fields, two baseball/softball fields, three adult softball fields, and three T-ball fields.  
[www.batesvilleparks.com](http://www.batesvilleparks.com)

### East Main Sports Complex

The East Main Sports Complex is one of the newest and finest sports facilities in Batesville. Here you will find six U6/U8 soccer fields, two full-size soccer fields (one with lights for night games), two practice areas, a pavilion, a horse arena, a concession stand with handicap accessible bathrooms, and playground. The East Main Sports Complex hosts soccer tournaments and camps throughout the summer.  
[www.batesvilleparks.com](http://www.batesvilleparks.com)

### Municipal Golf Course

The Municipal Golf Course is managed by the City of Batesville Parks and Recreation Department. This 9-hole course was built in 1974 and features two sets of tees per hole so players can enjoy a full round of golf.  
[www.batesvilleparks.com](http://www.batesvilleparks.com)

### Course at Eagle Mountain

The Course at Eagle Mountain is a beautiful 18-hole course that challenges all skill-levels. The course is semi-private and offers membership, daily fee play, and residential opportunities.





Mark Martin,  
Nascar Legend



## Festivals & Famous Faces

**White River Water Carnival** – The White River Water Carnival has been held on the banks of the White River for over 70 years, and it is still going strong! The oldest existing carnival in the state invites you to finish off your summer at the Water Carnival, which includes a classic car show, food vendors, live entertainment, kids' carnival rides and more! This free community event promises family fun for everyone! [www.whiteriverwatercarnival.com](http://www.whiteriverwatercarnival.com).

**The Independence County Fair** – This annual event that brings together residents from all over Independence County and beyond! The county fair, held in mid-July, features agricultural demonstrations, art showcases, pageants, live entertainment, rides, and fun for all! [www.icfair.org](http://www.icfair.org)

**TNT Festival** – The TNT Festival has been held in the Newark City Park for over 20 years! Each fall, festival attendees can expect live entertainment, crafts, kids' entertainment, vendors, a fireworks display, and much, much more!

**Cave City Watermelon Festival** – For nearly 40 years, Cave City has produced a rind-thumpin' good time at the annual Cave City Watermelon Festival. This community festival features three days of celebrating Cave City's tradition of producing the world's sweetest watermelons! [www.cavecityarkansas.info](http://www.cavecityarkansas.info)

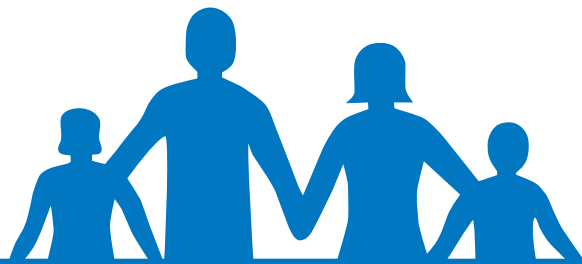
**Ozark Foothills FilmFest** – Four days of film by twenty different filmmakers—the Ozark Foothills FilmFest presents a range of films that have changed the face of arts and culture in the Batesville area, across the state, and on a national level. The founders' deeply rooted appreciation for independent film spurred their vision to create a festival that brings award-winning films and filmmakers to a rural Arkansas audience. The Ozark Foothills FilmFest has been held each spring since 2001. [www.ozarkfoothillsfilmfest.org](http://www.ozarkfoothillsfilmfest.org)

**Arkansas Scottish Festival** – The Arkansas Scottish Festival is an annual community event that is held on the campus of Lyon College. The event is free to the public and includes Highland games, Scottish clan representation, pipe and drum bands, and much more! The Arkansas Scottish Festival is a nod to the Scottish heritage of Lyon College and that of Scottish clans and fans throughout the state and the country! The festival is held each spring. [www.lyon.edu/scotfest](http://www.lyon.edu/scotfest).



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## First Community Bank, a Cornerstone of the Community

First Community Bank is a locally owned and managed community bank that operates 17 full-service branches in Arkansas and Missouri and a stand-alone mortgage origination office in Craighead County, AR.

“Upon founding First Community Bank in 1997, we made a pledge to put community first in every decision we made. Quite simply, we believe that where you find strong, supportive banks, you’ll find strong vibrant communities, and vice versa. First Community Bank’s priorities and roots are deep in the communities we serve. Our name serves as a constant reminder of our commitment to put community first. We are proud to give back, and to do everything in our power to strengthen our local economy,” said Dale Cole, the bank’s chairman and chief executive officer.

On July 31 of this year, just days shy of the bank’s 18th anniversary; First Community Bank reached \$1 billion in assets. “Although we are growing continuously, we have never strayed from our commitment,” said Cole. “We know that the level of success we now enjoy is all because of the support we have received from customers, investors, employees and directors. When you bank with First Community Bank, you are making an investment in your community.”

First Community is a one-stop financial center that provides multiple services under one roof. They offer all the traditional banking services in addition to trust, brokerage, insurance and home loans. Customers can enjoy electronic banking conveniences such as Internet banking, mobile banking, bill pay and remote deposit.







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“We have a dedicated team of lenders who enjoy helping people,” said Boris Dover, president and COO. “We believe in rolling out the red carpet of service and getting to know our customers. We want to be a resource that can help people get into their new home or open the doors to a new business. While loans are a major component of our business, deposits are equally important. Whatever the need, we want to be there for our customers.”

First Community Bank strives to be good community partners. The bank strongly supports education, economic development, as well as, civic projects and organizations that are focused on building stronger communities.

Whether growing through acquisitions, opening additional locations or attracting new customers in existing markets, the bank’s strategy is grounded by a passion for community banking.

First Community employs more than 276 professional bankers and reports assets of over \$1 billion.

**The History of the bank...**The vision of 153 local investors came together on August 4, 1997 when First Community Bank opened for business at 710 St. Louis Street in Batesville, Arkansas with 14 employees and \$3.5 million in capital.

The original 14 employees had strong banking backgrounds and a determination to become the bank of choice. The bank’s slogan “Where Community Comes First” quickly became the guiding force that set First Community Bank apart.



Beebe Capps, Searcy

Dale Cole, a respected professional banker, has served as the bank’s Chairman and CEO since inception. Boris Dover was recruited by Cole and today serves as President and COO.

Through local decision-making and a genuine interest in the financial wellbeing of the communities served, First Community Bank quickly became a bank known for putting customers and community first. The tremendous growth resulted in the need for additional locations so the expansion story began chapter by chapter.

In March of 1999, First Community opened a loan processing office in Searcy while waiting for branch approval. A new full-service Searcy banking office located at 2307 W. Beebe Capps opened on June 29, 1999. Rapid growth prompted the decision to build a larger facility in Searcy. On May 2, 2002, the bank celebrated the grand opening of a new two-story, 14,000 square foot facility at 2401 West Beebe Capps Expressway. Also, in May 2002, a new location at 2801 East Race Street was officially opened.

The bank purchased land in Southside, and the grand opening of a 2,000 square foot facility at 1 Allen Chapel Road was held on June 18, 1999.

Groundbreaking for the Eagle Mountain Branch in Batesville was in the spring of 2002. The new 2,000 square foot facility opened at 3 Eagle Mountain Boulevard on October 8, 2002.

Groundbreaking for a new 43,000 square foot main bank building located on the corner of St. Louis and Harrison Streets took place on May 14, 2002. The new main bank opened for business on September 2, 2003 serving as First Community Bank’s main headquarters. The location is now recognized as a cornerstone of the community.

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# First Community Bank

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On July 19, 2004, First Community opened a branch in Cave City in a temporary building while a new 2,100 square foot building was being constructed. A grand opening for the new building at 102 South Main Street was held on July 25, 2005.

The bank continued to expand in White County by operating from a temporary facility at 157 Hwy. 67 in Bald Knob. On January 6, 2006, construction began on a new 2,500 square foot facility. The grand opening for the new facility was held on April 27, 2007.

In 2007, new branches were opened in Highland and Cabot. The Highland branch at 1536 Hwy. 62/412 officially opened on July 25, 2007, and the Cabot branch at 3084 Bill Foster Memorial Hwy. opened on October 1, 2007. In 2008, a mortgage loan office was opened in Northeastern Arkansas in Jonesboro at 708-B Windover.

On May 19, 2008, First Community expanded into Missouri with the acquisition of Goodman State Bank. The merger of Goodman State Bank was official on July 21, 2008. This resulted in three locations including 127 E. Main in Goodman, 230 W. Spring in Neosho and 56 Wright Hill Lane in Jane.

Cabot celebrated the grand opening of a new permanent facility on September 24, 2009, and Race Street cut the ribbon on a new 4,560 square foot state-of-the-art facility on October 29, 2009.

First Community signed an agreement to purchase the Mountain Home branch of Community First National Bank located at 310 Hwy. 62 E. on October 23, 2009. The purchase was finalized on February 22, 2010, and this became the fourteenth banking location.

The Missouri region celebrated the grand opening of a second full-service branch in Neosho on August 30, 2011. The new state-of-the-art Neosho facility is located at 3005 Gardner Edgewood Drive.

On December 9, 2011, the Goodman, Missouri branch moved to a new facility located at 110 E. Main Street. The building features memorabilia of the former historic location, as well as old photos from the town and surrounding area.

In early 2014, First Community Bank expanded, opening two additional full-service branches. Joining the Jonesboro, Arkansas stand-alone mortgage loan office, the organization opened a full service branch at 1617 S. Caraway Road on January 27. The grand opening celebration for the Jonesboro location was held on February 28, 2014.

A fourth Searcy branch, the fifth in White County, opened on January 27 at 800 E. Beebe Capps Expressway, near Harding University. The grand opening celebration was held on March 7, 2014.

A branch was opened in Bay, Arkansas on August 17, 2015. The grand opening was held on September 25th.

Property has been purchased at 630 Southwest Drive in Jonesboro for a second full-service location, and construction is currently underway on a full-service location that will serve as Jonesboro's main headquarters.



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Leadership Batesville is an annual program of the Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce designed to identify, educate and prepare potential leaders for leadership roles in our community. Independence County is the hub of North Central Arkansas. The growing community brings forth new opportunities and challenges. It is crucial to our success as a county that we are led by educated and qualified leaders in business and government.

**“Our growing community brings forth new opportunities and challenges. It’s crucial to our success as a county that we are led by educated and qualified persons in business and government.”**

*Crystal Johnson, President/CEO, Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce*



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*Ben Baxter, Manager  
Arkansas Department of Workforce Services*

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*Scott Lancaster, General Counsel  
Bad Boy, Inc.*





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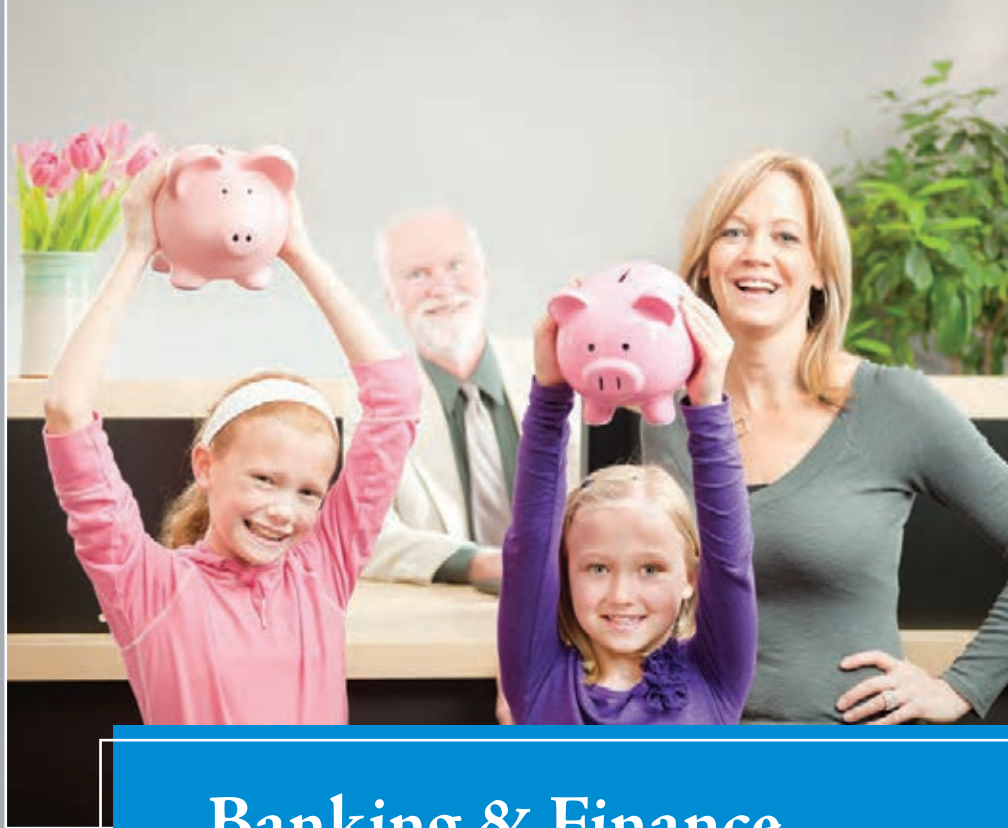


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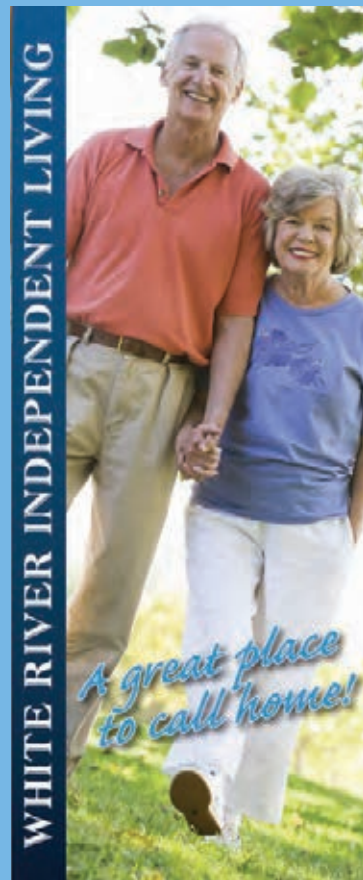
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### **ANIMAL CONTROL/SHELTERS**

City of Batesville Animal Control  
255 W. College St. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 698-2424

Humane Society of Independence County  
5 Environmental Dr. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 793-0090

### **BUSINESS INFORMATION**

Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce  
409 Vine St. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 793-2378

ASU Small Business Technology  
& Development Center  
P.O. Box 2650 / State University / 72467  
(870) 972-3517

### **CABLE**

Suddenlink  
2490 Harrison St. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 793-6185

Indco Cable  
P.O. Box 3799 / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 793-4174

### **DISPATCH**

Independence County / Batesville City Police  
140 S. 4th St. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 698-2450

### **DRIVERS LICENSE/VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

Department of Finance & Administration/  
Revenue Office  
1207 Main St. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 793-7441



# Quick Reference

## **DRY CLEANING SERVICES**

Settles Cleaners  
395 Grays Ave. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 793-5172

## **ELECTRICITY**

Entergy  
450 S. 11th St. / Batesville / 72501  
(800) ENTERGY

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Department of Workforce Services  
P.O. Box 2296 / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 793-4156

## **FIRE (Call 911 to report a fire)**

City of Batesville Fire Department: (870) 698-1501  
Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department: (870) 698-8999  
Cave City Fire Department: (870) 283-5537  
Cord Volunteer Fire Department: (870) 799-8766  
Cushman Volunteer Fire Department: (870) 698-0654  
Desha Volunteer Fire Department: (870) 251-9978  
Newark Fire Department: (870) 799-3288  
Pleasant Plains Fire Department: (501) 345-2262  
Southside Fire Department: (870) 251-4233

## **INTERNET**

AT&T  
723 S. Church Rm. 120 / Jonesboro / 72401  
(870) 972-7851

Indco Cable  
P.O. Box 3799 / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 793-4174

Ritter Communications  
P.O. Box 17040 / Jonesboro / 72401  
(870) 336-3434

Suddenlink  
2490 Harrison St. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 793-6185

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Independence County Sheriff's Department  
1750 Myers Ave. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 793-2378

City of Batesville Police Department  
300 S. Central Ave. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 596-8111

## **NATURAL GAS**

Centerpoint Energy  
460 Stanley Wood Dr. / Batesville / 72501  
(800) 992-7552



## SANITATION

City of Batesville Sanitation Dept.  
40 General St. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 698-2430

Independence County Recycling Center  
110 Environmental Dr. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 793-8892

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Department of Health  
120 Weaver Ave. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 793-8852

Department of Human Services  
100 Weaver Ave. / Batesville / 72501  
(870) 698-1876

Social Security Office  
151 Dry Kiln Rd. / Batesville / 72501  
(866) 816-5651

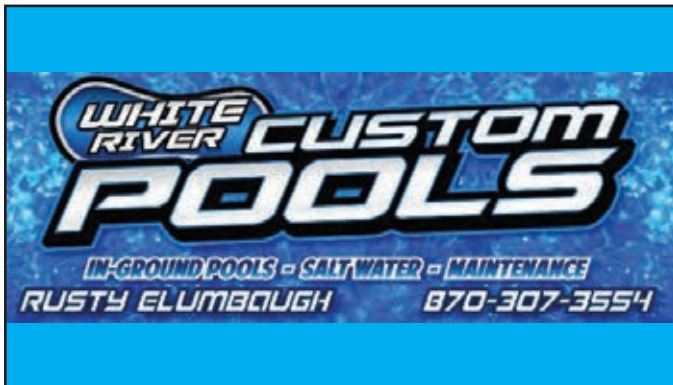
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