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Coming Soon

Our December newsletter will include pictures and highlights from the 1st annual GIS Day event.

What's Next?

Beginning at the December meeting. We will start working on our group's bylaws, setting up our non-profit status, committee member term limits, etc.

In January, we will begin working on GIS Day 2010. If you want to help us out with GIS Day next year, contact Tina Thompson, tthompson@wapdd.org or Wes Cleland, wcleland@vanburencity.org

The next Arkansas GIS Users Forum Symposium will be in 2011. The group will consider raising funds to send a couple of members to the symposium.



If you would like to submit a story for our newsletter, please contact Tina Thompson, (479)785-2651, tthompson@wapdd.org

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Newsletter

GIS Day 2009

GIS Day 2009 is on November 18, 2009. Our GIS Day Committee has been working very hard to make our first GIS Day a success. I would like to thank the GIS Day Committee members for all their hard work and dedication to this event.

The River Valley GIS Users Group GIS Day Committee members are:

- Brad Baldwin
- T.J. Cleland
- Wes Cleland
- Michelle Mizell
- Barry Rowton
- Shannon Scott
- Philip Taylor
- Collen Thompson
- Tina Thompson.

Our GIS Day volunteers are:

- Betty Adams
- Brad Baldwin
- Tim Beagle
- Sara Bell
- Debbie Bryant
- Tammy Christy
- Jessica Cleland
- Wes Cleland
- Mary Clopton
- Angela Fenwick
- Danny Gardner
- Scott Hamilton
- Jennifer Hoban
- Steve McLain
- Michelle Mizell
- Glinda Polk
- Ronnie Polk
- Tyler Price
- Gerald Pulliam

- Barry Rowton
- Shannon Scott
- Ben Scott
- Meagan Scott
- Sam Slott
- Joe Stewart
- Philip Taylor
- Brad Thompson
- Collen Thompson
- Devan Thompson
- Eldon Thompson
- Tina Thompson

We would like to thank all our volunteers for helping us out. There truly is something special about people who give freely of their time to help their community!

VIPs attending GIS DAY 2009

We have received word that the following VIPs will be attending our GIS Day event:

Shelby Johnson, AGIO
Shelby Johnson is the State Geographic Information Officer. Mr. Johnson has been a key component to the growth of GIS in the State of Arkansas.

David Hudson, County Judge, Sebastian County.

John Hall, County Judge, Crawford County.

James Forbes, County Judge, Scott County.

Jean Jeannotte, ESRI Ms. Jeannotte is the ESRI sales representative for our area. Ms. Jeannotte was key in

the ESRI sponsorship of our event.

We are very proud to have each of these VIPs attend our event.

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GIS Day 2009 Agenda

9:30 am - 10:00 am	Registration							
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Opening Ceremonies							
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (East Hall)	Crawford County Assessor's Office (East Hall)	Arkansas Valley Electric (East Hall)	City of Fort Smith (West Hall)	Census Bureau (West Hall)	Army (East Hall)	Western AR Planning and Development District, Inc. (West Hall)	City of Van Buren (West Hall)
	CAST - UA Fayetteville (East Hall)	City of Greenwood Water (East Hall)	City of Fort Smith Assessor's Office (East Hall)					City of Fort Smith (West Hall)
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Lunch Break/Prize Drawings							
12:45 - 1:30 pm	Geo-Cache Treasure Hunt							
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	Closing Ceremonies/Prize Drawings							

Wednesday, November 18, 2009



GIS Day 2009 Agenda

GIS Day 2009, River Park, Fort Smith, AR

Track 1	Education
Track 2	Parcel Mapping
Track 3	Utilities
Track 4	Website Mapping
Track 5	Census Bureau
Track 6	Military
Track 7	911 Mapping
Track 8	City Government

Brad Thompson turns 18 on GIS Day!

We would like to thank Brad Thompson for spending his 18th birthday with us. Brad is one of our GIS Day volunteers.

Regardless of what Brad does decide to do with his life, we all know that he will be a great success!

As Brad's mother, I would like to tell you a little about him. Brad isn't really into GIS. He loves video games and is very good with computers. He can write stories and essays that are just so amazing. (As you can see, he doesn't get his writing skills from me). He graduates from Mansfield High School this year and is planning to attend the University of Arkansas. He hasn't decided if he wants to attend college in Fort Smith or Fayetteville yet. I'm hoping for Fort Smith so I can keep him closer to me.



Brad Thompson

If you happen to see Brad on GIS Day, be sure and tell him Happy Birthday!

Story written by: Tina Thompson

Arkansas GIS Users Forum puts on another successful conference!

The Arkansas GIS Users Forum hosted their Tenth Biennial Symposium this past month. The symposium was held in Eureka Springs, AR at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks.

There were several River Valley GIS Users Group members in attendance. Those group members that attended the symposium are:

- Brad Baldwin
- Wes Cleland
- Mike Hamby
- Tommy McClain
- Russell Gibson
- Jeff Fears
- Michelle Mizell

"This conference is worth attending. If you are able to attend the next conference, I highly recommend this one". Tina Thompson, GISP

Tina Thompson

If you asked me to recommend a GIS Conference, this would be it. It is very affordable and contains great content. It was wonderful to get to visit with other GIS Professionals across the state. We hope that more River Valley GIS Users Group members can attend the next one.

Thank you to all of our GIS Day Sponsors

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- Donny and Michelle Mizell
- John Garner Meats
- AOG

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