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*If you kneel before God,
you can stand before
any man.*



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Monday, September 11

11:30am **Benchmark and Build Your Business to Success**
Webinar presented by Minority Business Development Agency
5:00pm **Flavors of the Rock: Food Truck Edition**
Arkansas Food Bank

Tuesday, September 12

12:00pm **#TastyTuesday at the Railyard**
4:00pm **Navigating License, Taxes, and Permits**
hosted by Arkansas Small Business and Technology
Development Center (ASBTDC)
6:00pm **90s Skate Night**
Hosted by Create Little Rock Young Professionals Group and
NLR Young Professionals Group
Arkansas Skatium

Wednesday, September 13

8:30am **"Practice Makes Perfect" Pitch Workshop**
presented by Ar'jillian Gilmer, Gilmer's Learning Solutions

Thursday, September 14

11:30am **Access to Capital for MWBEs Webinar**
Presenters: La'Twan Cheatham, Arkansas Capital Corp.
Jay Young, FORGE
Itzel Velazquez, KIVA
Kimberly Lee, Hope Credit Union
5:30pm **"NEXT LEVEL" Pitch Competition**
Shark Judges: Keneasha Scott, KScott Consults
Rajesh Chokhani, BOND.AI
Jessica Johnston-Myers, Apptegy
Ebony Mitchell, Arkansas Foodbank
Emcee: Derrell Young with The Buzz

Friday, September 15

11:30am **Minority Enterprise Development Awards Luncheon**
Emcee: Faith Woodard with THV11
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Message from the President Mrs. Mary Parham

Greetings,

As the summer winds down, we are again reminded that September are Prostate Cancer and Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month. During the month numerous organizations, private companies, individuals, and communities are planning events to raise awareness for research into both of these deadly diseases.

According to the American Cancer Society, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men other than skin cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death in men. Sickle cell anemia disease is an inherited blood disorder that mostly affects people of African ancestry, but also occurs in other ethnic groups, including people who are of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern descent. It is estimated that Sickle cell affects over 100,000 Americans.

My sisters, family and friends let's sound the bell and spread the word throughout the community to bring the importance of both Prostate Cancer and Sickle Cell Disease to those who are important in our lives. Let's urge them to be aware and get tested today. "Staying Connected"

STATEWIDE TALENT SHOW

7TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE TALENT SHOW



Now Accepting Online Applications

AUDITIONS

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
9AM - 5PM

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 01, 2023
3PM - 5PM

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RESIDENTS

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NEW COVID VARIANT BA.2.86 "PIROLA"

Listen community please be careful as we approach the fall season. Health authorities are now trying to study BA.2.86, a new strain of the virus that causes COVID-19, after the highly mutated variant was spotted spreading in multiple countries around the world and at least four different U.S. states called Pirola.

At least 24 confirmed infections have been reported to the global virus database and other health authorities. As of Aug. 30, the following are open cases 10 are in Denmark, four are in Sweden, three are in the U.S., two are in South Africa, two are in Portugal, one is in Israel, one is in the United Kingdom and another is in Canada.

The health officials are equipped to deal with the spread of BA 2.86 due to early assessment, treatments and test. The newest vaccine will roll out this month September 2023.

But a number of questions remain about the variant, nicknamed "Pirola". The biggest question being will it affect us like Omnicron.

Covid cases in Arkansas for since 2020.

2020 226,563

2021 341,573

2022 398,859

2023 39,278 possibly rising



For more information regarding this new strain please contact your primary care physician, local health department or local hospital. You can also visit the Center for Disease and Control website at www.cdc.gov

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2023 Annual Sickle Cell Symposium

“ADVANCEMENTS IN SICKLE CELL RESEARCH AND TREATMENT:
PAVING THE WAY TOWARDS A CURE”

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

LUNCH RECEPTION: NOON - 1 P.M.

SYMPOSIUM: 1 - 4 P.M.

LOCATION: UAMS JACK STEPHENS SPINE INSTITUTE
501 JACK STEPHENS DRIVE
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205 | 12TH FLOOR



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SEPTEMBER 2023 SAVE THE DATES • SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

HAPPY LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

2023 Little Rock 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Saturday, September 9, 2023 • 8am-12 pm
Jack Stephens Center
Ticket Prices: \$25-\$70
For sponsorship & advertising email
TheURBANEMag@gmail.com

Second Saturday Family FunDay

Saturday, September 9, 2023 • 1pm-3pm
Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas
Pine Bluff, AR • Free Event

41st Annual Minority Enterprise Development Week • MED Week

September 11th thru September 15th
Little Rock Regional Chamber • Various Events
For more information, please visit
www.littlerockchamber.com
Or call Teanna Smith 501-377-6031

Hispanic Heritage Festival

Saturday, September 16, 2023 • 10am-2pm
Downtown NLR Argenta Plaza
Free Event • \$10 Salsa Contest
For more information visit www.northlittlerock.org

11th Annual Main Street Food Truck Festival

September 17, 2023 • 11am-6pm
Downtown Little Rock – Main Street 3rd to 9th
60+ Food Trucks, Sponsorships, Vendor Booths, & Vol-
unteer varies. www.downtownlr.com or call 501-375-0121

Little Rock Rocktoberfest

Saturday September 23, 2023 • War Memorial Stadium
General Admission: \$45 after 9/1 • Day of Event: \$50
VIP Admission: \$50 after 9/1
For more information visit www.stadium.com

2023 Arkansas Health & Wellness Expo

Saturday, September 30, 2023 • 9am-1pm
Statehouse Convention Center • FREE Event
For more information and Free tickets visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/>

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