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The purpose of Breakthrough News is to equip communities and regions to prosper in the 21st century economy.

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Create Jobs by Adding Value to Your Community's Assets

One of the most effective economic development strategies you can employ in your community or region is to add value or leverage the assets you already have. Our recent trip to Utah showed the multitude of businesses that sprang up around national parks. Learn how they added value to their tourism assets [here](#).

Show Me The Money Funding Publication Now Available

One of the most critical challenges facing community leaders and community development professionals is how to pay for new projects. A new comprehensive guide is now available that is a guide to funding and financing community and economic development in your community or region. [Read more](#).

Manila is Moving Forward

Congratulations to community leaders and citizens of Manila

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AR, who formed Moving Manila Forward as a vehicle for community and economic development in this Mississippi County community. See what they have already done [here](#).

Waldron, Scott County Moving On After Walmart Closes

On July 14, the Walmart store in Waldron closed its doors, creating a retail hole and removing 98 jobs from this community of 3,372. This led to great concern for friends and family of the newly unemployed, for those who shopped at and used Walmart's pharmacy, and for the future of the community. See what action they took [here](#).

Story of the Month: He Just Didn't Know Any Better

Sometimes our greatest limitations are not from physical or financial constraints, but because we just don't think it can be done. Read an incredible story of a breakthrough in mathematics because a student did not realize it could not be done [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- **November 4:** Arkansas Urban Homesteading Conference, St. Joseph Center in Little Rock. Go to <https://centralarkansastickets.com/events/urban-homesteading-conference>.
- **November 4:** Community Development Basics - How to Strengthen Arkansas Communities, Brewer Hegeman Conference Center, U of Central Arkansas in Conway. See <https://uca.edu/cced/ced-basics/>
- **November 9:** 2017 Annual Small City Economic Leadership and Development Conference, with the theme: "Small Cities, Big Opportunities" at the Four Points Sheraton Little Rock Midtown. For more information, contact Barbara Graggs at 501-379-1556.
- **November 14-16:** 2017 National Value-Added Agriculture Conference at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock. For more information, go to <https://www.agmrc.org/national-value-added-agriculture-conference/>



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