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## News Room

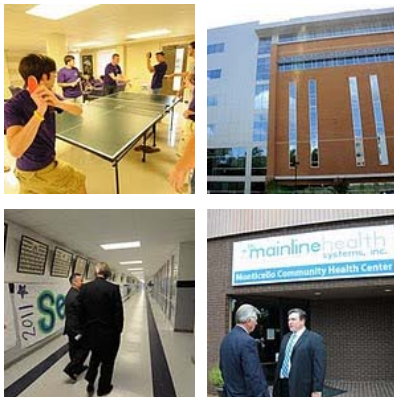
### Calendar

**Thursday, September 23**

12:00 P.M. | The Center of Bryant, 6401 Boone Road, Bryant  
Governor Beebe addresses the Bryant Rotary Club

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## An Official State Barbeque Championship-Bikes, Blues, and BBQ

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In the year 2000, with just over 300 riders, the first Bikes, Blues & BBQ was held as a motorcycle rally to benefit the entire area economically and to provide some of the most scenic motorcycle riding in the country; and

WHEREAS: This year, the Board of Directors of Bikes, Blues & Barbecue, Incorporated (Bikes Blues & BBQ), a nonprofit organization, is hosting the eleventh-annual Bikes, Blues & Barbecue rally in the picturesque Ozarks of Fayetteville, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: According to a 2005 study conducted by the University of Arkansas Center for Business and Economic Research, Bikes, Blues & BBQ generated approximately \$35 million in revenue to the State of Arkansas during rally week and is the largest charitable bike rally in the United States, contributing more than \$550,000 to local charities since its

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inception; and

WHEREAS: Hundreds of thousands of people attend the rally each year from all 50 states and many countries, enjoying musical entertainers from the region, delicious barbeque and other local cooking, unique merchandise from more than 150 vendors, and, most of all, the energy and scenery surrounding this rally; and

WHEREAS: This event, sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS), the largest international organization of barbecue and grilling enthusiasts, will award a \$5,000 Grand Champion Prize and a \$1,000 Reserve Champion Prize to winners of the cook-off, with a surprise award to the People's Choice Champion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2010, as

AN OFFICIAL STATE BARBEQUE CHAMPIONSHIP

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to participate and enjoy the activities of this festive occasion.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 10th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2010.

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