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NEWS EVENT NOTIFICATION

WHAT: Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Lake Village Welcome Center. The new facility features a unique 3,700-square foot, multi-level fishing and observation deck that extends over Lake Chicot.

WHO: Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe will join Commissioners and staff of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, as well as local officials for the event.

WHEN: **Tuesday, January 12 at 1:00 p.m.**

WHERE: The event will take place at the new Lake Village Welcome Center located on Highway 65/82 at the location of the old facility on Lake Chicot between Lake Village and Fairview.

WHY: This is the sixth new Welcome Center to open since a program to rebuild seven new centers began in 2003. The Welcome Centers operate under a partnership between the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism.

New centers have already opened in El Dorado, Texarkana, Fort Smith/Van Buren, Corning and Blytheville. Construction will begin later this year for a new West Memphis Welcome Center.

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