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Study Finds \$1.3 Billion in Economic Activity in Arkansas Would Be Generated by Significant Highway Investment

Arkansas Good Roads Foundation, joined by the State Chamber/AIA, released a study during a press conference at the State Chamber detailing the economic impact of increased investment in Arkansas roads and highways.

Read more [here](#).



Increased Spending Sends Federal Deficit to Highest Level Since 2012

The Washington Times reports that “since taking office” President Donald Trump “has overseen an additional \$1.6 trillion in debt – the accumulation of deficits in both spending and internal government borrowing.”

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Here's How A Trade War with China Could Affect You

Business Insider reports that a trade war between the U.S. and China could have a major impact on the U.S. economy.

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Shale Will Drive Global Oil Growth Through 2021

The Houston Chronicle reports that a new Goldman Sachs study says U.S. shale oil and gas will continue to drive supply growth through

at least 2021.

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Trump Rule Would Require Drug Makers to Include Prices in Television Ads

The Trump Administration recently unveiled a proposed rule which would require pharmaceutical companies to include the list price of medicines in television advertisements to consumers.

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China Amasses Record Trade Surplus Of \$34 Billion With U.S. in September

The AP reports “China’s trade surplus with the United States widened to a record \$34.1 billion in September.”

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EPA Shakes Up Advisory Panel That Guides Agency on Air Pollution

E&E News reports the Environmental Protection Agency announced changes to the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee.

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U.S. Proposes Using Military Bases To Export Fossil Fuels

The Trump administration is weighing exporting natural gas and coal to Asia out of military bases on the West Coast and in Alaska.

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Oil Steadies as Saudi Tensions Balance Demand Outlook

Reuters reported that oil prices settled higher amid mounting threats between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia over the kingdom's possible role in the suspected killing of a dissident Saudi journalist.

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Wastewater Discharge into Streams, Rivers Could Be Allowed by EPA

The Environmental Protection Agency is holding consultations to determine whether to allow oil and natural gas drillers to dump wastewater into rivers and streams.

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Trump Threatens More Tariffs on Chinese Imports

President Trump says that more tariffs on Chinese imports might be imposed if China doesn't negotiate "a fair deal" with the U.S.

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Kansas City Federal Reserve President Predicts More Rate Hikes

Reuters reports that at a recent economic forum in Oklahoma, Kansas City Fed President Esther George predicted the Fed will continue raising interest rates to ward off rising inflation.

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