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City receives gift of oak trees from Ross Foundation

Employees of Arkadelphia's water utilities and street departments Monday plant one of 40 oak trees in downtown Arkadelphia. The Ross Foundation funded the project in observance of its 40th anniversary. Foundation trustees presented the trees "as a gift to the city of Arkadelphia." The oaks were planted downtown to replace those damaged or destroyed by the 1997 tornado. Trees were also planted at Peake Elementary School and the Little League baseball fields. Roy Bledsoe coordinated the planting crew, Ross Foundation program director Mary Elizabeth Eldridge said.