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Ron Drake

Maryville, MO – The City of Maryville and Northwest Missouri State University are pleased to announce the return of author and downtown consultant Ron Drake to Maryville August 22-25th. Ron Drake Consulting, LLC, a Siloam Springs, Arkansas, company, provides quality-of-life consulting services to small towns. In addition to authoring “Flip this Town: Preservation Made Practical on Main Street USA,” Drake regularly gives presentations throughout the country about his techniques for reviving downtown commercial districts. The Community Foundation of Northwest Missouri and the Maryville Downtown Improvement Organization hosted Drake earlier this year for a multi-day visit.

This visit plans to continue gathering insight on comprehensive strategic approaches for reestablishing a thriving and vibrant downtown. In addition to meeting with City leaders to discuss action plans and potential barriers to redevelopment, Drake will be meeting with other community groups, be available for one-on-one meetings with business owners, and making several presentations. Drake is scheduled to present at Northwest’s annual fall All-Employee Meeting focusing on community relationships and town/gown partnerships.

For downtown businesses, property owners, and other parties requesting consulting time with Ron Drake, please contact City Manager Greg McDanel at 660-562-8001 to schedule.

For more information on Ron Drake, please visit www.rondrakeconsulting.com.

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