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American Legion Post 230 places flags throughout Stockton to commemorate Armed Forces Day

Alana Hindman

Stockton's American Legion Post 230 launched its Community Flag Program on Friday, May 17, to commemorate Armed Forces Day. Twelve American Legion members placed fifty-five flags at predesignated locations along the roadways of businesses and residences in Stockton. The flags will be displayed through Memorial Day weekend.

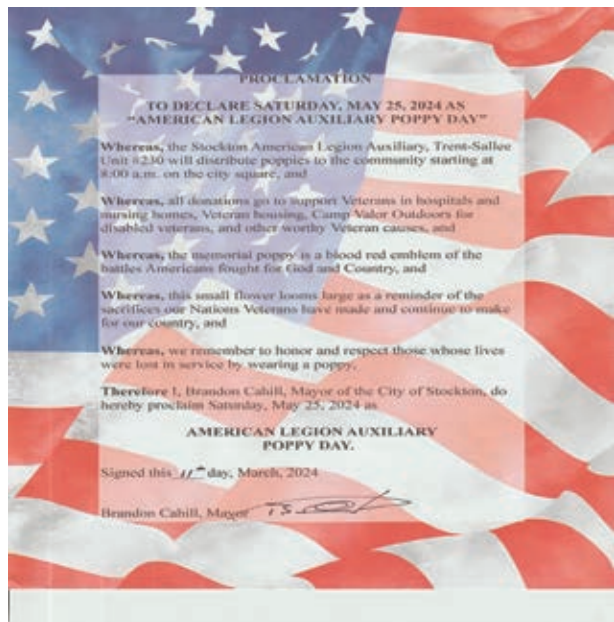
Any landowner interested in having a flag placed by the Legion will pay \$50 per year to enroll in the program. The fee will cover the placement of a standardized 3x5 American flag/pole, the plastic pipe it will be situated in and a lid cover for when it's not in use. Placement, collection, maintenance, and storage of the flags and poles will be the responsibility of the American Legion Post 230. Funds collected will help provide temporary financial assistance for local veterans, go towards transportation costs for the military honors and color guard teams, and continued support to kids' programs, sponsorship of boys and girls state sports teams, and other community programs. Plans are to have the flags displayed for nine or ten national holidays throughout the year.

Suggested national holidays are Presidents Day on Feb. 19, Armed Forces on May 18, Memorial Day on May 27, Flag Day/Rodeo/Father's Day around June 14, Independence Day on July 4, Patriot Day on September 11, Constitution for Sept 17, Election Day on November 5, Veterans Day on November 11, and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on December 7. For additional information or to enroll in the program, contact 417.830.3587.



American Legion Post 230 begin instillation of flags. Contributed photo

American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day May 25



By Contributed news

Stockton's American Legion Auxiliary Unit 230 will observe National Poppy Day on Saturday, May 25, 2024. The red poppy symbolized the blood shed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields" after World War I.

On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion Family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a program of the American Legion. Led by the Auxiliary, the American Legion Family distributes poppies and requests that the person receiving the flower donate to support the future of veterans, active-duty military per-

sonnel and their families.

Unit 230 has again received a mayoral proclamation designating May 25th, 2024, as AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POPPY DAY and authorizing the distribution of poppies on the square in Stockton.

Carla Griffin, President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 230, Stockton, said, "We would greatly appreciate your support. The community has always been most generous, and the funds donated have supported veterans at the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home, the tiny home project in Kansas City, Camp Valor Outdoors, and Home at Last Veterans Services in Springfield, Missouri, to name a few. We hope to see you on the morning of May 25th and thank you for any level of support you are able to provide."

DB Disposal is awarded three-year contract for Stockton's waste removal services

By Alana Hindman

DB Disposal was recently awarded a three-year contract to provide waste removal services for Stockton residents. Starting on June 7, pickup day is scheduled for Fridays. The disposal company is locally owned by Cody and Terri Jones, as well as Waylon and LaDonna Ferguson. Co-Owner Cody Jones said, "All of us are natives to and currently live in Cedar County. We currently serve around 12,500 residential and commercial customers spanning eight counties. The city of Stockton will add another 750 customers."

He added that DB Disposal always seeks opportunities to grow the business and serve more people.

"We have been serving customers outside the city limits and several businesses inside the city limits

for many years. We believe we can provide the best service to the residents of Stockton and that we are the best ones for the job. We are a local company and employ local people, so money spent with us stays in the local community," said Jones.

According to Mayor Brandon Cahill, DB Disposal submitted the lowest of three bids for the contract. Although there will be an increase, it will be much less than residents would've had to pay if the other removal contracts had been chosen. The new rates for the removal services will increase from \$14.75 to \$14.85, and the rate for an additional cart will increase from \$5 to \$7 per month.

Jones said, "We have a list given to us by the city with the number of carts each resident currently pays for. This is the number of carts they will re-

ceive from us at the time of the transition. If they would like more or less carts, they can make that request with the city."

Republic Services' last week to pick up trash will be the week of May 27. Due to the Memorial holiday, trash pick up will run one day behind that week. Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, and Wednesday's route will be picked up on Thursday. Republic Services has requested that residents leave their carts at the curb that week for pickup. DB Disposal will be delivering their carts around the same time. With the new trash pickup day happening on Fridays, there will be less confusion during holidays or snow days.

Current DB Disposal customer Kimberly Warner, who owns Kimmy's at Caplinger, said, "We have used DB Disposal for our campground

since we broke ground in 2019. Their office gals are prompt in responding when we need them, and when we needed to upgrade the size of our dumpster to meet demands, they were extremely reasonable in their pricing. Best of all, they are a local operation based out of El Dorado Springs. Local small businesses are the ones that put money back into our community; we are proud to support them."

Jones commented on a city-wide pickup in case residents had concerns: "We chose to pick everyone up in one day to make it easier for the customer and the staff at city hall. We will be running two trucks at the same time and expect to have every one picked up by 1 p.m. or earlier.... We are excited and ready to get started."

Anyone with questions should contact City Hall at 417.276.5210.

Calling all Cedar county subscribers

Start this rockin' summer by looking high and low to win each month

This summer, get ready for an exhilarating adventure as the Cedar County Republican Newspaper unveils a thrilling new contest.

Each month, we will be hiding a uniquely painted rock created by the locally famous rock painter Tracy Nichols of ElDo. The first clue to find the rock will be in the June 5 edition of

the Cedar County Republican Newspaper. To participate, simply follow the clue and search for the rock. A new clue will be revealed each week in June until the rock is discovered and brought to the newspaper office.

If the rock is not found by June 19, an exact geo site will be given, which will be a specific location within Cedar County where the rock is hidden.

Imagine the delightful prize package each month! Enriques, a beloved

local restaurant, is generously contributing a \$30 gift certificate. Simple Simons, a community favorite, is donating a free large pizza. The Bait Shop, a local gem, is giving out a dozen minnows or worms.

Retro Spirit is donating a free t-shirt. We are adding a Cedar County Republican Newspaper mug and pen.

So get on your mark, get set, and ... look for the June 5 edition. No CCR staff or family is eligible.

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Stockton board hears reports from citizens and police department

By Pat Hindman

Stockton's board of aldermen met on May 13 in regular session to conduct business. Several speakers addressed the board during the session.

Cedar County and Stockton Emergency Manager Arlo Rupke offered a general overview of Stockton's emergency management systems in light of recent storms. Rupke explained the chain of command and discussed sirens. He noted that sirens are set off with a three-minute ring on and a three-minute ring off when a tornado approaches the area. Once the main storm has passed 50 miles away from the city with no danger of coming back, sirens quit sounding.

A Stockton citizen, Dennis Anthony, brought forward significant traffic concerns in front of the new Mexican Restaurant and Cantina near the four-way intersection in the center of town. Anthony, a retired code enforcement officer with 12 years of experience, has observed people crossing into the restaurant without looking. He proposed the idea of a pedestrian crossing to alleviate the issue. Mayor Brandon Cahill acknowledged the city's previous examination of the traffic flow, but noted the limitations due to the restaurant's location on Highway 32. However, he assured Anthony that the city has been in communication with

MoDot to explore potential solutions.

Anthony also addressed a possible issue of signage in the city, noting that private advertising signs are being placed on public right-of-way, restricting views. Regarding the signage, Anthony said, "It doesn't add to the appearance of Stockton, either."

A second Stockton citizen, Richard Ernst, related building and runoff concerns in his subdivision. Ernst said he was an appointed representative of the people living on the west side of North High Street. Ernst said that people who purchased new homes in that area had one year to address concerns about houses and improvements needed to be made to the contractor. According to Ernst, people buying new homes often complained to the contractor about runoff from stormwater. The contractor told them that he would see the issue resolved, but one year had passed, and nothing had been done. Ernst said the contractor is telling the homeowners that the problem is the subdivision developer's responsibility rather than his. The subdivision was initially developed as a trailer court. Ernst also expressed concerns that the city is allowing this construction company to continue to build in the city when several complaints have been brought to the town concerning what

Ernst said was "his shoddy workmanship."

The contractor was not at the meeting.

Mayor Brandon Cahill clarified that while the city cannot spend taxpayers' money on private property, they are committed to addressing the subdivision development issue in a closed session. He also assured Ernst that he and the city attorney would explore if there were any actions the city could take.

The board and newly-appointed Sergeant Justin Daniels held a lengthy discussion. Daniels said he and Police Chief Zakk Yokley have been working to get the new police station underway.

"Our biggest problem is waiting," Daniels said. He indicated a lot of equipment had been purchased, but not all had been delivered.

Sergeant Justin Daniels provided an update on the police department's progress, highlighting their proactive approach to acquiring the necessary equipment. He mentioned that the department has purchased a significant amount of the needed equipment from state surplus at a greatly reduced cost. Additionally, they have applied for a FEMA grant, which if received, would provide the city with approximately \$100,000 worth of equipment, including a hi-tech camera, body armor, drones, medical equipment, and more.

After 24 years in education, school's out forever for Tammy Trower, a recent retiree of Stockton

By Alana Hindman

Tammy Trower is stepping into another exciting season after twenty-four years in education: her retirement. Over the last twenty-one years, she has persevered and encouraged many while serving in the Special Education department for Stockton schools.

"I have really enjoyed working one-on-one with special education students and seeing their growth," said Trower, who was blessed to work alongside a great academic team.

She appreciates how supportive and friendly the Stockton staff was to work with.

"They are my away-from-home family," revealed Trower.

Although she has spent the majority of her career teaching at Stockton, she also taught in Springfield at Ritter Head Start for two years and at ELD for one year. She highlighted some of the academic changes made over her time in education, like those to the elementary curriculum. She has seen it become more rigorous and watched as less time has been given to enrichment activities. One example she gave was the expectation that kids leaving kindergarten can read.

When asked about her most memorable



After a twenty-four year teaching career in Special Education, Tammy Trower retires from Stockton Schools. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Stockton moments, she said, "On Halloween-our crazy teacher costumes, the time spent with great teachers who have become lifelong friends, and when I finished my teaching degree while working at Stockton."

She encourages other teachers as they continue in their careers, "Find the students that need you the most, put a little extra effort into them, and it will pay off in the long run."

She also said that teachers need to lean on each other and not be afraid to ask for help.

Regarding her retirement plans, she said, "I plan to spend quality time with my mother and take care of my grandkids, Nealey, Chaney, Riggs, Aiden, and Liam. Also, I plan to travel on the truck with my stud muffin, Bob Durrett, and see all of the sights in the States that I haven't seen."

She concluded with a final goodbye to students and staff, "It's been a joy working with each and everyone of you. I will miss you all, but I look forward to my next adventure in life."

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Retro Spirit opens in Stockton



Stockton's Chamber of Commerce President Bill Crabtree, left, holds the ribbon for the Retro Spirit, 536 West Street. The funky new shop opened on May 15. Also pictured are owners Fred Toppe and Patricia Lewis; Rachael Bystone, Lewis' daughter; and business person Janae Graham. Toppe and Lewis are from El Dorado Springs and have been traveling vendors since 2018. "We opened to bring a little whimsy...a splash of color, a splash of fun," Toppe said. "Like our sign says, 'We have far-out fashions and groovy distractions.'" Pat Hindman

Specialty Calendar

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Dr. Knowlton-Podiatry Dr. Kemm-Gastroenterology	4 Dr. Santiago-Cardiology B. McPeak, FNP-C-Cardiology J. Pryor, FNP-BC - Wound Care	5 M. Davidson, FNP-C-Neurology	6 Dr. Pierson- Pulmonology	7 Dr. John- Rheumatology W. Ralston- Pain Management	8
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School is out, and now SAMA plans for back-to-school

President makes plea for help

By Pat Hindman

Michael Tunnell, Stockton Area Ministerial Alliance (SAMA), made an impassioned plea at the May 22 Chamber of Commerce luncheon for donations to the SAMA annual Back to School Supply Celebration.

Tunnell said help is needed now even though the school is far from the August date.

The Back to School Sup-

ply Celebration, now in its 16th year, has been a beacon of hope for our community's children. Thanks to the generous donations from businesses, all preschool students through 12 can partake in this event each year regardless of financial limitations. This event, which has become a lifeline for many families, is a testament to the power of our community's collective support.

"Plans for this began long before even now," Tunnell said. The event serves an average of over

500 students a year. "We give them what we can," Tunnell said. "We take the school supply list and start down it. Last year, over \$9,300 worth of school supplies were distributed.

Tunnell said through community support, children were supplied with nearly everything on the school list.

"Backpacks are something I have wanted to give for over 16 years," Tunnell said. It has been his dream to hand out backpacks. He said some have been located, and

with an additional \$900, students could all receive screen-printed backpacks. "We need your partnership."

In addition to school supplies, a celebration is held, and organizations are represented around the circle drive. Tunnell urged organizations to set up booths and give out prizes as part of the community effort. Food, drink, and much more is supplied.

"Our only stipulation is that nothing is sold," he said. "This is a free day for our families.

"I love it," Tunnell said. "When you see the tables piled with school supplies, the kids' eyes just light up. They are ready to go back to school, and many parents are ready for them to go back to school."

Tunnell encourages people to offer ideas, partnerships, participation, advertising, and financial support in the coming days to prepare for the August 3 event. He emphasizes that the success of the event relies on the collective efforts of the community.



Michael Tunnell, pastor of the First Christian Church of Stockton and president of Stockton Area Ministerial Alliance, encourages all businesses to take part in SAMA's annual Back to School Supply Celebration by partnering now to make the August event a success. PAT HINDMAN

American Legion Post 230 hosts sixth annual fishing event



By Contributed news

American Legion Post 230, Stockton, hosted its 6th annual fishing event with 10 veterans affiliated with Camp Valor Outdoors, who have sustained combat and service related injuries. Their years of service were from the Korean War to the present. Fishing guides from the Post 230 and Stockton Lake community volunteered for two days of fishing. Thunderstorms and tornado warnings impeded results but not enthusiasm!

Old friendships were rekindled, and new friends were made.

Post membership and CVO warriors enjoyed another great fish fry on the last day of the event.



Missouri Baseball Coaches Association announces all-state academic baseball teams.



Last week, the Missouri Baseball Coaches Association announced their all-state academic baseball teams. The Stockton Tigers were well represented, with six Tigers making the list. Additionally, the Stockton Tiger team had a combined GPA of 3.33, placing them in the Top 25 of Class 3 schools. Pictured above, from left, are academic all-staters Jack Rickman, Bowen Bird, Easton Hubbard, Colter Woods, Kale Rader, and Kolten Goodman Kevin Caudle

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Emily Mehl, right, and Kelly Frieze, of Stockton Lake Properties at awards' night receiving their sales recognition awards. Contributed photo

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EL DORADO POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY LOG

On 5-6-2024, Officers responded to property damage in the 700 block of W Industrial Dr.

On 5-6-2024, Code Enforcement posted a residence in the 300 block of S Ohio for nuisance grass.

On 5-6-2024, Officers responded to an animal bite in the 1800 block of S Phillips St.

On 5-6-2024, Officers responded to a shoplifting in the 300 block of W 54 Hwy.

On 5-6-2024, Officers conducted a traffic stop at Grand St and Marshall St where the vehicle was towed for no insurance and no registration.

On 5-7-2024, Code Enforcement responded to an unlicensed kennel in the 1100 block of S Jackson St.

On 5-7-2024, Officers responded to a theft of a package in the 200 block of W Walnut St.

On 5-7-2024, Officers towed an abandoned vehicle in the 100 block of W 54 Hwy.

On 5-8-2024, Officers responded to a theft of a package in the 200 block of E Olive St.

On 5-8-2024 Officers

executed an arrest warrant on Matthew Charles for outstanding Dade County, MO warrants.

On 5-8-2024, Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 400 block of E Marshall where the vehicle was towed for no insurance, no registration, and no valid driver.

On 5-9-2024, Code Enforcement posted a residence in the 200 block of E Olive for nuisance grass.

On 5-9-2024, Code Enforcement posted a residence in the 500 block of N St James St for nuisance grass.

On 5-9-2024, Code Enforcement posted a residence in the 100 block of W McCrary St for nuisance grass.

On 5-9-2024, Officers responded to a runaway juvenile in the 1000 block of E Hickory St.

On 5-10-2024, Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of W Spring St.

On 5-10-2024, Officers responded to a harassment in the 200 block of S Kirkpatrick St.

On 5-10-2024, Officers executed an arrest warrant

on Gregory Copenhaver for outstanding Bates County, MO warrants.

On 5-11-2024, Officers responded to a domestic assault in the 300 block of S First St.

On 5-12-2024, Officers responded to property damage in the 700 block of S Allison St.

On 5-12-2024, Officers executed a search warrant at 200 W McCrary Circle where suspected methamphetamine were discovered.

On 5-12-2024, Officers executed an arrest warrant on Isiah Ohman for outstanding Cedar County, MO warrants.

ElDo Historical Days are coming

Preserve Our Past Society, Wayside Inn Museum, will sponsor Historical Hysteria Days on June 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown El Dorado Springs.

Get ready for a day filled with joy and excitement as the Wynn Brothers play lively bluegrass music, and an Old Time Fiddlers/rhythm contest kicks off at 2 p.m.

Ken Draper will present special presentations of characters such as a Union cavalry soldier with a horse, and Suzanna Jones will present Native American storytelling of Buffalo Soldiers and Elizabeth Wofford.

Explore the event's diverse offerings, from antique/classic tractors to old-time vendors, crafters, miniature horses, and a small farm animal petting zoo. Several new vendors will also be joining for the day.

The Wayside Inn Museum will serve bottled water and homemade desserts. Liquid Luck Coffee Truck will serve waffles and drinks. Masonic Lodge will offer grilled burgers and Suzies.

For more information, contact Paula at 417-296-5990, and watch next week for a complete day schedule.

This annual event is partially funded by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Missouri Humanities Count, and the Margaret Parker Platter Charitable Trust.

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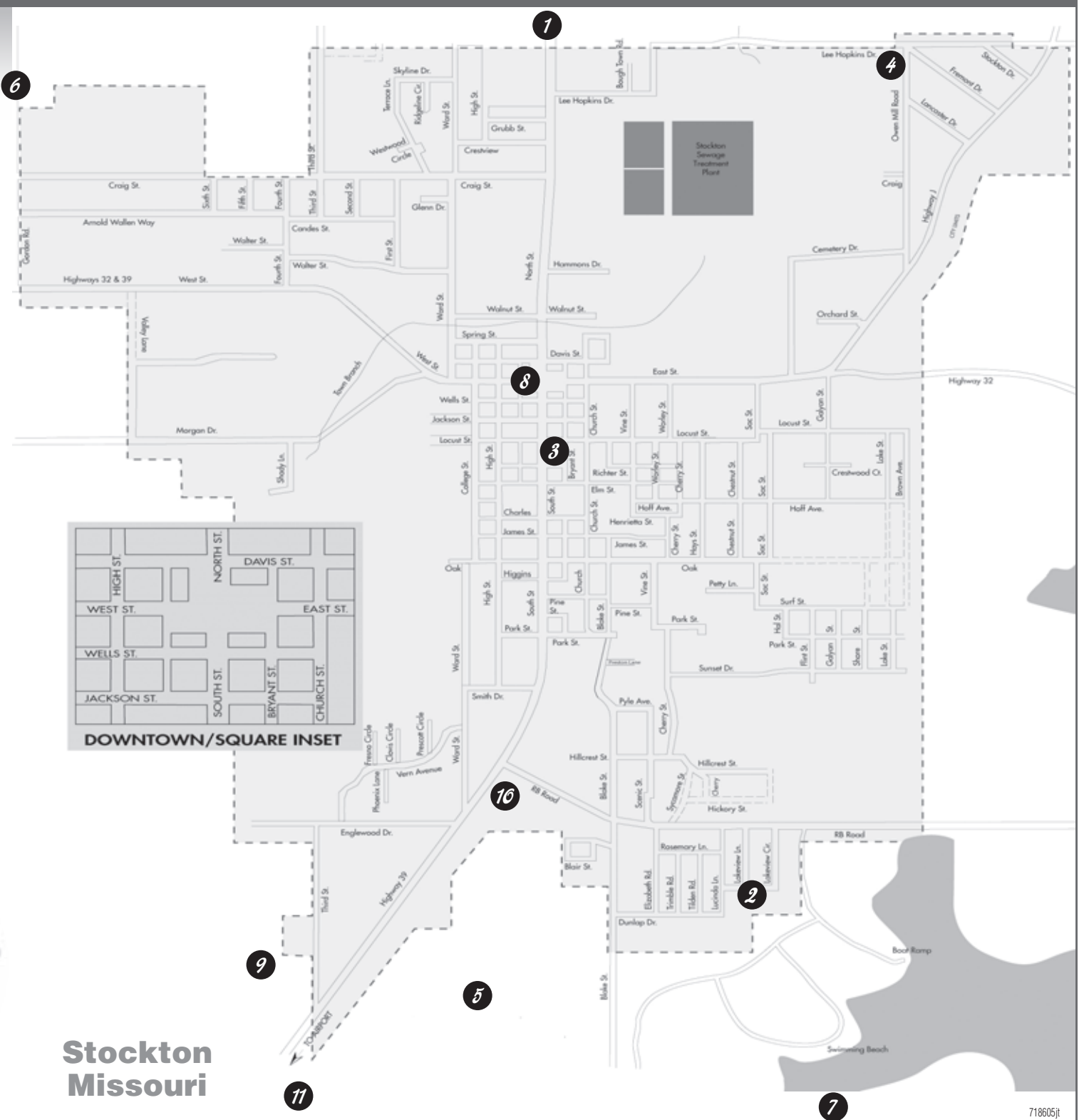
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2. 600 Lakeview Circle Stockton
3. 300 South Street Stockton
4. 811 Owen Mill Road Stockton
5. Stockton Family Fun Center
6. 13600 Hwy 39 North Stockton
7. 17029 South 1539 Rd Stockton
8. Simmons Bank 14 Public Square Stockton
9. Stockton Assembly of God 1505 South 3rd Rd Stockton
10. Masonic Lodge Hwy 39 and RB Road
11. 996 N. State Hwy 39 Arcola, MO



One injured when semi overturns

From the CCR newsroom

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, a Belton man received moderate injuries in a one-vehicle accident on M32 one mile east of Stockton May 14. The accident occurred when a 2015 International 4000 driven by Jeffery Sherman, 34, of Belton was westbound and the vehicle traveled off the right side of the roadway. The driver over-corrected and overturned.

Sherman was taken by ambulance to CMH, Bolivar.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Contributed news

VFW Post 257 will conduct a Memorial Day ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 27 at the El Dorado Springs City Cemetery. The public and especially all veterans are encouraged to attend. Feel free to bring a lawn chair. This is an opportunity for our community to come together and show our pride and patriotism as well as our gratitude! Let us never forget those brave women and men who sacrificed so much to preserve our freedom.

American Legion 230 announced Memorial Day services

Contributed news

As the nation prepares to honor the brave men and women who have served our nation, the Trent-Salee Post 230 American Legion has meticulously planned several Memorial Day services and ceremonies, marking a significant day in our nation's history.

The legion will conduct Memorial Day services on May 27 at the following times and cemeteries:

- Cedar Gap at 7 a.m.;
- Lindley Prairie at 7:30 a.m.;
- Hartley at 8 a.m.;
- Alder at 8:30 a.m.;
- Stockton at 9 a.m.;
- Pankey at 9:39 a.m.;
- Hamby at 10 a.m.;
- Virgil City at 10:30 a.m.;
- Anna Edna at 11:15 a.m.;
- and Gum Springs at 11:45 a.m.

Arrival times are subject to change if rain occurs. Cemeteries are responsible for upkeep.

WB US 60 Left Lane CLOSED West of Route 65 for Pipe Repair

Contributed news

Where: Westbound U.S. Route 60 (James River Freeway) west of U.S. Route 65 near the Glenstone Avenue exit

When: Now until further notice

What: MoDOT and contractor crews will be making repairs to a damaged pipe in the median. Crews will excavate the area to make repairs to the damaged pipe, and then repair the impacted inside shoulder area.

Traffic Impacts: Westbound Route 60 (James River Freeway) inside shoulder and far left lane CLOSED west of Route 65 in Springfield

Right two westbound Route 60 lanes OPEN to traffic

Eastbound Route 60 (James River Freeway) inside shoulder west of Route 65 CLOSED

Expect delays during high traffic volume times

Watch for crews and equipment

working close to traffic Drivers are urged to consider alternate routes

Check MoDOT's Traveler Information Map for road closings/traffic impacts

Staging will take place over the next few days, prior to work beginning. It is expected that the repairs will take up to 14 days to complete. Weather and/or construction delays may alter the work schedule.

MoDOT urges drivers to be safe on Memorial Day weekend

Work zones, permanent lane closures to remain in place

Contributed news

The upcoming Memorial Day holiday signals the start of summer travel, and the Missouri Department of Transportation is urging drivers to be cautious and patient, and to use good judgment when traveling this busy season.

Impaired and distracted driving, excessive speeds and not wearing seat belts are just a few decisions that can take a long weekend from celebratory to deadly.

Over Memorial Day weekend last year, 14 people were killed and 60 were seriously injured in Missouri

traffic crashes. These fatalities are almost always preventable by taking simple actions such as wearing a seat belt, putting down your phone and never texting while driving, obeying the speed limits, and never driving impaired.

That all applies in work zones as well, which drivers may see more of in these warmer months. Some of those work zones include permanent lane closures that will remain in place this Memorial Day weekend. Please pay attention and drive safely in work zones. Being a safe, responsible driver saves lives and reduces injuries to our crews and the traveling public. Plan your trip ahead of time and check for work zones on MoDOT's Traveler Information Map at traveler.modot.org or call our customer service center at 888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636).

Have A Safe Memorial Day Weekend!

Contributed news

Memorial Day weekend brings Missouri to life with busy state parks, lakes, and attractions, along with sporting events, barbecues, and gatherings of friends and family. Our state has a lot to offer, especially when the weather is nice. A little planning will go a long way to making your Memorial Day weekend activities a success. The Missouri State Highway Patrol reminds everyone to include safety when they plan their holiday weekend. Everyone should expect more travelers on Missouri's roadways and an increase in boating traffic on the state's lakes and rivers. Drivers and boat operators are reminded to follow all Missouri's laws and be courteous. Always wear a seat belt when traveling in a vehicle, and wear a life jacket when near, on, or in the water.

This year's Memorial Day holiday counting period begins at 6 p.m., Friday, May 24, and ends at 11:59 p.m., Monday, May 27, 2024. Every available trooper will be on the road or on the water, enforcing Missouri laws and assisting

people. Troopers on our roadways will focus their attention on hazardous moving violations, speed violations, and impaired drivers. The Patrol will be participating in Operation C.A.R.E. (Crash Awareness Reduction Effort) during Memorial Day weekend.

Over the 2023 Memorial Day holiday weekend, 13 people died and 403 were injured in 990 traffic crashes. (Troopers worked 287 traffic crashes involving 12 fatalities and 117 injuries.) The Memorial Day weekend is also an unofficial start to the boating season. During the 2023 Memorial Day weekend, there were 10 boating crashes which included no fatalities and two injuries. No one drowned over last year's Memorial Day weekend. Last year, troopers made 137 driving while intoxicated and eight boating while intoxicated arrests.

Always be courteous and pay attention, whether you're operating a vehicle or a vessel, and choose to be a sober driver on land and on the water. A safe, fun weekend is the result of planning and making good decisions.

Motorists or boaters in

need of assistance or who want to report a crime should use the Highway Patrol's Emergency Assistance number 1-800-525-5555 (or *55 on a cellular phone). For road condition reports, travelers can visit the Patrol's website at <https://statepatrol.dps.mo.gov>. Click on the Road Condition icon to view road construction areas as well as road conditions throughout the state or call 1-888-275-6636.

Motorists are encouraged to do their part to make Missouri's roadways safer. Speed, inattention, and impaired driving are leading causes of traffic crashes. Please obey all traffic laws and make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly restrained in a seat belt or child restraint.

When you're on the water, please be courteous to others enjoying Missouri's lakes and rivers, wear a life jacket, and obey the law regarding safe operation of a vessel. Always observe no wake zones. Causing harm to another person or their property with an excessive boat wake may subject you to enforcement action or civil liability.

When you're traveling up Missouri's rivers in a jet boat, turn off the motor for a second and listen before navigating around that bend. River bends create blind spots. Listening for boats coming down the river allows you time to give way. Also, jet boats should stay closer to the center of the river to give floaters room.

When operating a power-driven vessel, it's important to understand the rules of navigation. Power-driven vessels must give way to anchored or disabled vessels, vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver, and commercial fishing vessels. Power-driven vessels also yield to a sailboat under sail unless it is overtaking. Observing right-of-way rules makes our waterways safer for everyone.

Always treat other boaters and property owners as you want to be treated. Never operate a boat while you are impaired; never ride with an impaired operator. Remember: Life jackets save lives. Wear It!!

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Fundraiser to be held for Hobbs

Contributed news

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held Saturday, June 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 130 South Clompton St., Dadeville. All proceeds will go toward Ronetta Hobbs' medical expenses and financial support in her fight against lung cancer. Hobbs works the front desk of the CMH, Stockton.

Tickets may be purchased at CMH Stockton Rehabilitation Clinic or First Baptist Church, Dadeville. Dinner will be spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, and dessert for \$10 a person and \$6 for children 12 and under.

There will be a silent auction also.

Please contact Mandi Brantley at 417-298-2074 or Kerri Toler at 417-777-1937 for more information.

Guest Speaker Jeremy Neely to visit Cedar County Libraries

Contributed news

Jeremy Neely will be the guest speaker at both libraries on Cedar County on June 7, at 2:00 PM in Eldorado Springs and 4:40 PM in Stockton. The topic is, Terrors and Trials:

Lucy and Henry Fike's Civil War.

Drawing upon the 400 letters that Henry and Lucy Fike wrote to each other during the Civil War, Jeremy Neely considers the ways that two ordinary people--one a schoolteacher who

became a Union quartermaster and the other a homemaker -- navigated the greatest challenges that their nation and marriage faced.

Together, the Fikes remind us how the war was indeed a shared experience which demanded extraordinary sacrifices by men, women, and children alike.

Thank You

The family of Dennis Keith would like to thank all friends and family for the support you gave us during the loss of our beloved husband and father. To anyone who called, brought food, made donations, sent cards or flowers, your thoughtfulness made our loss easier knowing so many people cared. Thanks also to the Cedar County Sheriff's office, EMT's and Bland Hackleman's Funeral Home.

*Sincerely,
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LEGALS

United States flag facts and handling etiquette

From the CCR newsroom

STREET PAVING BID SOLICITATION

The City of Stockton is soliciting bids for asphaltting City streets. Bid specs can be picked up at City Hall, 1424 South Street or contact Vanessa Harper at 417-276-5210 for an electronic copy.

Sealed bids should be submitted to City Hall, P.O. Box 590, Stockton, MO 65785 or delivered in person to City Hall Mon-Fri 8-4. Please mark envelope "Street Repair Spring 2024".

Deadline will be Friday, June 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. All bids will be presented to the City Council for consideration on Monday June 10, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. during the regular session meeting at City Hall at 1424 South Street, Stockton, Missouri 65785.

* The City of Stockton reserves the right to refuse or reject any or all bids.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CEDAR COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of DONALD FUGATE, Deceased. Case No. 23CD-PR00068

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND APPLICATION FOR DISTRIBUTION

To all persons interested in the above referenced estate: You are hereby notified that the undersigned independent personal representative will file a petition for an order of settlement of the estate together with a final settlement and proposed order of distribution in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Cedar County, Missouri on June 04, 2024, or as may be continued by the court. If no objections to the settlement and proposed distribution are filed within twenty (20) days after the date of filing thereof, the court will consider settlement and proposed distribution, and upon their approval, the court will determine the person's entitled to decedent's descendible interest in the estate and to the extent and character of their interest therein. Upon proof of compliance with the court's order of distribution by the independent personal representative, the court will discharge the independent personal representative and his sureties, if any, from further claim or demand by any interested person.

Cheryl Barrios
Personal Representative
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Attorney for
Personal Representative

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of May, 2024, the Circuit Court of Cedar County, Missouri entered Judgment in Case No. 24CD-CV00145 changing the name of Amanda Lori Peoples to Amanda Lori Eason.

Dated: May 14, 2024
Sarah Turner, Circuit Clerk
Cedar County, Missouri

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CEDAR COUNTY, MISSOURI CIRCUIT DIVISION

CONNIE HAMRICK, Plaintiff, vs. ZELLA POPE, and her heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, assigns, or Personal Representatives, whether known or unknown, minor or incapacitated, or whether or not included within the purview of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Defendants. Case No. 24CD-CV00237

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Defendants: Zella Pope, and her heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, assigns, or Personal Representatives, whether known or unknown, minor or incapacitated, or whether or not included within the purview of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for Cedar County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is: Petition to Quiet Title

The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is J.D. Baker, Baker Law Firm, L.L.C., P.O. Box 565, Osceola, MO 64776.

You are further notified that a hearing on the Petition to Quiet Title has been scheduled for hearing on July 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., and unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition by said date, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this 16th day of May, 2024.

Sarah Turner
Circuit Clerk

The United States flag was first imagined after the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The Continental Congress authorized creation of the first national flag on June 14, 1777. It was decided that the flag should have 13 stripes, alternating red and white, to represent the original 13 colonies, and that the new union be represented by 13 white stars in a blue field to signify a "new constellation." Francis Hopkinson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is most often credited with the original design.

Today there are 50 stars on the flag to represent the 50 states, while the 13 stripes still represent the 13 British colonies that became the first states. While this may be common knowledge, Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, may not be as widely known. The code dictates that the flag is to be treated with respect and proper etiquette. The code is extensive, but the following guidelines can help private individuals interested in displaying their flags do so in accordance with the law.

Flags should only be displayed in public from sunrise to sunset, unless the flag can be properly illuminated during darkness. In this instance, it may be displayed

at all times.
· When displayed with other flags, such as on a single staff or lanyard, the U.S. flag should be above all other flags. If flags are displayed in a row, the U.S. flag goes to the observer's left.
· State and local flags are traditionally flown lower than the American flag.
· During marching ceremonies or parades with other flags, the U.S. flag should be to the observer's left.

· The flag should be displayed at every public institution and at schools during school days.

· When displayed vertically and not on a staff, the union should be on the left when observed. It should be suspended so its folds fall freely as though the flag were staffed.

· The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
· The flag is often displayed at half-staff on days of mourning, including Memorial Day. The flag should first be hoisted to the peak for an instant, then lowered to half-staff position, which is half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.

· On a vehicle, the U.S. flag should be displayed from a staff firmly fixed to the chassis. It should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle.



The following guidelines can help private individuals interested in displaying their flags do so in accordance with the law.

· The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise. It also should never have anything placed on it.
· A flag in poor condition should be destroyed with dignity, preferably by burning. Most American Legion posts and local Boy Scouts troops will have the resources to retire flags accordingly. Many will host annual flag retirement ceremonies on Flag Day.

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The history of Memorial Day

From the CCR newsroom

Though many people are quick to refer to Memorial Day as the unofficial beginning of summer, the day is much more than that. Initially known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day to remember those military members who died in service of the country.

The origins of Memorial Day remain a topic of debate. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y. as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. However, the roots of Memorial Day likely run much deeper, as researchers at Duke University note that during the Civil War, organized women's groups in the south had begun to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers.

Memorial Day as we know it today can likely be traced to Charleston, S.C., where teachers, missionaries and some members of the press gathered on May 1, 1865 to honor fallen soldiers. During the Civil War,

captured Union soldiers were held at the Charleston Race Course and hundreds died during captivity. Upon their deaths, soldiers were buried in unmarked graves. When the Civil War ended, the May Day gathering was organized as a memorial to all the men who had died during captivity. The burial ground was landscaped, and those freed as a result of the Civil War played an integral role in the event at the Charleston Race Course.

While the event in Charleston might have been the first Memorial Day-type celebration in the southern United States, General John A. Logan is often cited as inspiring similar events in the north. As commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a veterans' organization for men who served in the Civil War, General Logan issued a proclamation just five days after the Charleston event that called for Decoration Day to be observed annually across the country. Logan preferred the event not be held on the anniversary of any particular battle, and thus the day was observed for the first time on May 30. Celebrating the day in May also was significant to event organizers because May is a month when flowers are in bloom, making it easier for observers of the holiday to place flowers on the graves of fallen soldiers.

In 1868, events were held at more than 180 cemeteries in 27 states, and those figures nearly doubled in 1869. By 1890, every northern state officially recognized Decoration Day as a state holiday. But southern states honored their dead on a different day until after World War I, when the holiday was changed to recognize Americans who died in any war and not just the Civil War. Nearly every state now celebrates Memorial Day, a name for the holiday first used in 1882, on the last Monday in May.



How Memorial Day and Veterans Day differ from each other

From the CCR newsroom

Memorial Day and Veterans Day each honor the military, though the two holidays are not the same. Memorial Day, which is celebrated annually on the last Monday in May, honors the brave men and women who lost their lives while serving in the American military. Many communities host memorial ceremonies honoring their fallen soldiers on Memorial Day, ensuring such soldiers' bravery and sacrifices are never forgotten. While many people now view Memorial Day weekend as the unofficial start of summer, the weekend should not be celebrated without also pausing to reflect on and recognize the military personnel who lost their lives in defense of freedom and the

American way of life.

Veterans Day is celebrated annually on November 11 and recognizes all men and women who have served in the military. Veterans Day coincides with Remembrance Day, which is a celebrated by the Commonwealth of Nations, an association of 53 member states with connections to the British Empire. Though Veterans

Day and Remembrance Day are each celebrated on November 11, the latter recognizes armed forces members who died in the line of duty, making it more similar to Memorial Day than Veterans Day. It's not uncommon for people to recognize fallen soldiers on Veterans Day, but many use the holiday to express their appreciation to existing veterans.

Legal notice deadline is Friday at 11 a.m. for Memorial Day. Send all legals to cedarcountylegals@cedarrepublican.com

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in their success as they built thriving businesses and careers. His staffing customers appreciated his expertise in understanding their operations.

Jack was a highly creative and innovative individual with a strong mind and love for learning. He was an avid art collector and was gifted at identifying pieces of significance. He enjoyed building projects, where he engaged in both the design and construction. As an active advocate for the communities in which he lived, Jack volunteered endless hours of his time serving on committees and boards.

Jack loved building relationships with people. He possessed an innate ability to connect with others regardless of their background. He never missed a chance to share a story or a good laugh.

He was a man of integrity who was generous with his time and resources.

Survivors include his wife, Zelka; sister, LoRayne Logan. Predeceased by his parents, Carlos and Pauline Dillon and his mother-in-law Stefani Peter.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, May 22, at 10:30 A.M. at the United Methodist Church, 708 State Highway 32, Stockton, MO, 65785. A reception lunch and time of storytelling will be held immediately following.

Arrangements by Bland-Brumback Funeral Home. Visit brumbackfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family will be establishing a memorial benefiting the Stockton Lake PRCA Rodeo. The family would like to thank their extended family and friends, who have supported and loved them in so many ways during this unexpected loss.

Many individuals valued Jack for his wise tutelage, mentoring, and advice. He was a coach to those whom he met through his work and across the community. Jack took great pride

Diane Steele



rium. After retirement, she moved to Big Sandy to be near her daughter and grandchildren. Diane was deeply devoted to God and spent much of her time in prayer for others.

Diane is survived by her brother, Russell Lido; her husband, Randy; her daughter, Mandi Mischnick; her sons, Brek and Shance Steele, and 7 grandchildren: Jake, Brance, Geneva, Gage, Keira, Beckett, and Giselle.

Diane is preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Rosemary Lucente; and her son, Erid Steele.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 10 am June 8, at the Stockton Community Building, 209 North St.

Interesting facts related to Memorial Day

From the CCR newsroom

Memorial Day is celebrated annually on the last Monday of May across the United States. The proximity of Memorial Day to the summer solstice has led many to view the weekend preceding the holiday as the unofficial kickoff to summer. However, Memorial Day is about more than backyard barbecues and weekend getaways.

Memorial Day honors service members who died while serving in the United States military. Though Memorial Day traces its origins to the years following the American Civil War in the mid-nineteenth century, it did not become an official federal holiday until 1971. That's one of just many interesting facts about Memorial Day that are worth noting as the United States prepares to commemorate the sacrifices of military personnel who died in service of the country.

Memorial Day began as something of a grass roots movement. According to History.com, by the late 1860s indi-

viduals in towns across the war-ravaged United States began holding springtime tributes to soldiers who lost their lives during the American Civil War.

Among the more notable postwar commemorations was one organized by former slaves in Charleston, South Carolina. That commemoration occurred less than a month after the Confederate forces surrendered in 1865. Despite that, History.com notes that in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Postwar commemorations also were organized by northern veterans of the Civil War. General John A. Logan, who led an organization of Union veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance in May 1868. General Logan referred to the holiday as Declaration Day and chose May 30 because it was not the anniversary of any specific battle and therefore unlikely to be viewed by some as controversial.



Memorial Day honors service members who died while serving in the United States military.

Early commemorations of Decoration Day, which gradually came to be known as Memorial Day, initially honored only those soldiers who died during the American Civil War. However, that changed over time as American servicemen fought in various wars, including both World Wars, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, and other conflicts.

The red poppy has become a symbol of Memorial Day. That red poppy can be traced to a poem by Canadian John McCrae, who served as a Lieutenant Colonel in World War I. "In Flanders Field" notes

the red poppies that grew in fields where countless soldiers had been buried in modern-day Belgium. The poem was published in 1915, three years before the war ended. Sadly, McCrae himself was a casualty of the war, succumbing to pneumonia in France in 1918 while still in the service.

Memorial Day honors service personnel who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. military. The holiday's inspiration and lengthy history merits consideration as the nation prepares to commemorate countless soldiers' sacrifices once more.

What families can do to honor fallen veterans



This Memorial Day, families can embrace various measures to honor fallen veterans.

From the CCR newsroom

The freedoms people living in the United States are afforded would not have been possible to provide if not for the brave efforts and undying commitment of the many individuals who have served in the nation's armed forces. American military personnel have played vital roles in securing freedoms for their fellow citizens as well as individuals overseas.

Each year on the final Monday in May, the United States commemorates military personnel who lost their lives while serving in the armed forces. Those individuals made the ultimate sacrifice, and Memorial Day is a way to honor them and thank their families for their selfless acts. This Memorial Day, families can embrace various measures to honor fallen veterans.

Visit a local veterans cemetery. The United Service Organization (USO) notes that most states have national veterans cemeteries. Though some veterans cemeteries are open only to family members of service personnel, others are open to the general public. Visiting a veterans cemetery is a great way to honor fallen military members and ensure the memory of their service and sacrifice is not forgotten on Memorial Day.

Celebrate veterans over Memorial Day weekend. Memorial Day weekend is now synonymous with getaways and backyard barbecues. By taking time out during the weekend to honor fallen veterans, families can ensure the meaning behind the holiday is not lost in the midst of celebrations with family and friends. Take time out during a family barbecue to discuss a family member who served or, if traveling, make an effort to visit a veterans memorial along your travel route.

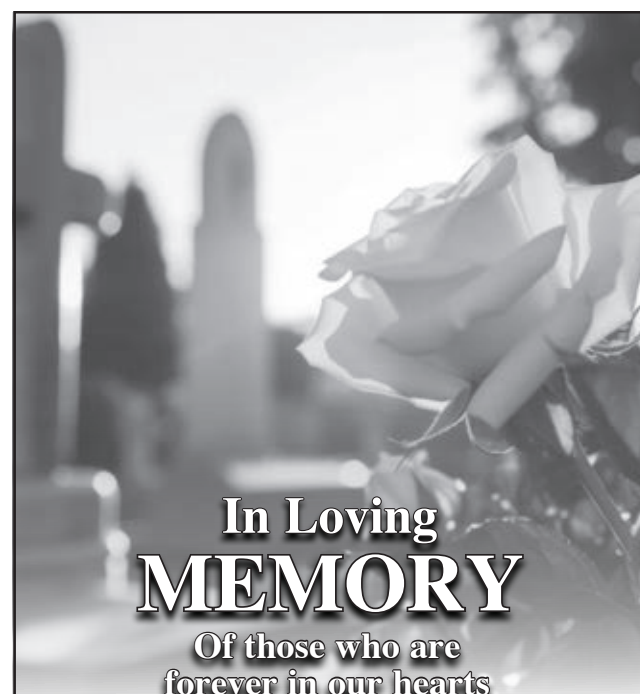
Help raise funds for veterans organizations. Fun runs or community Memorial Day walks may benefit local veterans organizations that help service members in need. Many service members may need help dealing with the deaths of friends or family members who died while serving in the armed forces, and veterans organizations may provide such help or direct funds to groups that do. That makes participation in events that benefit veterans organizations a great way to honor current military personnel and those who have served in the past, including those who died in service of their country.

Teach youngsters about the role of the armed forces. There's a lot competing for the at-

tention of today's young people, and that can make it easy to overlook the very freedoms that make the United States such a unique country throughout world history. Parents and guardians can emphasize the role the armed forces play in procuring and protecting freedoms in the United States and emphasize the signifi-

cance of the sacrifices of those who gave their lives to ensure a higher quality of life for all U.S. residents.

Memorial Day commemorates military personnel who died while serving in the armed forces. There is much families can do to ensure those sacrifices are never forgotten or taken for granted.



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Not quite a farmer

I'm not sure I've ever been a farmer. I was raised a farm boy, for certain, but I was just a kid. I had no choice. I didn't know anything else. In my adult life I've been a lot of things other than a farmer, though I've been close. I started as a farm laborer, and later worked on a hog farm after a stint as a carpenters' helper. I wasn't hired to tend hogs (though I did), but to build hog houses. I was later a ditch-digger, and while in college a restaurant worker. While in the Air

Force and for the rest of my life I've been a small-time newspaper man. All of that was pretty far from being a farmer, but I stayed close as a farm writer and the son of a farmer. When I once lamented never becoming a farmer, my wife reassured me, "Sure you're a farmer. You just don't have a farm." That made me feel better, true or not. For the past 30 years or so I've had five acres just outside Buffalo and raised steers for the freezer and kept chickens because my granddaughter wanted them. I guess that

made me a hobby farmer, but I've never made a living from farming. I'm not sure I could, and at this writing the only thing I feed every day is a dog. That's not farming. Neither is trying to keep much of my acreage clipped with a zero-turn mower. Never mind that I'm still a member of the local Farm Bureau board and on the Soil and Water Conservation District board. I am not presently farming. I'm retired. So, tell me why I still stay so busy with farm stuff, like fixing fence and cutting brush.

At heart, I reckon my wife was on target. I don't have to have a lot of acres to be a farmer, and the fact is I've been less than a year without calves and just weeks without chickens. Once I get this retirement notion out of my head, or tire of mowing, I might have to find a four-legged groundskeeper or two. But, if being a farmer means making a living at it, I likely won't make the cut. Neither will many of my peers, but I'll not dare tell any of them they're not really farmers. The truth of it is not a matter



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WEBER'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Letters from Alaska

Christmas of 2022, one of our grandsons, who lives in Willard, started a collection to benefit the children of Nelson Island, Alaska. He started by collecting toys and small gifts, as the island is located in a remote rural area where it's difficult to receive items except by boat or airplane. They collected several boxes of toys, clothing, and winter coats, paid for the transportation, which was exorbitant and after all the arrangements were completed, the shipment left Missouri and went to Alaska. Because of the distance, the children received their Christmas gifts in June. After some research, the dedicated rural minister was located, and she was asked to use our donations to purchase whatever the children needed. Sister Kathy is most gentle, appreciative, and filled with joy. Every time she receives a check, she sends a thank you card to let us know how the money is being used. At the same time, she writes a bit



about the weather, the children, and her ministry in rural Alaska. She tells us about the needs of the people, the difficulties in reaching the small villages as she takes care of her ministry and how little they have in funds to survive the inclement weather. We in turn send photos of our area, notes about our weather and good wishes for her ministry. At St. Mary Catholic Church in Lamar, our Parish school of religion,

which enrolls children from Kindergarten to High School, followed the idea to help the children of Nelson Island, asked the parishioners to bring their coins and place them in a jar. The idea is to collect the coins, fill the jar, bring them to the bank and receive a check to send to the Rural Ministry office to buy books for the children's education, or to help one of the families. There is another jar at the AmVets Post on

Highway 32 in Stockton, where people deposit their coins to be sent to the Alaskan Rural Ministry. Once the coins are collected, the children send a "thank you" card to the bartender for taking care of the coins. Several people have heard about this ministry and bring their own coin jar to either St. Mary church in Lamar or the AmVets post in Stockton. If you want to save your coins to help the children in Nelson Island

in Alaska, feel free to bring them to either location. We will take care of the rest. Sister Kathy will be most grateful.

Weber, a former Cedar County Republican reporter, occasionally contributes columns. For other stories, go to elvaweber.com.



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THE ROCKWOOD FILES

A new woman in his life

Wife issues a warning

There's another woman in my husband's life, and I'm the one who put her there. Her name is Alexa and she lives inside a device called the "Amazon Echo," which is a speaker he can control with his voice. Physically, she's not really his type. She's short - less than 10 inches tall - and she's got no figure to speak of. Just a black cylinder with a flat top. But what she lacks in curves, she makes up for in conversation. In the morning, I hear the two of them talking to each other in the kitchen. "Alexa! Good morning!" he says. (She literally lights up when he says her name.) "Good morning! And welcome to the first day of summer," she answers with enthusiasm. (Admittedly, Alexa's mood is far more cheerful than mine in the morning.) "Alexa, what's going on in the news?" he asks. "From ABC news, here are your headlines," she replies. Then she tells him what's happening in the world and plays audio clips from recent news broadcasts. Not only is she smart, she knows his favorite songs. When he wants to hear classic rock, she's ready to play. The other day he asked her to play an old country song - "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" - just so he

could impress the kids with his memorization of the lyrics. Maybe I wouldn't feel threatened if she was all business and no fun, but Alexa also has a sense of humor. When Tom asked her to tell him a joke, she gave him this doozy: "What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds." (For the record, my jokes are funnier than hers. So there.) More and more, Tom is leaning on Alexa the way he used to lean on me. She remembers things for him, like events coming up on his calendar. She can tell him where to find Chinese food. She can remind him about things, set timers, add items to the grocery shopping list, check the traffic, and even put tasks on his to-do list. (Wait a second, Lady. I'm the only woman allowed to put things on his to-do list. It's called a "honey-do list", and you are not his honey. Let's get that straight.) I'm beginning to think Tom likes Alexa, not only for what she can do, but also for what she doesn't do. Because she has no face, she never gives him "the eye" - the one that communicates irritation without a single word. She's never sarcastic. She never loses the TV's remote control. She doesn't ask him to turn his socks right-side out. She does his electronic bidding and doesn't even care whether or not he says "thank you." She's the most low-maintenance woman he's ever lived with, and she's making me look bad.



GWEN ROCKWOOD
COLUMNIST

Even though she never moves off the kitchen counter, she can turn on lights, adjust the thermostat, check the weather, order a pizza and dramatically reduce any reason Tom might have to leave the comforts of his recliner. No wonder he's in love! You know what makes this new relationship hurt even more? Our teenage kids - those three humans I carried inside my body for 9 months - they love Alexa as much as their father does. They say she can rap, play games like Jeopardy, and even do math problems. (Darn it, Alexa! You know I'm terrible at math. Stop showing off.) So tonight, after Tom goes to bed, I'm going to have a little talk with Alexa. I think she should keep in mind that I'm the one who brought her in here as a Father's Day gift years ago, and it would be terrible if she were to "accidentally" fall forcefully off the kitchen counter and come to an untimely electronic end. Do we understand each other, Alexa? Good. Watch yourself, Lady.

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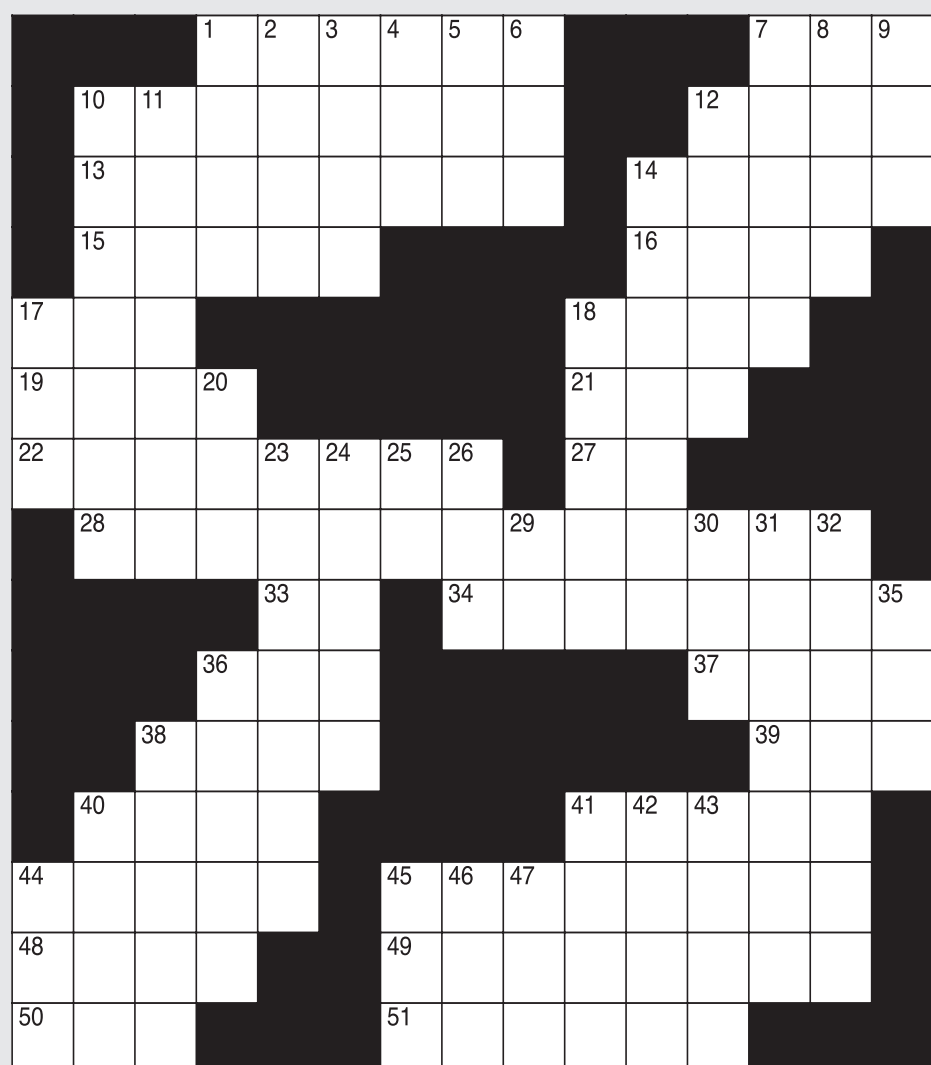
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- 10. Able to make amends
- 12. Tight-knit group
- 13. Gland
- 14. Intestinal pouches
- 15. Fungal spores
- 16. Erstwhile
- 17. Engine additive
- 18. Nasal mucus
- 19. Fit a horse with footwear
- 21. Consumed
- 22. Settle
- 27. Larry and Curly's pal
- 28. Basketball's GOAT
- 33. Exclamation of surprise
- 34. Made tight
- 36. Before
- 37. Actor Nicolas
- 38. Not hot
- 39. Talk
- 40. Pledge
- 41. Abandon a mission
- 44. Trims by cutting
- 45. Aspects of one's character
- 48. Boxing GOAT's former surname
- 49. Holy places
- 50. Body art (slang)
- 51. Attributes

CLUES DOWN

- 1. How one feels
- 2. American Nat'l Standards Institute
- 3. Information

- 4. Licensed for Wall Street
- 5. Keyboard key
- 6. Born of
- 7. Choose to represent
- 8. Small European freshwater fish
- 9. Everyone has their own
- 10. Line from the center of a polygon
- 11. Lebanese city
- 12. Type of watercraft
- 14. A way to twist
- 17. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 18. Greek island
- 20. Medical practitioner
- 23. ___ DeGaulle, French President
- 24. Partner to "oohed"
- 25. Atomic #52
- 26. Santa's helper
- 29. Rapper ___ Rule
- 30. Month
- 31. Word formed by rearranging letters
- 32. Nullifies
- 35. Young woman ready to enter society
- 36. Unemployment
- 38. Weight unit
- 40. Formal party
- 41. Computer language
- 42. Residue formula in math
- 43. Duty or responsibility
- 44. Part of (abbr.)
- 45. Time zone
- 46. Body part
- 47. Nucleic acid

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you may meet an influential ally this week. Chat them up because this is a person you want to have in your network. You never know when you'll need some assistance.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you have real talent, so you should be proud and show off your efforts. Whether it is artistic in nature or you are a whiz with numbers, share your gift with others.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Explore creative possibilities, Gemini. You can use a new hobby right now that keeps you occupied. Look at trends that are popular right now and try one of those.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, trust your intuition when you meet someone new this week. You often can get a good read on someone right away. That's an important skill to develop, especially in the workplace.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

There is a lot of potential for socializing right now, Leo. Your calendar will fill up quite quickly with invitations from people in your life. Enjoy the attention.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, take inventory of the things in your life and be real about what you need and what you can get rid of right now. You may be carrying around a lot of baggage you simply don't need.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You may be feeling extra flirty these next few days, Libra. This will help add a spark to your current relationship or help you find someone new if that is the desire.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Relationship issues at home may be on your mind, Scorpio. Create pockets in your days for deep introspection to process all of the emotions you are feeling.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, if you can't get an answer to something yourself, then you may want to pick the brains of friends or other people in your circle. They may offer unique perspectives.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you have a lot of self-worth, so stop looking at yourself through a pessimistic lens. Be convinced of your value and ability to assist others around you.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Start feeling good about what the future may hold, Aquarius. There are a lot of possibilities out there, and you're starting to see them peeking out over the horizon.

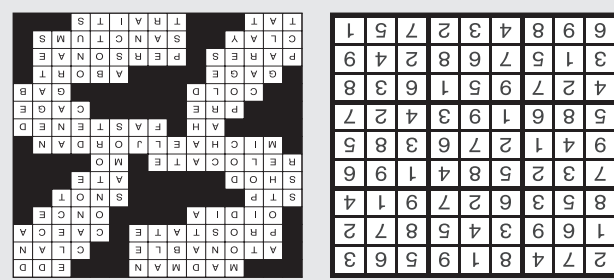
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You may not be feeling overly social right now, Pisces. Take a few days to spend time alone and sort through your feelings. Over time you may be ready to re-engage.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- MAY 19**
Kevin Garnett, Retired Athlete (48)
- MAY 20**
Cher, Singer/Actress (78)
- MAY 21**
Mr. T, Actor (72)
- MAY 22**
Naomi Campbell, Model (54)
- MAY 23**
Drew Carey, TV Personality (66)
- MAY 24**
Priscilla Presley, Actress (79)
- MAY 25**
Cillian Murphy, Actor (48)

PUZZLE ANSWERS



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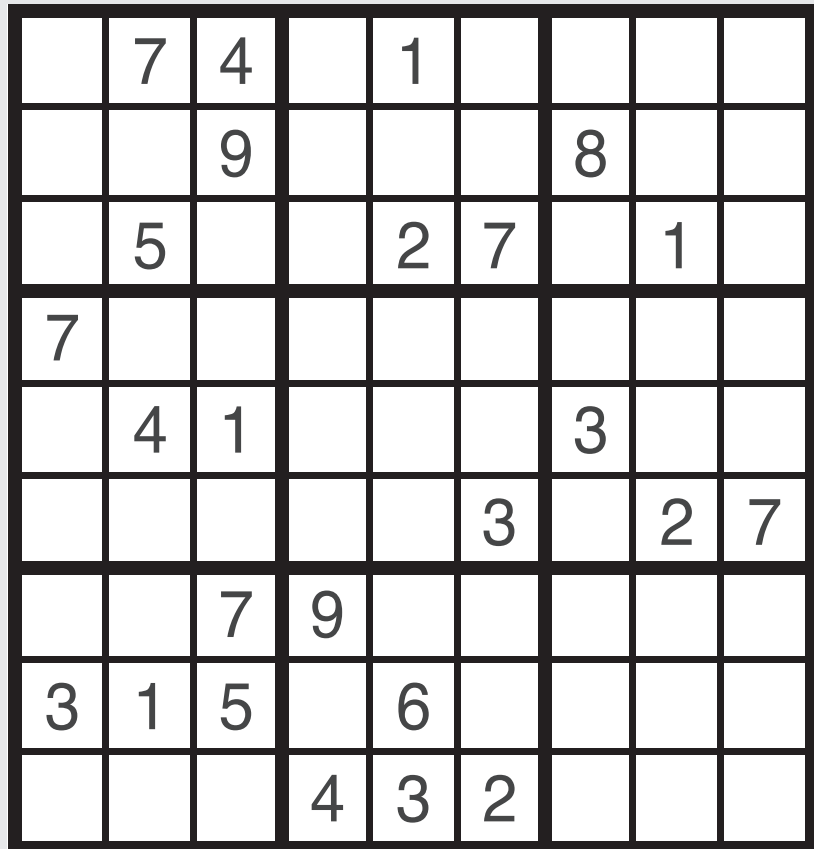
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Level: Intermediate

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

Honor, Respect, and Freedom

Those who served their Country and died in the battle for freedom deserve every ounce of honor and respect we can give. Audie Murphy's classic war memoir, "To Hell and Back," graphically paints the grim picture of war. In the book's foreward, Tom Brokaw states that he had researched many WWII combat veterans and had never learned of anyone involved in so much up close and personal fighting as Audie Murphy. He was a courageous Texan warrior of valor who deeply cared about his fellow soldiers, their safety, and their united mission.

I'm embarrassed to confess that I didn't know who Audie Murphy was until 2013. He was the most-decorated soldier of WWII. I didn't know that — according to my heart, I thought it was my dad. And that's the way every daughter should feel about her father's exploits of war.

Dad was in the thick of things (Battle of the Bulge cleanup, etc.) in Germany from 1944-46, so I've studied some of the famous campaigns in the European Theater. General George S. Patton wasn't particularly loved by every soldier, nevertheless, he was gifted with a brilliant military mind. "Blood and Guts Patton" did the planning and his fighting men determined to carry it out. He did what others said couldn't be done.



CAROLYN HAYWARD TUCKER
WRITER

I believe that Memorial Day is lost on the majority of Americans who are pursuing their dreams and enjoying their freedom. It's not just a sunny holiday to celebrate the beginning of summer. It was no picnic to sleep in a foxhole in freezing weather and snow. Dad told me that there were no atheists in foxholes because everybody prayed and called on God. Some made it through and some didn't. We absolutely have no idea how bad it was — and I fear that many Americans don't care. That makes me extremely sad.

I'm reminded of an old hymn entitled, "Lead Me to Calvary" with lyrics by Jennie Evelyn Hussey. "Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget Thine Agony. Lest I forget Thy love for me, lead me to Calvary." If we don't remember on purpose the important highlights in life, the memory sadly fades through the years. Memorial Day is an annual oppor-

tunity to contemplate and honor our loved ones and strangers for their ultimate sacrifice. Why do we, as a Nation, have to stand for what's right and fight? Because that's what Jesus did when He died on the cruel cross of Calvary. He willingly died and rose triumphantly so others could have an abundant life now and then live eternally with Him.

"Then He [God] will judge disputes between nations and settle arguments between many people. They will hammer their swords into plow blades and their spears into pruning shears. Nations will never fight against each other, and they will never train for war again" (Isaiah 2:4 GW). One day, firepower and military strategies won't be needed. But until then, we owe a great debt to our military heroes who left behind a great Nation under God. What are we going to do with our freedom? Let's not take it for granted, squander it foolishly, nor live carelessly. Let's honor and respect the brave men and women who selflessly gave their lives for the benefit of others. "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13 NLT).

The Key: Enjoy your freedom and give honor and respect to those who made it possible.

Carolyn lived in Stockton from 1963-1976, and has a heart for encouraging people with words and music.

POEM

Old Blue



JACKIE CARGILL
WRITER

Old Blue was part of the family farm for years,
She worked hard year 'round, many trees she helped clear.
Hauled cattle and hay,
Old Blue was used every day.
Brought feed from town,
When there was work to do, Ol Blue was always around.
Well worn now, lots of miles,
Rust and dents, hauled rock and dirt piles.
Old Blue has been replaced;
At the back of the farm there is still a place.
White 4-door 4 x4,
Beautiful, who could ask for more.
Old Blue is parked out back and deserves a rest.
Old Blue did her best.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Oh Happiness, where are you?

The constitution of the United States declares that we have "certain unalienable rights," including the "pursuit of happiness." Pursuit means to go after something. I may seek writing or whatever career path I want without governmental restraint or censorship, so long as it doesn't break established laws or ordinances, which we must have in place to maintain a civilized society. But does anything ensure our happiness? No.

The citizens of this great nation may pursue college, promotion, career, etc., but pursuing something is not the same as being granted that which is wanted and sought after. None of us have a guarantee that we'll find happiness, nor is there a guarantee that those who find happiness will keep it. Why?

Because happiness is a temporal, emotional state largely derived from

our thoughts.

That's why in Psalm 144, David begins with an attitude of gratitude for all God has done. David understood happiness. He understood that family, growth, work, and prosperity created happy people, but also recognized that the source of these gifts and special favor are from the Lord.

A fat bank account is nice, right? And the convenient accessibility of Amazon makes consumerism particularly easy to chase, bringing instant pleasure to our front door while we're still in our pajamas. But that kind of happiness is like a vapor quickly disappearing from our psyche. David, in this reverent and beautifully written psalm, recalls how Jehovah has been



JULIA BARTGIS
WRITER

good to him, and as a result, he finds happiness.

Does that mean people "whose God is the Lord" (verse 15) will be happy?

Not necessarily. Because God doesn't toss out happiness like candy at a parade to a select group of people. We can always find a reason to be unhappy if we're so inclined. We gain happiness when we change our mindset and take authority over our wayward emotions. An intentional decision to focus on the pleasures and blessings in our lives is a catalyst to feeling happy.

Do I practice what I preach? Absolutely. I have a wall in my office with pictures of my family, notecards with special quotes and verses, and a cross-stitched gift from one of my

daughters. I count my blessings. I listen to worship music. I sing off key. I dance like a crazy woman. Sure, I'm still learning to cultivate a grateful heart and to cherish the moments I'm given. I try to squeeze lemonade from lemony situations, which also requires a big spoonful of sugar. And you know what? I'm happier more days than not simply because of what I allow myself to think about.

My friend, I know life is hard. I know. But I hope you'll grab the hand of the Lord and pursue happiness. Chase it down every day. Find the beauty. Give the Lord thanks for His blessings. Seek goodness. And step into the grand adventure He wants to have with you. That's where we find happiness.

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Why swimming is so good for your body

From the CCR newsroom

Engaging in fitness activities that are enjoyable can increase the likelihood that a person will remain committed to routine exercise. In addition to being fun, swimming is an exercise that benefits the entire body. It's also ideal for people of all ages, as the buoyancy of water reduces the strain on muscles and joints.



Healthline reports that an hour of swimming burns almost as many calories as running, without all the impact to the bones and joints. Many people who commit to swimming each week may have no problem getting the recommended 150 minutes of moderate activity or 75 minutes of vigorous activity each week recommended by various health organizations. Here are some of the ways swimming is good for your body.

body: Swimming works just about all the muscles of the body. Various swimming strokes can enable a person to focus on certain muscle groups, if desired.

- A thorough cardiovascular workout: Swimming increases heart rate without stressing the body. The fitness level can be customized and gradually built up so that one can increase strength and endurance.
- Reduces body fat: Swimming can help many people slim down. According to Harvard Med-

ical school, a 155-pound person can burn about 432 calories swimming versus about 266 calories walking at a moderate pace for the same duration of time. A 2021 study published in BMC Sports Science, Medicine and Rehabilitation revealed that 16 weeks of swimming led to significant reductions in body fat and BMI among those studied.

- Improves heart health: Research has linked swimming to a reduction in blood pressure and additional benefits

related to improved cardiovascular health.

- Enhances lung volume: Swimming involves deeper breathing and can strengthen the muscles involved with respiration, says Everyday Health.

- Improves quality of life: Older adults who swim may experience decreased rates of disability and improved quality of life. Swimming helps to improve or maintain bone health, particularly among post-menopausal women. Water-based exercise also is low-impact and builds strength.

- Improves mental health: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that swimming can improve mood in both men and women. Swimming may decrease anxiety, and exercise therapy in warm water can improve symptoms of depression.

These are just some of the health benefits associated with swimming.

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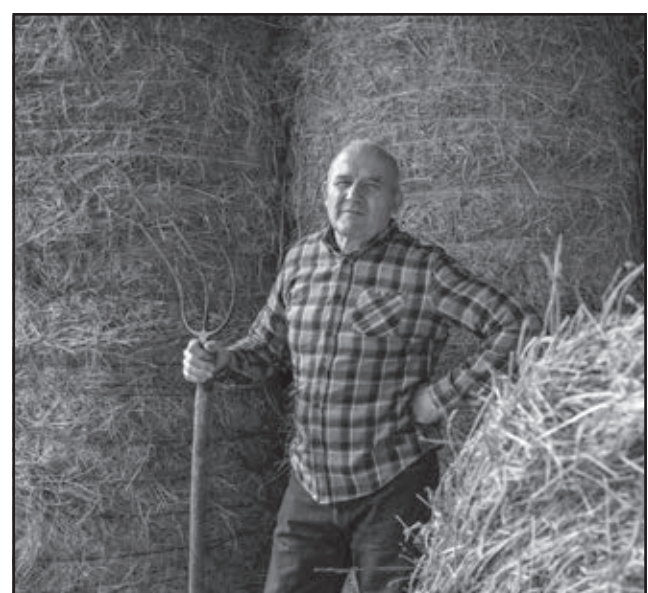
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When we say "it's humid," we really mean "it's relatively humid." The percentage of humidity in the air doesn't mean much unless you know what the temperature is. Hot air holds a lot more moisture than cold air, so 50 percent humidity at 90 degrees is a much bigger deal than 50 percent humidity at 40 degrees.

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Learn about hummingbirds at May 22 MDC virtual program

Learn what plants attract hummingbirds and get tips on maintaining hummingbird feeders.

By Contributed news

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – People are fascinated by hummingbirds. The way they dart and hover around feeders and some native flowering plants is truly remarkable.

People can learn about hummingbirds at the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual program "Naturalist Notes: Hummingbirds" on May 22. This free online program will be from 6-7 p.m. and is being put on by the staff at MDC's Springfield Conservation Nature Center. It is suggested for ages 10-adult. People can register at:

<https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/200228>

At the May 22 program, MDC Naturalist Morgan Wyatt will discuss the annual life cycle of a hummingbird and will talk



People can get tips on native plants such as trumpet creeper (pictured above) that attract hummingbirds and how to maintain hummingbird feeders at a May 22 MDC virtual program. Contributed photo

about native plants that attract these pollinators (as well as other native pollinating birds and insects). She will also have information on how to maintain hummingbird feeders throughout the summer. The May 22 program is part of an ongoing series of Springfield Nature Center programs in which MDC naturalists highlight some of their favorite topics.

Though this program is free, registration is required to participate. Use the link above. Registrants must provide an e-mail, so a program link can be sent to them. This program

will include a chat-based question-and-answer period where participants can interact with the presenters.

People can stay informed about upcoming programs at MDC's Springfield Conservation Nature Center and other MDC facilities by signing up for text alerts and e-mail bulletins. People who have questions about how to sign up for text alerts from the nature center can call 417-888-4237.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding virtual and in-person programs. A listing of these programs can be found at mdc.mo.gov/events.

Rare two-headed snake Tiger-Lily to visit MDC's Burr Oak Woods Nature Center this summer

Visitors can view this unique western rat snake in June and July.

By Contributed news

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) famous two-headed snake is traveling to the Kansas City-area on her state-wide tour.

Tiger-Lily, a two-headed western rat snake, will arrive at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center in Blue Springs on Saturday, June 1. The snake will remain there for visitors to see until July 31. From there, Tiger-Lily will travel to Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center in Kansas City.

Tiger-Lily is on loan from her home at the Shepherd of the Hills Conservation Center near Branson, which is currently closed for construction.

Western rat snakes are non-venomous and native to Missouri. Tiger-Lily is a pair of conjoined identical

snake twins that were never completely separated. Two-headed snakes have a low survival rate.

"Tiger-Lily" is the name given to the snake by the family who found this unique reptile in Stone County in 2017. The female snake was donated to the Shepherd of the Hills Conservation Center for display purposes. Tiger-Lily is nearly five-feet long and has a healthy appetite, but feeding a snake with two heads presents a challenge.

"Both heads want to eat, but they share one esophagus," said MDC Interpretive Center Manager Alison Bleich. "Staff will put a small cup over one head while the other eats, then switch. Otherwise, both heads would try to grab the same mouse."

Eating is just one of a multitude of struggles facing a polycephalous (two-headed) animal. If it were in the wild, a two-headed snake would be vulnerable to predation because it wouldn't have the ability to escape into the normal holes and crevices that one-headed snakes fit into.

However, in captivity, a two-headed snake's chances of survival are much



Meet MDC's famous two-headed western rat snake, Tiger-Lily, this summer at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center in Blue Springs. Tiger-Lily will be on display from June 1 to July 31. Contributed photo

better. Another two-headed western rat snake found in 2005 is currently on display at MDC's Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center in southeast Missouri.

"We encourage visitors to come to Burr Oak Woods Nature Center this summer to view Tiger-Lily, as well as our other snakes, fish, and turtles," said Burr Oak Woods Assistant Manager Stephanie Kemp.

MDC's Burr Oak Woods Nature Center is located at 1401 NW Park Road in Blue Springs. For more information about the nature center, visit <https://mdc.mo.gov/burroakwoods>.

MDC works with partners to improve fish habitat at Table Rock and Bull Shoals reservoirs

Brush piles deposited into lakes will serve as fish attractors.

By Contributed news

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The Missouri Department of Conservation hopes the habitat improvement work recently completed on Table Rock and Bull Shoals will make two great fishing reservoirs even better.

MDC partnered with the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete the habitat work from November 2022 through April 2024. A total of 751 habitat structures were improved or newly built on Table Rock and 60 habitat structures were refurbished or newly built on Bull Shoals. This work was funded with a grant MDC received from Bass Pro Shops in 2022 to replenish and establish fish habitat sites at Table Rock and Bull Shoals.

An underwater brush

pile serves multiple roles for fish. It can provide nursery habitat and protective cover for some young fish, as well as attracting larger, predatory sportfish species such as crappie and bass. This conglomeration of fish, in turn, translates into great fishing spots for anglers. As reservoirs age, the existing woody habitat in the lake degrades. MDC is taking a proactive approach to ensure habitat is available to fish for many

years into the future.

The origins of this most recent habitat improvement project at Table Rock and Bull Shoals can be traced back to the National Fish Habitat Initiative (NFHI), a project that went from 2007-2013 and involved MDC, Bass Pro Shops, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other partners. This project resulted in

the establishment of 2,024 fish habitat structures at Table Rock and 193 in Bull Shoals.

"This project builds upon a long-standing public/private partnership in the Missouri Ozarks to improve and restore fish habitat," said MDC Fisheries Biologist Shane Bush, who manages Table Rock Lake. "This grant has provided an excellent opportunity to proactively maintain and enhance fish habitat for two of the most

popular sport fisheries in the Midwest. The work that has been accomplished on these projects has served as a national example of sustaining and improving reservoir sport fish populations through large-scale habitat improvements."

The GPS locations for these sites can be found on the MDC website at <https://mdc.mo.gov/fishing/where-fish>. Other fishing information can be found at mdc.mo.gov.

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Local woman celebrated with Birthday Tea to honored turning 97



Front: Mary Anne Manning, Cheryll Steadham, Doris Thayer, Carol Kimmel, Debbie Fischer, Donna Pirtle, Kim Chism Jasper, Cheryl Fero; back: LuAnne Lezotte, Jan Johnson, Star Malouff, Beth Ramirez, Dorothy Venable, Janice Johnson, Vicki Sandberg, Carolyn Young, Fran Johnson, Linda Hall, Barbara Coambes, Starla Turner, Kris Smith. Contributed photo



Doris Thayer

Contributed news

The Stockton Country Club's Ladies Association and P.E.O. Chapter LD recently honored club member and P.E.O. Doris Thayer with a formal high tea to celebrate her 97th birthday. Along with coffee, tea, and punch, the guests were served tea sandwiches and a variety of desserts. Twenty-three friends attended the celebration May 17 at the country club. Doris celebrated her 97th birthday Sunday, May 19.

Schaaf makes Drury University Dean's List

Contributed news

Reese Schaaf, El Dorado Springs R-II high school graduate, has earned a spot on Drury University's Dean's List. This recognition means a student earned a grade point average of 3.6 or greater (on a 4-point scale) while carrying a full-time course load of 12 or more semester hours at

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Enrique's Mexican Grill in Stockton donated all proceeds from its May 17th special menu to support Stockton Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Proceeds from the special dinner will go to help members attend the Disney Fall Leadership Institute in Florida. Pictured are, left, Kendra Kennedy, FCCLA advisor, Emili Brummett and Ava Schmidt. FCCLA is selling raffle tickets along with baked goods to raise money for the trip. Sheri Veitschegger

Gypsy is ready to play



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By Izzy Hindman

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2024 Stockton High School Teacher Appreciation



Pictured from left: Lydia Cook, Stockton HS Science Teacher, Kelly Bolte, Brigham Lee, and Joe Roushar. Contributed photo

Contributed news

Three Stockton High School teachers were honored on May 10 and 14: Kelly Bolte, Science Teacher; Kyle Freeze, History Teacher; and Caitlyn Hoffman, Physical Science Teacher.

Each teacher received a Certificate of Appreciation with the students' words of commendation written on the certificate. The certificates were signed by Dr. Doug Crawford, Stockton Schools Superintendent, and by Joe Roushar, Monett Stake Communication Council Assistant Director, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Joe Roushar presented certificates to Kelly Bolte and Kyle Freeze on May 10. Bishop Leroy Collinwood, from the Church's Stockton Ward, presented the certificate to Caitlyn Hoffman on May 14.

Each teacher also received the book Jesus the Christ by Neil L. Andersen. Stockton High School Seminary students, represented by Lydia Cook and Brigham Lee, presented the gifts.



Pictured from left: Lydia Cook, Stockton HS History Teacher, Kyle Freeze, and Brigham Lee, Joe Roushar. Contributed photo



Pictured from left: Brigham, Stockton HS Physical Science Teacher, Caitlyn Hoffman, Lydia, and Bishop Leroy Collinwood. Contributed photo

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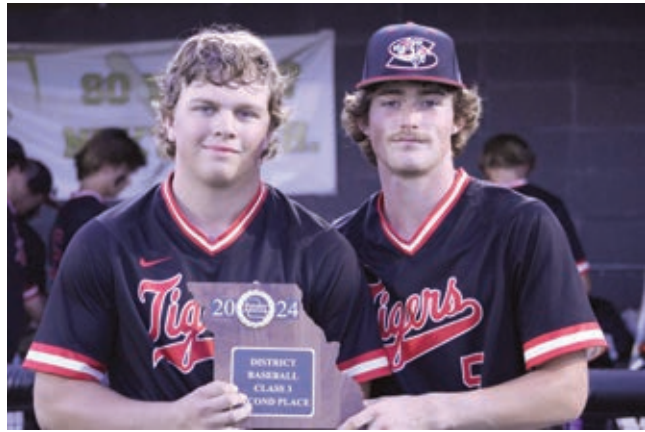
Tiger Baseball Season Ends With District Championship Loss

By Kevin Caudle

After rain impacted last weeks' Class 3, District 12 tournament scheduled at Sarcoxie, the Stockton Tigers instead traveled to Neosho to take on the Southwest (Washburn) Trojans last Monday. Neosho High School hosted the district tournament as their field was synthetic turf, allowing the games to move forward despite the persistent heavy rains over recent days. Southwest (Washburn) had defeated Diamond on Saturday in a play-in game and faced the #1 seed Tigers in semifinal action.

In the bottom of the first inning, the Tigers notched a five run lead and never looked back, grabbing a 5-1 victory over the Trojans. The Tigers gave up a single run to Southwest (Washburn) in the top of the 3rd, but the Trojans never threatened Stockton as Easton Hubbard and Sayge Painter combined to give up only two hits on the day. Hubbard struck out nine in five innings on the mound. After the five run onslaught in the first, the Tiger bats were quiet the rest of the game with the Tigers combining for six hits.

On Tuesday, the district championship game was again played in Neosho as the Tigers faced Lamar in the championship game.



Seniors Kolten Goodman (left) and Sayge Painter show off their second place plaque after falling to Lamar in the district championship game last week. Contributed photo

The Tigers had defeated Lamar, 3-0, in mid-April in Stockton and hoped to defeat Lamar a second time and claim a district championship.

The game started on a positive note as the Tigers jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first. All remained quiet until the top of the third as Lamar's batting order, facing starter Preston Rains for a second time, showed terrific plate discipline, repeatedly forcing Rains to throw while behind in the count. Using just three hits, Lamar pushed five runs across to take a 5-4 lead. Lamar continued to find their stroke in the fourth, roughing up reliever Jack Rickman while scoring seven runs on just four timely hits. Lamar added four more

runs in the sixth against reliever Sayge Painter as Lamar defeated the Tigers, 16-5, in a six inning affair.

Stockton had just three hits on the day with Lamar grabbing ten hits. Stockton committed three errors while pitchers Rains, Rickman, and Painter combined to surrender ten walks.

It was a tough loss for a Tiger team that had high expectations, but Lamar played well both on offense and defense while the Tigers struggled in multiple phases of the game.

Despite the loss, the Tigers were awarded a second place district trophy which was graciously accepted by seniors Kolten Goodman and Sayge Painter.

Three Tigers Make All-State In Track & Field

By Kevin Caudle

Last Friday and Saturday, the Class 1, 2, and 3 state track meet, hosted by Jefferson City High School, filled two warm and sunny days as schools from all over the state converged on the state capital. Both the Tigers and Lady Tigers were represented, hoping to be competitive with some of the best athletes in the state.

On Friday, Jayse (Sharif) Jackson (senior) was the first Tiger to gain all-state status after finishing second in the discus throw at 154' 2". The winner was Hank Tenholder of Adrian who recorded a throw of 163' 5".

On Saturday, Jackson and teammate Brandon Garner-Sims (junior) found themselves jockeying for first place going into the final throws in the shot put competition. As the competitors threw for their fifth attempt with Garner-Sims holding the lead, Blake Yarbo of Chafee High School had his best throw of the day with a distance of 51' 6.5", putting him temporarily in first place. On his next attempt, Garner-Sims was not to be denied as he regained first place with a throw of 54' 7.25", over two feet better than his second longest throw of the competition. Jackson faulted on his last throw, giving him third place. His longest throw of 50' 5.25" was on his first attempt of the day.

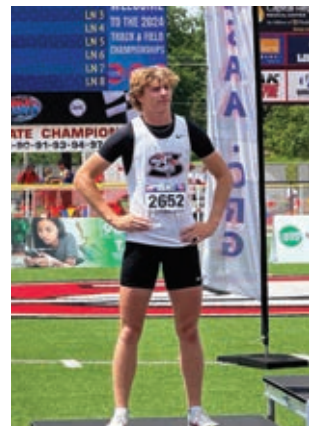
In the 100 meter dash, Jack Rickman (junior) faced some of the fastest athletes in the state. At the finish line, Rickman finished the race in seventh place with a time of 11.12 seconds, less than a half second be-



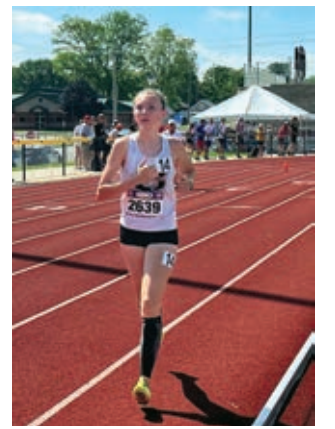
Brandon Garner-Sims took 1st place in the shot put last Saturday at the Class 2 state track meet in Jefferson City, Missouri. Contributed photo



Jayse (Sharif) Jackson took 2nd place in the discus and 3rd place in the shot put last weekend at the Class 2 state track meet hosted by Jefferson City High School. Contributed photo



Jack Rickman awaits the medal presentation after taking 7th place in the 100 meter dash last weekend at the Class 2 state track meet. Contributed photo



Lillie Burchett competed for the Lady Tigers last weekend at the Class 2 state track meet, running in the 3200 meter run. Contributed photo

hind the winner, Kaden Hamner of Clark County High School, who recorded a time of 10.66 seconds.

With the performances of Jackson, Garner-Sims,

and Rickman, the Tigers totaled 26 points as a team, good enough for a 9th place finish in Class 2. All three Tigers earned all-state honors.



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Stockton Golfers Compete In State Championship Meet



Gilberto Alexander and Owen Garver were prominently displayed on the giant video board as they competed in the Class 2 state golf meet in Smithville, Missouri last week. Contributed photo

By Kevin Caudle

Last Monday and Tuesday, senior Gilberto Alexander and junior Owen Garver competed in the Class 2 state golf championship held at Paradise Pointe Golf Complex in Smithville, Missouri. It was a grueling two days of

golf as each player played 18 holes over back-to-back days with the top 15 finishers receiving all-state designation. Owen Garver shot an 86-86 for a 172 over the two day event while teammate Gilberto Alexander shot a 98-96 for a 194. Garver was a mere two strokes from the Top

15 cutoff which was established at 170. His score put him in 20th place in the competition.

Although neither athlete earned all-state honors, they both played extremely well under stressful conditions while positively representing Stockton Tiger golf.

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Little Tigers Preschool Students of the Month for April and May



Pictured from left: Hadleigh Corman, Mackenzie Croft, Banks Alexander, and Brenley Carpenter. Contributed photo

Language Arts Department winners



Pictured from left: Gilbert Alexander, Kim Chism Jasper, a member of the Executive Board of LAD, and Shayla West. Contributed photo

Stockton Elementary May Students of the Month



Back Row: Emma Little, Easton Walters, Gabriel Carmona, Wesson Bays, Josie Holder, Jenice King, Miyah Levine, Tucker Bolte, Reagan Bough, and Gavin Richardson Front Row: Madison Burton, Leelan Winder, Makinley Smith, Waylon Hollobaugh, Sylis Hall, Kayleigh Heryford, Zara Carmona, and Cannon Cargill. Contributed photo



Price Martin, Grade 4 won 1st place for her Biopoem "Me!" and 1st place for her Prose Parody "Waterfalls vs Tap". Contributed photo

By Contributed news

LAD is an organization that sponsors an annual writing contest and scholarships for students in southwest Missouri. The contest isn't separated by class size so students compete against students from all size schools. LAD receives nearly 6,000 entries in grades K-12 and for seniors, LAD includes scholarship categories. Stockton earned two of the three scholarships presented annually by LAD.

LAD partners with Frank S. Johnson for the Inspired by Nature poetry contest. Shayla West tied for first place with her poem "Par-

alyzed Among the Oranges and Yellows." Shayla is the winner of the Collins Award, given to the student with the top anthology of poetry titled "Problems, Prayers, & Packing Peanuts. (this award is named in honor and memory of Joan Sanford Collins, who grew up in Stockton. Joan was a founding member of LAD and a Springfield school librarian.)

Gilberto Alexander received the Gleason Award for the top prose anthology titled "Me"mentos with a play on the word memento.

Both received \$1,000 checks from LAD and both are Jesse Fields' students.

SES perfect attendance award recipients



These students receive the Stockton Elementary School perfect attendance award for the 2023 — 2024 school year. From left: Dillan Auten, Cody Branson, Ethan Estes, Noah Estes, and Everly Freeze. Contributed photo

Stockton Elementary April Students of Month



Back Row: Jennifer Williams, Garrett Jones, Sterling Spangler, Joseph Elder, Dillan Auten, Max Hindman, Aurora Rodriguez, Owen Foster, and Cody Branson. Front Row: Holden Walters, Austin Bandy, Sylas Gartner, Ralph Popkey, Rhett Carroll, Gavin Gloodt, Kara Farmer, Alexis Seeton and Kent Fast Contributed photo

SES second semester Perfect Attendance Award recipients



These students received the Perfect Attendance Award for never missing a day in the second semester of the 2023 — 2024 school year. Pictured from left: Hudson Fidler, Everly Shaw, Mary Dawson, Price Martin, Macy Edwards, Treyce Dunagan, Cullen Branson, Peighton Bolen, Gracelynn Burns Contributed photo



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Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes

Contributed news

In this era of constant reboots and re-imaginings and the like, “Planet of the Apes” has had a pretty successful run. 2011’s “Rise of the Planet of the Apes” was such a big hit both commercially and critically that pundits were talking about an unprecedented motion-capture-based Oscar nomination for Andy Serkis as lead ape Caesar (it didn’t happen, but it was fun to speculate). Two follow-up films in 2014 and 2017 weren’t shabby either, and it looked like the series was going to stop at a taut little trilogy. But now we’re back with “Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes,” which takes place in the same continuity as Caesar without overextending the neatly-wrapped arc.

Set 300 years after Caesar’s passing, apes have taken over the world landscape, while humanity is all but wiped out. The apes have formed tribes and communities, and even taken to domesticating animals like horses. Our new hero Noa (Owen Teague) is part of a tribe that trains eagles, even bonding with them like family members. He and his friends Soona (Lydia Peckham) and Anaya (Travis Jeffrey) make risky climbs to pick out the best eggs for a ceremony to impress leaders Dar (Sara Wiseman) and Koro (Neil

Sandilands), Noa’s mother and father, respectively. Noa has a rare encounter with a human, followed by an even worse encounter with a malevolent ape army that ransacks his village and takes surviving tribe members hostage.

Left for dead, Noa soon sets out on a mission to rescue what little remains of his home and family. He meets wizened old ape Raka (Peter Macon), who becomes his mentor. He also re-encounters human Mae (Freya Allan) and the two form an unlikely bond, even though the two species have been feuding for generations. They’re eventually captured by head pillager Sylva (Eka Darville) and taken to the titular Kingdom. The good news is that Noa is reunited with the rest of his tribe, the bad news is that they’re all enslaved by mad king Proximus Caesar (Kevin Durand).

Surprisingly, Proximus doesn’t hate humans as much as the other apes in these movies. He likes their culture and even keeps one (William H. Macy) as a sort of pet. Unfortunately, his love of humans has led to him picking up some of their worst tendencies, like greed and manipulation and a thirst for power. He’s convinced that if he can get into a locked human vault, he can use the human “knowl-

edge” (mostly weapons) inside to take over the world. Noa and Mae agree that they can’t let that happen, but they have different, and perhaps conflicting motivations.

To be honest, until it reaches the Kingdom, this movie drags. The destruction of the peaceful village is just so expected from this kind of movie, as is the journey filled with unlikely friendships. Fortunately things pick up toward the end, with the psychology of shifting loyalties and some memorable action. Let’s just say that this movie adds another chapter to this franchise’s complex history with gun violence.

The exciting conclusion is admittedly quite successful in making the audience (including myself, since I’m recommending it) forget what a slog the movie was beforehand. “Kingdom” is going to do well enough that we’ll probably see another “Planet of the Apes” in the near future, and sure, I’m interested enough to stay with this continuity for a while. No character in this movie is as memorable as Serkis’ Caesar, of course, but I’d like to see how some relationships and journeys develop. It won’t happen for this movie, but who knows, maybe a future installment can finally score one of the apes that elusive Oscar nomination.

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Heifers					
300-400	\$300-\$396				
400-500	\$286.50-\$330				
500-600	\$230-\$314.50				
600-700	\$210-\$279				
700-800	\$200-\$254				
800-900	\$180-\$221				
900-1000	\$180-\$208				

Every Tuesday Feeder Sale Starting @ 10:30 am
Special Cow & Bull Sale - Friday, June 21st @6pm
Anstine Auction, LLC
"2" Day Memorial Weekend Sale - May 25th & 26th @ 9am

**Feeder Cattle that are short weaned or low crop calvers that have not had shots or are lesser quality will be lower than the reported amounts.



Kingsville Livestock Auction

For Information or to Schedule a Farm Visit call:
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Major Absolute Development LAND AUCTION

Thursday • May 30, 2024 • 2:00PM

Held at the Bolivar Rec. & Aquatic Center • 1710 W. Broadway, Bolivar, MO



Auction Location: Bolivar Rec. & Aquatic Center (Formerly the YMCA) • 1710 W. Broadway • Bolivar, MO
Directions: From the Bolivar Square travel west on W. Broadway approx. 1 mi. to the Rec. Center on the south side of the road. Watch for Diamond S “Auction Today” signs!

Auctioneer’s Note: In order to settle the estate of Mr. Earl Spiegel, the court has ordered the sale of all property jointly owned by Mr. Spiegel. Therefore, we will liquidate at absolute public auction approximately 30 development lots in Karlin Acres and other subdivisions in the Bolivar, MO area. Additionally, this auction will feature 56± acres of development land located southwest of Bolivar with roadways, water and sewer installed. This auction presents a unique opportunity to purchase build-ready lots and land at your own price! Mark your calendar and plan to attend this excellent auction!

Parcel 1

Parcel Address: 4721 S. 124th Rd.- Bolivar, MO



Parcel 1 Description: Partially Completed 3-Bedroom 2-Bath Home, Base Living Area: 1313 ft² Adjusted Area: 1753 ft², Framed, Electrical Rough-In Completed, HVAC & Plumbing Partially Roughed-In • Bolivar R-1 School Dist. • Taxes: Not Assessed

Parcel 3

Parcel Location: Karlin Acres Subdivision (25 Lots)

Directions To Parcel 3: From the intersection of MO-13 & Springfield Ave., travel south on MO-13 approx. 2 mi. to the intersection of MO-13 & MO-U. Turn west on MO-U and travel a very short distance to S. 135th Rd. (Outer Rd.) Turn north S. 135th Rd. (Outer Rd.) and travel approx. ¼ mile until the road turns west and then back to the south and becomes S. 131st Rd. Watch for Diamond S Auction & Real Estate Co. signs indicating parcel and tract numbers.



25 Build-Ready Lots Selling Individually or in Combinations
 Visit us online for lot sizes, descriptions and details!

All Lots Lie within the Marion C. Early R-5 School District

Parcel 5

Directions to Parcel 5: From the intersection of MO-13 & MO-32 in Bolivar, travel north on MO-13 approx. 1¼ miles to E. 430th Rd. Turn west on E. 430th Rd. and travel a very short distance to S. 94th Rd. Turn South on S. 94th Rd. and travel approx. ¼ mile to the property on the north side of the road. Watch for Diamond S Auction & Real Estate Co. signs!



Vacant Lot in White Oak Estates

Parcel 5 Description: 2.31± Acre Cul-De-Sac Lot in White Oak Estates
 Schools: Bolivar R-1 School Dist.

Parcel 2

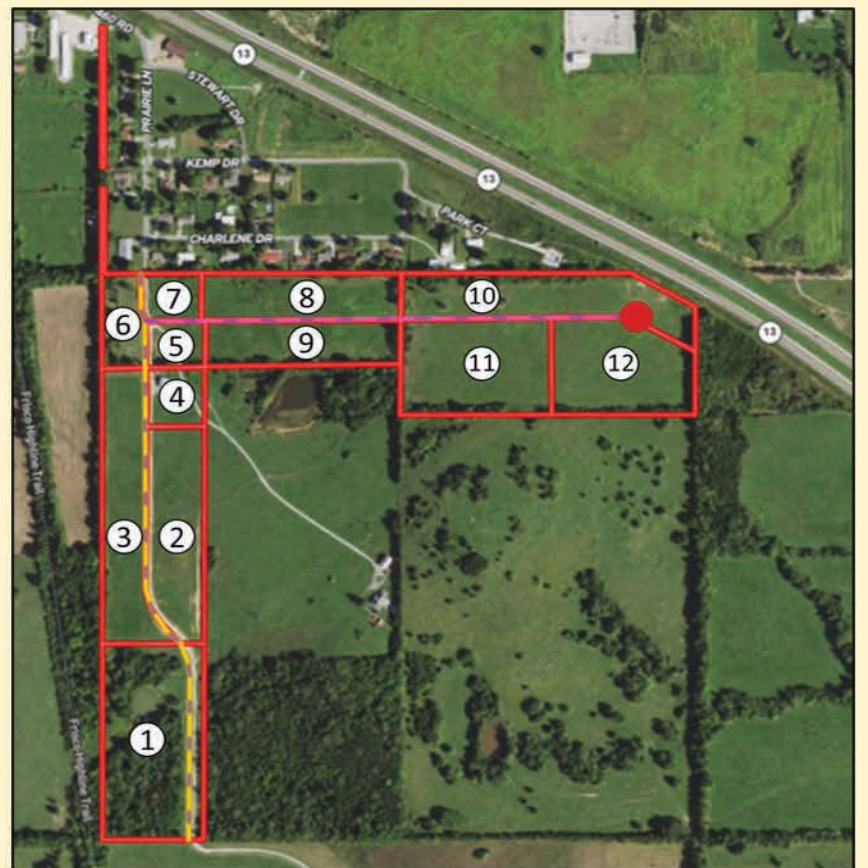
Parcel Address: 4802 S. 130th Rd. Bolivar, MO



Tract 1: Approx. 231'x165' Commercial Lot, Approx 60'x100' Commercial All-Steel “Red Iron” Building w/ Office Areas/Living Quarters, Propane Heat in Warehouse, Central HVAC in Offices & Living Quarters, (2) Restrooms w/ Shower & Kitchenette, Mezzanine Storage, (5) Overhead Doors, Graveled Parking Area, Privacy Fenced Back Lot, Excellent Location!
Tract 2: 200'x281' (1.29± Ac) w/ Water & Sewer • Marion C. Early R-5 School Dist.

Parcel 4

Directions to Parcel 4: From the intersection of Springfield Ave. & MO-13, take the outer road on the west side of MO-13 (S. 131st Rd.) and travel south approx. ¼ mile until the road curves sharply to the west and becomes E. 473rd Rd. Continue west on E. 473rd Rd. approx. ¾ mile to S. 125th Rd. Turn north on S. 125th Rd. and travel approx. ¼ mi. to the unmarked subdivision roadway. Turn west and follow the roadway to the property. Watch for Diamond S Auction & Real Estate Co. signs!



56± Acres in 12 Tracts or Combinations

Tract 1: 9.58± Acres w/ Roadway, Water & Sewer • **Tract 2:** 5.76± Acres w/ Roadway, Water & Sewer • **Tract 3:** 6.18± Acres w/ Roadway, Water & Sewer • **Tract 4:** 1.65± Acres w/ Roadway, Water & Sewer, Approx. 30'x40' Steel Building w/ 10' Lean-To Shed w/ Electricity, 30' Easement Along South Boundary (See Note)
 Note: The buyer of Tract 4 will be required to move the existing driveway servicing the neighboring property to align with the south boundary of Tract 4. • **Tract 5:** 1.34± Acres w/ Roadway, Water & Sewer • **Tract 6:** 2.03± Acres w/ Roadway, Water & Sewer • **Tract 7:** 1.37± Acres w/ Water & Sewer • **Tract 8:** 4.49± Acres w/ Water & Sewer • **Tract 9:** 4.22± Acres w/ Water & Sewer • **Tract 10:** 6.40± Acres w/ Water & Sewer • **Tract 11:** 7.00± Acres w/ Water & Sewer • **Tract 12:** 6.22± Acres w/ Water & Sewer • Schools: Bolivar R-1 School Dist.

Parcel 6 – WITHDRAWN

Due to circumstances beyond our control this Parcel 6 has been withdrawn from the auction!

2 Lots in Forest Ridge Subdivision

Tract 1: 1.83± Acre Cul-De-Sac Lot • **Tract 2:** 1.86± Acre Cul-De-Sac Lot
 Schools: Bolivar R-1 School Dist.

Parcel 7

Directions: From the Bolivar Square, travel south on Springfield Ave. approx. ¼ mile to E. Walnut St. (at Oak Star Bank). Turn east on E. Walnut and travel a short distance to the intersection of E. Walnut St. and S. Albany Ave. Continue east on E. Walnut St. approx. ½ mi. to S. Hartford Ave. Turn north on S. Hartford Ave. and travel a short distance to the properties. Watch for Diamond S Auction & Real Estate Co. signs!



3 Lots in Walnut Ridge Subdivision

Tract 1: 100' x 145' Lot (0.33 Acre) • **Tract 2:** 100' x 145' Lot (0.33 Acre) • **Tract 3:** Triangular Lot (.33 Acre) • Schools: Bolivar R-1 School Dist.

Multi-Property Real Estate Auction AUCTION

Thursday • July 11, 2024 • 6PM
 Held at Smith’s Restaurant in Bolivar

200± Acres On Wedgewood Rd. Near Buffalo, MO

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