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Photo here & lower right: Festive finds at Figgi's Gift Bar

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Gift ideas from local businesses for everyone on your list

It's the most wonderful time of the year to shop local. With so many fantastic options in Rogersville, it's easier than ever to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list. Use this guide to help with your holiday shopping.

FOR THE COFFEE LOVER

Is this list starting with a gift card? Maybe, or maybe not. Craft a coffee treasure hunt with the help of Rogersville's coffee shops! With gift certificates, coffee, and giftable options from Habit Coffee, Empire Coffee, Storytime Coffee Co., Thyme to Loaf, and Cedar Mill Coffee Company you can create the perfect gift.

FOR THE TWEEN

Slime. Need I say more? Check out Figgi's Gift Bar for a selection of unique slime your child is sure to love. Not a fan of slime? Check out the Curiosity Shoppe for fun fidget toys.

BABIES & TODDLERS

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Celebrate Christmas with the Rogersville Chamber of Commerce and Parks Department on December 7th at the Rogersville City Park! The parade kicks off at 4:45pm, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony begins at 6pm.

There will be a performance by Addison Hammond, CAROL-oke, free treats, food trucks, and more! This year's theme is Ugly Christmas Sweater, so come "dressed to the nines.

The Rogersville City Park is located at 225 County Line Road.

See page 12 for the full schedule and a map of the parade route.



MEET THE EDITOR

Kizzi Hutcheson grew up in Cabool, Missouri, and has called Rogersville home since 2020. Learn more about her on page 2.

NEWS ABOUT THE NEWSPAPER

The Rogersville Record is here to bring you the latest and greatest news around town. Every month the paper will report on all the good things going on in Rogersville plus a page full of puzzles, games, and so much more! This paper is for you and goes out to over 3000 households in the Rogersville area. The paper is free and can be picked up at many businesses around town if it isn't delivered to your mailbox. Visit all the local businesses that make this paper possible and enjoy!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

BY THE EDITOR

Spending time at Thyme to Loaf



Thyme to Loaf Garden and Bakery has been at the corner of Mill and Center Street for only four years, but owner, Sue Evans, hopes everyone who walks through her door feels like they're coming home.

Sue opened Thyme to Loaf for the first time in March of 2020, and then she immediately closed because of Covid. She reopened the bakery in May of 2020 and hasn't slowed down since then. From pies to paninis, and loaves of bread to lattes, Sue has continued to improve upon her menu, add new things, and bake a lot of pies.

Sue is a native of Rogersville, having grown up here, so there was no question about where she would open her dream bakery. In fact, she would still live in Rogersville if she could just get her husband, Thomas Evans, on board, but he's a bit attached to their farm. He's very supportive of Sue's business, however, and can even be credited with coming up with the bakery's name. After Sue retired, she started brainstorming bakery names, but nothing seemed perfect. *Story Continued on Page 4*

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The Editor's Desk

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to The Rogersville Record!

The months leading up to this first paper have been exciting, busy, and full of just a little bit of nervousness. Ok, maybe a lot of nervousness. Maybe some day, publishing each month's paper will become routine, and maybe I won't be quite as stressed about it, but then again, maybe not.

I stress about this paper because I want to deliver something great to you, to Rogersville, and to all the small businesses who are supporting this paper through their advertising. I agonize over font choices, text size, article layouts, and photographs because I want to produce something that is fun to read. I want you to look forward to opening this paper every month, and so I will continue to stress over every tiny detail.

I hope you enjoy this month's paper (and all the months to follow). I encourage you to stick the community calendar on your fridge, read the articles written by your fellow Rogersville neighbors, do the puzzles, support the local businesses who are so supportive of this endeavor, and keep this paper around to read (and re-read) all month.

This is my gift to you, and you don't have to wait until Christmas to open it.

Merry Christmas and Happy Reading!

Kizzi



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THE COMMUNITY VIEW

Hello! I moved to Rogersville from Springfield in 2016 with my husband and children. I am a full time REALTOR, currently the LR PTA President, a member of Rogersville Friends of the Park and co-host of the Morning Waffle on KROG Wildcat TV. I live and work in the heart of the city limits of Rogersville.

The desire to raise our family outside of the city and in a smaller school district brought us here. My husband and I both grew up in rural communities over an hour away and after living in Springfield for many years we knew Rogersville was right for us. In the time we have lived here Rogersville has grown significantly. I am excited to see new businesses opening and more options for us to shop local. A newspaper being brought back to Rogersville is a much-needed step in helping to develop a community identity.

Rogersville is a unique small town. It has been considered a bedroom community of Springfield that has a sought-out school district drawing people to live here that often do not work here or expect to primarily shop here. I think change is on the horizon and as this entire area grows the residents of Rogersville would prefer to spend their dollars locally versus traveling to a more congested, urban feeling Springfield.

The growth we have seen in all southwest Missouri is a bit shocking to many of us. Growing pains are uncomfortable but often unavoidable. The best thing we can do to adapt to these changes is to be present and involved in the process. I encourage everyone to find a way to be involved in this community. Whether it is discussing the new local paper with your neighbor over a cup of coffee, cheering on one of LR's teams, joining a community group or attending a local church.

Finally, I want to welcome The Rogersville Record to the community. I hope this paper brings good things to the residents of Rogersville and is enjoyed for years to come!

Lauren Brooke
Rogersville Resident

The Community View is a positive and upbeat column written by a member of the Rogersville community offering a unique perspective on our town every month.

Would you like to contribute to The Community View? Send your letter to editor@therogersvillerecord.com by the 21st of the month to potentially appear in the following month's paper. No anonymous letters.

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NEWSPAPER NOSTALGIA

Get to know the editor and her hopes for the newspaper

Kizzi Hutcheson is the editor and owner of The Rogersville Record and she can't wait to share this paper with you.

Kizzi grew up in Cabool, Missouri and loved reading The Cabool Enterprise and The Springfield Newsleader. In one, she could read about her friends, neighbors, and family, and in the other, she could read comics and do word puzzles. Sure, these are things often done online or on a device these days, but there's something special about holding a newspaper in your hands. Kizzi's childhood love of small town news is the driving force behind this newspaper.

Kizzi always felt a strong sense of community growing up in the small town of Cabool. In some cases, that feeling was maybe too strong, which led her to attend college at the University of Missouri in Columbia where she studied animal science. While earning her Master of Science she worked for the Missouri Department of Conservation as a fish researcher. But in her heart she wanted more of an adventure, so she joined Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus as a veterinary technician. After two years of touring almost 90 cities in the United States (and a couple in Mexico) she'd had quite enough adventuring.



PICTURED ABOVE: THE EDITOR AND HER FAMILY

Kizzi settled back in Cabool, but immediately jumped into writing an article for The Cabool Enterprise. She always had a passion for writing (and for books), but this sparked her interest in newspapers.

Kizzi met her future husband in 2017 and they married the following year. She was nearly settled in at their home in Rolla (working as a wrestling coach and substitute teacher) when her husband was offered an opportunity in Springfield. With both of them coming from small towns, Rogersville was an easy choice.

After moving to Rogersville in 2020, Kizzi has been busy working as an animal welfare auditor, writing books, and raising two children. Through all of this, the idea of a hometown newspaper wouldn't leave her alone.

Kizzi has a passion for writing and has authored numerous books for children, but she also has a passion for community. The Rogersville Record was born of a desire to get people more engaged in the community of Rogersville. Through a physical, printed, paper, Kizzi hopes people will take the time to read news from around town, visit local shops, and meet with friends at local eateries. Yes, there are many things about Rogersville online, but not everything is online. Real life happens in person, with tangible things.

The Rogersville Record is not a "breaking news" source, but it is a small town, hometown, YOUR town news source and she hopes it brings people together in Rogersville in some small (or big) way.

Like most things in life, this paper is a work in progress, but Kizzi is working hard to make it special.

NOW HERE'S A TIP BY JOANN DERSON

"Digital picture books are very easy to make these days, and they make great gifts. But here's a way we use our digital photos to keep the kids engaged at our family gatherings. Each family prints out a selection of photos. We let the kids make their own books using half sheets of paper, glue and markers. They design frames, etc. After they have several pages done, we tie them together and make a cover of heavy card-stock. It's a great take-home craft, a special souvenir for visitors, and it gets them talking about family moments." -- R.E. in Alabama

Want to mix it up a bit with your traditional chocolate chip cookies? Try rolling them in different types of chopped nuts or sprinkles. Even crushed pretzels are really good. Or change the flavor of the chip. Add minced dried fruit, quick oats or other seeds for a change of taste. Melt chocolate chips and dip one side in it, then let dry on waxed paper. Endless possibilities!

At a loss of what to do with Christmas cards from years past? Why not try making a wreath? Cut out a large ring from a cardboard box or other sturdy material. Arrange cards at different angles around the circle. Add holiday picks and ribbon or a bow for depth.

Having a holiday party? Put foods and drinks in separate areas, as these are places that guests tend to linger. With different stops for each, guests will not bunch up in one place trying to do both, and it actually encourages mingling!

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Community Calendar

DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Board of Aldermen meeting at City Hall@6pm Senior Center Excercise 10:15am	3 Senior Center Bingo 12:30pm	4 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am Art Class 12:30pm Music Jam 3:30-5:30pm	5 Senior Center Bingo 12:30pm	6 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am	7 Xmas Market Upper Elementary 9AM - 2PM Xmas Parade & Tree Lighting 4:30-9:30PM
8	9 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am	10 P&Z-City Hall@6pm Graceland Xmas Program at Rogersville Assembly of God church @6:30pm	11 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am Art Class 12:30pm Music Jam 3:30-5:30pm	12 Senior Center Bingo 12:30pm	13 Cookies with Santa event at Figgi's Gift Bar 3-6pm Senior Center Excercise 10:15am	14 Breakfast with Santa @Senior Center 7:30-10am Live nativity 101 W Center St. 6-9pm
15 Live nativity 101 W Center St. 6-9pm	16 Board of Aldermen meeting at City Hall@6pm	17 Senior Center Veteran's Talk 9am	18 School Board Meeting @6:30pm	19 Senior Center Foot Clinic 9am-3pm Xmas party 10:30am	20 Log-Rog School end 2nd quarter SeniorCenter X-mas lunch 11:30-12:15	21
22	23 Log-Rog School Christmas Break (12/23-1/3)	24 Planning & Zoning meeting - City Hall@6pm **CHRISTMAS EVE**	25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**	26	27	28
29	30	31 **NEW YEAR'S EVE**				

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ROGER THE RACCOON BY ANDREA EHRHARDT

Did you know that Rogersville was once known as the raccoon capital of the world? Local artist Andrea Ehrhardt created Roger the raccoon as a scavenger hunt for the community. You can catch Roger at over 20 local businesses. Learn more at RogertheRaccoon.com and see more of Andrea's art at ArtbyAndreaE.com

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA FOR KIDS

1. Where does Santa live?
2. Who helps Santa make toys?
3. How many reindeer pull Santa's sleigh?
4. Which reindeer has a red nose?

MINI SCAVENGER HUNT BY DARLA NOBLE

Take a walk through your neighborhood and see how many of these Christmas decorations you can find:

1. An inflatible cartoon character.
2. A nativity scene.
3. A tree with lights.
4. A wreath on a door.
5. A reindeer.
6. A Santa (wooden or inflatible).
7. Lights on a house.



Special Features

YOUR HOMETOWN HOLIDAY SHOPPING GUIDE

Continued from front page

FOR THE GARDENER

Check out Willow Green Acres and surprise your loved one with a tree!

FOR MEAT LOVERS

Gift bacon! Check out the local bacon from CopperTop Legacy Farms or gift the "Kobe of Pork" from Westmaid Farms.

FOR THE HANDYPERSON

You're sure to find the perfect gift at CHC Home Center.

FOR THE FARMER

Gifting a tractor might be out of the budget, but if it's not, then check out S&H Farm Supply, or Heritage Tractor. For the more reasonable budget, hop on over to Gordon's Feed and Pet or Crescent Feed & Farm Supply.

FOR THE HORSEPERSON

Check out J&S Tack!

FOR THE CRAFTER

You'll find beautiful yarn at One City Market or visit Ironhorse Pottery for a one-of-a-kind gift.

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

This list doesn't cover every person or every interest, just like it doesn't cover every business in Rogersville (both tasks would be nearly impossible). But hopefully this list can be a starting point for thinking about different ways of gift giving and also thinking about all the ways to shop in Rogersville.

Gifts don't always have to be physical items. Create a unique gift for someone by spending the day exploring Rogersville. Go out for breakfast, go thrifting at Safe Haven Now, have lunch at any of Rogersville's amazing options (food trucks, restaurants, and even fast food), then head over to Figgi's Gift Bar, American Made, or Willow Green Acres for a stroll and shop.

It's great to spend your money in Rogersville, but sometimes it's even better to spend your time here.

The Rogersville Record's goal is to promote all of Rogersville, but there's so much here, it can't be done in one issue. Help the paper cover all Rogersville has to offer. Send an email to editor@therogersvillerecord.com



"OWNING A BAKERY IS LIKE RUNNING A MARATHON"

Continued from front page

Sue's family is very involved in the bakery and coming up with a name was no different. As they sat around the kitchen table, trying name after name, her husband called out from the other room. He reminded her that her retirement was really a "Thyme to Loaf".

But Sue has had no time to loaf since opening the bakery. Sue spends long hours baking, but she knows the job isn't for everyone. She said, "Baking is a hard job so you have to love it." And someone once told her "Owning a bakery is like running a marathon." Sue often employs a grandkid or two, and her daughter, Carrie Hauer, recently joined her full-time.

Carrie has been especially helpful with the addition of the espresso machine. Sue is always thinking of ways to improve and grow the bakery, and having new coffee options was a natural fit. Her next step might just be to roast her own coffee beans, but she's leaving some of that endeavor up to Carrie. For Sue, baking and making pies are her true passion.

It's a good thing pies are her passion because she's been making hundreds of them to fill Thanksgiving orders. She's already taking Christmas orders so there's no end to the pie-making in sight. The holiday season is certainly a busy time for the bakery, but the bakery still opens during the week to serve customers a variety of sweet and savory options.

Sue loves all parts of the baking business, but she loves the people who come through her doors even more. She does her best to treat all her customers like family, and enjoys hearing their stories and seeing their kids and grandkids. Sue loves the community of Rogersville, and the small town feel. Even as Rogersville grows, Sue will welcome new and old customers the same, like family.

In December, Thyme to Loaf is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. Sue does her best to keep the bakery fully stocked with pastries, pies, cakes, cookies, soups, sandwiches, and more, but it's always a good idea to arrive early for the best selection.



IF YOU CAN'T DECIDE...

Sweet Treat
Editor's Choice:
Bear Claw
Sue's Choice:
"I love pie."

Savory Snack
Editor's Choice:
Breakfast burrito
Sue's Choice:
Soups!

Fun Fact
The bakery uses about 60 eggs a week. For Thanksgiving week they used over 250 eggs to fill orders!





Above: Sue prepares pie crust

Top right: Carrie operates the new espresso machine

Bottom right: New menus



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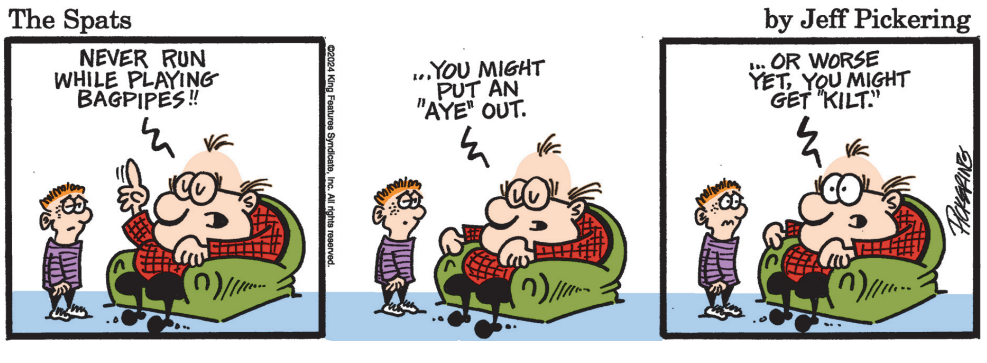
The Spats by Jeff Pickering



Community News

UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY BY YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIAN

Rogersville Branch Library is excited to welcome the Municipal Library Consortium (MLC) to the Missouri Evergreen Consortium. This brings the total number of libraries in Missouri Evergreen to over 76, which we now have access to request materials from.

The Municipal Library Consortium of St. Louis County consists of nine community libraries in St. Louis County, Missouri. Resource sharing within the MLC brings access to over 700,000 new items bringing the total to over 5 million items available to request.

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For more information about the library, visit: webstercountylibrary.org

Rogersville Branch Library is located at 104 N. Beatie St in Rogersville.

NEIGHBORLY TIPS BY JOE VAROSI

Financial pitfalls during the holidays

The holiday season is upon us all again. Whether you are ready or not, the all-out sprint towards the new year is underway! With all of the holiday cheer bubbling up inside us as we shop for decorations and gifts, you may be asking yourself the same question the rest of us are- has everything doubled in price or am I crazy?

No, you are not crazy. Things are expensive and that can add a level of anxiousness to an already hectic holiday schedule. As the holiday season unfolds, here are some tips my wife and I have used over the years to consciously manage our finances throughout the holidays.

1.PLAN A BUDGET

My wife and I decide on a budget for holiday gifts for our children and for each other. For example, we typically spend $150 on each of our children and plan for $75-100 on a gift for one another. The earlier we establish this budget in the year, the quicker we can set that money aside. By no means is this budget meant to affect your plans, it simply works for our family at this time. The idea is to create a realistic budget and it goes hand in hand with our next tip!

2.STAY THE COURSE

Once you have a budgeted amount that you are comfortable spending; stick to it! I know that sounds easy, and it was a lot easier before we had children, but you will be surprised how many impulse purchases there are to the holidays. This is honestly one area I struggle with the most! Luckily for me, my wife is less impressionable. She may not be as granular as me when it comes to budgeting every last dollar, but she definitely knows how to reign me in and stick to the budget we agreed on.

3.AVOID CREDIT CARDS

Having a budget and sticking to it is great, but if you simply pile all of that money onto a credit card charging you 20-29% interest that is never a good recipe! The holiday season is full of blessings. Time with family, time off of work, gift-giving, etc. The one thing that can turn all of that into a curse is paying for it, with exorbitant interest, over the following months after the season subsides. As we save for the holidays over the weeks leading up, we set the money aside in a separate savings account. We stick to our budget as we purchase gifts and when the credit card bill comes, we have the money set aside to pay it off in full.

I hope your holiday season is full of grace and cheer. The holidays in the Ozarks are truly like nowhere else. From my family to yours, we wish you nothing but the best. We hope this little glimpse into our routine will serve as a helping hand for some other individual or family who may be feeling a little anxious this year.

All the best, Joe

Joe Varosi lives in Rogersville with his wife and three children. He earned a Master of Business Administration and a Graduate Certificate in Finance from Missouri State University. What began as a passion for personal finance while working through college has now evolved into a dedication to helping others take control of their financial future. Joe seeks to empower individuals to make informed financial decisions and achieve their goals, and live their best financial lives.

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS BY DANA BAUGHMAN

Whether you're looking for a nutritious, hot lunch meal during the week, or wanting to participate in our many activities and make new friends, the Rogersville Area Senior Center has that for you.

We provide a hot lunch meal, Monday to Friday, 11:30am to 12:15pm. Come try Vickie's famous meatloaf, mashed potatoes, & veggies and Jeannette's famous rolls & desserts or sign up with our director, Christy, to have frozen meals delivered weekly, if you aren't able to make it into the Center for a hot meal.

Looking to stretch your arms and legs in exercises just made especially for Seniors? Come at 10am on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Exercise classes with Patty. Or make use of our exercise bicycles, weights and treadmill anytime the Center is open.

Who thought a Foot Clinic would be so popular? We have a wonderful Nurse that will look over your feet for health issues and clip those hard-to-reach toenails. We currently have a waiting list for this twice a month clinic so check with Christy for availability.

Did someone say BINGO!

Every Tuesdays and Thursdays, after lunch, we play some wild games of Bingo for an hour. There is no charge to the participants and we have a table full of prizes you can choose from. You might want to get that beautiful necklace, candy or Health & Beauty products or hope to win the popular gift card or lunch meal tickets.

The Rogersville Area Senior Center also offers a variety of other activities.

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See page 11 for the Senior Center Menu

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING SYNOPSIS

Mayor Jack Cole
Ward 1 Aldermen: Jeff Lee and Kory Stucki
Ward 2 Aldermen: Janie Pyle and Tim Clarkson

November 4, 2024

All present for November 4 meeting.

Adaline Bybee was a guest speaker and gave her speech about Agriculture and Social Media. She was practicing for her upcoming FFA competition.

A planning and zoning committee member reported that they are discussing different types of commercial zoning.

Chad Bybee discussed the RAS pump failure and steps being taken to fix that.

November 18, 2024

Janie Pyle Absent

Not much on the agenda, but it was mentioned that the infrastructure for the new development at Jamestown has been approved and a plat map will be coming soon.

Mayor Cole presented the idea of hiring a company to bring a large shredding truck for shredding documents as a service to the community.

The Board of Aldermen meets the first and third Monday of every month at 6:00pm at City Hall.

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Board Meeting Synopsis

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November 20, 2024

SYNOPSIS

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board recited the District Mission Statement.

The board approved the consent agenda items as presented:
- **Approve Agenda**
- **Approve Minutes – October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting**
- **Approve Bills**
- **Approve Budget Amendments/Transfers**
- **K-12 Curriculum Documents**

The board recognized the Upper Elementary Honor Choir.

The board approved the 2023-2024 Audit as presented.

The board heard communications updates as follows:
- **Board Study Session – December 4, 2024 – 6:00 pm**
- **Board Candidate Filing Schedule – December 10-31, 2024**
- **State of the District Presentation**
- **MSBA Update / Delegate Report**

The board heard the administration reports.

The board heard the executive administration reports.

The board heard the Security Department program evaluation. No board action was taken.

The board approved the Comprehensive Literacy Plan as presented.

The board adopted MSBA Policy GCBDAA & GBDAA revisions as presented.

The board accepted the bid from Stiles Roofing in the amount of $270,460 for the Elementary School Roof project.

The board declared the Central Office Furniture list as Surplus Property.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS
Study Session
Wednesday, December 4, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
Closed Executive Session – 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Administration Office
100 E. Front St., Rogersville, MO 65742

ENROLLMENT / ATTENDANCE

October K-12 Enrollment:
(10/1 - 10/31/2024)**: 2,386**
October Attendance Percentage:
(10/1 - 10/31/2024)**: 94.46%**
Year-to-Date Attendance Percentage:
(8/20 - 10/31/2024)**: 94.88%**
Year-to-Date 90%/90% Attendance Percentage:
(8/20 - 10/31/2024)**: 83.8%**

Fun & Games

JUMBLE FOR KIDS
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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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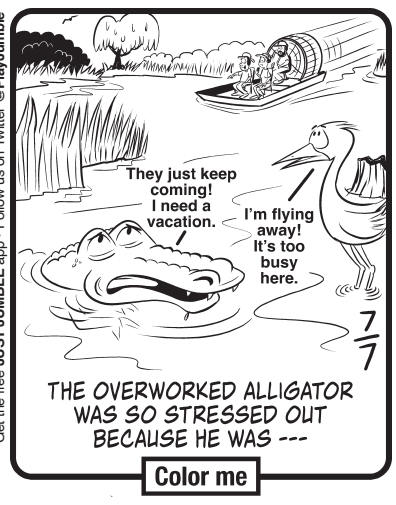

Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

Print the answer here:

Micro Crossword
By Elizabeth C. Gorski

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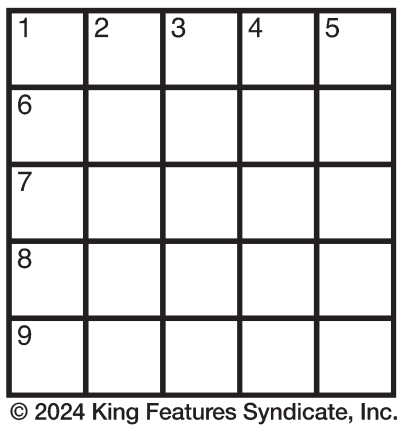
1 2019 French Open winner Ashleigh ___
6 Cold season sound
7 Arm rest?
8 Mount in Exodus
9 Astra and Corsa, e.g.



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Down
1 Deep-voiced singer at La Scala
2 At ___ (in one session)
3 Cologne's river
4 Like elevator music, generally
5 Meditation teachers

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Solutions on page 11

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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K	U	O	C	L
S	O	A	N	E
I	E	R	Y	O
T	G	T	T	H

5-12-24

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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O1	O1	F4	S1	P3	T1	F4	Triple Word Score	
								RACK 2
E1	O1	Y4	R1	M3	N1	B3		
								RACK 3
A1	E1	N1	R1	T1	T1	P3	1st Letter Double	
								RACK 4
E1	U1	P3	D2	T1	S1	B3		
								RACK 5
E1	E1	I1	O1	R1	C3	T1		

PAR SCORE 260-270 **FIVE RACK TOTAL ___**
BEST SCORE 342 **TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN**

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION SEE PAGE 11**

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08-04

WORD SPIRAL

M	E	
	N	S
I		

Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **K** equals **L**

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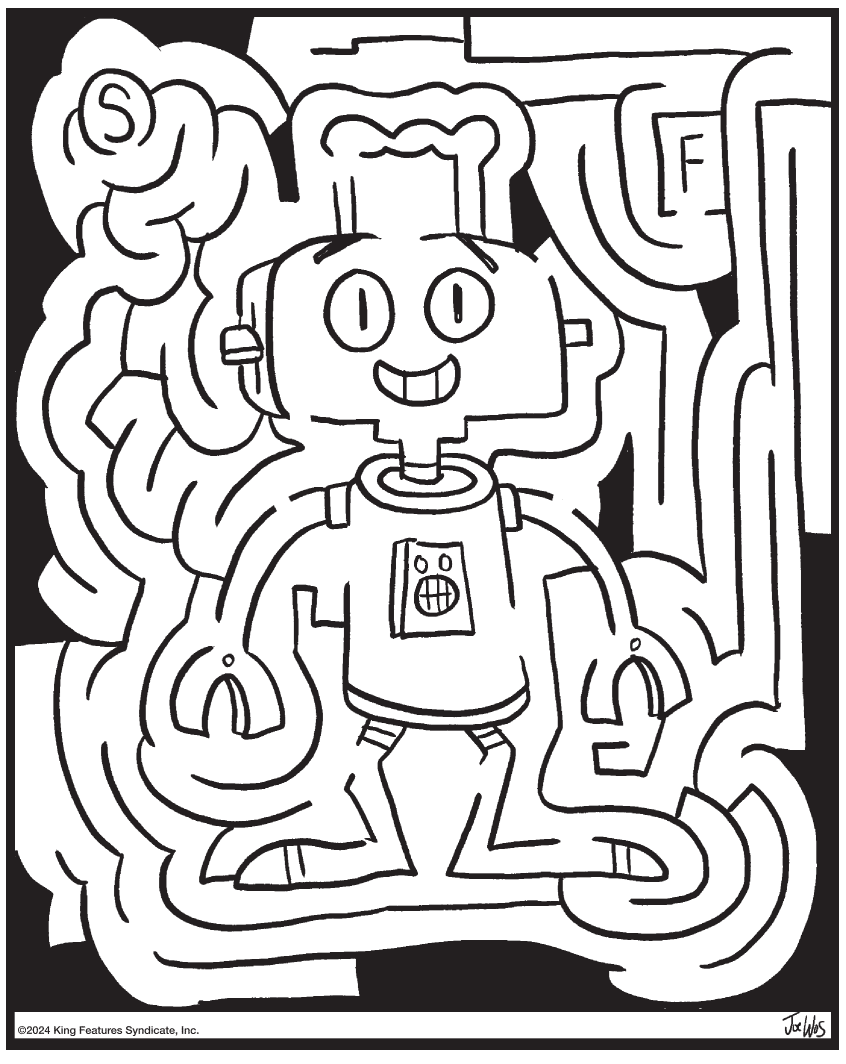

Even Exchange
by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Gentle	__ E __ __ __ __	Kindling	__ I __ __ __ __
2. Push	__ __ O __ __	Remove whiskers	__ __ A __ __
3. Beachwear	__ __ __ __ __ I	Using a two-wheeler	__ __ __ __ __ G
4. Sit like a bird	__ E __ __ __	Veranda	__ O __ __ __
5. Garble one's words	M __ __ __ __ __	Drop the football	F __ __ __ __ __
6. Gawk	__ T_ __ __ __	Frighten	__ C __ __ __
7. Clergy	__ A __ __ __ __	Human being	__ E __ __ __ __
8. Morning brew	C __ __ __ __ __	Confection	T __ __ __ __ __
9. Tree or bush	__ __ __ __ T	What pirates may walk	__ __ __ __ K
10. Tap dancer	__ __ __ F __ __	J. Edgar _____	__ __ __ V __ __

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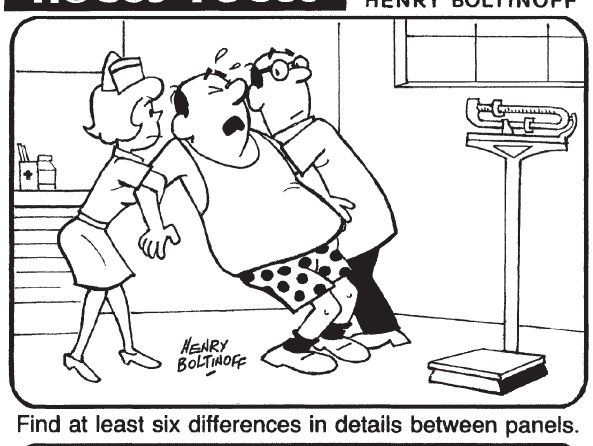
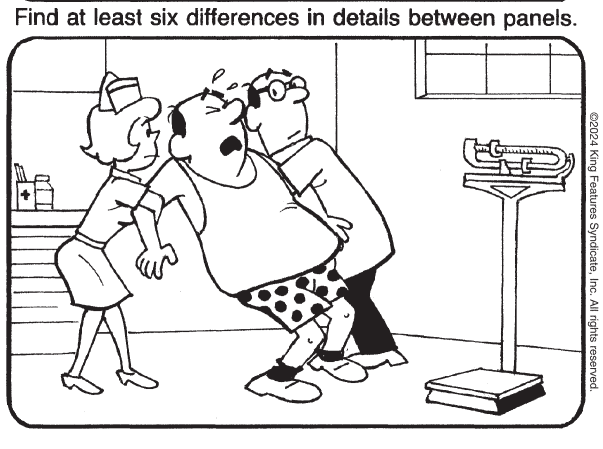
HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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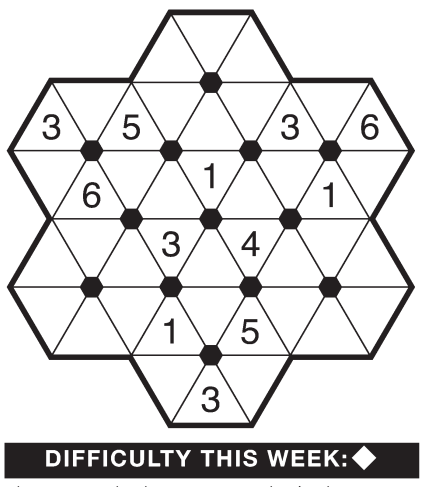
SNOWFLAKES
by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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Special Interest

LEGALLY SPEAKING BY WILL WORSHAM



Ensuring Your Children's Future: The Importance of Appointing Stand-By Guardians

A parents, ensuring the safety and future of your children is of paramount importance. One of the most crucial yet often overlooked aspects of preparing for unforeseen circumstances is the appointment of a stand-by guardian. Missouri law, specifically RSMo. 475.046, empowers parents to proactively appoint stand-by guardians who can assume custody of their minor children if the parents pass away or become incapacitated during ongoing permanent or long-term guardianship proceedings.

Under RSMo. 475.046, parents can formalize these appointments through written documentation that outlines their wishes for the care of their children in the event of their absence. This preemptive measure offers peace of mind, knowing that your children will be placed in the trusted care of someone you personally choose. The process ensures continuity and stability in your children's lives during what would already be a difficult time.

A stand-by guardianship differs from standard guardianship in that it is designed to activate temporarily and immediately upon a triggering event (such as a parent's incapacity or death), safeguarding against potential delays in court proceedings. This legal mechanism is essential for parents who want to avoid gaps in guardianship that might result in their children being placed in state custody or experiencing disruptions in their home and school life.

Drafting such documents is not merely about selecting a stand-by guardian; it's about legally ensuring that your children's best interests are protected seamlessly and efficiently. The process can be streamlined with the guidance of an experienced attorney who understands the nuances of Missouri's guardianship laws and can tailor a stand-by guardianship plan to fit your family's needs.

Will Worsham is a seasoned attorney and founder of Worsham Law Firm, located in Rogersville at 203 Jamestown Blvd, serving the Rogersville community and beyond. With nearly 30 years of legal experience, he is dedicated to guiding individuals and families toward securing their legacies with business consulting and Estate Planning services. A proud Rogersville native, Will is also recognized for pioneering online legal services and his active support of the people and businesses in Rogersville.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* As part of David Hasselhoff's divorce settlement, he kept possession of the nickname "Hoff" and the catchphrase "Don't Hassle the Hoff."

* The fuller your refrigerator, the more energy-efficient it is.

* Dr. Seuss coined the word "nerd." The term originated in the 1950 book "If I Ran the Zoo." The sentence goes: "And then, just to show them, I'll sail to Ka-Troo. And bring back an IT-KUTCH, a PREEP and a PROO, a NERKLE, NERD, and a SEER-SUCKER, too!"

* Nobel Prize winner Niels Bohr was given a perpetual supply of beer piped into his house.

* Between 1848 and 1850, the population of San Francisco grew from 900 to 35,000 people thanks to the Gold Rush.

* During his World War II service, LBJ was due to fly in the observation seat of the B-26 bomber Wabash Cannonball. However, he was replaced when he had to go to the toilet before takeoff. The Wabash Cannonball was shot down during that flight over New Guinea with no survivors.

* A Chinese millionaire sold canned air to people on the streets to raise awareness of air pollution and then donated the money to charity.

* Newborn babies can only see in black and white for a few months.

* Seventy percent of the dirt on your clothes is invisible.

* In "The Empire Strikes Back," an extra can be seen running with what appears to be an ice cream maker. The character became legendary among fans, and was eventually given a name (Willrow Hood) and a backstory.

* Some scientists believe that dogs can tell when you're coming home by how much of your scent is left in the house.

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Thought for the Day:

"I figure if a girl wants to be a legend, she should just go ahead and be one." -- Calamity Jane

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Nuts & Bolts Part 1

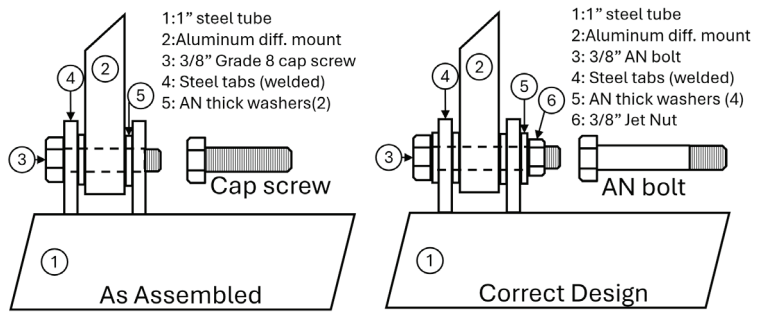
In my 20 or so years building, and teaching students how to build, racecars I've learned a few things about hardware. A broken bolt can mean the end of a race, or in the worst case an injury or death. In 2011 at the National Championship Air Races in Reno, NV The Galloping Ghost crashed, killing the pilot and 10 people on the ground. According to the NTSB (Report #AAB-12-01) "reduced stiffness of the elevator trim tab system" from "deteriorated locknut inserts" was the likely cause of the crash. This deterioration was likely a result of age and reuse of the locknut inserts, which are generally designed for a single use.

In a much less serious matter, I was inspecting a racecar that my students had reassembled and found a problem. These cars use chain driven differentials that are carried by aluminum mounts that rotate to allow chain tensioning. Instead of a proper bolted connection, I noticed a single cap screw was threaded into each differential mount. The team assumed that because the screw threaded in, it didn't need a nut. Upon closer inspection, I realized the reason it threaded in was because the cap screw had worn threads into the aluminum from the chain load.

The correct way for a joint like this to be designed and assembled involves using a bolt, rather than a screw. What's the difference? A screw is designed to screw into something, a bolt is designed to use a nut. When selecting a bolt, the grip length, the length of the bolt under the head minus the thread length, becomes more important than the overall length of the bolt. This is the length of material the bolt is designed to carry shear (sideways) loading on. You don't want the threaded portion of a bolt wearing on material if possible. This prevents damage from threads, and more importantly makes a stronger, more reliable connection since threads are a weak spot due to stress concentration. The assembled and correct designs are shown in the images.

As assembled, there were several things wrong with the connection: the bolt could loosen and even fall out since it wasn't secured with a locknut, threads were wearing into the aluminum mount, a washer wasn't used beneath the bolt head leading to damage to the tab. The correct design uses a proper bolt, a high grade all metal locknut and washers under the bolt head and nut. The bolt's grip length and the length of the threaded portion should allow at least two full threads to be exposed past the nut. In the bolted joint, the shear load is carried by the smooth, strong, precision shank of the bolt instead of the weaker threads.

Images to Right: Showing incorrect and correct assemblies for the race car's differential mount.



In general, when designing fastened connections these are some best practices to follow:

• Understand the difference between blind and through holes. Blind holes don't go all the way through a part and require screws or studs instead of bolts. They can collect liquids and solid debris. They are trickier to torque, and might require mechanical retention (safety wire, locking tabs) or thread locking compound in critical applications.

• Use a locking nut in vibrating or safety critical applications. A prevailing torque locknut (one that takes continuous torque to drive on or off) is preferred.

• Use bolts, instead of screws, in shear (sideways) loading when possible.

• Connections should be double shear instead of single.

• Use washers under the bolt head and under the nut (with few exceptions).

In conclusion, safety critical connections require the right hardware. There's more to bolts than Grades 2, 5 and 8. For example, AN bolts are generally between Grade 5 and 8 in strength but have tighter tolerances and are specified by grip length. They are a good choice for general racecar use. Higher grade NAS bolts are stronger (over Grade 8 in general) and tighter in tolerance but more expensive and harder to acquire. I reserve them for safety critical racecar applications (suspension, steering, brakes, driver harness, etc.). There are even stronger grades of hardware: bolts, studs and screws for specialty applications. Look for a deep dive into hardware grades in a later column.

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School News



LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE VOLLEYBALL TEAM PLACES 2ND IN STATE

Congratulations to our incredible LR Wildcat volleyball team for finishing as Class 3 State Runners-Up! Way to go, Wildcats!

Pictured to left: LR HS Girls Volleyball Team

LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE SOCCER TEAM PLACES 4TH IN STATE

Congratulations to the LR Wildcat Soccer team on an incredible season and earning 4th place in State! Great job, Wildcats!

Pictured Below: LR HS Boys Soccer Team
Both photos courtesty LR School District



STUDENTS NAMED TO ALL-DISTRICT HONOR CHOIR

Congratulations to all the Wildcats named to the All-District Honor Choir. Cecilia Baker, Madi Cook, JoHannah Suess, Sophia Shevchennko, Ella Phillips, Gracelyn Stone, Kayleigh Hager, Makayla Helmke, Rosa Alvarado, Zianna Parkison, Melanie Maringola, Owen White, Ben Mistele, Parker White, Connor Slack, Connor Moore, Cade Castillo, Alessia Roten, Lauren Stokes, Kastin Galloway-Anderson, Rowen Homburg, Lilly Maringola, Julia Bressie, and Gemma Buttram.

MAKAYLA HELMKE NAMED TO ALL-STATE CHOIR

A special shoutout to Makayla Helmke for being selected for the All-State Choir. Congratulations!

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LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE PTA NEWS



The Logan Rogersville PTA stays very busy bringing together students, teachers, parents, and the community with the goal of showing every child's potential. We serve LR students from kindergarten to 5th grade. Here are some of the things the LR PTA has been up to this year.

We supplied dinners for staff during parent/teacher conferences in October, working with The Habit Coffee Company, providing delicious meals while teachers worked long hours. Assistance with the purchase of extra class t-shirts was given to schools so that no student must go without, and no extra expense will be incurred to families that may not have funds available. Class shirts are needed for students for field trips and during assemblies. Pizza, water, and cookies were provided by the LR PTA for the annual Title 1 night. A great big day of fun was had at the Rogersville Farm and Harvest festival. LR PTA Primary Chairs set up a booth with temporary tattoos, games and prizes, a photo booth, and pumpkin decorating!

Have you heard of the Wildcat Closet? LR PTA invites all students to Paws and Swap at the Wildcat Closet. Come and refresh your student's wardrobe by swapping your gently used clothing items with fellow members of our Wildcat community. You do not have to have items to trade-in to shop! Everyone is encouraged to explore and select new outfits for their students, ensuring every Wildcat looks and feels their best. The closet is open the first Saturday of each month 8:00-10:00 am, the last Tuesday of each month 4:00-6:00 pm, or by appointment as needed. Location is the rock building in front of the Upper Elementary.

One of the most anticipated events is just around the corner in December. ELF SHOP IS BACK! Students get to shop and choose 3 gifts for their household. The students get to pick who their gifts are for, choosing from 1 food item and 2 non-food items. Volunteers help students select their gifts and even wrap them!
Is being more involved at your child's school a resolution for the new year? The next LR PTA meeting will be held on January 8th at 6:30, at the commons at the Elementary. Come to the meeting and start 2025 off right!

Pictured Above: PTA Volunteers from Elf Shop 2023 (Photo courtesty LR PTA)

A VIEW FROM THE SCHOOL

BY ADALINE BYBEE

Logan-Rogersville FFA

The Rogersville FFA was established in 1938. The first advisor was WO Barrow. The Logan-Rogersville FFA has many events throughout the year and is very involved with the community. The officer team, a team of members usually around 8-12 kids who interview to be the face of the FFA, helps organize and plan the events.

At the beginning of the year, the FFA kicks the year off with the Ice Cream Social to meet new members, along with their families, as well as reconnect with past members. Barnwarming is a huge hit within the FFA. During the fall there is an Area and chapter Barnwarming. Area Barnwaming is for any chapter in Area 12. Chapter Barnwarming is for the specific chapter. You have games, food, line dancing, and king and queen.

Competitions that all FFA have are, LDE which is Leadership Development Events takes place in the fall and spring. This involves Job Interviews, Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedures, and many others. This fall we had 6 members compete at the District level for Prepared Public Speaking. In the spring, all the competion comes out. Another competiion FFA has is CDE season which is Career Development Events. Kids form a team of at least 4 to compete in different judgings to make it to state. Examples of these competitions are Dairy Judging, Agronomy, Horses, Ag Mech, Livestock, Entomology, and many others. You have to judge or identify a series of animals or plants and take a general knowledge exam. Rogersville had a Dairy team last spring move on to Nationals and a horse team placed 5th. In earlier years we had a Dairy team place 4th, Agronomy place 4th, and Horses place 5th.

Logan-Rogersville FFA officers are currently planning our Chapter Barnwaming which will be held at the shop on December 12th. We are having a food drive to see which teacher will be pied in the face with whipped cream. There will be games, music, and food. This year we are spicing it up and having a Hawaiian theme. After barnwarming, officers will be shopping for families to bring them a Christmas they may not be able to afford.

Adaline Bybee is a student at Logan-Rogersville High School and the current FFA Secretary.

***A View From the School** provides insight into school happenings from different school students, faculty, or staff each month.*



Farm & Garden

THE HOMESTEADER'S HANDBOOK BY STACI HILL



Pros and Cons to Garden Clean Up

Now that the weather has finally cooled off, gardeners face the decision of whether to tidy up their garden or leave it be for the winter.

If you've already cleaned up your garden, here are the benefits you can enjoy:

Prevention of Pests and Disease: Removing dead plant material, fallen leaves, and spent flowers can help reduce the chances of pests and diseases overwintering in your garden. Many insects, such as aphids and caterpillars, hide in debris to survive the cold months, so cleaning up can help limit their populations in spring.

Easy Spring Start: A tidy garden in the fall means less work when spring arrives. By removing weeds, dead plants, and debris, you clear space for new growth, making it easier to plant and maintain your garden when the weather warms.

Aesthetics: A well-maintained garden in the fall gives your outdoor space a neat, tidy appearance.

If you'd rather not clean up your garden, there are benefits for you too:

Impact on Wildlife: Many creatures, including birds, beneficial insects, and small mammals, rely on fallen leaves and plant material for shelter and food throughout the winter. By cleaning up too thoroughly, you may be depriving these creatures of vital resources.

Soil Health: Fallen leaves and plant matter can act as mulch, helping to retain moisture and provide nutrients as they decompose. Removing this organic material without replacing it can reduce the natural fertility of your soil over the winter months.

Disturbing Ecosystems: In some cases, leaving plants and leaves in place can promote healthy ecosystems. Certain plants, like coneflowers and sunflowers, provide seeds for birds, while other plants act as a natural barrier against erosion.

Ultimately, whether to clean up your garden in the fall depends on your priorities. We use a middle of the road approach on our farm. Cleaning up diseased plants as soon as possible, but leaving much of the garden to clean up on a warm day in January or February. This method can give your soil most of the benefits of not cleaning up, but clear out the pest hiding spaces while we still have some cold weather left. Always remember to leave your soil covered as bare soil leads to loss of nutrients and soil biodiversity.

On our farm, we use waste hay from our goats and sheep to cover bare soil - at 8-12" deep this waste hay feeds the soil, provides shelter for beneficial insects, and suppresses weed growth. The hay composts over the winter and early spring to feed the soil! You can also use cardboard, mulch, weed fabric or newspaper to cover your soil.

Staci Hill is a co-owner of Gooseberry Bridge Farm in Rogersville. Their farm and homestead focuses on sustainable and organic practices, growing a variety of flowers and produce, and raising animals with an emphasis on community education. Learn more about Gooseberry Bridge Farm at www.gooseberrybridge.com or follow them on Instagram @gooseberrybridge



Above photo: Sunflowers of all kinds provide seeds for birds. This titan sunflower also provides seeds for people.

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Popular plants of the season

Facts about plants that have long been part of Christmas and winter solstice; all have some level of toxicity:

Poinsettia



- Native of Mexico; introduced to U.S. in 1825 by Joel Poinsett
- Flowers are actually modified leaves called bracts
- In nature, poinsettias are perennial flowering shrubs that can grow as high as 10 ft. (3 m)

Christmas Rose



- Also called Snow or Winter Rose; evergreen plant, blooms from late fall to early spring
- Native to southern Alps of Europe
- Favorite German Christmas song depicts Jesus as the "Christmas Rose"

Mistletoe



- Parasite; grows attached to branches of host trees; evergreen
- Considered a mystical and sacred plant in ancient Greece, pre-Christian Europe
- Kissing under mistletoe at Christmas first documented in 16th century England

Holly



- Most hollies are an evergreen shrub or tree; only female trees produce red berries
- Trees can grow up to 50 ft. (15 m) high; boughs sold for holiday decoration
- Ancient cultures saw green leaves, red berries as sign of life in winter

Source: Gardenline, Holidayspot, Gardenseeker, Graphic, Staff, TNS

LAWN & TREE TIPS BY WILLOW GREEN ACRES

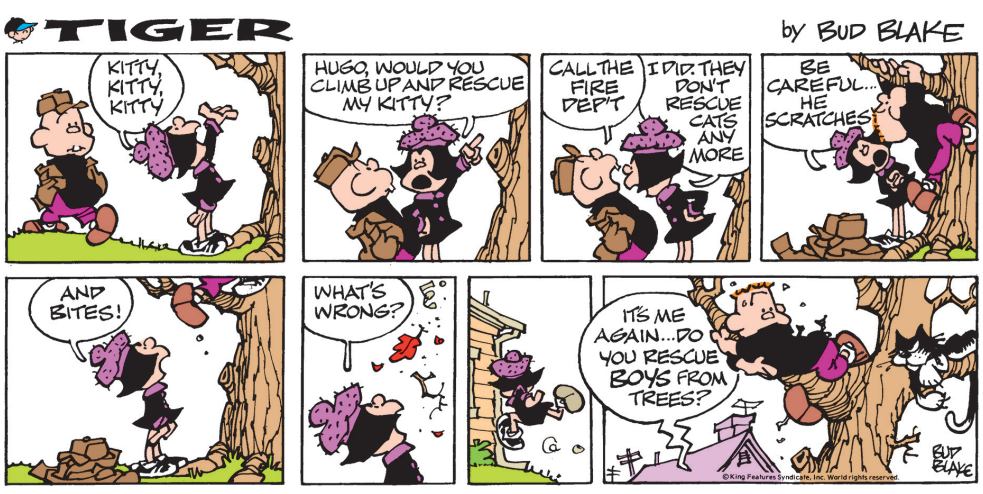
Oh baby it's cold outside! Yes this is the time of year most of us settle in for a long winter's nap. But wait! There is one more thing you should consider doing before snuggling up under that blanket - plant some trees! You may not know it but this is the best time to plant most trees. Cooler temperatures and increased rainfall make this the optimum time. The shock of being transplanted is at its lowest point because of the lower external temperatures but the soil is still warm enough to promote root growth. There is also reduced competition in the winter from weeds and grass. Potentially harmful insects are gone for the winter months so trees are given time to strengthen without fear of invasion. Trees will take the winter months to acclimate to their new location, establish a healthy root system, and prepare to leaf out with vigor once spring starts to add the rains and sunshine needed to produce the tree's rebirth! The tree is then more prepared to withstand the summer heat and drought which is the primary killer of newly planted trees. Now is the time to dust off that shovel and plant some trees.

Need some further reasons to get out from under that blanket? News flash - trees are good for the environment! They absorb carbon dioxide, filter air pollutants and produce oxygen - which does come in handy for us "breathers". Tree roots stabilize soil, reducing erosion and improving soil fertility. Trees also provide habitat for countless forms of wildlife - Squirrel!! Can you imagine the world without the music of birds? Trees are a vital piece of our ecosystem. Beyond that, trees add great beauty to our landscape. There is nothing prettier than those amazing dogwood blooms in spring. And what about those reds, oranges and yellows of the fall? Gorgeous!

Still not convinced? Did you know that studies have consistently shown that mature trees can increase your property value by up to 20%? Did you know that well placed trees can significantly reduce your energy costs? Did you know that strategically placed trees can lower noise pollution and (sorry to say it out loud but) lower "neighbor pollution"?

Here is one more reason to plant trees now. Nurseries like Willow Green Acres have their greatest selection of trees at this time of year. We are stocking up so you can plant up! Why not let our experts help you determine the type of trees that fit your needs and provide you with strategic placement of those trees? It's a free service of Willow Green Acres because we love trees. Just give us a call or stop by 3000 W Center Street.

But *Baby it's cold outside!* Willow Green Acres has planting services as well so you won't even have to leave the comfort of that blanket. Just give us a call at 417-753-TREE and we can take care of everything! No better gift this year than a Christmas TREE!





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LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE SECOND GRADERS VISIT COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS DAIRY FARM

In November, second graders had an unforgettable experience at College of the Ozarks! Through CofO's Discover Dairy Program, each class "adopted" a calf they'll follow as it grows, learning about its care and gaining insight into the daily operations of a dairy farm.

During their visit, students met their calves, had the chance to pet them, and spoke with the farmer who cares for them. They also toured the dairy to see how milk is collected and processed. What a fun and educational day!





Above: Students pet a dairy calf.

Left: Mrs. Ashley's second grade class.

Photos and article courtesy of Logan-Rogersville School District.

Home & Health



DARLA'S DASH OF SALTY GRACE

Sometimes the Best and Most Important Lessons are Learned OUTside the Classroom

Spending a cool, drizzly Saturday night in the barn...on a quilt...with snacks waiting for the cow to have her calf, was a lesson in life our children learned when they were still very young. Truth be told, they learned several lessons that night. The lesson on how life comes into the world, as well as lessons on maternal instinct, and lessons on the way nature has a way of telling us what we need to do, when we need to do it, and how to do it correctly. No classroom could have taught them these things the way they learned them that night (and countless times afterward).

Caring for Granny as she slid into the darkness of Alzheimer's taught the kids and my husband and I a number of incredibly valuable lessons. Make no mistake about it—they were painful lessons to learn. But gaining the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding that came from being her caregivers, made each of us more patient, sensitive, compassionate, and conscious of how to (and how not to) converse and interact with someone suffering from this dreadful disease. Our experience has also given us opportunities to encourage others as they care for someone they love. Again...lessons like these could never be taught in a classroom.

Just a few days ago my youngest daughter sent me a picture of her three-year-old son watching his daddy, as Daddy led a group of young men through their final drills before graduating from the United States Marine Corps boot camp in San Diego. The regimented disciplines and rich traditions are humbly inspiring to an adult. But the look on little Johnny's face was nothing short of pure awe and wonder. He knows full well that Daddy is a Marine, and he has witnessed a few special ceremonies in his three (almost four) short years, but nothing on this level. And he was taking it all in—lessons in respect for authority, chain of command, the value of discipline and tradition, and the reward for perseverance leading to the completion of the rigors of training that allow them to be called Marines. No classroom will ever teach Johnny these truths so impactfully.

I am not saying these things to downgrade the value of our schools. And I most certainly am not in ANY way discounting the value of our teachers. Both children and parents would be lost without them. Teachers are, to a great extent, responsible for shaping society's next generation. But ONLY on an academic level. It is NOT a teacher's job to raise our children. To give them a moral compass. To instill in them the qualities of character we want them to possess. To teach or impress upon them religious beliefs. These things are OUR job—yours and mine—as parents and yes, even as grandparents. And one way to teach them these things is through experiences. Experiences like those I just told you about.

Sharing life experiences with your children and giving them the opportunities to be both a witness and a participant in such things, is how they learn to be people of integrity and honor. These experiences are how they learn to be honest, kind, sincere, compassionate, respectful, hardworking, and so on.

So, what is school for? School is where academics are taught, and character is put into practice.

Make the effort to experience life with your children. Open the doors of opportunity for them to learn what life is about and walk through those doors with them; answering their questions, and giving them the tools they need to understand, accept, and embrace life for all it is meant to be.

Love,
Momma D

Darla Noble is a Missouri girl through and through who has been writing inspirational nonfiction, historical nonfiction, memoirs, Bible studies, parenting/family resources, character education books, and curriculum for over thirty years. Her faith, wit, and wisdom are enjoyed by readers across the United States, Australia, Asia, and Europe.

Darla and her husband John have been married for forty-three years, are the parents of four children, four children in-law, and nine adorable grandchildren. Darla loves to hear from her readers, and is available for speaking engagements (both in person and online), so feel free to contact her at dnoblewrites@yahoo.com You can also 'like' her on Facebook (Darla Noble), or on Twitter @dnoblewrites. And be sure to check out her blog: www.darlasdashofsaltygrace.blogspot.com

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AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN BY SARAH MULLINS



Everyone loves a rich brownie

Cream cheese brownies are an American classic. However, to be done right, the two batters must complement each other rather than compete.

We use unsweetened chocolate for a bold chocolate flavor and a cakey brownie batter so the added liquid from the cream cheese filling doesn't make the brownies soggy or too dense. The addition of sour cream to the cream cheese swirl adds a pleasing tang that complements the brownies' sweetness.

The usual method of dolloping cream cheese over the brownie batter before swirling delivers a soggy center and dry edges. To ensure even baking and the right balance of cream cheese swirl and chocolate in every bite, we spread the cream cheese mixture evenly over the brownie batter and then dollop reserved brownie batter on top before swirling.

Cream Cheese Brownies

Makes 16 2-inch brownies

For the cream cheese filling:
4 ounces cream cheese, cut into 8 pieces
1/2 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

For the brownie batter:
2/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped fine
8 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 1/4 cups sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

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1. ***FOR THE CREAM CHEESE FILLING:*** Microwave cream cheese until soft, 20 to 30 seconds. Add sour cream, sugar, and flour and whisk to combine. Set aside.

2. Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 325 degrees. Make a foil sling for an 8-inch square baking pan by folding two long sheets of aluminum foil so each is 8 inches wide. Lay sheets of foil in pan perpendicular to each other, with extra foil hanging over edges of pan. Push foil into corners and up sides of pan, smoothing foil flush to pan. Grease foil.

3. ***FOR THE BROWNIE BATTER:*** Whisk flour, baking powder, and salt together in a bowl and set aside. Microwave chocolate and butter in a bowl at 50% power, stirring occasionally, until melted, 1 to 2 minutes.

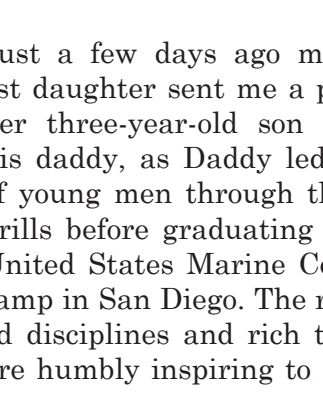
4. Whisk sugar, eggs, and vanilla together in a medium bowl. Add melted chocolate mixture (do not clean bowl) and whisk until incorporated. Add flour mixture and fold to combine.

5. Transfer 1/2 cup batter to the bowl used to melt the chocolate. Spread remaining batter in the prepared pan. Spread cream cheese filling evenly over batter.

6. Microwave bowl of reserved batter until warm and pourable, 10 to 20 seconds. Using spoon, dollop softened batter over cream cheese filling, 6 to 8 dollops. Using a knife, swirl batter through cream cheese filling, making a marbled pattern, 10 to 12 strokes, leaving 1/2-inch border around edges.

7. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with a few moist crumbs attached, 35 to 40 minutes, rotating pan halfway through baking. Let cool in pan on wire rack for 1 hour.

8. Using foil overhang, lift brownies out of pan. Return brownies to a wire rack and let cool completely, about 1 hour. Cut into 2-inch squares and serve.



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SAFE HAVEN NOW UPDATES BY CHRIS OLDHAM

Safe Haven Now is a nonprofit faith-based mission dedicated to meeting the physical and spiritual needs of individuals in the Rogersville and Fordland communities. Founded by Terry Webster, who heard the call to "feed my sheep" in 2014, Safe Haven Now began as a food pantry and thrift store in Fordland, Missouri, with the initial goal of addressing local food insecurity.

In 2018, recognizing the growing needs of the area, the Safe Haven Now board decided to open a second food pantry and thrift store in Rogersville. Both pantries provide emergency and ongoing food assistance to those in need.

Our thrift stores are here to assist those experiencing life-changing crises such as house fires, tornadoes, flooding, and emergency foster care placements. However, the stores are open to anyone who loves to shop for a good deal or find a rare nugget. We work hard to keep our prices in line with the tradition of a true thrift store. While sales from the stores help fund the food pantry, we are a nonprofit organization and welcome financial contributions from individuals, businesses, or religious organizations with a heart to serve the community.

We are two stores with one mission: to offer both physical and spiritual support to those most in need by optimizing charitable resources to fulfill our Christian duty to assist people in living a fuller life.

If you're looking to get involved or learn more about how you can support our mission, you can reach out to the Regional Manager, Chris Oldham. Whether you are interested in making a donation, volunteering, or learning about other ways to support the organization, Safe Haven Now is always open to those who want to help in any capacity.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word "thanksgiving" the most times at eight? *Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah*
2. In 2 Timothy 3:1 - 2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days? *Adulterers, Sun worshipers, Renegades, Unthankful people*
3. From Psalms 106:1: "O give thanks unto the Lord; for his _____ endureth for ever." *Love, Good, Mercy, Spirit*
4. From 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the _____ of God." *Power, Will, Gratitude, Travail*
5. From Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? *Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant*
6. Where was Jonah when he prayed with the voice of thanksgiving? *Fish's belly, Aboard ship, In the wilderness, Mountaintop*

ANSWERS: 1) Psalms, 2) Unthankful people, 3) Mercy, 4) Will, 5) At your own will, 6) Fish's belly

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 35:5-6

May they be **like chaff before** the **wind**, **with** the angel of **the** LORD **driving them away**; may **their path** be **dark and slippery**, with the **angel** of the **LORD pursuing** them.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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The Garden Bug — Prayer plant



This popular tropical houseplant *(Maranta leuconeura)* is known for its striking foliage and for how its leaves stay flat during the day, then fold up like praying hands at night. It is very slow-growing, but can eventually reach up to a foot in height indoors if conditions are suitable. Give these plants bright light to maintain growth, but avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight. Use well-draining, acidic soil and keep it evenly moist. Water with filtered or distilled water once the top layer of soil has dried out. – *Brenda Weaver*

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Even Exchange

answers

1. Tender, Tinder
2. Shove, Shave
3. Bikini, Biking
4. Perch, Porch
5. Mumble, Fumble
6. Stare, Scare
7. Parson, Person
8. Coffee, Toffee
9. Plant, Plank
10. Hoofer, Hoover

Micro Crossword

Answer

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Scale is shorter. 3. Nurse's foot is moved. 4. Cabinet is not as wide. 5. Window is smaller. 6. Sock is shorter.

JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumble

Jumbles: AFTER COLOR BOTTLE SLEEPY

Answers: When they subdivided the property into individual home sites, the result was -- A LOT OF LOTS

Kid's Jumble

Jumbles: WAX FIND PUSH MOVE

Answers: The overworked alligater was so stressed out because he was -- SWAMPED

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Word Spiral

Answer

IMMERSION

CryptoQuip

answer

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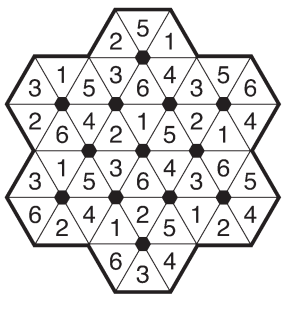

Boggle Answers

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HYENA

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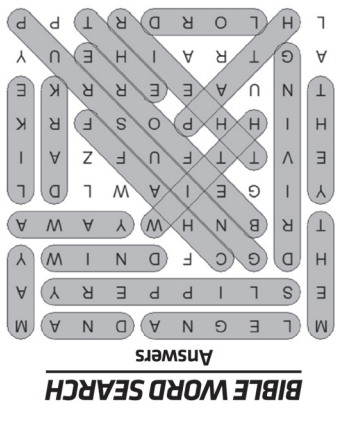

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In November, Logan-Rogersville students and staff put together a memorable Veteran's Day celebration. *Photos courtesy LR School District*









LR UPPER ELEMENTARY CHARACTER KIDS

Congratulations to Benny, Eli, Ethan, Claire, McKenna, and Sofya for being named LRUE Character Kids for November! These students exemplify this month's character word: caring. They show concern for others, consider the impact of their actions, and are always ready to lend a helping hand.

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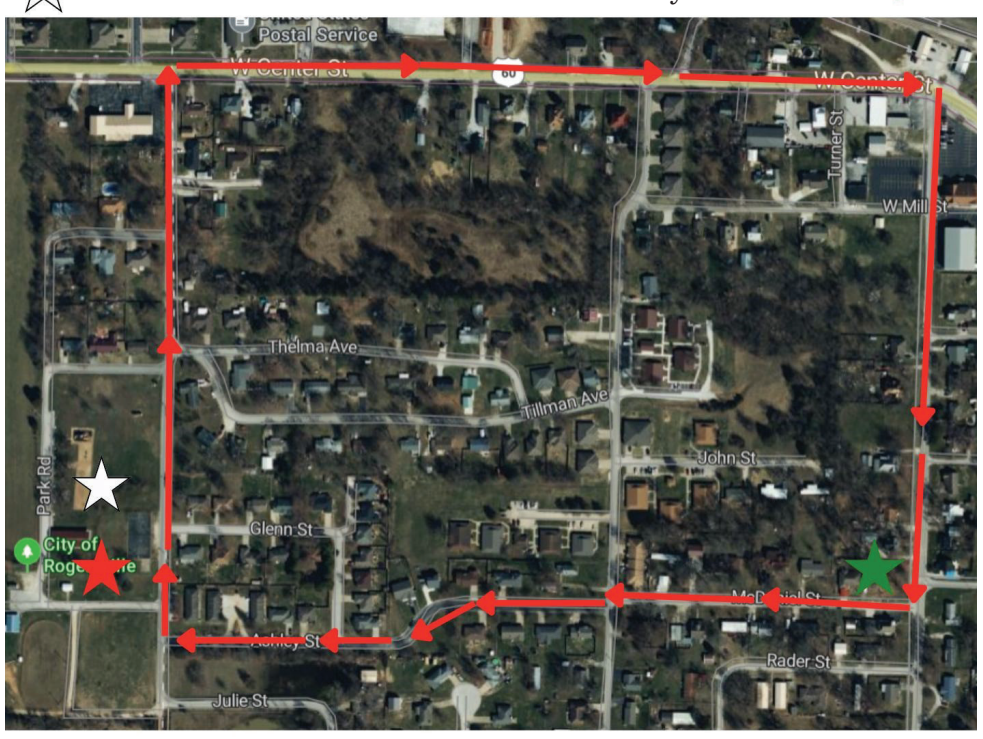

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