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High school presents the musical in February







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This year's musical is Fiddler on the Roof starring: Ben Mistele as Tevye, Alessia Roten as Golde, Makayla Helmke as Tzeitel, Kayleigh Hager as Hodel, Madi Cook as Chava, Zianna Parkison as Shprintze, Rosa Alvarado as Bielke, Melanie Maringola, Yente, Tammo Braeuer as Motel Kamzoil, Cecilia Baker as Shandel, Sam Baker as Perchik, Parker White as Lazar Wolf, Jesse Robirds as Mordcha, Ali Umran as Rabbi, Connor Moore as Mendel, Hunter Reese as Avram, and many others. ***See the flyer for Fiddler on the Roof on page 12***

FIRE CLAIMS BARN AND LIVESTOCK



In the evening of January 3, 2025 a fire raged through a barn in Rogersville. Owner Kyle Buscho says the barn dated from the 1920's and the fire engulfed the entire structure. There was nothing left to salvage, and while the fire department says a heat lamp may have started the fire, the damage was too extensive to determine an exact cause. *Story continued on page 12*

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Crafting with Clay at IronHorse Pottery Studio



As an emergency room doctor and instructor at Drury University, Kathy Egly already had a full schedule when she decided to open IronHorse Pottery Studio in April 2023. But having more to do isn't why Kathy opened her pottery studio. It was her interest in making pottery and passion for her community that led her to establish the studio at 384 Redbud in Rogersville.

After starting pottery classes with her daughter, Lauren Egly, about five years ago, Kathy wanted to bring something to her own community. She also wanted to be able to share pottery with anyone who wanted to learn. That's why her studio is beginner-friendly, kid-friendly, and handicap accommodating.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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I remember as a kid, never having the perfect snow for building a snowman. The giant snowmen from cartoons had to be the stuff of myth and legend, because I could never make anything more than a foot tall. Well, there must be something in the air around Rogersville, because the snow we received in January made excellent snowmen. It felt like something out of a movie, to roll a ball of snow around the yard, and watch it grow bigger and bigger. My toddler and all her cousins teamed up to help roll the heavy snow ball. Then it was time to do it again, and again, until we had a giant snowman!

This was actually the second time since living in Rogersville that the snow has been perfect for constructing a snowman, but the excitement of playing in the snow never gets old. It's kind of like the excitement of putting together another paper.

Each month, something magical happens as people in Rogersville reach out and share their stories with me. What starts out as just a picture or tidbit, grows and grows, until I have a whole paper full of community news. It really is something magical to meet new people every month and see the amazing work going on in our community.

Like building a mythical snowman, I hope the magic of reading the newspaper, never gets old.

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THE COMMUNITY VIEW

We landed in Rogersville about a year and a half ago. Everything started when I received a phone call from my good friend Carlo who was looking for a tenant. He had been raving about this little town and how wonderful people were for about a year at that point. A long way from California, my decision to bring my entire family to Missouri should have been a longer one, but it was in fact pretty immediate. My twin boys were incredible help by moving a lifetime of memories from what seemed to be a world away.

As we settled into our spot, the twins were extremely excited to play baseball at LR High. This was one of the best baseball fields we have ever seen, and the support from the staff was somthing we weren't used to, truly incredible. The feeling of peace and tranquility here is second to none, and we felt so welcomed by everyone around us.

So what were we to do here? I worked my whole life in the beauty industry and I really wanted to change. We kept going back and forth on ideas and we again found our friend Carlo who has had this dream of running a coffee shop his whole life. What he said all sounded very expensive but it just made sense, and there was nothing like that anywhere. The biggest thing was finding the right location. Enter Amanda from Figgi's Gift Bar. What a place! It was virtually begging for Italian coffee. Classy, fun, cozy and Amanda was so amazing. Carlo ran ideas to her, and of course everyone thinks Carlo is crazy, but as the plan came to life, it started turning into something more than beautiful. This was Rogersville's new hang out! The people absolutely love it. It has been the joy of my life to run this business that touches so many people. We are now on month five and looking to expand.

What can we say about Rogersville? We are in our own bubble, there's nothing like it. From people waving at each other for no reason other than being kind, to people bringing us gifts at the shop, we are absolutely stunned daily by what we see. People like Lauren Brooke, Amanda Potts, JR Hutcheson and many more who do so much good and tirelessly promote businesses are the spirit of what makes this place great. We have families who are in need online and the community gets together to help them. This is not common by any means. We are so blessed to part of this community. We feel it as our duty to not only keep the culture of Rogersville alive, but to also add the minute pleasures it's missing. The twins and I thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Heidi Carlson
Owner of Empire Coffee

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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NOW HERE'S A TIP BY JOANN DERSON

*To ripen a green tomato, wrap it in a sheet of newspaper or place it in a paper bag. It can then be left on the counter for several days to ripen.

* "To keep those ice crystals from forming on the top of your quart of ice cream, just cut a square of plastic wrap and push it down onto the surface of the ice cream each time you scoop a bowlful out. It peels off easily when you're ready for another helping, but there's no ice! Works for me!" -- T.D. in Nebraska

* White vinegar will clean off fruit or food coloring stains on your hands -- or most other places too!

* F.J. of Texas writes: "Keep a fresh roll of unscented toilet tissue in the kitchen to clean up on the stove and countertop. It cleans up good because of its absorbency, and it saves money on expensive paper towels."

* "If you add a teaspoon of sugar to your biscuit mix or to the dough for rolls, it will help them brown well and they will come out of the oven with golden tops." -- Jan R. of Michigan

* You can get five or six more uses out of a pump-top lotion bottle if you cut off the top to access the lotion inside that doesn't come out of the pump once the level is too low. You'd be surprised how much is still in there!

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FEBRUARY 2025

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2	3 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am Board of Aldermen meeting at City Hall@6pm	4 Senior Center Bingo 12:30pm Rog Library Storytime 10:30am	5 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am Drawing Class 12:30pm Music Jam 3:30-5:30pm (every Wed.) Pickin & Grinnin 1-2pm	6 Senior Center Bingo 12:30pm Girls HS Basketball Home Game 6pm	7 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am Boys HS Basketball Home Game 4:30pm	8 'Souper' Bowl benefit for Newborns in Need @Will Worsham Law Firm **Figgi's Gift Bar and Empire Coffee Valentine's Day Event**
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16	17 Board of Aldermen meeting at City Hall@6pm PRESIDENTS' DAY	18 Senior Center Veteran's Talk 9am SUPER NIGHT Boys & Girls Basketball @ home 4:30pm	19 School Board Meeting @7:00pm	20 Senior Center Bingo 12:30pm	21 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am	22 Class at IronHorse Pottery: Planters
23	24 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am	25 Senior Center Foot Clinic 9am-3pm	26	27 Senior Center Bingo 12:30pm	28 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am	**Have an event?** Email editor@therogersvillerecord.com before the 21st of the month to be included in the calendar

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Fun Fact

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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



Special Features

"POTTERY IS FUN TO SHARE WITH PEOPLE"

Continued from front page

IronHorse Pottery is designed to welcome anyone to try a class, whether you are young or old, a beginner or an expert. Kathy welcomes children (with an adult accompanying) to come work with clay. Children ages four and up can attend hand-building classes, and children ages eight and up are welcome to learn how to make pottery on the wheel.

Kathy has classes for all skill levels, but she also said, "You have to be brave enough to be bad at something new." For someone new to pottery and just wanting to try it, check out the drop-in classes where items are made with flat sheets of clay rather than on the pottery wheel. For these classes, Kathy has the studio set up with a project in mind (like gnome coffee mugs) and she's there to instruct and encourage participants. Kathy also offers six and eight week long courses for learning pottery on the wheel and other advanced techniques. If a drop-in class or weeks-long course isn't for you, then look into scheduling your own class.

Kathy welcomes small groups, book clubs, field trips, homeschool groups, and anyone else who wants to schedule a special class at the studio. In fact, that's how employee Addison Pope first discovered IronHorse Pottery. The senior at Grace Classical Academy took a field trip to the studio and made a picture frame. She called Kathy shortly after that trip and asked if she was hiring. Kathy was more than happy to welcome another pottery-loving person into her studio. "It's a blast to come to work and learn," Addison said.

Along with Addison, Kathy has a great team helping out around the studio. Her daughter, Lauren, continues to make pottery and help at the studio, while Kathy's mother-in-law, Barbara Egly, makes adorable cloth bags for pottery. "They're kind of a signature thing," Kathy said of the bags.

As Kathy looks to expand the studio's offerings, she recently acquired several molds and would love to offer bisque painting in the future. Recently Kathy hosted a painting class, and she would love to have other crafts at her studio. Whatever the class is, Kathy emphasizes that you don't need to know anything to come to a class. "We'll teach you what you need to know and help you."



Above Photo: *This garden gnome, is an example of a bisque piece that may be offered for painting in a future class.*

Even if you aren't attending a class, IronHorse Pottery is still a fun stop on a winter day. The Studio also has pottery and other items for sale, a cozy corner for chatting, and complimentary snacks and drinks. Kathy will make you feel right at home, and also have you ready to tackle any new pottery project.

IronHorse Pottery Studio is open Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-5pm and by appointment. Drop-in classes are just $20 or get a monthly membership for $125 and that includes all supplies plus 24/7 access to the studio.





Above Photos Left to Right: Bags made by Barbara Egly. Kathy stands outside her studio.

Below Photo: Pottery wheels for classes.





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Join us from 1-2pm on the first Wednesday of every month for Pickin' and Grinnin' (a blue grass band session). Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the music!

The anatomy of Groundhog Day

Friday, Feb. 2, select groundhogs all over the United States and Canada will be the center of a holiday that began in the late 19th century. The groundhog, also known as a woodchuck, is the largest member of the squirrel family. Legend suggests that when the hibernating mammal emerges from his burrow on Groundhog Day, the midpoint between winter and spring, he is able to predict weather. Fanfare, ceremony, and a break from cabin fever catapults the small Pennsylvania town of Punxsutawney into the national spotlight.

Groundhog Day
Sunday, Feb.2!

Punxsutawney Phil

Marmota Monax

- Groundhog purrs, grunts, chucks and makes a shrill whistle when alarmed; this is the reason for his colloquial names siffleur, French for whistler, and whistle-pig
- They climb trees and can swim; can also run at speeds up to 10 mph
- Bushy tail is 4-6 in. long



Phil weighs between 11- 17 pounds and is 22 inches long; in the wild, groundhogs weigh 6 to 15 pounds

- Groundhogs are herbivores; move their mouth in a side-to-side motion when eating



- Groundhogs' incisor teeth are used to cut through roots and pry loose small stones while digging underground to make a burrow



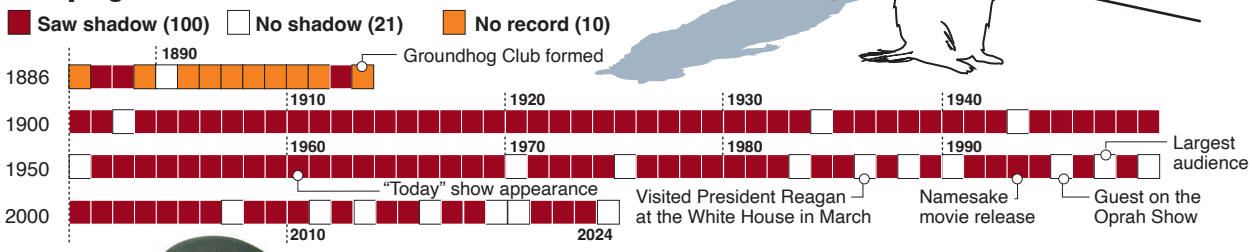
The legend and its origins

The celebration of Groundhog Day began with Pennsylvania's earliest settlers

- In Europe, hedgehogs were used to predict weather. In America, groundhogs were abundant so were substituted
- Candlemas Day tradition says, "For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, so far will the snow swirl in May..."
- At the halfway point of winter, the celebration cured cabin fever in western Pennsylvania



Past prognostications

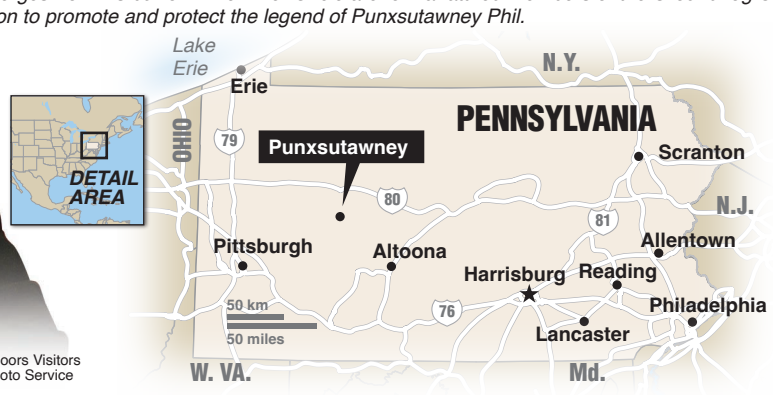


NOTE: Groundhog Day recognized in 1886; first trek to Gobbler's Knob was in 1887



Gobbler's Knob and the Inner Circle

Gobbler's Knob is a gently sloped amphitheater about 1.5 miles southeast of Punxsutawney. The ceremony begins at 3 a.m. with a bonfire, music, and fireworks, all leading up to daybreak, when Phil emerges from his burrow. The Inner Circle are formal-attired members of the Groundhog Club on a mission to promote and protect the legend of Punxsutawney Phil.



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Community News



CAR DAMAGES FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN ROGERSVILLE

In his eight years of ministry, Pastor Aaron Ipock, never imagined getting a call that a car had crashed into his church.

On January 25, 2025 around 5:30 pm, the driver of a Toyota Highlander experienced a medical emergency which resulted in a loss of control of the vehicle. The vehicle was traveling eastbound on Center Street when the driver felt as if he might pass out. Video footage from the church building shows the vehicle stopping briefly at the intersection of Center and Main then accelerating rapidly, traveling off of the road, through the church parking lot, and striking the building.

The driver and passenger both received moderate injuries and were transported by ambulance from the scene of the accident. According to the police report, the driver showed no signs of impairment.

On Tuesday, January 28, members of the church including, Jake Suter, Dennis Prock, David Pitts, Dan Hopper, Jim Chase, Alex Pierson, Charles Ponder, Rick Keller, and Sierra Finley, joined Pastor Ipock to clean up the debris and access the damage. Rain was forecasted for later in the week and their goal was to get a temporary wall erected to prevent further damage from the elements.

The part of the church that sustained damage included the men's and women's restrooms outside the worship center. That section of the church dates to the 1970's and is characterized by sandstone on the exterior. Pastor Ipock said the main structure appears to be okay, and the tentative plan is to repair the church to match the sandstone and brick that is currently on the exterior. They do not have an estimate on the cost to repair the damage at this time.

The 2025 theme for the First Baptist Church of Rogersville is "Devoted in Prayer" and Pastor Ipock would like to "remind the congregation that the building received damage, but the church wasn't hurt, because the people are the church." He is very thankful that the occupants of the vehicle survived and that no one was in the church at the time of the accident. He would also like to thank the "surrounding churches, neighbors, and community that have reached out and offered prayers and help."



Photos Above and to the Left: Church members gather to clean up and survey the damage done to the church building.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET

The Logan-Rogersville Fire Department held their annual awards banquet on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Samuel Cedars Event Venue in Rogersville. A good time was had by all as many individuals were recognized for their contributions and achievements.

The Fire Department recognized some of the outstanding food that is served in the fire station everyday and those that nominated them. Lieutenant Gary Helvey was the top chef.

Thank you to the Logan-Rogersville Fire Department for all that you do for the Rogersville community.

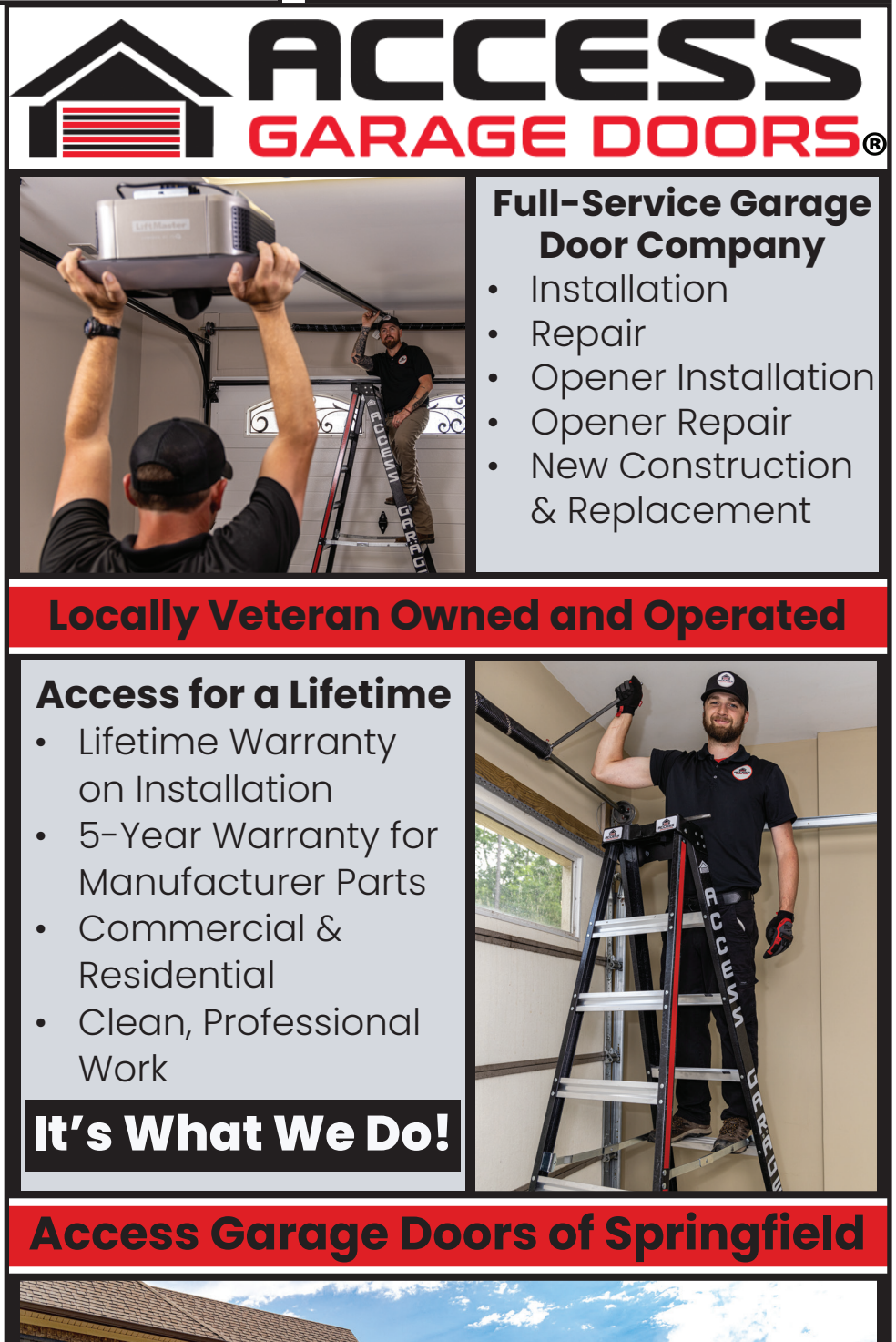
Photos Courtesy of Chief Stirts and the Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District











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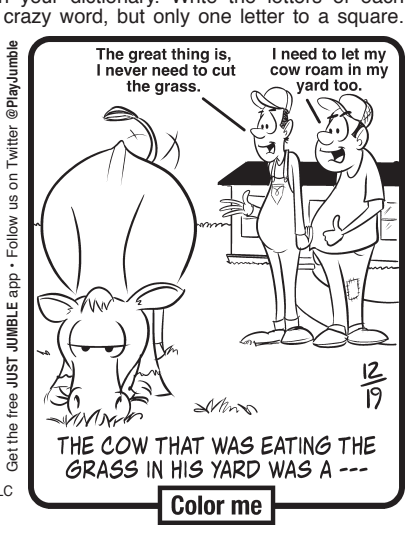

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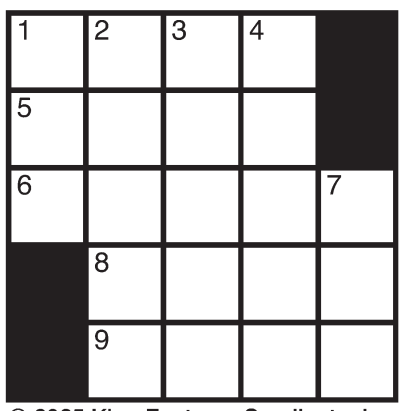

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing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

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E1	I1	O1	C3	L1	D2	M3	Double Word Score	RACK 3
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PAR SCORE 155-165
BEST SCORE 220

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 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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WORD SPIRAL

B		
L	K	A
		J

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: **Q** equals **R**

RY SIUGLIQO, N'U YJXXIYGT HI QGRT HSNY MIIO ME LQNHGQ TRSZ NA IAG TRE. HNUG HI SNH HSG QIRZT!

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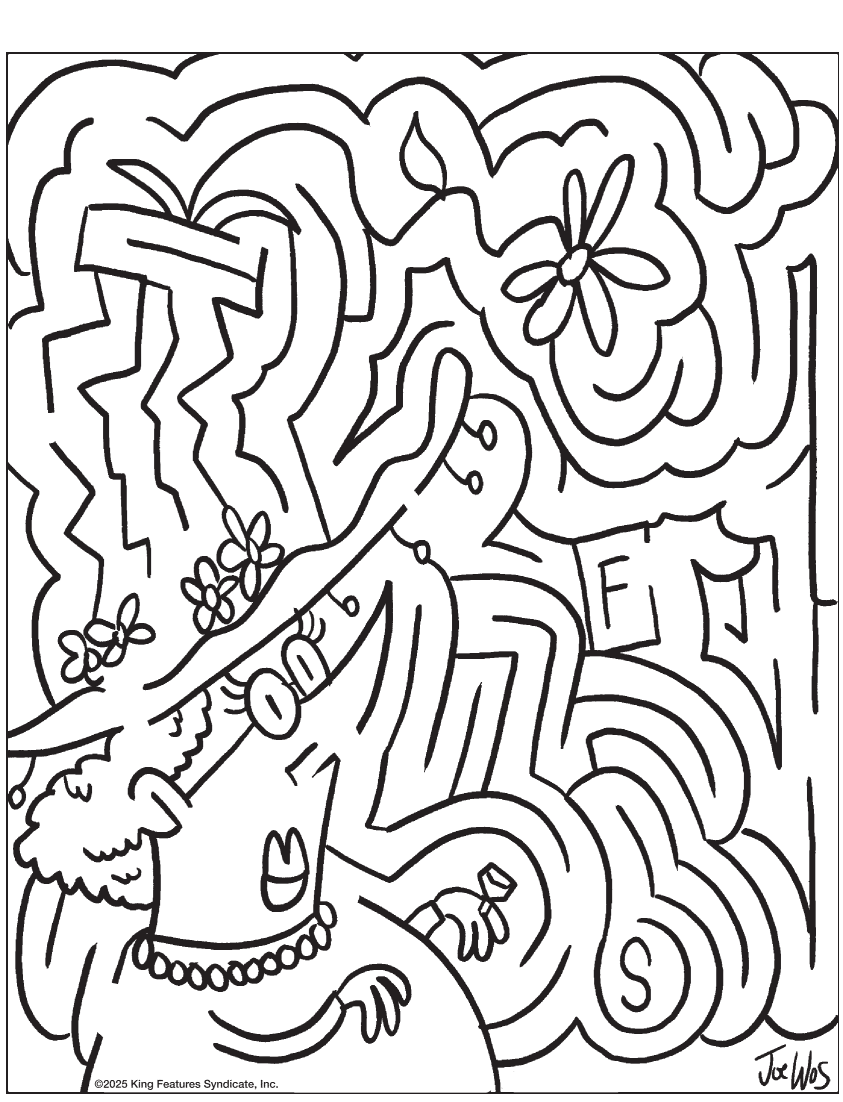

Even Exchange
by Donna Pettman

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 M<u>A</u>STER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Fancy dress	__ R __ __ __	Shepherd's herd	__ L __ __ __
2. Friendly specter	__ __ S __ __ __	Tent dweller	__ __ M __ __ __
3. "Nevermore" bird	R __ __ __ __	Refuge	H __ __ __ __
4. Godfather Marlon	__ __ __ __ __ O	"Moesha" star	__ __ __ __ __ Y
5. Georgia's fruit	__ __ A __ __	Roost	__ __ R __ __
6. The very edge	__ __ __ N __	___-and-mortar	__ __ __ C __
7. Bridle	__ __ L __ __ __	Alice's mad friend	__ __ T __ __ __
8. Light breeze	__ __ A __ __	Wander aimlessly	__ __ I __ __
9. Yellow belly	C __ __ __ __ __	Stern or Hughes	H __ __ __ __ __
10. Welcome warmly	__ __ __ __ T	Like a lime	__ __ __ __ N

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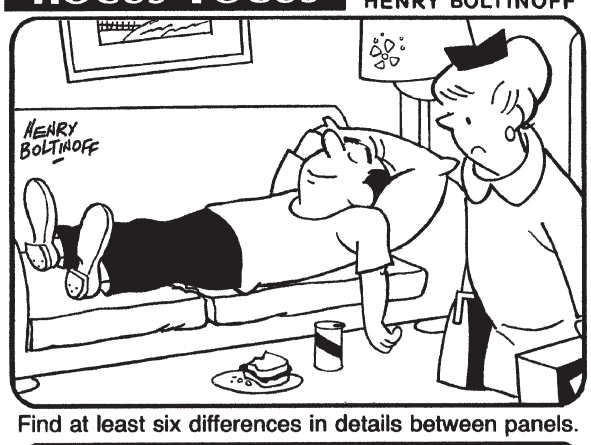
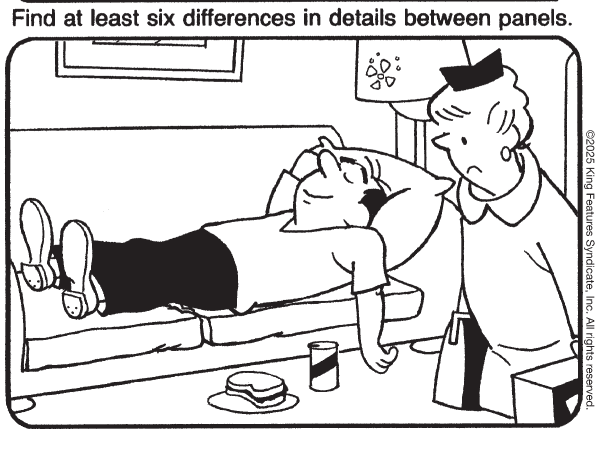
HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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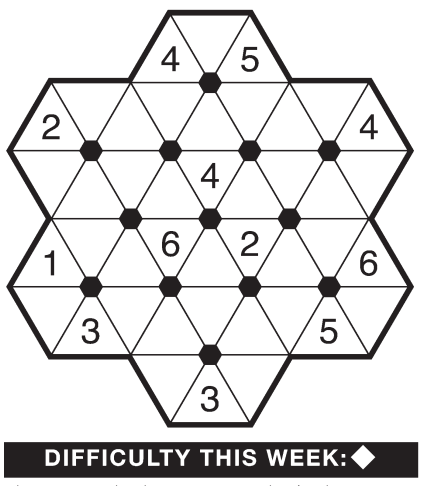
SNOWFLAKES
by Japheth Light

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: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Special Interest

A LETTER FROM MAYOR JACK COLE



Dear Citizens of Rogersville,

As your Mayor, I am pleased to provide an update on recent developments in our city.

First, we are excited to welcome a new newspaper, The Rogersville Record, under the leadership of editor Kizzi Hutcheson. I look forward to seeing your work and thank you for giving me the opportunity to share with the community.

Infrastructure Projects:

•Sidewalk Project: We have secured a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to fund a sidewalk along Center Street, between FR 253 and Harper. The estimated project cost is $450,000.

•Storm Water Projects: The storm water improvements on Dempsy and Maplewood have been completed, with a combined cost of approximately $450,000. This has already made a significant difference to the homes and businesses in the area.

•Lakeside Storm Water Engineering: Engineering work is underway for the area west of Sawyer Creek, with an estimated cost of $250,000, and east of Sawyer Creek, estimated at $50,000. In years with significant rain, water has rushed over Lakeside, creating a dangerous situation and worsening erosion. We are planning major improvements to address these issues.

•Treatment Plant Upgrades: We are rebuilding pumps and a clarifier from the 2002 upgrade, demonstrating the durability of these components over 22 years.

•Lift Station Evaluation: We are exploring the elimination of a lift station to reduce maintenance expenses and liability, with an estimated cost of $200,000.

Housing Developments:

•Preliminary Platted:

-Fall Creek: 176 homes
-Jamestown: 265 homes
-Heintz: 108 homes
-Dishman: A few remaining homes in this subdivision of 84

•In Preliminary Design Phase:

-Dishman Mixed Use: Approximately 30-40 living units
-Morelock: Potential for 40 R-2Z units, pending funding
-Village Square Apartments: 24 living units, currently under budget review

We have recently been advised of four additional developers planning work in Rogersville, but we don't have details at this time.

We have been advised that we are currently the fastest-growing city (percentage-wise) in the state of Missouri. Your City Council, City Staff, and I work diligently to manage this growth. Your city staff work regularly with engineers to ensure the projects are done properly.

We also welcome the new businesses in town and look forward to others we know are coming.

We are committed to the improvement of Rogersville and will continue to keep you informed of our progress.

You are invited to attend any City Council meeting, which is scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Monday evening each month at 6 p.m. Your suggestions and ideas for improvement are always welcome. There is a place for citizens' input at every regularly scheduled meeting.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jack Cole

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING SYNOPSIS

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

The following January 23, 2025 meeting minutes were recorded by Glenda Stegner. These minutes have not yet been approved by the board. *Minutes have been edited for length.*

Accounts Payable: After careful consideration, questions, and review by the Board of Alderman:

1/23/2025 Motion to approve GF accounts payable in the amount of $28,187.98 and WS accounts payable in the amount of $18,771.08, and park for $451.60 totaling $47,410.66. By Alderman Clarkson, seconded by Alderman Lee, and passed by vote. All in favor.

1/07/2025 Motion to approve GF accounts payable in the amount of $13,481.11 and WS accounts payable in the amount of $105,526.99 and park for $8,449.65 totaling $127,457.75. By Alderman Clarkson, seconded by Alderman Lee, and passed by vote. All in favor.

Guest Speaker:

Rebecca Baker, KPM auditors - Ms. Baker came before the board and reviewed the annual audit. The audit was considered a clean audit.

Planning and Zoning

Woodland Hills subdivision was approved contigent on light noise and living fence along the south property line. The election of officers for the commission was also done.

Admin Update

1. Fall Creek phase 2 drawings approved based on preliminary plat.

2. Clarifier is out to bid.

3. Lumix worked on blower, and it is functioning properly.

4. TAP grant paperwork phase 1 approved.

5. Chief Laughlin gave report on police statistics for the year.

Old Business

Bid for RFP Shades for splash pad benches - Friends of the park have donated and the community foundation have also donated to over almost all of cost.

Two bids were submitted.

1. Landmark Aquatics was over $38,000.00

2. Willy Goat was $11,775.00

Motion to accept Willy Goat bid by Alderman Pyle, seconded by Alderman Stucki and passed by vote: All in favor

Katie Haynes, Park Director - Presented park scholarship paperwork to the board.

Motion to approve the scholarship application: By Alderman Pyle, seconded by Alderman Lee, and passed by vote. All in favor

Declaration of Deed Restrictions - This declaration is for the federal grant for the final pay out of the splash pad. This has been reviewed by Jason Krebs.

Motion to approve: By Alderman Pyle, seconded by Alderman Stucki, and passed by vote. All in favor

New Business

Casing for 60 Highway - The city has paid $192,000.00 for this casing and it did not get completed. The company that was granted the project did not complete it and now wants the city to contribute another $60,000.00. This looks like it may be turned over to the attorney to get resolved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

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

SAFEHAVEN NOW KICKS OFF ANNUAL FOOTBALL FOOD DRIVE

It's game on between Fordland and Rogersville for the annual Football Food Drive at SafeHaven Now. Kick off is next Wednesday, February 5 at 10am.

Each food item is 1 point (including each item in a case)

Each case of food is 1 point.

Dishwashing soap, shampoo, conditioner and body wash are 3 points for each item.

Laundry detergent is a touchdown, which is 6 points.

Each roll of toilet paper is 2 points for the other team. Points are awarded to Fordland if toilet paper is donated at the Rogersville store. And vice versa, points are awarded to Rogersville if toilet paper is donate at the Fordland store.

SafeHaven Now Rogersville's address is 117 East Center St.

SafeHaven Now Fordland 's address is 138 West Main St.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* There is a Guinness World Record for "most matchsticks extinguished with the tongue."

* Jimi Hendrix served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's elite 101st Airborne division, though an ankle injury allowed him to leave the service with a welcomed honorable discharge after one year of the three he'd signed up for.

* Medical students in 18th-century Scotland could pay their tuition fees in corpses.

* A statement in the end credits of the movie "Frozen" claims that Disney does not support the consumption of boogers.

* After Playboy founder Hugh Hefner funded some research in the 1980s that identified a subspecies of rabbit living in the Florida Keys, it was named for him: sylvilagus palustris hefneri.

* An IKEA in the Netherlands had to cancel its one-euro breakfast special because it attracted too many customers and caused highway traffic jams.

* Thomas Edison invented the tattoo pen.

* Rolex replaced, without charge, all the watches that had been seized by the Germans from shotdown Allied pilots during World War II.

* In its lifetime, the International Space Station will be hit by 100,000 meteoroids.

* During the Columbine High School massacre in 1999, two 20-pound propane bombs that were planted in the cafeteria failed to detonate. If they had, it is estimated that up to 488 students would have been seriously injured or killed.

* Every year, Iceland gets wider by 2 centimeters.

* The U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal, has guidelines on what to do if you should stumble across a yeti (and no, we are not talking about the cup!).

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Thought for the Day:

"In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit."

-- Albert Schweitzer

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NEWS FROM THE ROGERSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BY BAILEY TENNIS

2025 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Poised for a Successful Year

The Chamber of Commerce has announced its Board of Directors for 2025, a dynamic group of individuals committed to fostering community connections and supporting local businesses. This year's board brings together a wealth of experience and dedication to drive economic growth and prosperity within the region.

The 2025 Board of Directors is comprised of dedicated professionals from various backgrounds, all united in their commitment to the business community. Serving in leadership roles are Jennifer Piland as Vice President, Christina Craig as Treasurer, and Linda Spurlock as President.

As they embark on a new year, the Board of Directors is eager to strengthen community engagement and promote local businesses. Their efforts will focus on supporting entrepreneurs, creating networking opportunities, and driving initiatives to enhance economic development.

For those interested in learning more about upcoming events or seeking ways to grow their business, Executive Director Bailey Tennis is available for inquiries. Community members can reach out via email at btennis@rogersvillechamber.com or by phone at 417-753-7538.

With a motivated leadership team in place, the Chamber of Commerce looks forward to an impactful and productive year ahead, striving to make a positive difference for local businesses and the community at large.



Photo Above: 2025 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Back Row – Left to Right: Laura Daugherty, Nick Mitchell, Brian Jared, Jennifer Piland – Vice President, Christina Craig – Treasurer, EmmaLea Fielden.

Front Row – Left to Right: Melanie Wasson, Tammy Nystrom, Linda Spurlock – President, Bailey Tennis – Executive Director, Shauna Kayser, Jessica Barnes.

ACCESS GARAGE DOORS OPENS FIRST MISSOURI LOCATION

Local Airforce Veteran Brings New Garage Service to the Ozarks

Access Garage Doors, a leading provider of residential and commercial garage door services, proudly announced the opening of its first Missouri location in Springfield. Local owner and Air Force Veteran, Eric Fawcett, brings Access Garage Doors' trusted service to southwest Missouri.

Access Garage Doors of Springfield opens on January 20, 2025, offering a full range of services, including custom garage door sales, professional installation, and expert repairs for residential and commercial clients. Mr. Fawcett's leadership skills and passion for helping his community will be valuable assets to his business and the Queen City of the Ozarks.

Mr. Fawcett served in the Air Force from 2007 to 2012. After serving his country, Eric worked as a commercial construction manager. His Air Force tenure and nearly a decade of commercial construction experience bring expertise and family values to his new venture.

"It has always been my goal to start a service-industry business and support my community," said Eric. "Access Garage Doors has a low entry cost and, most importantly, matches my values as a military veteran. With their military support, I can bring safe, quality, garage doors to my hometown, and I look forward to serving other families and local businesses in a new way."

Access Garage Doors is proud to support its several military veteran franchise owners and welcomes more to become part of the brand's family. Eric brings the first Access Garage Doors to Missouri, expanding the brand's footprint across the Midwest. Access Garage Doors saw tremendous growth in 2024, bringing its quality service to more than a dozen states across the nation.

"Access Garage Doors is experiencing immense growth with a franchise program that offers exceptionally low entry costs and robust revenue potential," said Jesse Cox, Access Garage Doors CEO. "Our infrastructure's scalability for multi-unit ownership continues to attract entrepreneurs who recognize the value in a proven model that delivers both affordability and impressive returns."

Headquartered in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Access Garage Doors is renowned for delivering high-quality garage door sales, installations, and repairs. For 20 years, the brand has brought quality garage services to residential and commercial clients across the U.S.

Farm & Garden

THE HOMESTEADER'S HANDBOOK BY STACI HILL



Planning for Planting and Seeds You Can Start in February

I know everyone is itching to get out into the garden and get planting. Starting seeds at the right time relative to your last frost date is crucial for ensuring healthy plants and a productive garden. While our average last frost date is April 20th - To be safe, plan to plant out your summer garden two full weeks after that average last frost date. If you start your summer plants using the last frost date, many of them will be too big by the time it is actually safe to plant them out.

Most seeds need to be started indoors 6-8 weeks before your average last frost date. This timing allows seedlings to grow strong and be ready for a smooth transition into your garden once the frost risk has passed.

Don't have a seed starting set up indoors? Try winter sowing!

Winter sowing in milk jugs is a simple and effective method for starting seeds outdoors during the cold months. To get started fill clean, transparent plastic jugs (like milk or juice containers) with soil, plant seeds inside, and then cut a few slits for ventilation. The jug acts as a mini greenhouse, trapping moisture and warmth while protecting the seeds from freezing temperatures. Placing the jugs outside in a sunny spot allows the natural cold and warmth cycles to help the seeds germinate and grow, offering an easy, low-maintenance way to start hardy plants without the need for indoor grow lights or special equipment.

So what can you start in February? Some of these will be ready to plant out BEFORE that last frost date and some are just slow growers. (this isn't an exhaustive list, just a few ideas!)

Herbs: rosemary, lavender, mint, and thyme (NOT basil, too soon!)

Spring crops: broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, kale, cabbage and frost tolerant lettuce varieties. Start these in February to plant out in mid-late march!

Flowers: feverfew, calendula, rudbekia, strawflowers and poppies. (these are great candidates for winter sowing!)

Bonus: Peppers can be started in mid to late February, but don't plant them outside until the soil warms in May!

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



Some plants can be started in a greenhouse soon.

A rose by any other color

Shakespeare's Juliet said a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but what about its color? Here's what you are really saying with the roses you send this Valentine's Day:



Source: The American Rose Society Graphic: Staff, TNS

UPDATE FROM MIGHTY EAGLES 4H CLUB BY ZACHARY BERNING

Members of the Mighty Eagles 4H Club

To begin their January meeting, the Mighty Eagles distributing members' pins & premiums from the previous year. They discussed the Food Packing Collaboration event with the Webster County Farm Bureau, taking place on February 17th, at the Fordland High School. They wrote thank you cards for the sponsors of recognition night & highlighted individuals' project progress. They received forms concerning 2025 project & demonstration planning. Zane presented his LEGO tow truck. Then the Small Engines group went to their project meeting. In their leadership project meeting, they brainstormed local food insecurity challenges, & how they're being met by neighborhood leaders & organizations. The Mighty Eagles' next meeting is set for February 9th.

Zachary Berning is the reporter for the (Southern Webster County) Mighty Eagles 4H Club. Mrs. Emma Alexander is the leader of this club.

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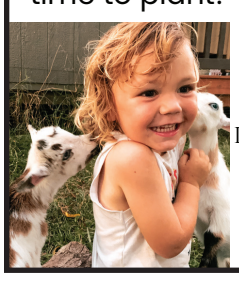
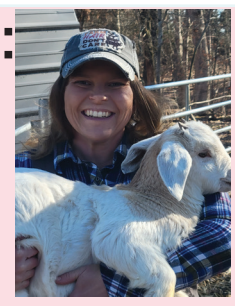


Farm Baby Playdates Coming in March...
EXPERIENCE ALL OF THE NEW LIFE THIS SPRING ON THE FARM
Come out and play with our baby bunnies, goats, piglets, lambs and calves!

BARN HEART: THE DIRT ON LIFE BY EMMA ALEXANDER



Do It Again

Most folks enjoy a variety of week days, "week ends", and holidays-except for farmers. Growing up on our family's dairy farm, every day, all week, 365 days a year, we began each day the same: by milking the cows. We prayed that each milking could be our monotonous reassurance that there was no "new" chaos or stress…yet. Milking kept our cows happy and healthy and (supposedly) paid the bills. The task of modern milking is easy, but completion is detail driven. Which cows have personal demands in the milking parlor? Activate multiple switches and knobs in exactly the correct order. Where to tap the hammer first, should the entire system appear to fail? I understand if you think this routine would be a snore. I still find it comforting.

Do you ever feel like 'Rise, Hustle, Repeat' has lost its luster? Several of us have already worn the 'new' off of our New Year. The meal planner is still open to 'January 11' and the second month's gym membership fee is currently a donation.

Everything worth doing has an EVERY attached. On the farm, livestock are fed every day. Farm animals have to be cleaned up after-every day. Seeds must be planted every spring. We make hay every summer and the goal every fall is to get a harvest. To succeed at each of these, more 'everys' go into the process.

If you think your routines are dull, seek deeper perspective. What if the sun decided it didn't feel like rising? Worse yet, what if Amazon closed for a day? Instead of thinking 'day after day after day'--think opportunity, opportunity, opportunity.

During this month, FARM was a FOUR LETTER WORD several days in a row. Three degrees (need I say more). Ice and animals, sickness and animals. Fill in your own bad day here. It is fair that my brother was unable to see the value when the pickup stranded him along the highway more than an hour from both home and his destination. It was up to me to keep the faith for both of us because I had the opportunity to save his day. After all, I owe him. Many ask why we Do It Again down on the farm every day, since we face an unusually high probability of daily calamity and stress.

Love. A deep love for what we do, which is often well hidden, (imagine something that ends up under your never-ending dirty laundry pile and isn't found for....months) but it is there! And the love of our family before us, who designed our traditions and demonstrated leadership so that today we have opportunities to succeed. For generations, we have seen the results of our family members who put their boots to the ground and did it again every day to secure a life for not only themselves, and we are doing the same. These things motivate us.

Whatever your daily is, choose to Do It Again. Be strengthened in your mind, assured that repetition of good and wholesome things is practice and practice refines. Don't welcome monotony; transform it with your attitude into opportunity. Each day is not full of things we have to do. Every day is full of things that we get to do. Just do it again.

Emma's family has been farming together in Rogersville for seven generations-they raise beef and pork for your family to enjoy. Emma is also #yourlocalflowerfarmer, sharing her 20 years of horticultural experience as the proprietor of the seasonal Garden Outpost greenhouse at 319 S. Main in Rogersville. Join the Family on Facebook: @417localfarmer on CopperTop Legacy Farm and learn more about the farm at www.417localfarmer.com.

LAWN & TREE TIPS BY WILLOW GREEN ACRES



Willow Green Acres will be set up at the Ozark Empire Fair Lawn and Garden Show February 21-23, 2025

It's that time of year when many of us are SAD. Maybe we don't have the full-blown Seasonal Affective Disorder where the shorter days and less daylight leads to significant depression. But we are ready for some heat and sunlight and some relief from winter. How about a few ways to create your own "light therapy?!"

You may have some plants in your yard (or a neighbor's yard – I wont' tell!) that you could trim a few branches off of and force them. Trim a branch off of a forsythia, flowering quince, pussy willow, magnolia or other early flowering shrub. Bring them into the heat of your home and place them in water. You can speed up the flowers and fragrances and feelings of spring at least inside your home.

If there is a day or two of sunshine and warmth, here's a checklist of things you can do outside. Spread a pre-emergent in beds to try and put a stop to, or at least slow down, those weeds. They are coming!! It's a perfect time to fertilize trees and shrubs as well. You will be amazed at the difference it makes in the health and happiness of your plants. It's like giving them an early dose of spring! Those blooms on your table you are so happy with, you can get some of that happening sooner outside as well. It won't be long before we will have some cool-season annuals like pansies or snapdragons available to put in your beds and planters. The right flowers will give you an earlier look of spring. Do remember that hard frost may require covering these early bloomers.

Now let me introduce you to something easier than any of the above – make plans to attend the Ozark Empire Fair Lawn and Garden Show. February 21-23 we invite you to come and see SPRING happening inside. There are lots of fun exhibits including two we will be providing that will turn your SAD into GLAD! Spring is coming but there are many ways to get a jump-start on the "light therapy" we all crave this time of year.



Willow Green Acres is a Garden Shop, Antique Mall and Tree Farm located in Rogersville, MO. Also offering landscaping services, WGA uses its decades of experience to provide its clients with beautiful designs for outside the home, as well as, vintage and antique decor for inside; all while offering a unique shopping experience. Visit our campus to shop floral, shrubs, trees, antiques, gifts and more.

School News

LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Come out and support the High School Boys Basketball team as the season starts winding down in February. The Boys Basketball team finished second in the Blue and Gold Tournament held at the end of December.



Pictured Above: Logan-Rogersville High School Boys Basketball Team
Photo credit: Studio X Mike Englemeyer
Photo provided by the Logan-Rogersville School District

Board Meeting Synopsis

Logan-Rogersville R-VIII WILDCATS
Unity - Clarity - Consistency - Accountability

January 15, 2025

SYNOPSIS

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board recited the District Mission Statement.

The board approved the consent agenda (Items A-F) as presented:

- **Approve Agenda**
- **Approve Minutes – December 18, 2024**
- **Approve Bills**
- **Approve Budget Amendment**
- **Authorization of Summer Technology Refresh Bid**
- **SLES Worksite Agreement**

The board heard communications updates as follows:

- **Board Self Evaluation**
- **2025 School Board Recognition – February 18, LRHS Basketball Super Night**
- **LREF Gala – February 22**
- **March Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 12**
- **Board of Education Notice of Non-Election – Tuesday, April 8**
- **April Board Reorganization Meeting – Wednesday, April 16**
- **MSBA Advocacy Lunch & Learns**
- **MSBA Advocacy Day, Jefferson City – April 9**
- **MSBA Update / Delegate Report**

The board heard the administration reports.

The board heard the executive administration reports.

The board approved the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar as presented.

The board discussed Strategic Plan 4.2.2: Operational Efficiency and Effectiveness. No board action was taken.

The board adopted MSBA 2024D Policy updates as presented.

The board approved the Substitute Teacher Pay Increase as presented.

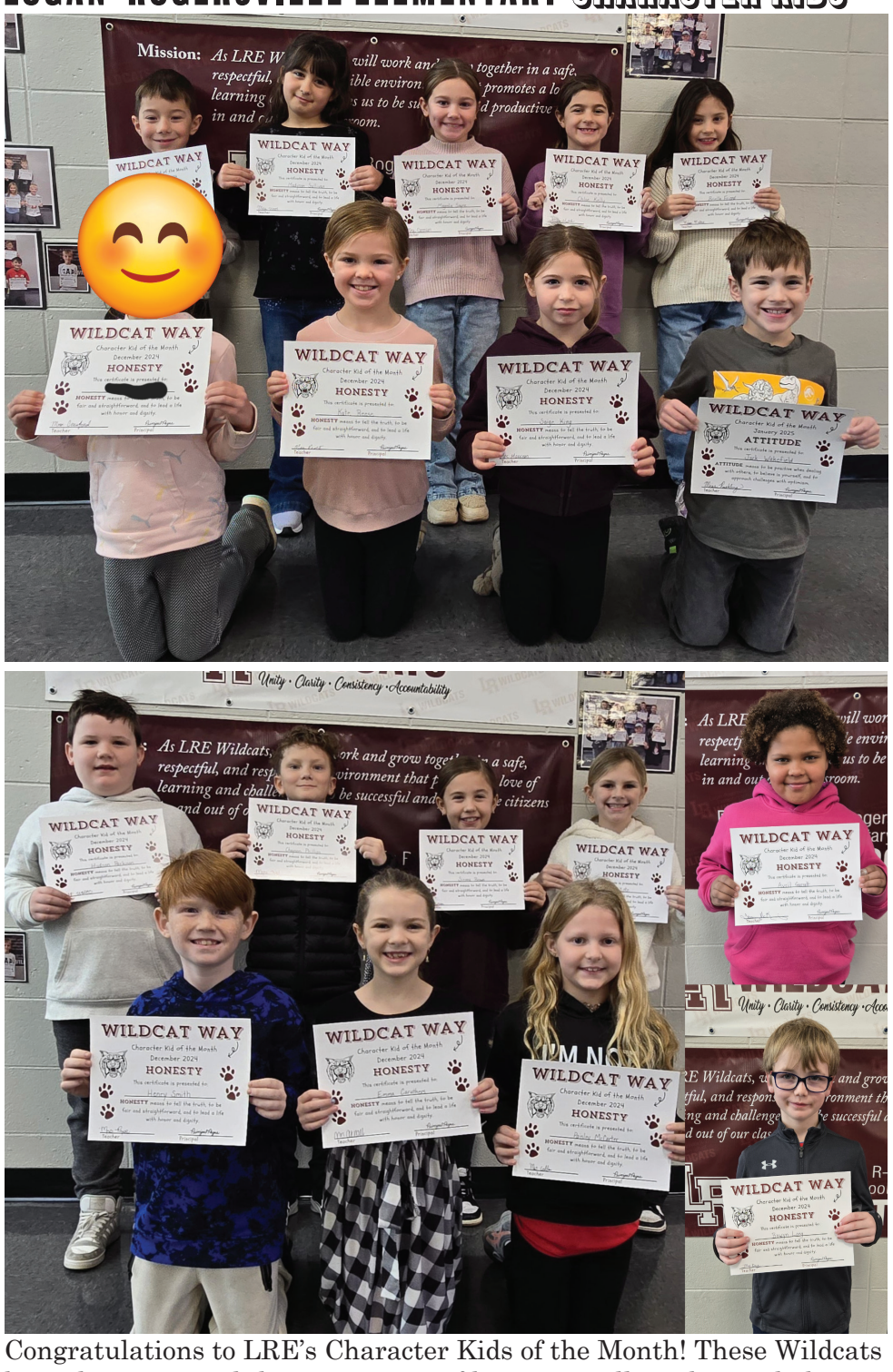
The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS
Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Closed Executive Session – 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Administration Office
100 E. Front St., Rogersville, MO 65742

ENROLLMENT / ATTENDANCE

December K-12 Enrollment:
(12/1 - 12/31/2024): **2,367**
December Attendance Percentage:
(12/1 - 12/31/2024): **93.20%**
Year-to-Date Attendance Percentage:
(8/20 - 12/31/2024): **94.23%**
Year-to-Date 90%/90% Attendance Percentage:
(8/20 - 12/31/2024): **83.4%**

LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE ELEMENTARY CHARACTER KIDS



Congratulations to LRE's Character Kids of the Month! These Wildcats have demonstrated the importance of honesty - telling the truth, being fair and straightforward, and leading a life of honor and dignity. We're so proud of them for embodying this month's character word and setting a great example for us all!

Photos and caption courtesy LR School District

LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE PTA NEWS

February is a BIG month for LR PTA! The BOOTS & BBQ Family Dance will be held at the Upper Elementary on February 7th at 6:00pm. By the time you are reading this it is likely the tickets have sold out but there is always an opportunity to volunteer with PTA if you would still like to help. Our Boosterthon Fun Run fundraiser kicks off February 18th! Be on the lookout for more information on that being sent home with students. The Wildcat Closet will be open on February 25th 4-6pm and March 1st from 8-10am for shopping and donations. Send us an email at logrogpta@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. We are looking forward to a busy month and we appreciate the tremendous support from the LR community!

New Classes Starting in January! Learn More & Sign Up At www.IronHorsePottery.com

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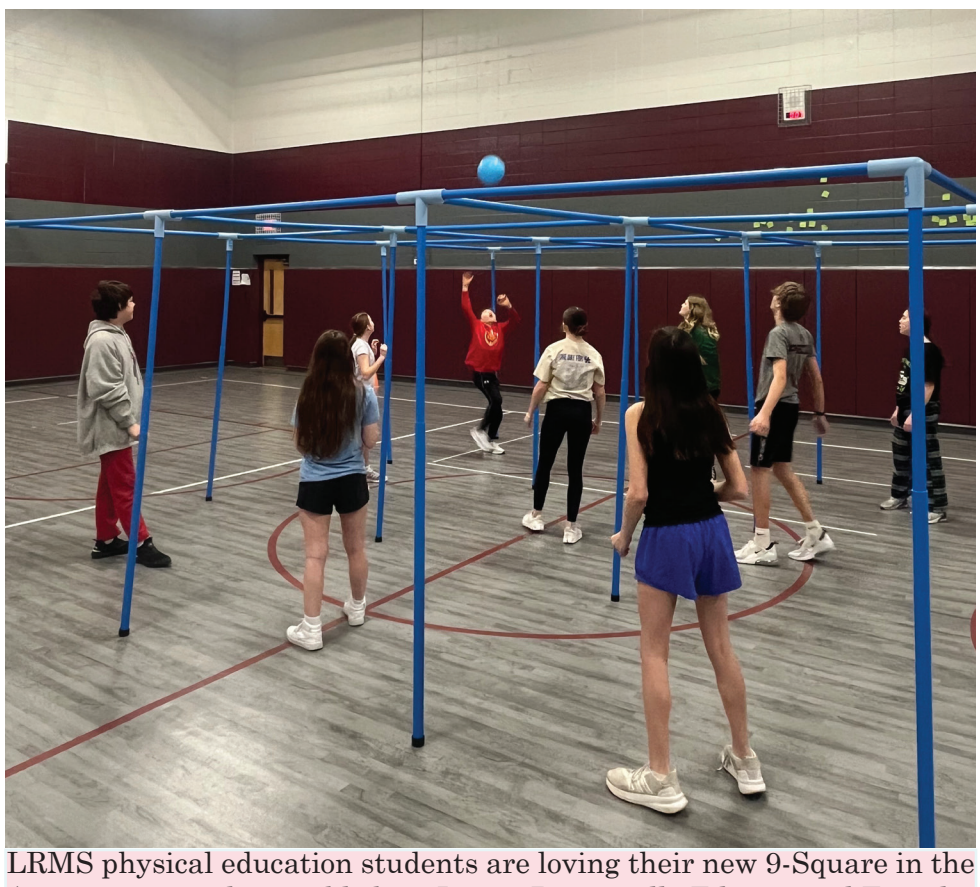
LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Logan-Rogersville Educational Foundation (LREF) was founded in 2004, and held its first annual Gala in 2005. The goal of LREF is to be the largest private money donor to the school district.

Over the last 20 years, LREF has funded $412,551 in grants to school teachers and administrators, given out over $30,000 in scholarships to High School Seniors, endowed over $350,000 to fund future grants and scholarships, and assisted in hundreds of thousands of dollars of private endowments, scholarship funds, and project graduations.

This year's Gala will be held on February 22, 2025 at 5:30pm, at the Bass Pro White River Room. The theme is 'Hats off for Kids' and tickets are available via the LREF Facebook page (Search for Logan-Rogersville Educational Foundation).



LRMS physical education students are loving their new 9-Square in the Air activity, made possible by a Logan-Rogersville Educational Foundation grant! Thank you, LREF for supporting our Wildcats!

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DARLA'S DASH OF SALTY GRACE



Manners to Mannerisms

Every summer during the first or second week of June, I spend two or three days volunteering at an event called, "Manners at the Mansion". Manners at the Mansion is an event held on three consecutive days at the Governor's Mansion in Jefferson City. The focus of the event is to spend a few hours with children teaching them some of the most basic and essential manners. How to speak to adults and their peers politely and with respect. How to write a proper thank you note. How to set a proper table and proper table etiquette. Then, after spending a couple of hours learning these things, we all gather in the formal dining room and double parlor to share a meal, with the children exhibiting what they have learned to their parent(s) who return to eat with us before they leave.

It's lots of fun for lots of different reasons. But we hope the kids leave with more than just having fun. We hope they leave having a better understanding of what good manners are and why they matter. In other words, we hope they turn good manners into good mannerisms, i.e., habits.

And that's where you come in.

As parents and grandparents, we need to be conscious of helping our children develop and use good manners. To the point that they become their mannerisms. We do this by making sure good manners are our mannerisms, too. Remember—children really do learn what they live. We do this by intentionally teaching good manners. We do this by using our manners toward our kids and expecting them to do the same. Yes, home is the place where we should be able to let our guard down and so forth, but letting our guard down should never include rudeness, disrespect, and apathy toward one another. We do this by expecting our kids to use their manners in public and firmly but discreetly correcting them when they don't.

By giving your kids opportunities to learn with their peers and in such a special setting, you are opening their eyes and minds to something of great importance and setting them up to grow into the kind, compassionate, respectful, and mannerly young boys/men and girls/women they most certainly can be.

Be Salt and Light,

Darla, aka, 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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WEBSTER COUNTY HEALTH UNIT
RECENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Facility: Rusty Spur
Address: 219 Commercial, Seymour, MO 65746
Type of Inspection: Follow-up
Date of Inspection: 1/17/2025
Outcome: Fail
Priority Violations:
•Knife on cooks line heavily soiled. Correct by January 23, 2025.
•Hood system soiled and dripping onto flat top grill. Correct by January 23, 2025.
•No air gap in 2 pipes: 1) ice machine. 2) dish machine. Correct by January 23, 2025.
Core Violations:
•Both microwaves are heavily soiled. Correct by January 23, 2025.
•Torn seal on two door cooks cooler. Correct by January 23, 2025.
•Gap on bottom left of back door. Correct by January 23, 2025.
•The floor in the kitchen is not sealed. Correct by January 23, 2025.
Corrected from previous violations:
•Open beverage on cooks' line.
•Cutting board cooks line heavily soiled.
•Scoop in flour bin, pancake mix and sugar in kitchen.
•Propane tank was hooked to a portable heater in the kitchen.
•Cook with no beard restraint.
•Dishes dried with towel.
•Equipment heavily soiled, floors under equipment soiled.
•Several bags of food open in freezer.
•Raw beef and ham steaks uncovered in cook's cooler.
•Wiping cloths on counters throughout the facility.

Facility: Rusty Spur
Address: 219 Commercial, Seymour, MO 65746
Type of Inspection: Follow-up
Date of Inspection: 1/23/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations:
•No air gap in 2 pipes: 1) ice machine. 2) dish machine. Correct by next routine inspection.
Core Violations: No core violations observed.
Corrected from previous violations:
•Knife on cooks line heavily soiled.
•Hood system soiled and dripping onto flat top grill.
•Both microwaves are heavily soiled.
•Torn seal on two door cooks cooler.
•Gap on bottom left of back door.
•The floor in the kitchen is not sealed.

Facility: Apple Market
Address: 319 S Main Street, Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 1/23/2025
Outcome: Fail
Priority Violations:
•Fried chicken on sheet pan uncovered stored under raw fish. Correct by January 28, 2025.
•Utensils stored clean in drawer, soiled with flour. Correct by January 28, 2025.
Core Violations:
•Floors, counter tops, top of equipment, microwave heavily soiled. Correct by January 28, 2025.
•Towels on counter tops throughout facility. Correct by January 28, 2025.
•Broken mop board tile. Correct by January 28, 2025.

Facility: KFC/Taco Bell
Address: 174 Jamestown Road, Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 1/23/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Outside of garbage cans are soiled. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Leaking plumbing above three well sink. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Floors under shelves behind fryers and under fountain machine soiled. Correct by next routine inspection.

Facility: Yogasaki
Address: 109 Dempsey Drive, Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 1/23/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations: No core violations observed.

Facility: El Paraiso Cocina Mexicana
Address: 37 Enterprise Drive, Seymour, MO 65746
Type of Inspection: Pre-Opening
Date of Inspection: 1/24/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations: No core violations observed.
Permitted to operate.

Facility: Twin Dragon
Address: 739 Center Avenue, Seymour, MO 65746
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 1/25/2025
Outcome: Fail
Priority Violations:
•Personal phone on soiled knife on cooks' line. Correct by January 29, 2025.
•Scoops stored in rice bin and flour bag. Correct by January 29, 2025.
•Hood system soiled and dripping onto cooking surface. Correct by January 29, 2025.
•Spray can of Raid stored on shelf with clean dishes. Correct by January 29, 2025.
•Dead roaches on the floor. Correct by January 29, 2025.
Core Violations:
•Towels on table tops and counter tops throughout location. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Shrimp in a pan on countertop to thaw. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Torn seal on chest freezer and walk in cooler door. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Floors, walls, and equipment are heavily soiled. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Food uncovered in walk in cooler. Correct by next routine inspection.

Facility: El Patron Mexican Grill
Address: 595 Steele Street, Seymour, MO 65746
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 1/25/2025
Outcome: Fail
Priority Violations:
•Hood system soiled and dripping on cooking surface. Correct by January 29, 2025.
•Raw fish stored above cooked beef. Correct by January 29, 2025.
Core Violations:
•Uncovered food in walk in cooler. Correct by next routine inspection.



Prepare Ice-Cream Sandwich Minis for Game Day

Wind up the final quarter of the upcoming Super Bowl with homemade ice-cream sandwiches! Not too rich and not too fussy, this classic dessert direct from your freezer is easy to slice up at the last minute to bring on extra cheers from your home stadium.

A day or two before game day, your school-aged kids can have a part in measuring, whisking, beating and spreading out the chocolate cookie dough on a jelly roll pan. When it's baked and cooled, pick your favorite ice-cream flavor or one with a color that represents your team, then assemble and freeze!

Ready for the cooking kickoff? Here's how to make the snack, starting with the cookie:

ICE-CREAM SANDWICH MINIS

Makes 40 (1-by 2-inch) servings

— 1 1/3 cups unbleached, all-purposed flour
— 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
— 1/2 teaspoon salt
— 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
— 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
— 3/4 cup sugar
— 1 teaspoon vanilla
— 2/3 cup milk
For the inside:
— 1.5 quarts ice cream

Here's the fun: Heat the oven to 350 F. Cut parchment paper to generously fit a rimmed 11-by-17-inch jelly roll pan. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt and cocoa, then set aside.

With a mixer, cream the butter and sugar at medium speed until light and fluffy. Add and beat in vanilla. Add 1/4 of the flour mixture and stir until just combined. Add 1/2 of the milk and stir until combined, then continue to add the flour mixture and milk alternately.

Spoon the thick cookie dough onto the pan and spread as evenly as possible to all edges. Bake 10 minutes, or until toothpick in center comes out clean. Cool.

Loosen the cookie, invert onto a cutting board, and peel away parchment. Cut the cookie in half horizontally and vertically to form 4 rectangles.

Let ice cream sit at room temperature until it is easy to cut and spread. Working quickly, slice and spread it evenly over 2 rectangles. (You may wish to have a different flavor on each one.) Top with remaining 2 rectangle pieces. Wrap both of the large ice-cream sandwiches with plastic wrap and freeze.



To serve, remove plastic and cut into serving portions according to taste. I sliced mine with a large, sharp knife into 1 by 2 inches to yield 40 small servings.

Extra idea: Think pink and make a batch with strawberry ice cream for Valentine's Day!

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History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, is a time to exchange greeting cards and gifts with loved ones. Possible origins and some history:

Lupercalia festival
• Feb.15 festival celebrated the coming of spring in Roman calendar; several rites connected to fertility; festival transformed, spread to France, Britain

Christian martyr
• Early Christian church had at least two saints named Valentine; one, who secretly married young couples, was executed on Feb. 14, about 269 A.D.



Cupid, also known as Amor (Roman god) or Eros (Greek mythology), is holiday's symbol

1415
French duke, imprisoned by British, is first to send love poetry on Valentine's Day

1800s
First commercial cards from England in early 1800s; in 1847, first U.S. manufacturer

1900s
Mass-production of products, marketed to newly emerging middle-class

Source: The World Book Encyclopedia, history channel.com
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Service & Ministries

ROGERSVILLE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Centerpoint Church of Christ
6851 E. Farm Road 186, Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 9:30am

First Baptist Church of Rogersville
101 West Center Street, Rogersville
Worship Sunday @ 8:15am, 10:45am & 6:00pm

Harmony Baptist Church
5105 S State Highway 125, Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 10:30am

Henderson Baptist Church
121 State Hwy B, Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 11:00am

Higher Vision Worship Center
335 Powerline Rd, Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 11:00am

Kinser Chapel of Hope
3877 S Stare Hwy J, Springfield
Worship Sundays @ 10:45am

Living Hope Christian Church
110 W Clinton, Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 9:00am

One Community Church
8225 E Farm Rd 174, Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 10:00am

Plainview Church of Christ
3739 Johns Ford Rd, Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 10:30am & 5:30pm

Rogersville Assembly of God
201 S Marshall St., Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 10:30am

Rogersville Church of Christ
1103 West Center Street, Rogersville
Worship Sundays 10:15am

Story Church
203 Jamestown Blvd., Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 9:00 & 10:45am

The Courageous Church South
4900 S Farm Rd 189, Rogersville
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 35:21-22

They sneer at me **and say**, "**Aha**! Aha! **With our own eyes** we **have seen** it." LORD, **you** have seen **this**; do **not** be **silent**. Do not be **far from** me, **Lord**.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Winter activity: painting

It looks like we're in for a long winter, with extremely cold temperatures in several places. Many of us are already realizing that we just don't want to go out in that. But what shall we do to occupy ourselves while we're at home?

I don't know how it started, but in my neighborhood this winter the favorite activity has become … painting. Each day new photos of "works of art" are sent around via cellphones as the idea spreads.

I decided to join in. Between the internet and home deliveries, we have access to everything we need without going out!

My first step was to do a YouTube search for painting lessons. Right at the top was "Beginner's Guide to Painting," and I was off and running.

On YouTube it's possible to narrow down the search results to the subjects you're most interested in learning to paint, whether it's sunsets, flowers, mountains, snow scenes, cats, dogs, lakes, vintage cars, beaches — if it can be painted, there's a tutorial for it. The topics can be further broken down by watercolor and acrylic painting.

There are even videos that outline what supplies you need.

Some suggestions, if you'd like to paint:

Unless you have a store near you that will ship or deliver supplies to you, look online for the big names such as Michaels, Joann and Hobby Lobby as places to start.

You need paint and water, and something to paint on, such as paper or canvas panels, plus a selection of brushes. Add in a small plastic palette for mixing colors.

Look for beginner kits that have a selection of a dozen or so small tubes of acrylic paint colors or a dozen watercolors in a metal tray.

If you fear you have no real talent for painting, I invite you to explore Acrylic Squeegee Painting on YouTube. That technique can make anyone an artist!

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Joseph (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who led the Israelites over the River Jordan after they set out from Shittim? *Moses, Joshua, Aaron, Elijah*
3. Which Psalm begins, "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee"? *60, 63, 74, 117*
4. From Proverbs 22, what is foolishness bound in the heart of? *Wicked, Poor, Child, Foolish*
5. What was the name of Samson's father? *Noah, Manoah, Jesse, Levi*
6. Who wrote the book of Proverbs? *Jude, Moses, Solomon, Isaac*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Joshua, 3) 63, 4) Child, 5) Manoah, 6) Solomon

More than 1,200 brand-new trivia questions in Wilson Casey's latest book "Quest for Bible Knowledge" available in bookstores and online.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

JAMES 1: 9-11

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ROGERSVILLE SENIOR CENTER MONTHLY MENU

February

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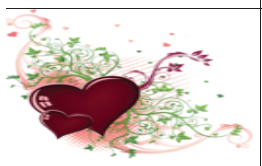	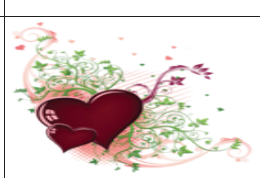			BREAKFAST SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH 7:30—9:30

Even Exchange

answers

1. Frock, Flock
2. Casper, Camper
3. Raven, Haven
4. Brando, Brandy
5. Peach, Perch
6. Brink, Brick
7. Halter, Hatter
8. Draft, Drift
9. Coward, Howard
10. Greet, Green

Micro Crossword

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Can is reversed. 3. Sandwich is different. 4. Hair is different. 5. Frame is moved. 6. Shirt has a V-neck.

JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumble

Jumbles: PRONG MOMMY EXCEED HYMNAL

Answers: When the U.S., Mint asked its employees to work overtimem they -- MADE MORE MONEY

Kid's Jumble

Jumbles: WIN FROG MELT BOAT

Answers: The cow that was eating the grass in his yard was a -- LAWN "MOOER"

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Word Spiral

Answer

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answer

As homework, I'm supposed to read this book by writer Dahl in one day. Time to hit the Roald!

SNOWFLAKES

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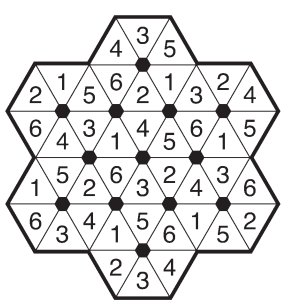

Boggle Answers

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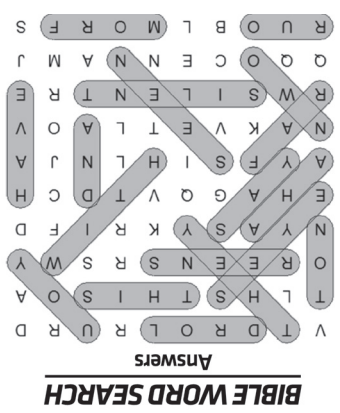

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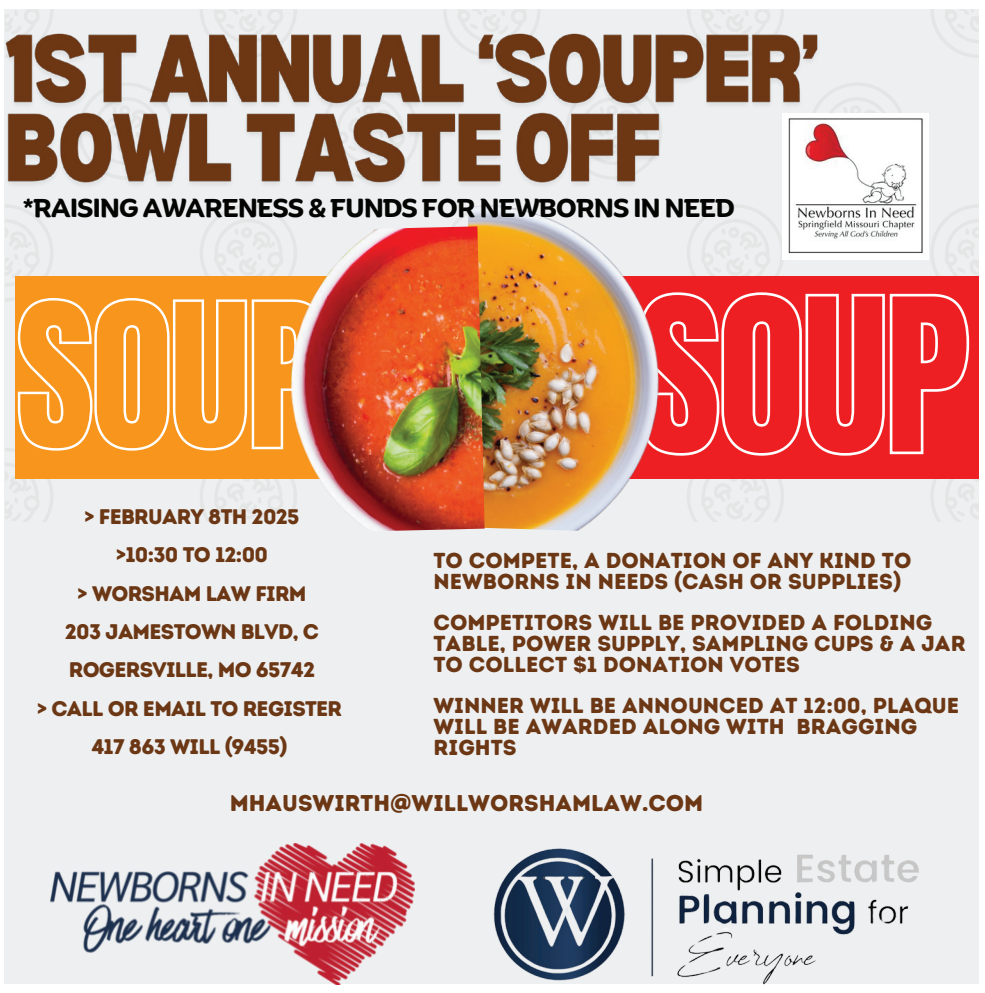

FIRST ANNUAL 'SOUPER' BOWL TASTE OFF

Worsham Law Firm will host The First Annual 'Souper' Bowl Taste Off on February 8th , 2025 to benefit Newborns in Need. The event will welcome chefs or anyone with an old family recipe to participate in the soup taste off.

Any donation of cash or supplies to Newborns in Need will hold one table, and the deadline for entry is by February 3rd. Worsham Law Firm will provide 4 ft by 6 ft tables, power strips, sampling cups/spoons and voting jars for each participate. The competition will allow the public to come try the yummy soups and donate dollars to "vote" for their favorite soups as many times as the tasters choose to vote. The tasting will start at 10:30 a.m. on February 8th, at Worsham Law Firm, 203 Jamestown Blvd, Rogersville, Missouri.

The Winner will be announced at 12:30 p.m. and presented with a nice plaque to show & brag on.

Proceeds will benefit Newborns in Need of Springfield, Missouri which serves over 30 counties throughout Missouri and Northern Arkansas, by providing essential items to newborns of families in need. When a child is born into a family in need, they may only have a shirt and diaper to leave the hospital. When they arrive home, if there is a home, there may not even be a warm blanket or quilt to wrap them. Newborns in Need Changes that scenario.

Newborns in Need welcomes monetary donations or supplies such as: baby books, newborn diapers, pacifiers, bottles, onesies, and small Bibles.



BARN FIRE AFTERMATH

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The barn housed nanny goats with young kids, and about forty goats made it out of the barn when it started to burn, but approximately thirty goats were lost in the fire.

In the weeks since the fire, forty new kids have been born on the farm and that has presented new challenges as Mr. Buscho no longer had a barn to house them. During the recent cold weather, he housed the nannies with their babies in his garage.

Mr. Buscho is working on clean up and putting a new roof on a nearby structure that was also damaged by the fire.



In Photos: Barn before and after



LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Come out and support the High School Girls Basketball team as their season starts winding down in February. See the calendar on page 3 for home game dates and times.



Pictured Above: Logan-Rogersville High School Girls Basketball Team
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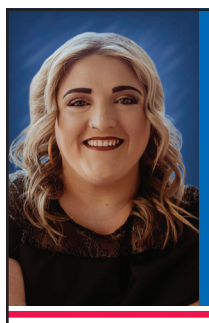

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