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NEW YEAR, NEW BUSINESS OPENING IN ROGERSVILLE

Family owned gym, TR Fitness opening 12th location



Above: TR Fitness owners, Samantha and Michael Morgan stand in front of their new Rogersville fitness center.

Right: Bumper plates and, in the background, a platform for weightlifting.



When Rogersville residents Michael and Samantha Morgan opened the first TR Fitness in Mountain Grove, Missouri, they had no idea they would one day own the largest family-owned fitness center in Missouri. The opening of their twelth location in Rogersville this month gives them more locations than any other family-owned gym in Missouri.

The Morgans started this journey renting a tiny space with the sole purpose being to have a place to practice Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (BJJ). The Morgans were both school teachers at the time, and the sport was Michael's passion. With no gyms available nearby, he decided to start his own. As they added more classes, like Zumba and yoga, the gym quickly outgrew their small space. Bolstered by the response from their community, they decided to open a larger gym to offer more than just BJJ classes.

With input from Samantha's family, they decided on a gym that allowed members access 24 hours a day. They settled on the name TR Fitness, with the TR being a reference to their Team Respect BJJ program.

They opened the first fitness center in 2012 to fill a need in their community of Mountain Grove, but soon realized other small communities had similar needs for such a facility. ***Story continued on Page 4***

NEWS ABOUT THE NEWSPAPER

This is the second issue of The Rogersville Record and it was delivered via the USPS to over 3600 households in the 65742 zip code. There are now subscription options for the paper. Please read the article on page 2 for more information regarding subscriptions for this free newspaper.

THE SEASON FOR GIVING AT TURNERS STATION

During the month of December, Turners Station collected donations to help cover the outstanding balance on students' lunch bills in the Logan-Rogersville Public School District. Read more about their efforts on page 7.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT BY THE EDITOR

Finding Balance with Statera Studio Fitness



Diana Augustine's fitness studio was 23 years in the making, and it shows! From the beautifully outfitted bathroom to the large, well-appointed workout space, it's clear she thought through every little detail when designing and building her dream gym.

Diana worked as a personal trainer and group fitness instructor in Bigfork, Montana before she moved to Rogersville. She always worked at someone else's facility, however, and when she made the move to Missouri, she knew exactly what she wanted: room for a gym. "I've had years to take in everyone's comments and complaints," Diana said. So when she set out to build her own gym, she wasn't just thinking about herself. She envisioned a space where everyone felt welcome, and where she could meet the fitness needs of many. "Sometimes people feel like they have to get in shape before coming to a class, but this is a no judge zone," Diana said. "Any size, any shape, any age. Everyone is welcome." *Story Continued on Page 4*

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year!



It was a bit of an unanticipated challenge putting this second newspaper together with all of the Christmas celebrations. I added a few more events than usual as I made my way around the community to visit businesses hosting fun events. I visited more than a few Santas, which left my 3-year-old wondering why she had to keep telling Santa what she wanted for Christmas.

I started The Rogersville Record in the hopes of building on the community that already exists in Rogersville and bringing people together in a way that is different from social media and being online. I knew Rogersville had awesome people doing amazing things, but getting even more of a "behind-the-scenes" look into some of the local businesses has been a wonderful and unexpected benefit of starting this paper.

It's exciting to kick off the New Year with the second newspaper making its way into the community. Thank you so much to everyone for all the wonderful comments and feedback about the December paper. Thank you! It really means a lot that you all are enjoying the paper, reading it and sharing it with your friends and family. I hope you all enjoy seeing what the community was up to in December and what they have planned for the future.

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THE COMMUNITY VIEW

Three months ago, my husband and I moved from Illinois to Missouri, specifically Rogersville, for retirement. At the beginning of 2024, we started looking at our options. The Chicagoland area is very expensive yet, being native Illinoisians, we tried to stay in the state to be nearer to family and friends. We just weren't able to find the right location. We looked at other states; Iowa, Tennessee, Indiana, Minnesota but nothing seemed quite right.

I happened to come across floorplans for a new home build in the Springfield area of Missouri and fell in love with the layout. But what about the surrounding area? We looked in Republic and Bolivar and finally, Rogersville. We didn't take this decision lightly and took time to come back a couple of months later. This time, we took a really hard look at Rogersville.

We were greeted by such friendly people and future neighbors. Dogs! Lots of people walking sweet pups. The human population is varied, consisting of older and younger residents. It's a really good mix.

We discovered little gems like Figgi's Gift Bar (with Empire coffee and comfy seating). Thyme to Loaf with an awesome Tomato Bisque and a mouthwatering bakery. The people at the post office are so helpful as are the library clerks. Though the library is very small, I have no trouble getting books through the interlibrary loan system. As an avid reader, this is important to me.

We found a good doctor, auto repair shop and hair dresser right in town. Apple Market is very convenient and, being an antique lover, I love to shop at Willow Green Acres Antique Mall.

The Frisco caboose is prominently displayed on Front Street. We did a double take when we saw it, then took pictures.

The homes in town are lovingly cared for. Our home is in the middle of open land and the sunrises and sunsets are beautiful. No tall buildings to obscure the view.

Aside from all of that, the deciding factor is that Springfield is only 20 minutes away. We have the best of both worlds; a vibrant small city with so many activities, festivals and art shops and a small town with most of the amenities we need. Everything is right here. We chose well.

Lisa Carroccio
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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An update on the paper and how you can subscribe

The paper has received a lot of requests from people asking how they can subscribe to the paper or how they can get the paper delivered to their mailbox.

There is now an option to subscribe on the newspaper's website. There are a couple options:

1. FREE option - This option is for people who currently receive the paper or for people who want to receive the paper at some point in the future.

2. Three month subscription - This option guarantees the paper will be mailed to your house each month and costs $7.50 for three months. It will automatically renew every three months.

3. Six month subscription - This is also guarantees the paper will be mailed to your house each month and costs $15.00 for six months. It will automatically renew every six months.

The paper is still free and if you don't get it at your house now, it can be picked up around town at businesses including:

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and others!

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NOW HERE'S A TIP BY JOANN DERSON

* Keep medication bottles to hold buttons, spare change or even hand lotion. Be sure to clean well before reusing.

* "Clean foam egg cartons can be stuffed down into boots to keep them from flopping over between uses. If the leg fabric is not heavy, you can even cut one in half. You may use rolled-up magazines for this purpose as well." -- I.Y. in New York

* "Used fabric softener sheets can be used to shine faucets and to clean the tub. I use mine for dusting around the house, too. To keep a steady supply, I put an empty tissue box next to my dryer. When the clothes (and the used sheets) come out, I stuff them down in the box, and they are ready whenever I need one." -- B.J. in Arizona

* A chef's trick to keep cooked spinach green is to make sure the pot is not covered while cooking.

* "When cooking shrimp in a bouillon, put them in the freezer for about 10 minutes before cooking. They will cook up nice and tender. I have had success with this also when grilling. When putting shrimp on a skewer, I use double skewers, which hold about five shrimp. When I thread the skewers side by side, the shrimp are easier to turn over, and they do not spin on the skewer." -- R.R. in Florida

* To keep cheese blocks moist and mold free, place in a container with a tight-fitting lid. Place a piece of napkin dampened with white vinegar in with the cheese.

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Community Calendar

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 Senior Center Bingo 12:30pm	3 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am	4
5	6 Board of Aldermen meeting at City Hall@6pm Senior Center Excercise 10:15am	7 Senior Center Foot Clinic 9am-3pm Bingo 12:30pm	8 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am Art Class 12:30pm Music Jam 3:30-5:30pm (every Wed.)	9 Senior Center Bingo 12:30pm	10 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am	11
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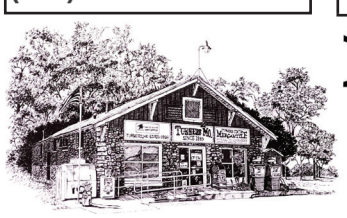
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Special Features

A BIG FITNESS CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS

Continued from front page

After a bit of trial and error, the Morgans found their niche in small towns with populations between 5,000 and 20,000. "We want to put the nicest, biggest gym we can in areas that are overlooked by franchses," said Michael Morgan.

The Morgans have designed TR Fitness Centers to feel and look like franchise gyms, so members know what to expect, but members still get the care and attention that go along with a family-owned establishment. Their goal is to try and meet everyone's fitness needs in a small community.

All TR Fitness Centers are set up similarly and members can access any of their locations with their membership. The fitness centers provide equipment such as cardio machines, free weights, functional training, weightlifting machines, and space for classes. They also include bathrooms, showers, and tanning beds.

The Morgans started out just wanting to make their own small community better but now they've seen the impact their fitness centers make, and they have plans to open even more gyms. Locations thirteen and fourteen are scheduled to open in Bonne Terre, Missouri and Grain Valley, Missouri, later this year, and some day they hope to expand into Kansas and Oklahoma. For now, they are looking forward to the Grand Opening of TR Fitness Rogersville on January 4th and can't wait to welcome members from the community they now call home.



TR Fitness Rogersville officially opens January 4th, 2025. New members get January free when they sign up for a no contract membership. Memberships start at $49.99/month. Look for a money-saving coupon in this month's newspaper.



Above Photo: Cardio equipment with a view of Highway 60 in Rogersville.

"FUNTIONAL TRAINING KEEPS US IN THE GAME OF LIFE"

Continued from front page

Diana puts her years of experience to work helping everyone who comes in her studio achieve their goals. From toning classes to circuit training to balance and stretch, Diana does her best to offer something for everyone. She wants people to see exercise as more than just a way to change their appearance but as a way to stay healthy. She especially loves functional training, which involves a lot of movements people use in daily life. "Functional training keeps us in the game of life," Diana said. To ensure everyone gets individual attention, she keeps class sizes small so each person gets personalized instruction even in a group setting.

Diana has always had a passion for fitness, but she really loves the people who come in her studio even more. "I love the positive atmosphere of people being here," she said. In fact, her gym has tables, chairs and even a couch, for socializing before or after class. From working out to hanging out, for Diana, it's all about finding balance in life.

Diana feels strongly that balance is the key to having a good quality of life, and she even included it in her gym's name, Statera Fitness Studio. Statera is latin for balance. She does offer balance classes, but balance is more than just standing on one foot. Balance is about finding time for yourself and your health in the midst of work, family, and fun. Although, Diana hopes fitness can be seen as fun too.

Her fitness studio certainly feels fun with colorful dumbbells, medicine balls, battle ropes, slam balls, bands, and so much more. Plus, the view from the treadmills is really nice. So, take a trip up B Highway, just a couple miles North of Rogersville, and say hello to Diana. Try a class or two (or more!) and then stay for a chat. Your mind and body are sure to thank you and Diana will make you feel more than welcome.

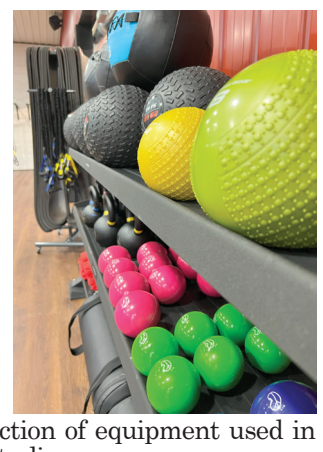
Statera Studio Fitness opened in September 2024 and offers group classes Monday - Friday, plus one class on Saturdays. There are no membership fees and you can pay per class, however Diana is running a New Years Special for 30 days of unlimited classes. Visit staterastudiofitness.com to learn more.





Above Left: Diana stands outside her gym in Rogersville. Above Right: Cardo equipment with a view of farmland.





Above Photos: A small selection of equipment used in classes at Statera Fitness Studio.

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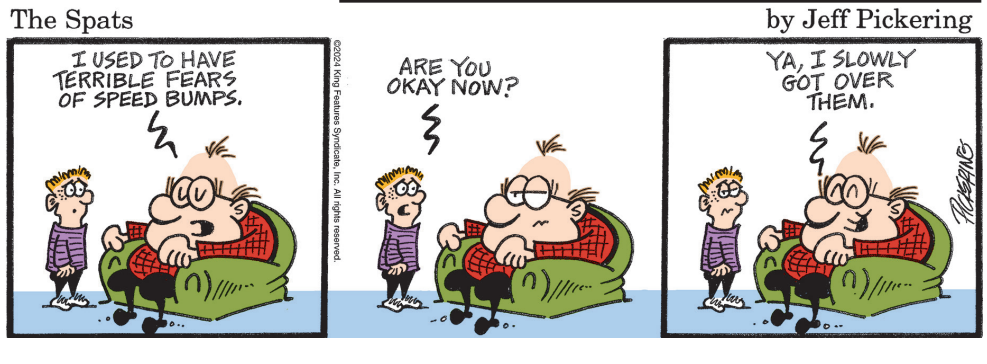
The Spats by Jeff Pickering



Community News

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING SYNOPSIS

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

December 2, 2024

All present for December 2 meeting.

New business: Fall Creek Phase 1 Final Plat, Jamestown Phase 4 final plat, Jamestown Phase 5 final plat

All plat maps were approved by the board.

The following December 16 meeting minutes were recorded by Glenda Stegner. These minutes have not yet been approved by the board. Minutes have been edited for length.

Alderman Janie Pyle Absent

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

Motion to approve GF accounts payable in the amount of $7,015.98 and WS accounts payable in the amount of $44,577.83, and park for $455.96 totaling $52,049.77. By Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Stucki, and passed by vote. All in favor (Pyle Absent)

Admin Update: Shredding event is set for the first weekend in May.

New Business

Park Sports Pricing, Katie Haynes

To combat inflation the parks are proposing some price increases. Sports starting with spring soccer would go up $5.00 per registration fee. Pavilion rentals to also up $5.00 per half or full day.

Motion to increase prices for fees: By Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Stucki, and passed by vote. All in favor (Pyle Absent)

Sports player fees scholarship was also discussed. This is something that would be rewarded based on income. Board asked that a criteria be made and an application. Advertising will be through social media and our web page. Recommendations of city funded $100.00 and $10.00 a month to start the program was suggested.

Motion to approve building a scholarship program for sports fees: By Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Stucki, and passed by vote: All in favor (Pyle absent)

Don Carrigan volunteered to donate $500.00 a year for the program.

ADA compliance for web page - Our web page is not ADA compliant. Tom Legens with Web Arc says this is a potential issue with attorneys looking over web pages and filing complaints. A contract would need to be drawn up and reviewed by the board if the city decides to do this at the cost of $4,800.00.

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 postpone until next agenda for the staff to review: By Alderman Clarkson, seconded by Alderman Stucki and passed by vote: All in favor (Pyle absent)

First and second reading of bill #12162024A – An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Rogersville, MO to execute an agreement with Garrett Engineering (TAP grant)

Attorney Krebs reviewed the contract for engineering.

Motion to approve first and second reading 12162024A: By Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Stucki and passed by roll call vote: All in favor (Pyle absent)

Declaration of Deed Restrictions - This declaration is for the federal grant for the final pay out of splash pad.

Motion to postpone until next meeting: By Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Stucki and passed by vote: All in favor (Pyle absent)

Pricing for the Maplewood and VV ditch that is silted in would cost $9,981.50 - This would be an addendum to the current project. It will clean out ditch and fix sidewalk area. The contractor said this would last about 5 years on the clean out of silting portion.

Motion to approve the addition to the current project: By Alderman Clarkson, seconded by Alderman Stucki and passed by vote: All in favor (Pyle absent)

Seepex Pumps for waste water plant - There are three pumps at the treatment plant that are over 20 years old. One of the pumps has gone out and is in Kansas City to be repaired.

To fix it will cost $18,000.00, to replace it with new and a stator that goes on pump will be $19,500.00 each. Administrator Bybee recommends due to the age of all the pumps, we replace them and get the stators as well. This is a sole source item if we stay with the same name brand and that is recommended due to the work ability of other parts.

Motion to replace pumps: Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Clarkson and passed by vote: All in favor (Pyle Absent)

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

SENIOR CENTER NEWS BY DANA BAUGHMAN

Was there ever a question that the Seniors at the Rogersville Senior center knew how to put on a party?

Based on the smiles and the community turnout at the recent Breakfast with Santa, I don't think so... the Breakfast with Santa on December 14 was a hit with the kids...old and young. Everyone enjoyed a fantastic, full breakfast and had time to sit on Santa's knee and give him their Christmas wish list. Thanks to all the volunteers that made this happen and for the community for showing up and supporting this great Center.

January's Breakfast is on January 18, 2025 from 7:30am to 9:30am. For $7, you get biscuits and gravy, eggs, potatoes, bacon/sausage, pancakes and french toast and drinks. And as always, kids 12 and under are free with a paid adult.

The Rogersville Senior Center is located at 197 S Marshall Street in Rogersville. The phone number is 417-753-7800.

If any local business would like to sponsor a breakfast or becoma a regular monthly sponsor, contact the Center at the number above.

See page 11 for the Senior Center Menu

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NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS
A BIT OF NEWS FROM FORDLAND

Fordland Clinic exceeds all Missouri Primary Care Association standards to earn Platinum honor

Fordland Clinic is proud to announce that it earned the Missouri Primary Care Association's Platinum Quality Award. It is the highest achievable level given by the MPCA and reflects the Fordland Clinic team's efforts to provide exceptional preventative health care across eight categories of quality care measured by the association.

"It was no small feat to achieve this level of excellence," said Dave Steinmann, Chief Executive Officer of Fordland Clinic. "Earning the Platinum Quality Award reflects a commitment from our entire team – from our front desk staff to our client-facing health care providers – to make this accomplishment possible."

To earn the Platinum Quality Award, the Fordland Clinic team had to reach or surpass benchmarks set by the MPCA in the following categories:

- ◊ Lead Screenings: The MPCA target for lead screenings of children under 24 months was set at 40%. Fordland Clinic achieved a 43.6% screening rate.
- ◊ Childhood immunization: Fordland Clinic provided immunization to 53.8% of eligible childhood clients, surpassing the MPCA goal of 48%.
- ◊ Statin Therapy: The MPCA set a goal of 70% of eligible patients who meet the criteria for statin therapy being prescribed the medication. Fordland Clinic achieved a 72.7% rate.
- ◊ AIC Testing: 93.2% of Fordland Clinic diabetes patients received an A1C test in the past year, surpassing the MPCA target of 90%.
- ◊ Cervical Cancer Screenings: Fordland Clinic successfully screened 52% of eligible patients, surpassing the MPCA goal of 40%.
- ◊ Breast Cancer Screenings: The MPCA sets a 35% goal of patients in the 50-75 age range getting screened for breast cancer. Fordland Clinic screened 55.2% of its patients in that age range.
- ◊ Colorectal Cancer Screening: Fordland Clinic screened 51.1% of eligible patients, far surpassing the MPCA target of 28%.
- ◊ Hypertension Controlling High Blood Pressure – Fordland Clinic recorded blood pressure readings from 99.7% of clients; the MPCA sets a target goal of 99.6%.

This marks an improvement on Fordland Clinic's prior year, when the team earned a Bronze Quality Award from the MPCA for surpassing four of the eight quality measures.

"Whether it's our effort to establish a new dental service wing or to exceed the MPCA's benchmarks for Platinum Care, everything we do at Fordland Clinic is done to offer our clients top-tier health care in the communities we serve," Steinmann said. "This is an achievement to celebrate, and one to build from. We will continue working to ensure our patients receive high quality care each time they come to Fordland Clinic."

LOCAL RESIDENT CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY



Submitted photo and article

January 4th marks the incredible 100th birthday of Viola (Victoria) Stowe-Lee. She grew up in Rogersville and is a proud graduate of the Class of 1943. She served her country with distinction during World War II as a member of the US Navy WAVES. A century of dedication, courage, and cherished memories. Wishing her continued joy and blessings on this remarkable milestone. Happy 100th!

UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY BY YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIAN

Do you love jigsaw puzzles? Are you looking for entertainment during the cold winter days and dark winter nights? Stop by the Rogersville Branch Library for our new puzzle exchange! Bring a puzzle from home to swap for one new to you!

Just bring your puzzle to the desk to be added to the exchange and leave with a new puzzle from the display. Returning a puzzle already from the exchange? Return the puzzle to the display and borrow a new one! No need to check out the puzzles just let the desk know you how many you returned and how many you are borrowing. Donations of gently used puzzles in the original box are greatly appreciated. Please do not put puzzles in the book drop.

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

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

Board Meeting Synopsis

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

December 18, 2024

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 – November 20, 2024; December 4, 2024 Study Session**
- **Approve Bill List**
- **Approve Budget Amendments/Transfers**
- **K-12 Curriculum Documents**
- **Authorization of School Bus(es) Bid**

The board heard communications updates as follows:
- **Board Candidate Filing Schedule – December 10-31, 2024**
- **2025 School Board Recognition – February 18, 2025 @ LRHS**
- **Basketball Super Night**
- **Wildcat Chronicle**
- **MSBA Update / Delegate Report**

The board recognized LR Primary Grandparent's Day event.

The board heard the administration reports.

The board heard the executive administration reports.

The board approved the district's Property, Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance in the premium amount of $722,590.00 for coverage period December 31, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

The board heard the School Climate Program Evaluation/Strategic Plan 2.2.1: Climate and Culture Survey Results.

The board discussed the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar. No board action was taken.

The board declared the LRHS Basketball Scoreboard System as surplus property.

The board heard a first reading of MSBA 2024D Policy and Procedure Updates.

The board authorized the district to seek bids for Multi-Purpose Facility Weight Room Equipment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS
Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 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

November K-12 Enrollment:
(11/1 - 11/30/2024)**: 2,365**
November Attendance Percentage:
(11/1 - 11/30/2024)**: 93.30%**
Year-to-Date Attendance Percentage:
(8/20 - 11/30/2024)**: 94.48%**
Year-to-Date 90%/90% Attendance Percentage:
(8/20 - 11/30/2024)**: 83.4%**

Fun & Games

JUMBLE FOR KIDS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME!®

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they make real words you can find in your dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

ACN

NYOP

RIDT

DIAC



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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.

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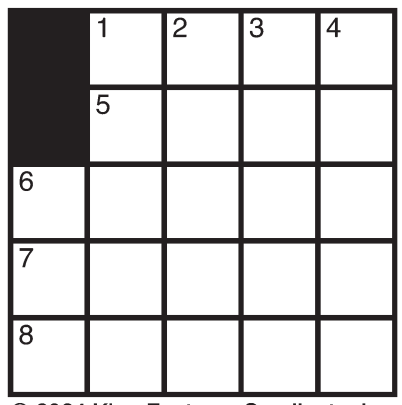
Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski



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Across

1 Website for film buffs
5 Silk Sonic's "Leave the ___ Open"
6 "Twelfth Night" heroine
7 Doughnut features
8 Broadway producer's dream

Down

1 "Fly off the handle" or "bite the bullet," e.g.
2 Slang for cash
3 Metes (out)
4 In-your-face
6 Pre-DVD tape format

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LDORE

LUPIT

RFADIA

RUHFOT

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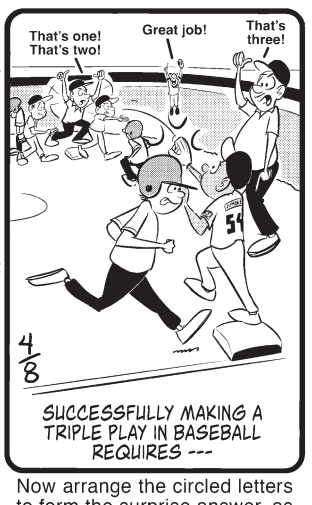

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Solutions on page 11

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A1	I1	O1	L1	C3	M3	C3	
							RACK 2
A1	E1	I1	K5	P3	X8	C3	1st Letter Triple
							RACK 3
A1	E1	E1	O1	R1	P3	L1	
							RACK 4
O1	U1	Y4	L1	S1	D2	N1	
							RACK 5
A1	E1	I1	H4	N1	C3	N1	Double Word Score

PAR SCORE 270-280 **FIVE RACK TOTAL ___**
BEST SCORE 335 **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**

For more information on tournaments and clubs, email NASPA - North American SCRABBLE Players Association info@scrabbleplayers.org. Visit our website - www.scrabbleplayers.org. For puzzle inquiries contact scrgrams@gmail.com

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Boggle® BrainBusters!™

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

M	E	L	L	G
A	S	D	A	E
B	H	U	F	N
C	L	N	F	O
P	A	I	Y	T

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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.

BOGGLE® POINT SCALE

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- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
- 9+ letters = 15 points

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61-100	= Pro
31-60	= Gamer
21-30	= Rookie
11-20	= Amateur
0-10	= Try again

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Find AT LEAST EIGHT LAND FORMATIONS in the grid of letters.

_____ _____

_____ _____

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WORD SPIRAL

I		A
	E	
	E	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: **B** equals **L**

MR M UZDZ NT RMBB LBB

NGZYZ NZYN NXHZY UMNG

CTC-LEMJME YTBXNMTCY, M'J

JZEBLDZ "HLYZY BTLJZJ!"

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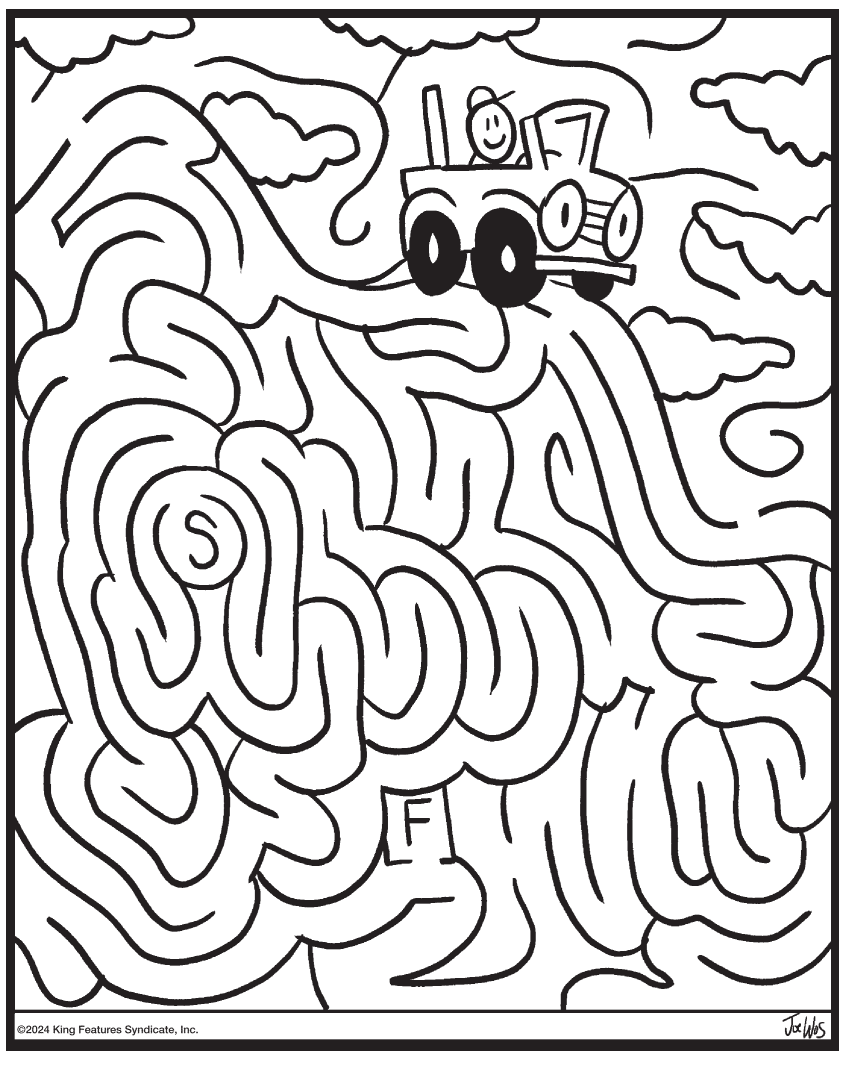

Even Exchange

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. Switch gears	__ H __ __ __	"Blank Space" singer	__ W __ __ __
2. Swap	__ __ __ D __	Smattering	__ __ __ C __
3. Late night host	F __ __ __ __ __	Eight pints	G __ __ __ __ __
4. Fitting	__ __ __ __ __ R	Thrust	__ __ __ __ __ L
5. Forward-facing	__ __ __ N __	Rime	__ __ __ S __
6. Prove false	__ __ __ __ T __	Deny	__ __ __ __ S __
7. Seinfeld or Lewis	J __ __ __ __	Commuter boat	F __ __ __ __
8. Ladle	__ __ P __ __ __	Nappy	__ __ A __ __ __
9. Room and ____	__ O __ __ __	Whiskers	__ E __ __ __
10. Painter's prop	__ A __ __ __	Ford's lemon	__ D __ __ __

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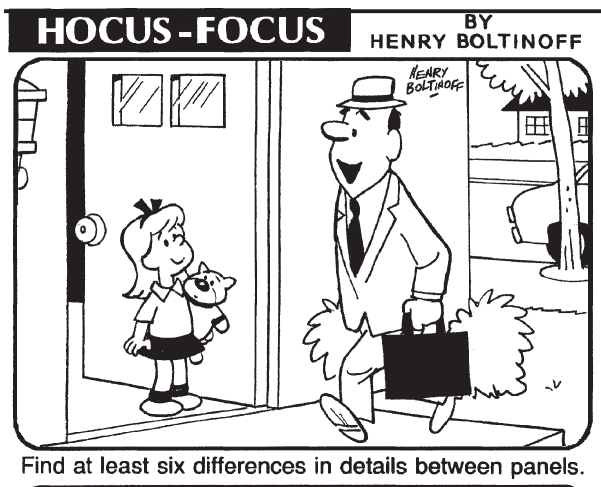
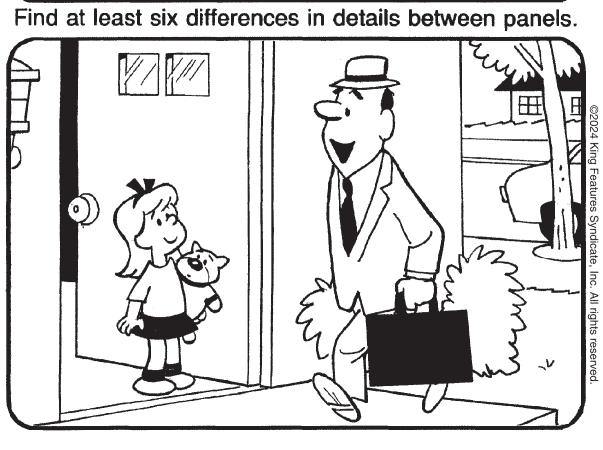
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



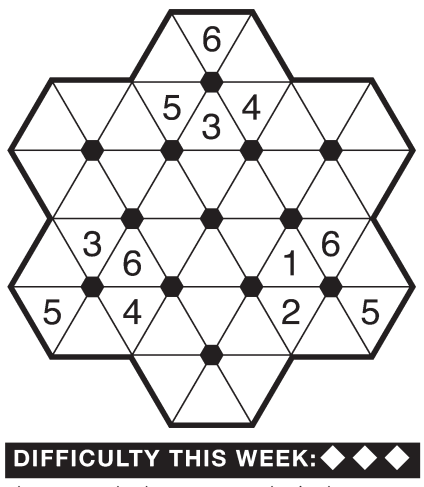
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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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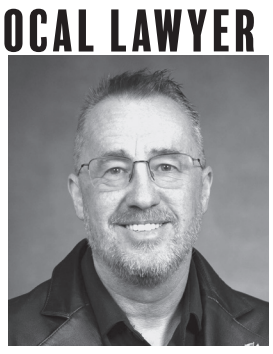

Who Yields on Highway 60's New Ramps?

Question:

Hey Will, with all the new construction on Highway 60 and the new on-ramps merging into the four-lane highway, who has the right-of-way? Oncoming traffic already on the highway or the person merging into traffic from the on-ramp?

Answer:

This is a great question and one that gets to the heart of a common driving concern, especially with all the recent construction in our area. Missouri law doesn't specifically grant "right-of-way" to any driver in this situation. Instead, it emphasizes who must yield the right-of-way, a subtle but important distinction.

When merging onto a highway like the expanded Highway 60, Missouri law requires that drivers entering the highway yield to traffic already traveling on it. This means that vehicles on the highway are not obligated to slow down or move over to let merging traffic in. The responsibility lies with the merging driver to adjust their speed, find a safe gap, and enter the flow of traffic without disrupting it.

That being said, good driving etiquette and safety should always prevail. Drivers already on the highway should remain alert and, when possible, make reasonable accommodations for merging vehicles. This could mean changing lanes if it's safe to do so or adjusting speed slightly to create a gap for the merging vehicle. Remember, courtesy and cooperation can go a long way in preventing accidents.

For merging drivers, the key is to use the acceleration lane on the on-ramp effectively. Accelerate to match the speed of traffic on the highway and merge smoothly into an available gap. Avoid coming to a complete stop unless absolutely necessary, as this can increase the risk of collisions.

It's worth noting that accidents caused by a failure to yield during a merge can carry significant legal and financial consequences. Even though the law places the duty to yield on the merging driver, fault in an accident isn't always clear-cut and can depend on the specific circumstances. That's why it's crucial for all drivers—whether on the highway or entering it—to exercise patience, caution, and good judgment.

Highway 60's new ramps are designed to improve traffic flow, but they require all of us to stay vigilant and drive responsibly. Remember, driving isn't about who's "right" but about keeping everyone safe.

If you have more questions about the rules of the road—or any other legal question—send them my way at the email address below!

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NEWS FROM THE ROGERSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BY BAILEY TENNIS

The Rogersville Chamber of Commerce celebrated another successful year at its annual Christmas Party, honoring two standout businesses with the prestigious Business of the Year Award and the Community Choice Award. The festive event brought together local business owners, community leaders, and chamber members to recognize the contributions that make Rogersville thrive.

Business of the Year Award

The Business of the Year Award went to Cozumel Mexican Restaurant. The Business of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding business that has set the standard for excellence in our community. This year, we honored a restaurant that has not only served delicious meals but has also created a warm, welcoming atmosphere where memories are made. Through exceptional service and dedication to the community, this restaurant has truly stood out as a cornerstone of our local dining scene. Congratulations to this year's Business of the Year!

Community Choice Award

The Community Choice Award is a celebration of the incredible connection between businesses and the people they serve. This prestigious recognition is unique because it reflects the voice of our community. We honor the business that has earned the admiration, trust, and support of our community, showcasing excellence and commitment. This years award went to Dale's Roofing.

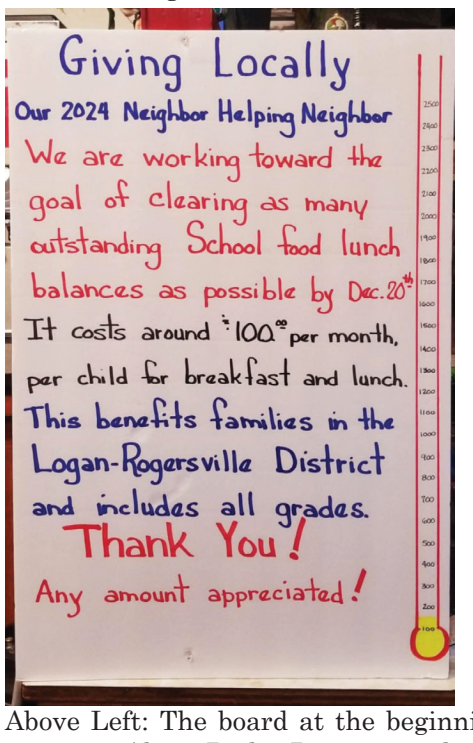
As the year comes to a close, the Rogersville Chamber of Commerce looks forward to continuing its mission of fostering business growth and community spirit in 2025.

Upcoming Events

1/14/2025 : Chamber Membership Meeting

TURNERS STATION RAISES MONEY FOR SCHOOL LUNCH DEBTS

Turners Station set out to raise money to cover as many outstanding school lunch balances as possible. They collected $4800 to deliver to the school. "We had so many people take part in this: Customers, old friends, new acquaintances and neighbors. From local, including some alumni, to people traveling through." Jill Elsey-Turner said. "Many people told us to keep the change after purchases. We have an amazing community that will rally to help others." Turners Station is grateful to the community and hopes the donation will help make a dent in the remaining school lunch balance.





Above Left: The board at the beginning of the drive used to record donation progress. Above Right: Presenting the $4800 check to the school.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Despite the NFL making more than $9 billion annually, being projected to make more than $25 billion a year by 2027, and paying its CEO more than $30 million a year, 68% of NFL stadium construction costs since 1923 have come from taxpayer money.

* One of Walt Disney's first art jobs was drawing cartoons for a local barber in exchange for haircuts.

* The Khasis are a tribe in India that grow their own bridges. For generations, they have passed down the art of tree-root manipulation, forming centuries-old "living bridges" out of the powerful roots of Ficus elastica trees.

* Jesse James once gave a widow who housed him enough money to pay off her debt collector and then robbed the debt collector as the man left the widow's home.

* In 2007, a Swiss woman was unable to enter the U.S. because she had no fingerprints. She had a rare genetic disorder called adermatoglyphia, where a person is born without fingerprints. There are only four known extended families worldwide that are affected by this condition.

* Arnold Schwarzenegger was paid $15 million for his role in "Terminator 2," which averaged out to a most impressive $21,429 per word.

* Lions, tigers, leopards and other big cats go wild for Calvin Klein's Obsession for Men cologne! It's used by researchers to lure animals toward cameras in the wild and is sprayed at zoos and wildlife refuges.

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Thought for the Day: "There's no hope without endeavor. Hope has no meaning unless we are prepared to work to realize our hopes and dreams." -- Aung San Suu Kyi

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THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block

THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY: Nonprofits

Whether you already work in the world of nonprofits or are seeking to start your own organization, these five podcasts are consistently recommended by those who work in charity, social enterprises and community groups:

"Nonprofit Lowdown" — Rhea Wong shares her expertise as a fundraising consultant for nonprofit organizations with the rest of the world via her popular weekly podcast. She offers specific episodes for newbies who are looking to identify and qualify new donors, as well as how to cultivate and solicit donors, manage grant writers, and make the best use of your interns. Wong's special guests include Brooke Richie-Babbage, who shares the tough challenges she faced in 2024, and Melissa Madzel, who gives great tips on how to effectively engage your board members without micromanaging them. (RheaWong.com)

"Giving Done Right" — From the Center for Effective Philanthropy, this podcast is hosted by Phil Buchanan and Grace Nicolette. They welcome leaders from the nonprofit sector to answer your burning questions, while busting "some myths that have long plagued donors and nonprofits alike." Recent episodes include "What Does a Trump Victory Mean for Nonprofits and Donors?" "Fighting Poverty with Direct Cash Transfers," and "Tackling the Root Causes of Homelessness." (GivingDoneRight.org)

"Fundraising is Funny" — Highly recommended in podcast forums on Reddit, this twice monthly podcast "unpacks the most ridiculous (and positively shocking) situations that happen within our sector." Hosts Lynne Wester and T. Clay Buck believe in the power of generosity to change the world, which is why they share what not to do in managing a fundraiser (including their own personal horror stories). They also explain what constitutes a less-than-noble cause in the age of the GoFundMe campaign (i.e., raising money for a frat party). As one Redditor explains, the show is "genuinely funny, but [there are also] many many nuggets of wisdom" in each episode. (FundraisingisFunny.com)

Don't Forget These Gems

"Nonprofits Are Messy" — Hosted by Joan Garry, who is called the "Dear Abby" of the nonprofit universe, this podcast shares real stories of how Garry and her guests "handled the mess," because leading nonprofits certainly isn't easy. Guests include Seth Godin in "The Maverick Marketing Approach," Glennda Testone in "Finding the Courage to Say No," and Parisa Parsa in "Productive Conversations in Polarizing Conflicts." (JoanGarry.com)

"Nonprofit Radio" — Hosted by Tony Martignetti, this weekly podcast offers "nonprofit ideas for the other 95%." This means if you have big ideas but a small budget, then "Nonprofit Radio" is the show for you! Pay special attention to the recent "Looking to 2025" episode, where Tony's esteemed contributors share what they're looking forward to next year and how the incoming president's administration could affect your nonprofit. (Podcast.MPGADV.com)

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THE HOMESTEADER'S HANDBOOK BY STACI HILL



Choosing the Best Heirloom Seeds for Your Vegetable Garden

Rogersville, Missouri, with humid summers, rocky but often fertile soil, and occasional unpredictable frosts, offers unique challenges when it comes to gardening. To ensure your heirloom vegetable garden thrives, it's essential to choose varieties suited to the local environment. Here's a quick guide to help you pick the best heirloom varieties for your garden.

1. Know Your Growing Zone and Climate

Rogersville falls within USDA hardiness zones 6. (6b if you believe the current map, or 6a and 6b if you go with the previous map) Our last frost date is in mid to late April. The growing season is typically from mid-April to late October. Since summers can be hot and humid, selecting heat-tolerant heirlooms is key. Varieties like Cherokee Purple and Brandywine tomatoes, known for their heat resistance, are ideal for the hot months. For fall crops, choose fast-maturing plants like Detroit Dark Red beets and Looseleaf lettuce.

2. Select Heat-Tolerant Varieties

Missouri summers can be intense, so focus on heirlooms that can handle the heat. Good choices include Cayenne or Jalapeño peppers and Black Beauty zucchini. These varieties thrive in the hot, dry conditions and can be harvested through the summer months.

3. Opt for Short-Season Crops

To maximize your growing season, choose heirlooms with short growing cycles. Varieties like French Breakfast radishes and Butterhead lettuce mature quickly, allowing you to plant in early spring or late summer for a fall harvest. Beans such as Cantare Bush Bean also grow fast and can be harvested before the first frost.

4. Choose Pest-Resistant Varieties

Our Ozarks' humidity can lead to pest and disease problems. Opt for heirlooms known for their disease resistance, such as Cherokee Purple tomatoes, which are less susceptible to late blight. Choose Butternut squash over pumpkins for their solid stems (making them resistant to squash vine borers) and Marketmore 76 cucumbers are another pest-resistant option, thriving in humid conditions with minimal care.

5. Consider Local Heirloom Varieties

Some heirlooms are specifically bred for the region. Varieties like Missouri Wonder beans, Ozark Pink or Missouri Love Apple tomatoes have a history of success in this area. Local seed banks or online sources like Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds can provide regionally adapted options.

6. Source Quality Seeds

To ensure you get seeds, buy from reputable suppliers. Companies specializing in open-pollinated heirloom varieties like Seed Savers Exchange and Baker Creek offer seeds that are well-suited to our Missouri growing conditions.

Bonus

Last but not least, don't limit yourself to ONLY heirloom seeds, sometimes the best way to beat the pests while growing organically is to use vigorous hybrid seeds. Hybrid seeds are a cross between other varieties, but are not that same as GMO and do not affect the nutrition or quality of your food. You can't save your own seeds from these varieties but you can grow a lot of food! This can be especially successful with zucchini and summer squash allowing you to grow a decent crop before the squash bugs take over.

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

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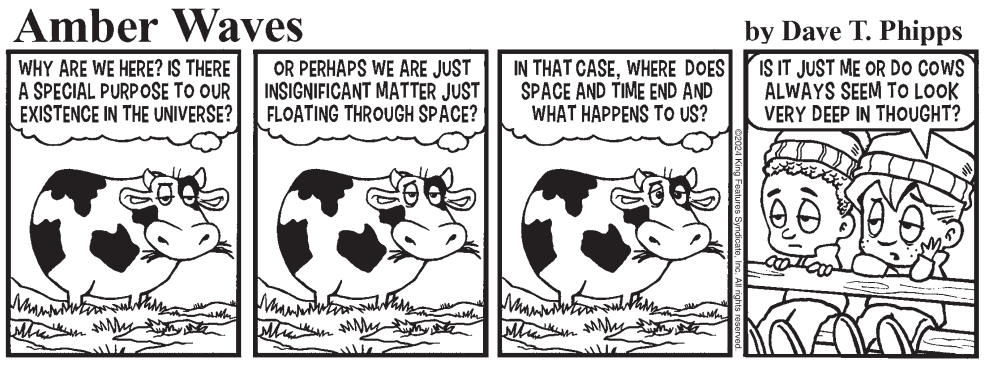


YOUR LOCAL FARMER BY EMMA ALEXANDER



New Beginnings

Every new day begins on a farm, even if you don't live there. Your daily food, fuel, and fiber is raised under the careful stewardship of farmers and ranchers. We welcomed dozens of baby goats last month; animal babies are the ambassadors of 'new' on the farm. With each new addition, I reflected on truths about life's new beginnings.

Choosing to Start New

After years of 'practice', I count the days and meticulously plan for our baby goats to be born. I schedule myself to focus on new babies to increase their success as well as mine. New beginnings go farther with some planning.

Expect Challenges

The flock of expectant mothers showed no outstanding signs of eminent babies, yet in the way yonder field I found what appeared to be three new births. And another baby goat that the guard dogs led me to. 'Whose baby is this? There is a fourth mother….who is your baby??' The lone baby immediately named its mother who, thankfully, agreed. One mother was a baby thief. Stern conversations were had. Expect challenges, (disguised as decisions), when beginning something new.

There Will Be 'Failures'

I had a plan, remember? Mothers believed to be closer to birthing were located right outside my front door. On a mild morning, I found a baby explosion in the pre-dawn light. Wet babies were everywhere, one pair sprawled flat and cold to the touch. I scooped up the lifeless forms that groaned and blinked. We warmly baptized these babies but even after towels, hugs, encouragement, and the hair dryer, I was unable to revive the little girl. Failures cause us to stumble and ask the 'what ifs' that get in the way of the progress. What we feel are failures are steppingstones and often have a silver lining. After hours of love, (not so) Little Thor was starving to meet his mother, and she recognized him immediately!

Expect Surprises

Every expectant mother was brought to the farmhouse except for three mean ladies that I didn't want to rodeo in the dark. "Those goats will not have babies before Christmas," I assuredly told my Big-Tiny Farmer. "I know exactly when they met the Buck." One of those ladies met me in the field with her new babies the next day. (Face palm here). 'New' means we haven't experienced this exact moment before. If we just oxymoronically expect to be surprised, we can embrace that as well.

Don't Give Up

I am good at managing mother goats because I know what it is like to be the mom of ornery kids. Sometimes new goat moms just don't get it, and they do stupid things. Remember those days? With the Lord's Grace and some support, moms and babies eventually thrive. We safely restrain new goat moms who don't understand why a new baby needs her tender parts. It's like trying to throw a cat out of a car window, only on the ground with mud and stomping. It is amazing to watch a new goat mom have her first 'a-ha' moment with her new baby. Don't give up on your new beginnings!

May God bless your 2025 beginnings!

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

Plan in Jan. In the Nursery and Garden Center business, this is our "off" season and yes, we usually take some time off in January – I sure wish my grandsons weren't in WISCONSIN! For any gardener this is the down time. But that doesn't mean there is nothing to do! May I suggest, let the weather be your guide. If the weather is moderate there are still tasks that can be done outside. If you haven't yet, now is a perfect time to turn over your garden. No need to till but disc or just turn it over by hand. And while you are out there you might test your soil. Soil tests are readily available and can give you a wealth of information. Often a soil amendment or two applied in January can make all the difference.

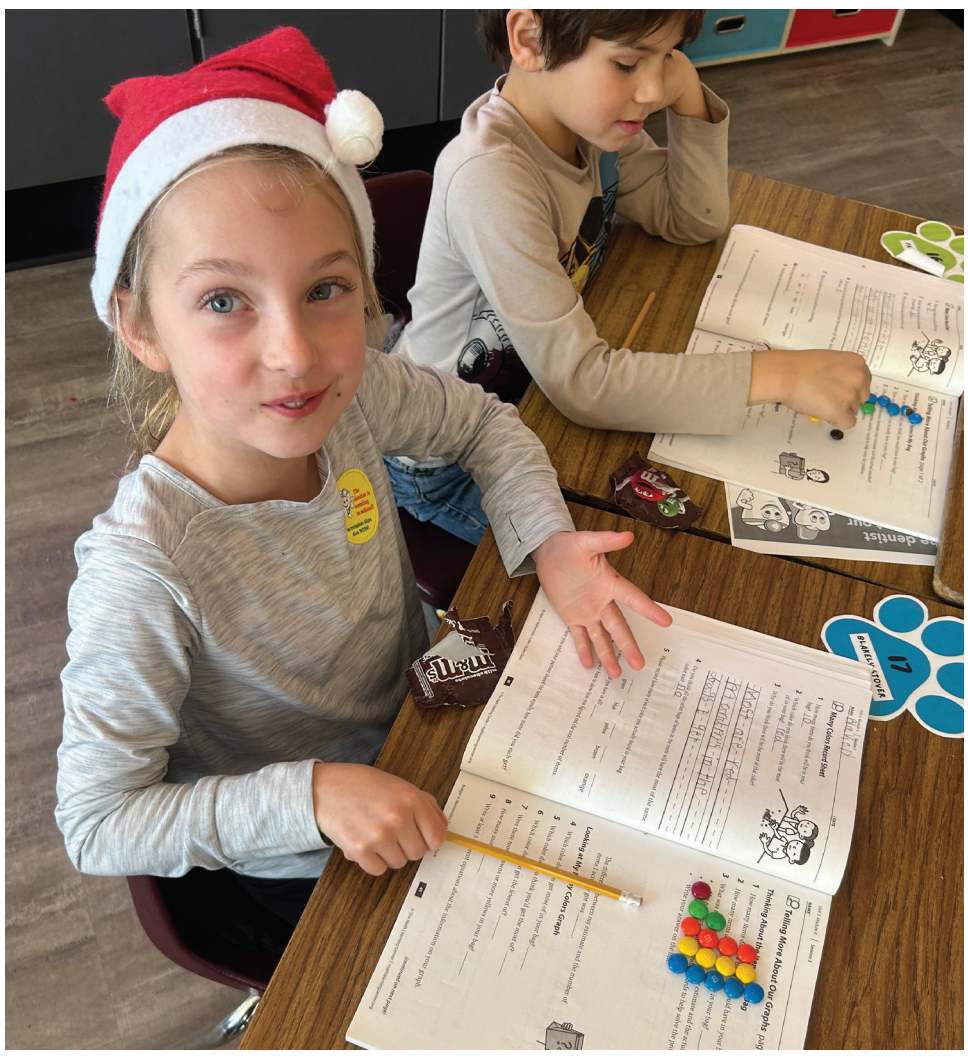
Weather still holding? Look around the yard to see what could use a trim. January and February are the ideal time to trim deciduous trees and most shrubs. You can really see the branching once the leaves have fallen and determine what is hurting the aesthetic value or structural integrity of the plant. When trimming your trees remember the 1/3 rule: you can cut a third of a tree off without harming it. My father was a longtime nurseryman and I still remember him chiding me to "butcher it!" I was always afraid to cut too much but you can't hardly do that. As you examine a tree you may want to put a ribbon on the branches you want to cut and then step back and take a second look. You may want to cut a branch and then step back frequently to be sure because once it's gone there's no going back! But trees and shrubs are remarkably resilient. They take a trimming and keep on ticking!

But it is January. If you look out the window and it's looking cold out there, make it an inside day. Make it a Plan in Jan day. Whether we are talking about a vegetable garden or your homes landscaping, planning is key. Reflect on the victories and defeats of last year's garden. What worked well and what didn't. Consider a change in layout. Rotate your crops to prevent soil depletion. Plan to plant a couple new varieties. Maybe add some flowers or herbs this year. Beyond functional, your garden can and should be a place of beauty and tranquility.

And so should your landscape! Now would be a great time to come up with a landscape plan that really enhances your home. Is it time for a front yard refresh? Is there a view that is "pew"? Is it finally time to create that backyard oasis you've been dreaming of? Plan in Jan! Need some help? We've got some excellent landscape designers looking for something to do in this "off season." We would be glad to offer some free help with any of your garden or landscaping needs! Plan in Jan!

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



THAT'S A SWEET GRAPH!

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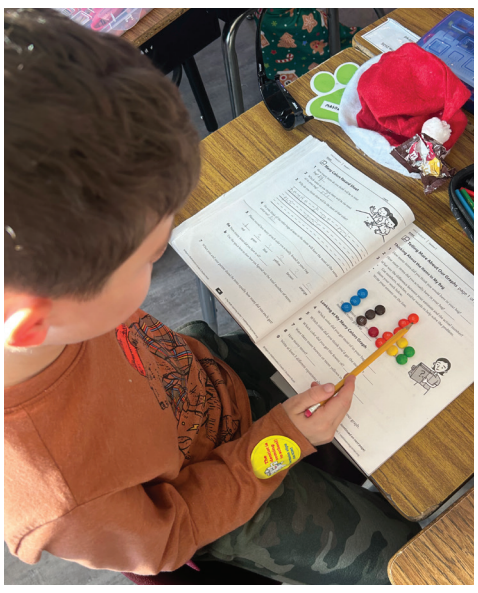
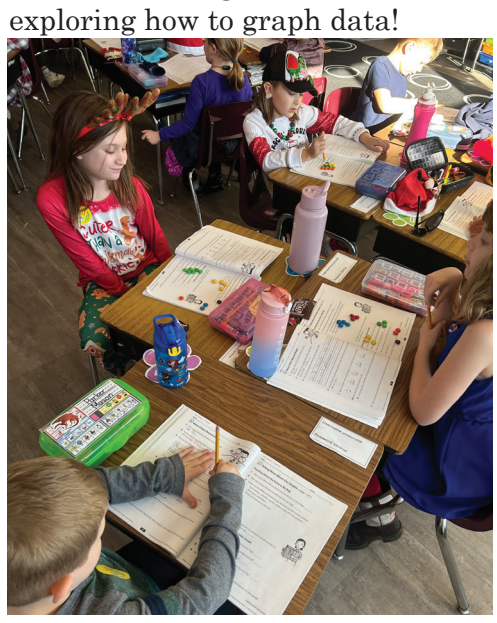
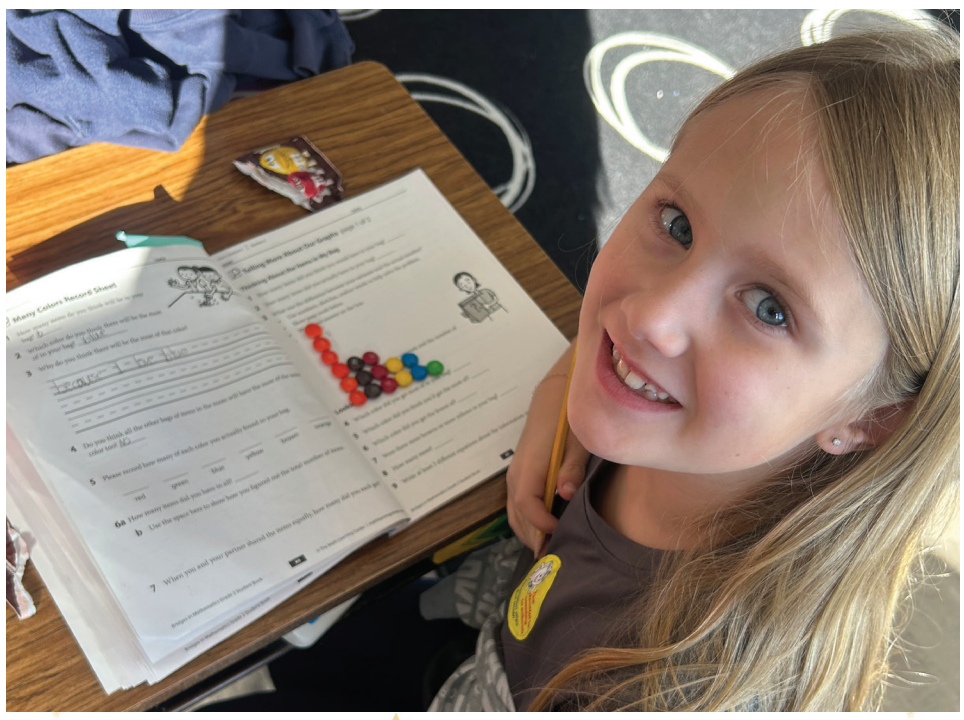
Miss Ruehling's second graders had a sweet time learning math in December, using M&Ms to start exploring how to graph data!







LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE UPPER ELEMENTARY CHARACTER KIDS



Congratulations to Lilly, Landyn, Nora, Aubrey, Bennett & Beau for being selected as Character Kids for December. These students exemplify the character word Honesty. They tell the truth and live a life of honor and dignity. Great job, Wildcats!

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LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE PTA NEWS

The new year kicks off filled with LR PTA events in January and February. Here are just a few things coming up and a big announcement!

1) The Wildcat Closet will be open January 28th 4-6pm, February 1st 8-10am, and February 25th 4-6 pm for shopping and donations.

2) LR PTA general meeting is Wednesday January 8th, at 6:30pm at the Elementary Commons. Join us in person if you would like to be more involved in PTA.

3) Our Boosterthon FUN RUN fundraiser kicks off February 18th! This is the LR PTAs main fundraiser for the whole year.

Now for the big announcement. Our theme for annual the Family Valentine's Dance is...Boots & BBQ! Mark your calendars for February 7th at 6:00pm. Past dances have SOLD OUT of tickets. If you plan to attend please purchase the online tickets as soon as they become available, students and parents will be notified when the link for tickets is available. The family dance is for LR students (pre-k through 6th grade) and their families. Adults are required to attend with their students and each person attending needs a ticket. Skinner's Ribs & BBQ will be providing a delicious dinner and the DJ will have the dance floor hopping. Dust off your boots and hats and get ready for a yeehawing good time!

It is a busy time of year for PTA and we will need help from our volunteers. Keep an eye out for emails from LR PTA and follow our Facebook page (Logan-Rogersville PTA).





A VIEW FROM THE SCHOOL BY ROCKY VALENTINE

Reflecting on a Great First Semester and Looking Ahead

As we turn the page to a new year, it's the perfect time to reflect on the achievements and milestones of the first semester. From the energy and enthusiasm of the first day of school to the many successes in academics, arts, and athletics, our students and staff continue to inspire pride in the Logan-Rogersville community. Thank you to our families and community members for your unwavering support that makes it possible for our Wildcats to thrive!

The second semester offers fresh opportunities for growth and learning. Whether it's diving into new classroom projects, preparing for spring events, or cheering on our teams and performers, I'm excited for all that lies ahead. Together, we will provide an excellent education that supports all students in achieving their fullest potential.

As we begin 2025, I encourage you to stay connected and engaged with the district through our newsletters, social media, and events. Let's make this semester one of hard work, meaningful connections, and shared accomplishments.

Here's to a successful and inspiring second half of the school year!

Dr. Rocky Valentine is the superintendent at Logan-Rogersville R-VIII School District.

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

Home & Health



DARLA'S DASH OF SALTY GRACE

The Garbage Disposal is No Place for a Pet Fish OR Your Kids

That moment when you have to stick your hand down the drain/garbage disposal because you drop your fish down there while cleaning its bowl...yah, I had that moment the other day. And all I could do was hope that Merida the fish was as brave as its namesake Disney Princess.

This was what I posted on my Facebook page several years ago. That's right—I somehow let Merida the fish land in the garbage disposal instead of back into the bowl after changing the water.

I was horrified! I also immediately shoved my hand down into the drain/garbage disposal where Merida was thrashing around. Grabbing the fish with two fingers (so I wouldn't squish it), I pulled it out and quickly dropped my little fish back into its bowl...where I just knew I would find it floating on top of the water by the end of the day.

But wait! That's not what happened. Merida continued to swim around in the bowl as if nothing happened. Merida the fish had been to the garbage disposal and back and lived to 'tell' about it.

Some of the comments I received following my post on Facebook implied (not so subtly, I might add) that I should have just flipped the switch and been done—that I'd missed my chance.

I know these things were said in jest and I was not offended in the least, but I couldn't have disagreed more. What can I say—I liked Merida.

Merida's rescue also reminded me of something extremely important when it comes to parenting our children: NEVER GIVE UP on your kids and NEVER EVER LET ANYONE MAKE YOUR CHILD FEEL LIKE HE/SHE IS DISPOSABLE.

All too often, children are pushed aside to make way for the 'smart kids' or the athletic kids or the kids who have potential. As if EVERY child doesn't have potential!

And here's something else you need to know. Children who rebel, trap themselves in addictions, or who fall into the depths of low self-esteem and self-destruction—the ones often labeled 'outcasts', 'lost causes', or 'detriments to society'—are the very ones who were made to feel disposable...and believed it.

Don't let this happen to your child. Don't do this to your child.

Every child struggles now and again—some more than others. The severity of their struggles isn't the point. What IS the point, is that they always know you are there for them—ready to grab hold of them if they need help getting out of the 'garbage disposal' and encourage them to be the incredible, unique, and beautiful person they are.

Love,
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

NEW YEAR HEALTH AND WELLNESS
A PHYSICAL THERAPIST'S PERSPECTIVE

BY MELISSA BROWN, DPT

As we ring in the New Year, many of us set resolutions focused on improving our health and wellness. From fitness goals and weight loss programs to stress management, it's a time to refresh and renew. As a physical therapist, my primary goal is to always approach these resolutions with a mindset that supports long-term health and injury prevention.

First and foremost, it's important to start slowly and set realistic goals. Being realistic with your goals and intentional about your new routine can help you avoid the overuse strains and sprains that can come from a too much, too soon exercise program!

If you're new to exercise or returning after a break, consider starting with low-impact activities such as walking, swimming, or cycling. Gradually increase intensity and duration to allow your body to adapt safely.

Incorporating flexibility and mobility exercises into your routine is another key factor in preventing injury. Many individuals neglect the importance of stretching, but improving flexibility can reduce the potential for strain injuries and improve posture. Simple activities like yoga or dynamic stretching can enhance joint mobility and overall flexibility, which are essential for musculoskeletal health.

Another important aspect of a comprehensive exercise program is core strength. A strong core supports your spine, reduces the risk of back pain, and improves balance and coordination. Exercises like planks, bridges, and leg raises can help build this foundation.

Lastly, prioritize rest and recovery. While exercise is important, so is allowing your body the time it needs to recover. Overtraining without proper recovery can lead to fatigue and injuries. Ensure you're getting adequate sleep, staying hydrated, and fueling your body with proper nutrition.

If you do sustain an injury or want more information about starting an exercise program, reach out to your local physical therapist. The state of Missouri allows direct access to physical therapy care and does not require a physician referral.

In conclusion, as we enter the New Year, approach your health goals with balance, patience, and an emphasis on injury prevention. This holistic approach will set you on a path to lasting wellness and vitality.

Melissa Brown DPT is the Lead Therapist of ARC Rogersville and a Physical Therapist with over 10 years of experience treating musculoskeletal injuries and geriatric conditions. She specializes in outpatient orthopedics, manual therapy, and vestibular rehab.

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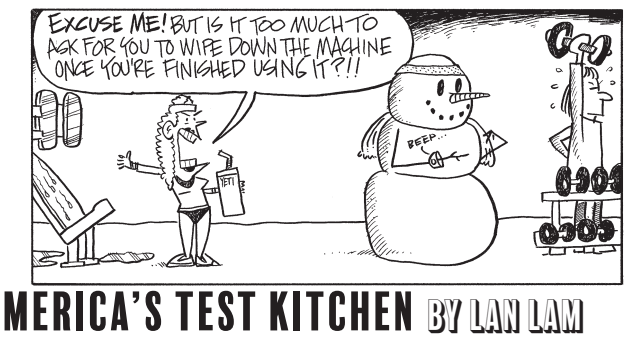

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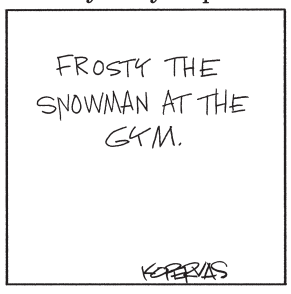

AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN BY LAN LAM

Creating a festive treat has never been more fun



These cookies are ideal for shipping or gifting. Photo Credit: Beth Fuller/TCA

We started our slice-and-bake mocha-peppermint cookie dough with melted rather than softened butter. This allowed us to skip the usual creaming step and simply stir in the sugar along with an egg yolk and peppermint extract. A little baking powder opened up tiny air pockets in the dough and kept it from being too dense. The yolk's proteins and the sugar gave the cookies a pleasantly firm and crumbly texture and extended their shelf life to 10 days, making them ideal for shipping or gifting. We cut the dough into chunks and coated them in a mixture of espresso powder, cocoa powder, dry milk powder, and powdered sugar before pressing them together into logs. When coated with the remaining mocha mixture and sliced, the logs revealed a gorgeous, organic mosaic pattern.

Mocha-Peppermint Mosaic Slice-and-Bake Butter Cookies

Makes 40 cookies

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon table salt

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

16 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled

3/4 cup granulated sugar

1 large egg yolk

1 teaspoon peppermint extract

1 1/2 tablespoons instant espresso powder

1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder

1 tablespoon powdered sugar

1 tablespoon dry milk powder

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1. Whisk flour, salt, and baking powder together in a bowl. In the second bowl, whisk melted butter, granulated sugar, egg yolk, and peppermint extract until very smooth. Add flour mixture and stir with rubber spatula or wooden spoon until well combined (dough will be loose). Let dough rest until firm, about five minutes.

2. Shape dough into a rough 8-by-5-inch rectangle. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, at least one hour or up to three days.

3. Sift espresso powder, cocoa, powdered sugar, and milk powder through a fine-mesh strainer into a medium bowl. Cut chilled dough into rough 3/4-inch pieces. Add to espresso-cocoa mixture and toss until pieces are evenly coated. Transfer pieces to counter, shaking excess espresso-cocoa mixture back into bowl (do not discard). Divide dough pieces into two piles.

4. Working with one pile, firmly squeeze one-quarter of pieces together to form dough ball with streaks of espresso mixture throughout (do not knead dough). Repeat with remaining three-quarters of dough to form three more balls. Squeeze and press dough balls together to form a rough 8-inch log. Continue to shape and roll log until 1 1/2 inches in diameter and about 9 inches long. Flatten log slightly on two sides, until it is 1 inch tall and has an oval shape. Repeat with remaining dough pile to form a second log.

5. Transfer reserved espresso-cocoa mixture to counter and roll logs in mixture to coat evenly. Wrap logs tightly in plastic and refrigerate until firm, about 30 minutes.

6. Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 350 degrees. Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper.

7. Slice logs into 1/4-inch-thick ovals and space 1 inch apart on prepared sheets. Let rest at room temperature for 10 minutes. Bake cookies, one sheet at a time, until puffed and tops look dry but centers are still very soft, 10 to 12 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through baking.

8. Let cookies cool on sheet for 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack and let cool completely, about 30 minutes. Serve. (Cookies can be stored at room temperature for up to 10 days.)

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OBITUARIES

THOMAS GLENN "TOMMY BOY" CHAPARRO OSWALD



Thomas Glenn "Tommy Boy" Chaparro Oswald, age 27, of Kimberling City, Missouri passed away Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

He was born November 4, 1997 in Fort Myers, Florida the son of William Lynn Oswald, Sr., and Alicia Marie Lindsey.

Surviving are his father, William Lynn Oswald, Sr. of Morehead, Kentucky; mother, Alicia Lindsey of Sparta, North Carolina; stepfather, Eulogio Marin of Rogersville, Missouri; fiancée, Olivia Marie Forbes of Kimberling City, Missouri; one son, Andrew Mason Reed of Flemingsburg, Kentucky and one son on the way, Skylar Oswald; four brothers, William Oswald of Sparta, North Carolina, Adam Garcia of Sparta, North Carolina, Christian Garcia of Morehead, Kentucky and Christopher Oswald of Mount Sterling, Kentucky; four sisters, Heaven Phipps and her husband Jordan of Mount Stearling, Kentucky, Kaitlyn Oswald of Morehead, Kentucky, Autumn Oswald of Morehead, Kentucky and Brooklyn Oswald of Morehead, Kentucky and several nieces and nephews.

Thomas spent most of his life in the Southwest Missouri area. He attended school in Rogersville, Missouri and was employed as an arborist by Burall's Tree Service in Reeds Spring, Missouri. Thomas enjoyed tree climbing, hunting and trucks.

Services were held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Kye Cox conducted the services. Burial was at Palmetto Cemetery in Rogersville, Missouri.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 A.M. until service time Wednesday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

Contributions may be made to the family in memory of Thomas.

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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. For possible new year's resolutions, Proverbs 16:3 (KJV) says, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be _____." *Resolved, Established, Directed, Bountiful*
2. Likewise, Psalm 37:5 (KJV) instructs us to, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to _____." *Nurture, Pass, Action, Light*
3. From which book's 29:11 does the Lord declare plans to prosper you, thoughts of peace to give you hope and a future? *Leviticus, Ezra, Nehemiah, Jeremiah*
4. 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20 are among the verses to focus on what in a new year? *Blessings, Moving forward, Grace, Church attendance*
5. In which month of the religious calendar did the new year begin in the Bible? *3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th*
6. From James 1:5, what may one lack, and if they ask God, it shall be given? *Love, Wisdom, Truth, Goals*

ANSWERS: 1) Established, 2) Pass, 3) Jeremiah, 4) Moving forward, 5) 7th, 6) Wisdom

Find expanded trivia online with Wilson Casey at www.patreon.com/triviaguy. FREE TRIAL!

BIBLE WORD SEARCH
by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 35:4b-15

I **bowed** my **head** in **grief** as though **weeping for** my **mother**. **But when** I **stumbled**, they **gathered** in **glee**; **assailants** gathered **against** me without my **knowledge**. They **slandered** me without **ceasing**.

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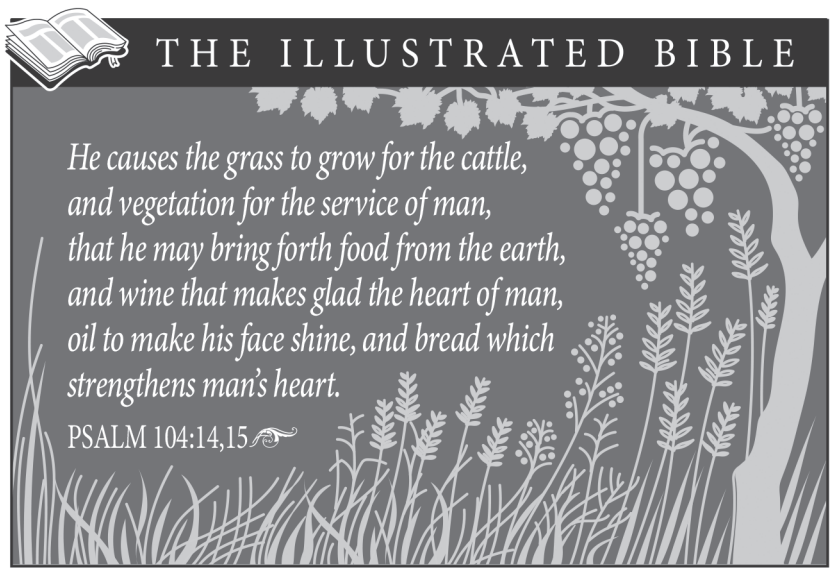

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	BREAKFAST SATURDAY THE 18TH 7:30—9:30	CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 BEEF STEW CORNBREAD-WG CHERRY COBBLER	3 BREADED FISH CORN CASSAEROLE BROCCOLI CORNBREAD-WG NO-BAKE COOKIE
6 GLAZED HAM BAKED SWEET POTATO VEGGIE BLEND ROLL-WG CHEESE CAKE	7 PORK CHOPS W/GRAVY CORN GARDEN SALAD BREAD SLICE-WG SPICE CAKE	8 BEEF TACOS-WG REFRIED BEANS PICO DE GAILLO POKE CAKE	9 OVEN FRIED CHICKEN MASHED POTATOS GREEN BEANS ROLL-WG SNICKERDOODLE	10 BREADED FISH SAVORY POTATOS COLESLAW BREAD-WG BROWNIE
13 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK/CREAM SPINACH CAULIFLOWER W/ CHEE. BREAD SLICE-WG CAKE	14 LASAGNA GARDEN SALAD BREADSTICK-WG ICE CREAM BAR	15 GLAZED HAM AUGRATIN POTATOS VEGGIE BLEND ROLL-WG OATMEAL COOKIE	16 BBQ MEATBALLS COLESLAW BAKED BEANS ROLL-WG APPLE CRISP	17 BREADED FISH SQAUSH CASSEROLE ROLL-WG BREAD PUDDING /
20 	21 CHICKEN ALFREDO GARDEN SALAD BREADSTICK-WG CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE	22 BANK DAY MEATLOAF MASH TATERS/ VEGGIES ROLL-WG RAISIN COBBLER	23 FRITO CHILI PIE GARDEN SALAD FRTOS-WG CAKE	24 BREADED FISH MARINATED SLAW BREAD-WG PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE
27 CHEESEBURGER BROCCOLI SALAD SPICED PEACHES SUGAR COOKIE	28 CHICKEN HOBO PACK W/POTATOS AND VEGGIE BREAD SLICE-WG WHITE CHOCOLATE COOKIE	29 HAM & BEANS COLESLAW CORNBREAD-WG LAYERED DESSERT	30 MEXICAN CASSEROL GARDEN SALD BREADSTICK-WG BIRTHDAY CAKE	31 BREADED FISH AUGRATIN POTATOS STEAMED CABBAGE ROLL-WG BANANA PUDDING

Even Exchange
answers

1. Shift, Swift
2. Trade, Trace
3. Fallon, Gallon
4. Proper, Propel
5. Front, Frost
6. Refute, Refuse
7. Jerry, Ferry
8. Dipper, Diaper
9. Board, Beard
10. Easel, Edsel

Micro Crossword
Answer

	I	M	D	B
	D	O	O	R
V	I	O	L	A
H	O	L	E	S
S	M	A	S	H

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P3	A1	R1	O1	L1	E1	E1	RACK 3 = 59
S1	O1	U1	N1	D2	L1	Y4	RACK 4 = 61
E1	N1	C3	H4	A1	I1	N1	RACK 5 = 74

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HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Differences: 1. Briefcase is larger. 2. Bush is larger. 3. Collar is missing. 4. Car bumper is missing. 5. Lapel is missing. 6. Windows in door are smaller.

JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumble

Jumbles: OLDER TULIP AFRAID FOURTH

Answers: Successfully making a triple play in baseball requires -- ALL-OUT EFFORT

Kid's Jumble

Jumbles: CAN PONY DIRT ACID

Answers: Where does "today" come before "yesterday"?-- IN THE DICTIONARY

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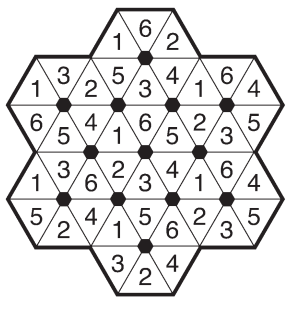
Word Spiral
Answer
ABJECTIVE

CryptoQuip
answer

If I were to fill all these test tubes with non-acidic solutions, I'd declare "Bases loaded!"

SNOWFLAKES
solution



Boggle Answers

DELL GLEN DALE
BLUFF CLIFF CHASM
PLAIN CANYON

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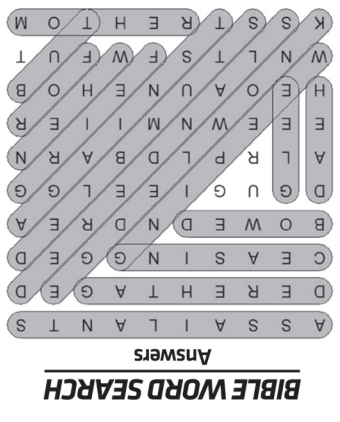

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COOKIES WITH SANTA EVENT AT FIGGI'S GIFT BAR



The Empire Coffee crew and Santa welcomed the community at a festive "Cookies With Santa" event last month. Merriment was had by all!

LIVE NATIVITY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



The First Baptist Church of Rogersville hosted a free, live, drive-through nativity for two nights in December. The event collected food items to donate to the Safehaven Now food pantry. The display told the story of the birth of Jesus with audio narration, live actors, and many animals, including a camel.

ROGERSVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE







Rogersville businesses, community members, and the school band came together to celebrate Christmas in style during the "Ugly Christmas Sweater" themed parade in December. Crowds lined the streets as floats rolled by, the band played, and candy hit the streets. The parade was followed by a grand celebration at the park including the tree lighting, musical performances and more!

PACKED HOUSE FOR BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT THE SENIOR CENTER









Santa stopped in at the Rogersville Senior Center for a delicious breakfast last month. The room was packed with people, old and young, and a good time was had by all. Senior Center staff and volunteers served up breakfast in style, while one of Santa's other helpers made the rounds with a hot cocoa cart. Coloring pages, a chat with Santa, and candy canes were provided to all the children in attendance. It was a great event to celebrate the season!



Graycen Baird
Senior



Kamryn Marshall
Junior

LRHS DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH WINNERS

Character Word - Leadership



Maddie Lou Shuburte
Sophomore



Allison Reeves
Freshman

Congrats to the LRHS December Student of the Month Winners! These Wildcats are recognized for their leadership — they lead by example, inspire others, and elevate their peers toward shared goals! Way to go!

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