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SPECIAL SECTION: 2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Rogersville Record is excited to celebrate high school graduates from Rogersville and Fordland with a special section in this issue.

Logan-Rogersville High School graduates can be found on pages 7, 8, and 9. Fordland High School graduates are on page 10.

If you would like an extra copy of this month's paper, and can't find one around town, please reach out to editor@therogersvillerecord.com



ALL ABOUT STORM SHELTERS IN THE CITY

Everything you need to know about storm shelters within the City of Rogersville



Tornado sirens are often heard during the spring months in Southwest Missouri, and the last few weeks have been especially stormy in Rogersville. On April 18, tornado sirens echoed across the city in response to a tornado warning, and many people sought shelter at one of the storm shelters located within Rogersville. On this particular night, two of the shelters were found to still be locked even though the tornado sirens were going off and there was a tornado warning. This left many wondering why and what happened?

Public Storm Shelters

There are four shelters available to the public within Rogersville. Three are located within school buildings and one is located at 101 W. Basin Street. The Basin Street shelter is the only shelter managed by the city. It is manually unlocked by an on-duty police officer in the event of a tornado warning.

The FEMA Community Safe Room at the Upper Elementary (306 S. Mill Street) unlocks automatically when a tornado warning is issued. The shelters at the Elementary School (7297 E Farm Road 164) and Primary School (512 S. Sentry Drive) are not FEMA funded shelters. The Elementary School shelter is open to the public during tornado warnings, however, the shelter at the Primary School does not open to the public during the school day when students are present.

Each of these shelters will only open if a tornado warning is issued for the area around the shelters. The shelters must be within the tornado warning polygon in order to open. The tornado warning polygon is a specific area designated by the National Weather Service to indicate where a tornado is likely to occur or has been confirmed.

What happened on April 18th?

On April 18th, a tornado warning hit the city unexpectedly, and police officers were on an emergency call. An off-duty officer was dispatched to open the shelter at Basin Street and arrived there within seven minutes of the tornado warning being issued.

Since this incident, the city has taken steps to ensure there is no delay in opening the shelter during a tornado warning. On-duty officers will have keys to the shelter as well as community volunteers. There is an application at City Hall for individuals interested in assisting with opening the Basin Street shelter.

At the Upper Elementary, the unlocking mechanism is automatic, however there is also a manual lock on the door. This door was accidentally manually locked, therefore the door was unable to unlock magnetically when the tornado warning was issued. Steps have been taken by the school to prevent this from happening again, including new signage inside the door.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT BY THE EDITOR

Rogersville Family Dental:



Above Photo: Dr. Samuel Zimmer holds his mandolin outside his clinic, Rogersville Family Dental, in Rogersville, Mo.

Dr. Samuel Zimmer opened his dental office three years ago, and on January 1st of this year he changed the name to Rogersville Family Dental. But Dr. Zimmer's roots in Rogersville go back much farther than just three years ago.

He grew up in Rogersville and is a 2010 graduate from Logan-Rogersville High School. He's excited to have his own Rogersville Family Dental and serve the community.

Dentistry isn't the only way Dr. Zimmer serves the community. He also hosts a bluegrass jam session called Pickin' and Grinnin' the first Wednesday of every month from 1-2pm at his clinic. When the weather is nice, he takes the jam session outside and anyone is welcome to attend. Dr. Zimmer plays a few instruments himself including the mandolin and piano, but the jam session also brings other talented musicians from around the area.

"Bluegrass is a great way to connect generations," said Dr. Zimmer. And sometimes, his 95-year-old Grandma Ali even attends.

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The Editor's Desk

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

An unconventional way of doing things



For those of you who don't know, I am the proud keeper of a hive of honeybees (now two hives, but more on that later). I'm definitely a novice beekeeper, and having two little ones in the house makes tending the hive tricky sometimes, but I do my best. It's surprising how much a person can love insects, but there is something really fascinating about opening up a hive and seeing all those bees at work.

My hive gave us plenty of honey last year and made it through winter, but I am more of a hands-off beekeeper in general. I do get out my binoculars and watch them from the deck or venture into the field to take a peek, but I don't open the hive as much as some beekeepers do. The hive is set up in the field behind our house, just past the edge of the yard so it's easy to keep an eye on the bees' activities on a day-to-day basis.

So, of course, I was watching the bees while hosting an Easter party for my preschooler's classmates when I noticed more activity than usual around the hive. We then watched my hive swarm into a tree. It was really neat to see, but also left me wondering what to do next. I had helped a friend capture a swarm once, but I was on my own for this one.

A few hours after the party, I suited up with a plastic tub and some loppers, intent on collecting the swarm and placing it in a new hive. The hive wasn't very high up in the tree, but I'm not a tall person so they were just out of reach. I cut some branches off the tree (which I discovered had gigantic thorns!) and tried to get as close to the swarm as I could. I just didn't have enough hands to hold the tub, the loppers, and try to grab the tree branch, so I did what anyone would do...I balanced the tub on my head. Do you know what it sounds like when you shake a swarm of bees into a tub on your head?

Anyway, I was successful in collecting the swarm in the tub and I deposited them in a new hive (which I made very homey and welcoming for them), and they seem to like it. I checked on them about a week later and found the queen without too much trouble, so I'm hopeful they will continue to thrive in their new hive.

I'm sure some people would judge my methods, but sometimes doing things in an unconventional way works. So if you have an idea, or want to try something new, but you have an unconventional way of doing things, don't be afraid to still go for it. You might succeed, or you might fail, but you won't know until you try.

Kizzi

DARLA'S DASH OF SALTY GRACE

Find a new place to put the scissors



A few years ago, two of my daughters called and sent pictures via text messages within just days of each other to show me what happens when a preschooler decides to skip cosmetology school and cut their own hair. And in one case, a few weeks later one of them had another 'hair catastrophy' (gum in the hair).

In both cases the outcome was salvable. In fact, I have to say I actually liked one new 'do' better than the one they had previously. Not that I'm in favor of turning your little ones loose with the scissors, or anything like that. I'm just saying that in both cases, all's well that ends well.

But unplanned haircuts and their fortunate outcome aren't what I want to talk about. What I want to talk about is the phone calls I got from my girls. They were both frustrated, peeved, aggravated, and just plain mad. And they wanted me to jump on their bandwagon. I did not. I opted for suggesting they find a new place to put the scissors—especially since this was a second offense for one of them.

Now I'm the last person to say I got it right every time when my kids were growing up. Quite the contrary. And we definitely had our share of mishaps that could have been avoided had I put a few things in different places (figuratively and literally speaking). But I do know this—if you don't want your kids to get the scissors, you need to keep them out of their reach. The same thing holds true if you don't want your child to...

Speak or act dishonestly

Dress immodestly

Eat an unhealthy diet

Spend money unwisely

Be rude and unkind

Mistreat their body

Subject themselves to unhealthy relationships...

or any other type of negative behaviors. If you don't want your kids to get a hold of these things, then keep 'em out of reach, so to speak. Don't give them the opportunity to get a hold of these things because you aren't looking or get distracted by life. Teach them how to manage money. Treat others (including them) the way you want to be treated. Eat and cook healty foods. Promote positve self-image by having a positive self-image. Don't ask them to lie for you, like having them tell someone you aren't home because you don't want to take their call, then expect them not to lie. Be a positive role model in your marriage, your job, and in your friendships. In short, model the character and behavior you want them to have instead of giving them ready-access (or a front-row seat) to the things you don't want them to have.

Like I said, though, in the case of both granddaughters and their hair, things worked out okay. Besides, we all know hair will grow out in the matter of a few weeks. But the consequences of the other things I mentioned aren't as easily fixed. The consequences to most of them are far more detrimental and life-altering.

I know there are some things we have to learn for ourselves, but the 'scissors' I've listed (along with others) aren't some worth taking a chance over. As parents it is our responsibility to keep some (several) of these things out of reach and out of sight, because more often when not... out of sight really is out of mind.

Love,

Momma D

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

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UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY

BY

YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIAN

Summer Reading Program

The Webster County Rogersville Library invites you to dive into a season of stories, creativity, and hands-on fun with its Summer Reading Program, running from June 1 through July 31. Open to participants of all ages, the program promises a variety of engaging activities designed to spark imagination and a love of reading.

This year's lineup includes STEAM projects, arts and crafts, painting sessions, story time, special guest appearances, and much more. Whether you're a young reader or young at heart, there's something for everyone.

The full calendar of events will be released soon. Stay tuned for updates and get ready to make the most of your summer at the library!

The Rogersville Library is located at 104 N Beatie Street in Rogersville.

NOW HERE'S A TIP

BY

JOANN DERSON

* There's been a lot of talk at my house about kitchen gadgets that do double duty, especially since I have made whipped cream for the first time -- in my coffeemaker! I have a French press that I rarely use, until now. Add heavy whipping cream and a bit of sugar to the pot, and use the screen to whip the cream by rapidly bringing it up and down. Magic!

* "I love to eat pancakes, but I don't have time to make them every morning. I make a very large batch on Sundays and reheat them through the week. In order to re-create that fresh from the pan crisp (which you don't get if you microwave them), I use my toaster." -- P.E. in Ohio

* "I have an extra coffeepot, which I brew a pot of hot water in. I use the water for both tea and instant oatmeal packets in the morning." -- M.S. in Nevada

* Ice-cube trays can be handy for freezing portions of foods. Try freezing individual servings of baby food. Or clean and snip fresh herbs from your garden. Fill the ice-cube tray with tablespoons of olive oil and tuck the herb snippings into the oil. Then freeze. Whatever you freeze can be popped out and stored in a zipper-top bag for quick access.

* "Here's my tip: Use a muffin pan to make big ice cubes for drinks." -- A.L. in Missouri

* Hashbrowns can be made on a waffle iron. Coat liberally with canola oil or butter-flavored nonstick spray, and add shredded potatoes and finely diced onion. Allow the iron to cook the potatoes to your desired level of crispness, and flip out both sides onto a plate. They will be both crisp and soft!

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Community Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 FFA Plant Sale National Day of Prayer Event @10am @1st Baptist Church	2 FFA Plant Sale Story Time @Rog Library 10:30am	3 FFA Plant Sale Gooseberry Bridge Farm Plant Sale FREE Document Shredding Service @City Park 9am-noon
4	5 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am (Every Monday) Board of Aldermen meeting @City Hall@6pm **CINCO DE MAYO**	6 Turners Station Food Truck Night 5-7pm	7 Pickin & Grinnin 1-2pm @Rog Family Dental Senior Center: Exercise 10:15am Painting Class 12:30pm Music Jam 3:30-5:30pm (every Wednesday) Craft @Rogersville Library	8 Senior Center Bingo 12:30pm (Every Thurs)	9 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am (Every Friday) Story Time @Rog Library 10:30am	10 McKnight Auction @10am in Marshfield More Info page 16
11 **MOTHER'S DAY**	12	13 Chamber of Commerce Meeting 11am@Story Church Turners Station Food Truck Night 5-7pm	14 Estate Planning Workshop Worsham Law Firm 1pm Craft @Rogersville Library	15 Turners Station Bluegrass Jam Dinner 5pm Music 6-8pm	16 Story Time @Rog Library 10:30am	17 Car Show@1st Baptist Church 9am-2pm Summer Thyme PopUp 9am-2pm Senior Center Breakfast 7:30-9:30am
18	19 Board of Aldermen meeting at City Hall@6pm	20 Estate Planning Workshop Worsham Law Firm 6pm Turners Station Food Truck Night 5-7pm	21 Craft @Rogersville Library School Board Meeting @7:00pm	22	23 Story Time @Rog Library 10:30am	24 Market in the Park & Machine Madness@City Park 9am-1pm
25	26 **MEMORIAL DAY**	27 Turners Station Food Truck Night 5-7pm	28 Craft @Rogersville Library	29	30	31

Have an event?
Email editor@therogersvillerecord.com before the 21st of the month to be included in the calendar

MAY 1ST EVENT

May 1st is the National Day of Prayer. Join members of the community at First Baptist Church in Rogersville at 10:00am for a ceremony to pray and observe this day. The First Baptist Church is located at 101 W Center Street in Rogersville.

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The Garden Bug

Planting by the moon

Just as the moon influences the tides, it also has a gravitational effect on the moisture within the earth, and the moisture within plants themselves.

From the day the moon is 'new' to the day it is 'full,' plant annual flowers and vegetables that bear crops *above* ground.

From the day after it is 'full' to the day before it is 'new' again, plant flowering bulbs, biennial and perennial flowers, and vegetables that bear crops *below* ground. - *Brenda Weaver*

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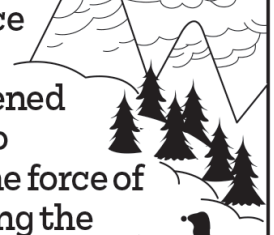

The practice of wearing large, flattened footwear to disperse the force of a foot hitting the snow, thus keeping one from sinking with every step, began thousands of years ago in Central Asia. The people that crossed the Bering Strait brought their snowshoes to the Americas. Native American tribes created their own versions to adapt to the landscapes where they hunted and fished.



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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

ALL ABOUT STORM SHELTERS AND TORNADO SIRENS

Continued from front page

When do storm shelters open to the public?

As required by FEMA, storm shelters open when a tornado warning is issued for the area where the storm shelter is located. The City of Rogersville recently decided to also open the Basin Street Shelter during Severe Thunderstorm Warnings as well. The Basin Street shelter is the only city owned and operated shelter and is the only shelter that will open during a Severe Thunderstorm Warning.

When are tornado sirens activated?

Tornado sirens are for the City of Rogersville are sounded when a tornado warning is issued for the City of Rogersville. These sirens are activated manually by the fire department from Station 1 at Highway 125 and Station 6 on Highway VV. Sirens will continue as long as the tornado warning is active for the area where they are located. The sirens do heat up while active, so they must be allowed to cool down periodically. This is why the sirens will stop even though the tornado warning is still active. It takes about one minute for the sirens to cool before they can be activated again.

When is a tornado warning issued?

Tornado warnings are issued by the National Weather Service when storm conditions indicate that a tornado is highly likely or a tornado has been confirmed. A tornado may be detected by radar or by storm chasers.

For more information about the school's shelters, visit: https://www.logrog.net/219848_2

If you have more questions about the city's storm shelter or are interested in assisting with opening the shelter during warnings, please visit City Hall at 211 East Center Street.

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Mom, Nathan, Keaton, Riley, Randy, Kirklyn and Kynidi



"DENTISTRY IS A MIX OF ART, SCIENCE, AND CRAFTSMANSHIP"

Continued from front page

Dr. Zimmer originally studied ophthamology, but while shadowing a dentist, he became fascinated by the tools.

"Dentistry is a mix of art, science and craftmanship, and it was really a lightbulb moment," Dr. Zimmer said. Seeing how all the different tools were used made him fall in love with dentistry. He received his undergraduate degree from Missouri State University where he studied Chemistry and Biomedical Science. Dr. Zimmer then moved to Kansas City where he completed his dental degree and honored in Endodontics (root canals) and Oral Surgery. It isn't just the tools and science that makes him love what he does. He also "enjoys the human interaction".

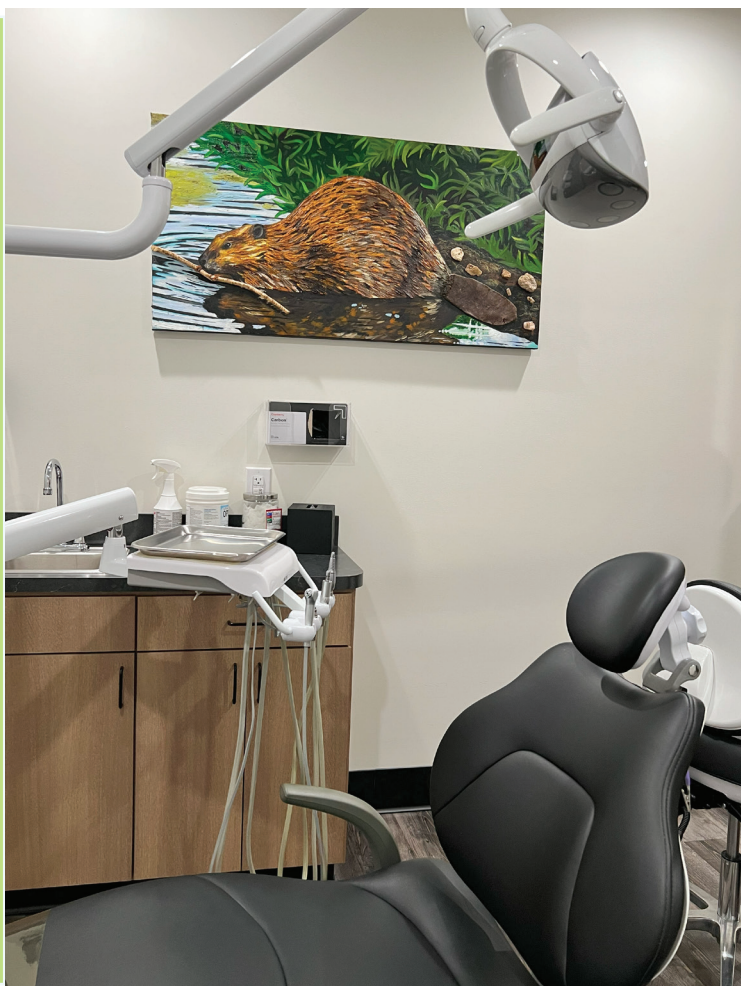
Dr. Zimmer's passion for people and the community made him want to open his clinic in Rogersville, and he's glad to be home. In addition to hosting bluegrass jam sessions, Dr. Zimmer also helps coach youth wrestling in the area, and enjoys riding mules. He even has a mule named "Samule".

Whether you stop in for a bluegrass session, or a teeth cleaning, Dr. Zimmer and his team will make you feel right at home.

Rogersville Family Dental is located at 203 Jamestown Blvd in Rogersville, Mo. When you visit Rogersville Family Dental you can expect a clear, objective treatment plan with options to fit your needs. You can also expect honest advice from someone who cares about you and fun and laughter from the staff who have become a close team and family through these years of working together.

Right Photo: Art by Dr. Zimmer's wife, Faith, can be found throughout the clinic.

Below Photo: Patients are welcomed by Dr. Zimmer's friendly staff including Chelsea Mincks (on left) and Teresa Davidson (on right)





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Community News

EASTER FUN HAD BY ALL AT EGG HUNT



The Rogersville Chamber of Commerce and City of Rogersville Department of Parks and Recreation teamed up to provide a day of Easter fun for all ages last month. Local businesses sponsored the egg hunt, providing 5000 eggs. Children were divided into groups based on age for the egg hunt. The Easter Bunny was also present for the festivities and photos.

In addition to the egg hunt, there was a bounce house, food trucks, face painting, yard games, and cotton candy.

Left Photo: The Easter Bunny made a special appearance at the egg hunt!

Below Photo: 5000 eggs were sponsored by local businesses to provide egg-hunting fun for kids of all ages.









CLASSIC CAR AND TRUCK SHOW COMING TO ROGERSVILLE

First Baptist Church of Rogersville and the Webster County Baptist Association will jointly present their first-annual "Hot Rod Heaven Car Show," on Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Church's main property in downtown Rogersville, to bring the community together for a day of fellowship and entertainment, while spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Rain or shine, this event will attract car enthusiasts from all around the Ozarks. In addition to cash prizes for the 'best in show,' there will also be food trucks from local vendors, games, bounce houses, and more, to provide additional entertainment for participants and spectators. A special area will be set up for the kids to participate in their own classic car activities, including building their own crafted car.

"We are anticipating a good turnout for the event and expect to draw spectators of all ages. The church is a perfect venue for folks to bring their cars and families to enjoy a fun-filled day right here in Rogersville," Aaron Ipock, Senior Pastor of FBC Rogersville, commented.

Organizers from the Church believe that the classic cars and trucks are a unifying, shared interest of many, and the Church has been praying that the public responds to this event. The casual atmosphere lets spectators and enthusiasts get to know more about the community of Rogersville, the Church, and the message and salvation provided by Jesus Christ.

Long-time FBC Rogersville member Randy Wilkerson said, "There's something for everyone at our church, and we're hoping this event brings the community together and makes them feel welcomed and open to learning more about Jesus."

The event will be free for spectators. For car show participants, there is a $20 entry fee, cash only, payable on the day of the event. For those interested in entering a car into the competition, they can either show up the day of the event, or if possible, FBC Rogersville requests that they pre-register their vehicle online so the church can prepare for their arrival.

FBC Rogersville would also like to thank the area merchants, businesses and individuals who have helped make this event possible through their sponsorships.

Established in 1908 — just like the Ford Model T — First Baptist Church of Rogersville is a Southern Baptist church located at 101 W. Center Street in downtown Rogersville, next to the four-way stop. Its mission is To Know Him and To Make Him Known, and its goal is to positively impact the community by teaching the Word of God.

To pre-register a vehicle visit: https://fbcrogersville.churchtrac.com/ or scan the QR code below.

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By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

1 Reason for a juice fast, maybe
6 "Copperhead Road" singer Steve
7 Foes of pros
8 Contaminate
9 Small, medium and large

Down

1 Heart throbs
2 Island porch
3 "Ugly Betty" actress Ana
4 Classic dress cut
5 Quizzes

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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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 15

Boggle® BrainBusters™

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

C	J	Y	B	E
A	U	G	N	H
F	L	Q	L	A
E	H	V	O	F
S	Y	M	W	G

10-13-24

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

BOGGLE® POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
- 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE® RATING

151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Gamer
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

Boggle® BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST 10 WORDS ENDING WITH "LF" in the grid of letters.

_____ _____
_____ _____
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								RACK 1
E1	I1	I1	O1	F4	C3	R1		
								RACK 2
I1	U1	H4	B3	S1	R1	B3	Triple Word Score	
								RACK 3
A1	E1	I1	O1	M3	H4	B3	1st Letter Double	
								RACK 4
E1	E1	I1	U1	S1	N1	F4		

PAR SCORE 150-160 **FOUR RACK TOTAL** ___
BEST SCORE 230 **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 15**

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WORD SPIRAL

C		L
		E
B		U

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: **R** equals **S**

UV ZNRRUXM RHXTYEXKBYZR MYYG LQ LUY QVV ZQHYR, EDXL GQ OQN LDUMB LDYO EUKK CXBY? TQRCQ-BMQLR.

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Even Exchange
by Donna Pettman

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

1. Consent to	__ __ __ __ W	Metallic mixture	__ __ __ __ Y
2. A couple of times	__ __ __ C __	Hay bale string	__ __ __ N __
3. O'Neal's "___ Moon"	__ __ P __ __	More ashen	__ __ L __ __
4. Most peculiar	__ D __ __ __ __	First born	__ L __ __ __ __
5. Curved out	__ __ __ __ __ X	Carry goods	__ __ __ __ __ Y
6. Sugary	S __ __ __ __	Aviary sound	T __ __ __ __
7. Mime Marceau	__ __ __ C __ __	Phenomenon	__ __ __ V __ __
8. Clamor	__ __ I __ __	Vikinglike	__ __ R __ __
9. Earth's neighbor	__ __ __ U __	Flues	__ __ __ T __
10. Disclaimer	__ __ __ V __ __	Food server	__ __ __ T __ __

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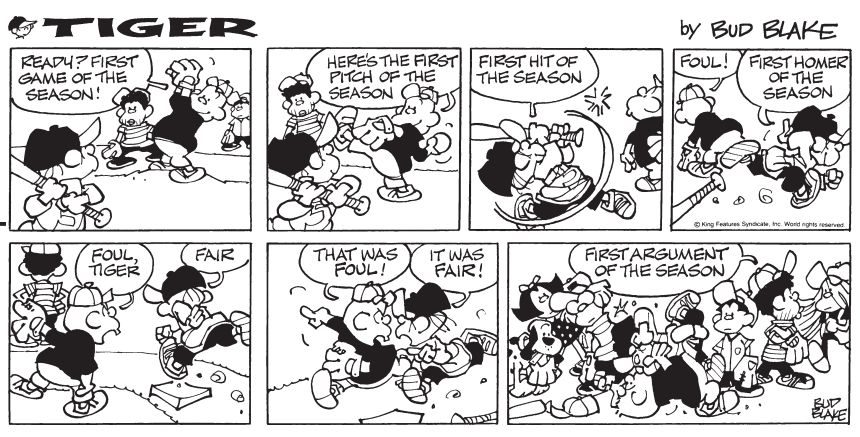
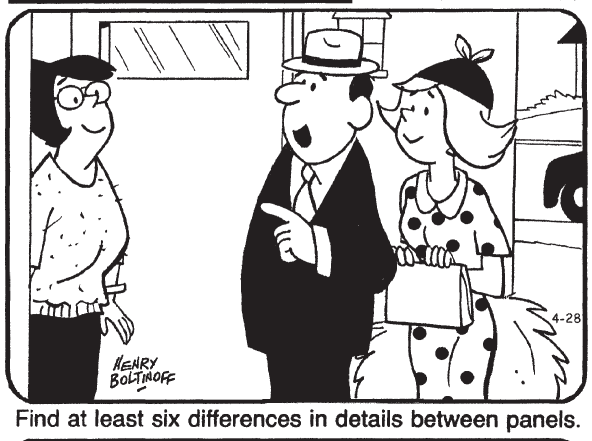
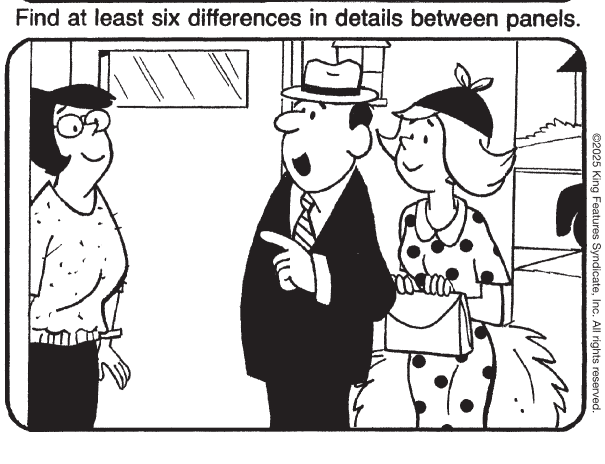


HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

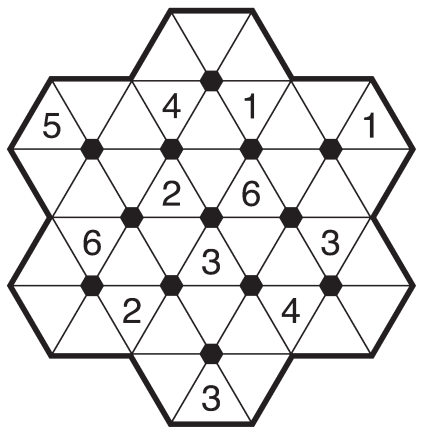


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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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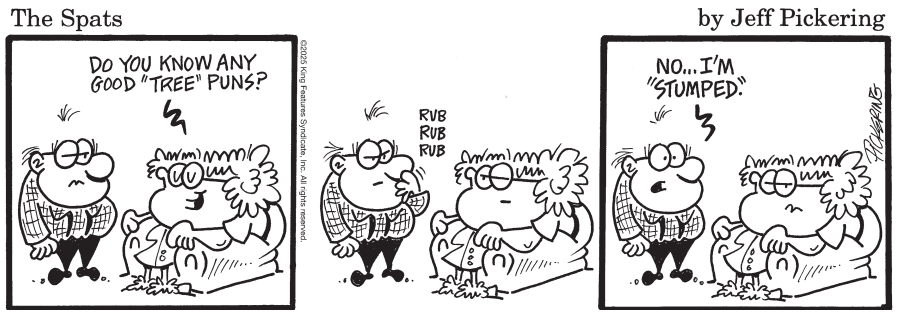
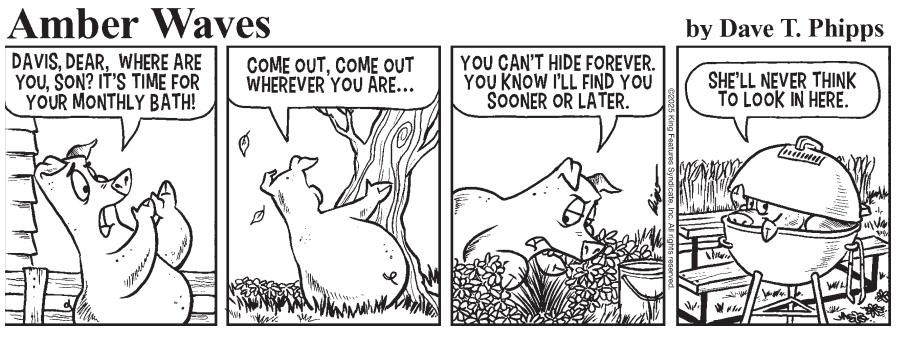
by Jeff Pickering



Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps



Logan-Rogersville High School Class of 2025

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2025!

Your hard work, dedication, and resilience have paved the way for a bright future. We are incredibly proud of all you've accomplished and can't wait to see what you achieve next!

~ The Logan-Rogersville R-III School District


Abigail Adair


Kadin Agee


Shane Ahumada


Rosa Alvarado


Mariana Andariyenko


Graycen Baird


Charles Baker


Chloe Baker


Mattox Ballard


Damari Barr


Braedyn Bell


Aleena Bevzyuk


Jerissa Boggan


Wrielley Bowling


Levi Buttram


Adaline Bybee


William Carroll


Miranda Cheek


Addison Clark


Haydan Cleghorn


Chloe Combs


Kaden Koon


Zane Cox



Eli Craft


Cole David


Elizabeth David


Kaiden Davis


Kamron Davis


Taelynn Davis


Tyler Davis


Shakyra Dudley


Luka Duhring


Bryn Eacret


Asher Elliott


Carson Essary


Flinton Evans


Samantha Farnsworth Mantor


Aleyna Farran


Ryan Ferguson


Amelia Follis

Lily Foster

Kastin Galloway-Anderson

Lydia Gann

Ebony Garrett

Addison Goff

Jazmin Gomez

Anastasia Gossen

Conner Grant

Trent Grant

Kendall Green

Conner Green-Bertalott

Charles Greer

Aden Groven

Carlee Gwennap

Kayleigh Hager

Reese Hamilton

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I'M SO VERY PROUD OF YOU!!
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~ THEODORE ROOSEVELT


Adeline Hanes


Cole Harlan


Alexandra Hartley


Allison Hazen


Nicole Hedgpeth


Blake Heffley


Jordan Hendee


Lindsey Holland


Gavin Holmes


Rowen Homburg


Owen Hughes


Nathan Hyde


Jeffrey Ipock


Ashlee Isbell


Alexis Jared


Devon John


McKenna Johnson


Kenneth Jones


Noah Jones


Syri Jones


Lucero Juarez-Briceno


Fiona Kelly


Brayden Kent


Bryant King


Emilee King


Ryan Kirk


Mya Kite


Malchiyah Kleiss


Talan Kocian


Audrey Kuykendall


Hailey Lambert


Britney Logan


Morgan Longwell


Teresa Lund-Molfese


Madelyn Macphereson


Madison Marcil


Melanie Maringola


Elise Martin


Jackson Marzen


Tayloranne McGee

Jonathan Metsker

Avery Miller

Archie Mironov

Kaden Moore

Lillian Moore

Ricky Moore

Andrew Muncy

Andrew Myers

Braydon Myers

Ally Nasif

Katherine Nave

Jose Nelson

Travis Nelson

Emma Newman

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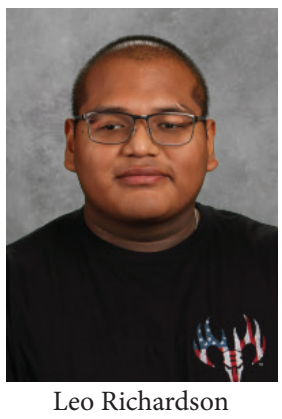
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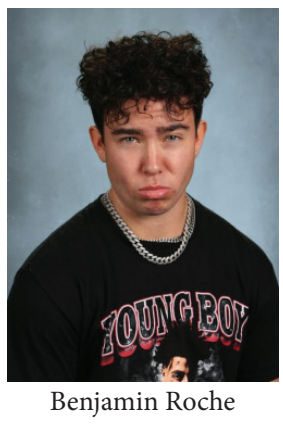

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Jaeda Simon


Marcus Sirb


Dalton Sleeth


Carson Smith


Connor Smith


Dane Smith



Garrett Snider


Jackson Snider


Josie Steen


Conner Stewart


Lauren Stokes


Annamarie Stone


Kaden Sugg


McKenzie Taylor


Riley Templeton



William Thomas


Kaela Thompson


Morgan Todd


Angelena Tolokovoy

Oksana Usatova

Brooklyn Valdez

Aleksey Vechtomov

Tucker Verfurth

Gavin Ward

Izaiah Watkins

Owen White

Ryen White

Madelyn Wilson

Zane Winslow

Olivia Wood

Braxton Yost

Kinley Saddler

Preston Arnold

"YOU'RE ONLY GIVEN A LITTLE SPARK OF MADNESS, YOU MUSTN'T LOSE IT."

~ ROBIN WILLIAMS

Congratulations graduating class of 2025! Go out, do amazing things and don't forget to visit home!
J.R. Hutcheson Team, Murney Associates, REALTORS

2025 class of

"You did it!
Congratulations 2025 Graduates!
Best of luck in all your future endeavors—the sky's the limit!"
From all of us at Craig Automotive Services

"YOU'RE OFF TO GREAT PLACES. TODAY IS YOUR DAY! YOUR MOUNTAIN IS WAITING. SO...GET ON YOUR WAY." ~ DR. SEUSS, "OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!"

Fordland High School Class of 2025

BEST SMILE
Kaelie Johnson



BEST CARS
Mikey Sperling and Bailey Cook





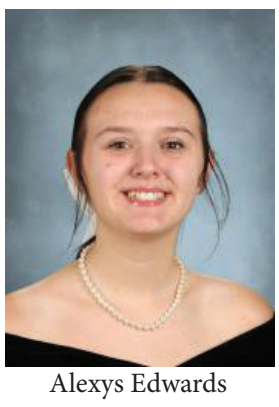
MR. & MISS. FHS
Nate Lindgren and Katelynn Goldhardt





MOST LIKELY TO LEAVE FORDLAND AND NEVER COME BACK
Lucas Egly


Adonijah Porter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MOST ATHLETIC
Lily Kindall



MOST LIKELY TO BE LATE TO GRADUATION
Zach Owens





BIGGEST YAPPERS
Lucas Wilson and Lilly Uchtman


Anna Cornec


Bailey Cook

MOST LIKELY TO BE HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEARTS
Triston Wolff and Britton Suter



CLASS CLOWN
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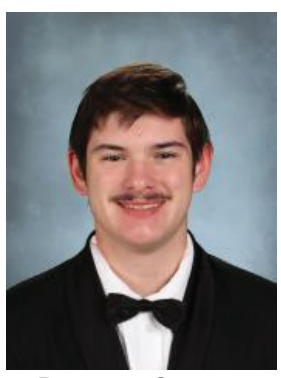
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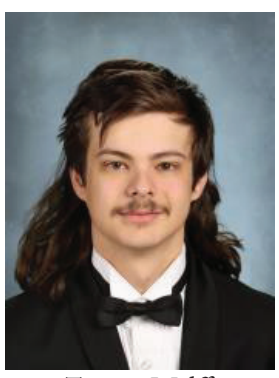
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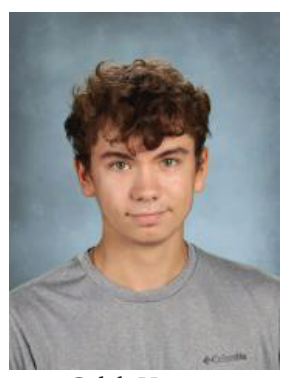
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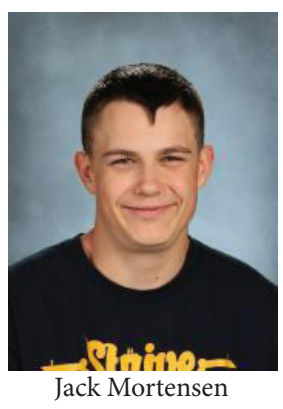
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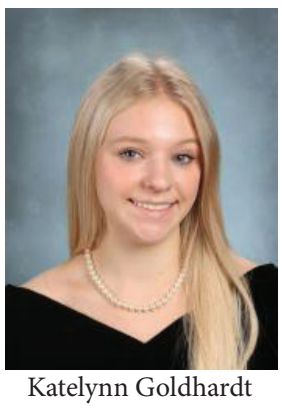
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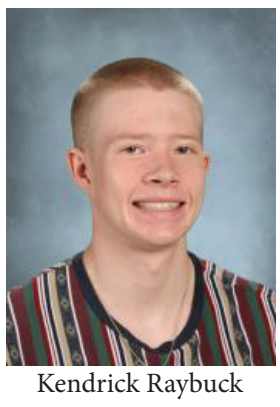
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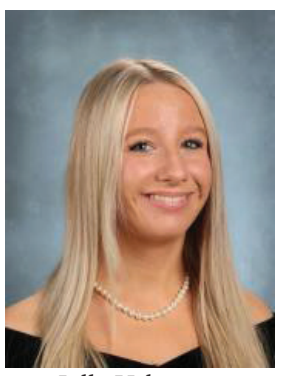
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Michaela Schmidgall

Miranda Green

Miranda Johns

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Noah Blaine

Samantha Collier

Scarlet Gilchrist

Sean Denney

Tara Mortensen

Community Updates

THE WEATHER REPORT BY 417WEATHER

May is the month for storms

The month of May has long been one of the most dynamic times of year for weather in the Ozarks, and Rogersville is right in the heart of it. With warming temperatures, blooming landscapes, and a long history of volatile skies, May brings a little bit of everything.

417Weather, a locally based weather tracking team, says May is often a defining month when it comes to Missouri's storm season. And while this year's forecast remains day-to-day, the month's historical trends speak volumes.

A Month Known for Storms

Historically, May has been the peak of severe weather season in southern Missouri. The collision of warm Gulf air and lingering springtime cold fronts often creates a recipe for active skies.

Notable events in recent memory include:

• May 4, 2003: A powerful tornado outbreak tracked across southwest Missouri. While Rogersville was spared a direct hit, surrounding counties like Christian and Greene experienced an EF2 twister and Webster had a EF0.

• May 2008: Over 10 inches of rainfall led to widespread flash flooding and road closures throughout the area.

• May 3, 2013: A rare late-season snow brought flurries across Rogersville, a stark reminder of Missouri's unpredictable nature.

• May 2022: A premature summer surge pushed temperatures into the mid-90s before Memorial Day.

Board Meeting Synopsis

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

April 16, 2025

SYNOPSIS

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The District Mission Statement was recited.

The board approved the agenda as presented.

The board heard the April 8, 2025, Notice of Non-Election.

The Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to newly elected school board members Justin Coyan and Amy Wood.

Mrs. Sara Tipton was elected President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Chance Dukewits was elected Vice President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Justin Coyan was appointed MSBA Delegate.

Mrs. Amy Wood was appointed MSBA Delegate Alternate.

The board approved the consent agenda items as presented:

- **Approve Minutes – March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting**
- **Approve Bills**
- **Approve Budget Transfers**
- **K-12 Curriculum Documents**

The board heard communications updates as follows:

- **LR Retirement Recognitions**
- **Wellness Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 23, 4 PM at District Office**
- **High School Graduation – May 11, 5:00 PM; Drury University**
- **June Board Study Session Date – Wednesday, June 4, 6:00 PM**
- **MSBA Summer Summit – June 16-17, Branson**
- **MSBA Update / Delegate Report**

The board recognized LR Elementary School Honor Choir.

The board heard the administrative reports.

The board heard the executive administration reports.

The board heard a program evaluation for Library Media Services, which aligned with Strategic Plan item 1.2.1.

The board moved to designate the Board of Education Attendance Scholarship in the amount of $250 for the Class of 2025 student with highest High School attendance.

The board approved the 2025-26 Career Ladder/Wildcat TLC Plan as presented.

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

The board approved the Athletic Training Student Experience Training Agreement as presented.

The board declared the list of Surplus Technology as Surplus Property.

The board heard a first reading of MSBA 2025A Policy and Procedure Updates. No board action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, May 21, 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

March K-12 Enrollment:
(3/1 - 3/31/2025)**: 2,380**
March Attendance Percentage:
(3/1 - 3/31/2025)**: 93.44%**
Year-to-Date Attendance Percentage:
(8/20 - 3/31/2025)**: 93.90%**
Year-to-Date 90%/90% Attendance Percentage:
(8/20 - 3/31/2025)**: 83.0%**

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING SYNOPSIS

Mayor Jack Cole
Ward 1 Aldermen: Jeff Lee and Kory Stucki
Ward 2 Aldermen: Janie Pyle and Tim Clarkson
Minutes have been edited slightly for length.
Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Cole
Motion to open meeting: By Alderman Pyle, seconded by Alderman Stucki, and passed by vote:All in favor
Motion to approve public hearing minutes March 17, 2025: By Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Clarkson, and passed by vote: All in favor
Motion to approve minutes February 20, 2025: By Alderman Pyle, seconded by Alderman Stucki, and passed by vote: All in favor

Accounts Payable:
After careful consideration, questions, and review by the Board of Alderman:
04/07/2025
Motion to approve GF accounts payable in the amount of $19,918.03 and WS accounts payable in the amount of $35,818.44, and park for $7,648.69 totaling $63,385.16: By Alderman Pyle, seconded by Alderman Clarkson, and passed by vote: All in favor
03/13/25
Motion to approve GF accounts payable in the amount of $5,758.29 and WS accounts payable in the amount of $63,788.50, $140.00 for dept payment, and park for $139,435.00 totaling $209,121.79: By Alderman Pyle, seconded by Alderman Stucki, and passed by vote: All in favor
02/27/25
Motion to approve GF accounts payable in the amount of $23,647.36 and WS accounts payable in the amount of $38,500.19, $and park for $548.06 totaling $62,695.61: By Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Clarkson, and passed by vote:
All in favor
Community Input:
Present: 7
Guest Speakers: None

Planning and Zoning:
March 25, 2025
The commission discussed the 3 proposed housing projects along Harper Street that are looking to annex in. Traffic and the county road was a concern on Harper Street. The Board of Alderman also has some concerns about this and will discuss it with Greene County. C-2 Zoning was also discussed for mixed use with housing and light commercial like store fronts. A small air strip was also discussed that wants to annex into the city.

Admin Update:
1.The administrator is working on an ordinance with the C-2 zoning.
2.1 RAS pump is in and will be put in at the plant.
3.The sign proposal will be opened tonight and discussed.
4.Looking at having to relocate Lakeside utilities at a cost to the city for a box culvert
5.Worked with the issues the rain storm caused with culverts.
6.Mooney Street meetings with home owners was done today (03/07/2025)
7.The response letter to One Community Church was sent.

Old Business
Cyber Insurance
The Clerk will send the information received for the insurance to the Board members.

New Business:
Park Mulch Bid
One bid submitted from Custom Property Solutions for 145 yards of Mulch for $3,987.50.
Motion to accept the bid: By Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Pyle and passed by vote: All in favor

Highway Sign Bid:
Slingshot Creative for $3700.00 for all 4 signs.
Motion to accept: By Alderman Clarkson, seconded by Alderman Pyle and passed by vote: All in favor

Clarifier Bid Recommendations from John Forrest.
G and G Construction Co, Inc for $386,610.00
The second bid was for $542,293.00.
The bid will cover parts, gears, painting, and installation. There is a one-year warranty.
A contract and ordinance will follow.
Motion to approve the low bid: By Alderman Clarkson, seconded by Alderman Lee and passed by vote: All in favor
Ordinances to annex property along Harper Street for Bill #'s 04072025 A, B, and D were postponed until a meeting could take place with Greene County about the Road.
Motion to postpone first and seconded reading of Bill 04072025 A, B, and D: By Alderman Clarkson, seconded by Alderman Lee and passed vote: All in favor

Resolution for Blue Shield Program with the Department of Public Safety.
This agreement helps with grants for the police department.
Motion to approve the resolution: By Alderman Stucki, seconded by Alderman Pyle and passed by vote: All in favor

The Board discussed raising the base pay for the police department from $21.50 to $22.50 due to having issues finding officers. With LAGERS the cost will be around $36,000.00 annually. The change would be included in the budget amendment we do in June. The police department also may want to hire another full-time officer in the next fiscal year.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:47 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Glenda Stegner.

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

We have a great line up of listings in Rogersville and the surrounding area including residential properties, farms, land, and commercial property. Scan the QR code for more details or call J.R., 417-350-8333.

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NEWS FROM THE ROGERSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BY BAILEY TENNIS, CHAMBER DIRECTOR

What can the Chamber do for YOU?

Being a member of the Rogersville Chamber of Commerce provides:

· Networking Opportunities

· Marketing and Publicity

· Community Involvement

· Member Referrals

Stronger Networking and Personal Connections

·Monthly Meetings - 2nd Tuesday of each month

· Opportunities to collaborate with neighboring businesses on joint events or promotions.

Local Marketing and Visibility

· Social media shoutouts and featured posts when you join, host an event, or have a special offer.

· Ribbon cuttings, anniversary celebrations, and community-wide recognition (often featured in the local newspaper, News Letter or Facebook groups).

· Opportunities to sponsor or participate in town festivals, markets, and parades.

· Referrals: When people ask, "Who does X around here?" — the Chamber recommends its members first.

Community Involvement

The Chamber of Commerce facilitates community involvement by organizing events, volunteer opportunities, and local initiatives that bring businesses and residents together. It creates platforms for members to sponsor activities, participate in festivals, serve on committees, and support civic projects that strengthen the town. By coordinating these efforts, the Chamber helps businesses connect with the community in meaningful ways, build their reputation, and contribute to the town's overall growth and vibrancy.

Member Referrals

Member referrals are a powerful and personal way businesses get new customers. When someone in the community calls, emails, or stops by the Chamber asking for a recommendation — whether they need a plumber, a caterer, or a boutique shop we always recommend member businesses first.



"When we formed this carpool, I assumed one of us had a car!"

Farm & Garden

Webster County Protect & Prevent Program

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Webster County Protect & Prevent

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*The home safety kit consists of a medication lock box, cable lock, medication disposal pouch, and informational materials.

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BARN HEART: THE DIRT ON LIFE BY EMMA ALEXANDER



Be careful what you wish for

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. According to the National Rural Health Association, farmers are 3.5 times more likely to die by suicide. The struggle is sometimes real, and if we experience harmful feelings that will not go away, we can and should seek support. Here are some valuable tips and tricks I learned on the farm to support good mental health.

Tip #1: Redirection of Focus. The goats are standing in the front yard and I don't want them eating my favorite flowers-again. An old cow tore off a door, destroyed two gates and flattened the fence on her way out: your personal troubles are now paused. Another favorite: "the call" for mechanical support (broken hay machine, flat tire, dead vehicle, etc). Guaranteed to clear the mind and the schedule. To guard against bitterness, see Tip #2….

Tip #2: Engagement in Community. It's not all about you, so answering that mechanical call for help is a good reminder. The day our first neighbor baby was born, I sat in my truck pregnant with my Tiny Farmer, alone in the pouring rain, as my hormones ran down my face (still three weeks before my due date). Recognizing the symptom, I cooked those feelings into a feast that fed that family for at least a week. Turn That Frown Upside Down is a personal responsibility, not just a bumper sticker.

Tip #3: Exertion. Uncountable "terrible" days at school melted away as I carried milk buckets, wrestled calves, and climbed through the hay barn like it was a jungle gym while screaming my woes if necessary. Chores are a sport. After that, I was too tired to overthink what I thought.

Who dares to deny that mental health struggles have increased with the prevalence of everyone else's business following us around in our pockets? We spend too much time watching what others are doing instead of investing that time by 'doing'. Instead of doing, we inadvertently wish we had what they have.

In this decade, I find myself starving for ideas and perspective and my appetite is being enabled by the device in my pocket, my favorite Audible subscription, and my newer vehicle. Bookmobile has a whole different meaning for me! But a challenge arose when the material was so good that I wanted to take notes, and I nearly wished I was right-handed.

My grandfather also wrote with his left hand-because he had to. In 1958, he made a poor decision to unplug the business end of a 2 row corn picker without disengaging its mechanical parts. This accident changed the way he farmed and functioned for the remainder of his life. It did not change his mental well-being. He did some pretty neat things we all found amazing or entertaining. But I bet if I were able to ask him today, he wouldn't have wished for the opportunity to create that identity for himself. Be careful what you wish for; some wishes come true in ways we don't imagine. (So maybe I'll re-listen to the book. I own a copy, after all.)

Our view of the apparent success of our neighbors should serve as our inspiration and motivation, not a wishing well. Focus. Engage. Participate. DO! Perhaps the best secret to mental health is not to hoard our best ideas in there. Perhaps mental health is about a little less thought and a lot more action.

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.

THE HOMESTEADER'S HANDBOOK BY STACI HILL



Weed Control and Mulching: Part 2

Recycled Paper and Cardboard: Budget-Friendly & Biodegradable

For the environmentally conscious gardener, newspaper and cardboard provide a surprisingly effective DIY mulch solution. When laid in thick layers and thoroughly soaked, they block weeds and break down over time, enriching the soil. Topping them with a layer of compost or decorative mulch improves both appearance and performance. This method is particularly favored in no-dig gardening practices, where soil disruption is kept to a minimum.

Silage Tarp: When you need a clean slate

Using a silage tarp is an effective and low-maintenance method for removing weeds before starting a garden, especially on a small scale. Simply spread the tarp over the area you want to clear, making sure it covers the entire ground, and secure the edges to keep it in place. The tarp blocks sunlight, effectively starving weeds of the energy they need to grow. Leave it in place for 4 to 6 weeks, depending on the weather, to kill off existing weeds and their seeds. Once removed, the soil will be much clearer, making it easier to prepare your garden for planting.

As most gardeners in our area know - it can be hard to control things like bermuda grass with wood chips, straw mulch, or weed fabric alone. If you have a lot of bermuda grass, you may have to use something like a silage tarp for an entire growing season to really get ahead of the problem.

Landscape fabric: Tidy, low-maintenance option

Using landscape fabric with burned planting holes is an increasingly popular method among gardeners aiming for a tidy, low-maintenance garden bed. Instead of covering the fabric with wood mulch (which can make some weeds worse), this technique involves laying the fabric directly over the soil and burning precise holes where plants will grow. Burning rather than cutting seals the edges of the fabric, preventing fraying and helping it last longer. The rest of the bed remains covered, effectively blocking weeds and minimizing water evaporation.

This method is especially useful for intensively planted crops like lettuce, onions, cut flowers and strawberries. It allows for better control over plant spacing, improved water efficiency—especially when paired with drip irrigation—and reduced weeding. While weed fabric ideal for annual vegetables and flowers, you should be cautious with perennials as it can make amending the soil and maintaining irrigation difficult long term.

Synthetic Mulch Films: High-Tech Weed Barriers

Primarily used in commercial agriculture, plastic or biodegradable mulch films are making their way into backyard plots. Black plastic sheeting, for example, not only blocks weeds but can also warm the soil—beneficial for heat-loving crops like tomatoes and peppers. Biodegradable films, often made from cornstarch-based polymers, offer similar benefits without the waste, breaking down naturally over a growing season.ment.

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

Running for the crown

Three for three
The Triple Crown is a series of three races, each a different length.

Hundreds of years of breeding have produced the remarkable thoroughbred horse, but only 13 have been Triple Crown winners.

Kentucky Derby • Est. 1875
Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky.
1 1/4 miles
Saturday May 3

Preakness Stakes • Est. 1873
Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore
1 3/16 miles
Saturday May 17

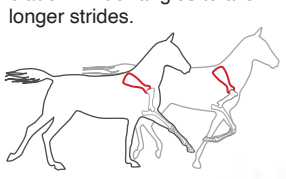
Belmont Stakes Est. 1867
Belmont Park, Elmont, N.Y.
1 1/2 miles
Saturday June 7

NOTE: Tracks at Derby and Preakness are mile-long ovals; Belmont track is a one and one-half-mile oval.

What breeders look for

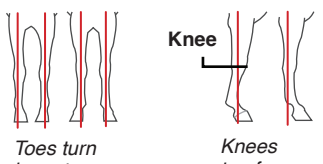
Few horses have perfect conformation – the fine points of anatomy that breeders, owners and trainers look for.

Shoulders help acceleration
45- to 50-degree shoulder angle; horse swings shoulder blade in wider angles to allow longer strides.



Straight shoulders give horse too short a stride.

Defects increase strain on front feet



Toes turn in, out.

Knee

Knees too far forward, too far back.

Croup Top of hindquarters; line to buttocks should be long; too steep an angle reduces power.

Hock Joint in hind legs; may reduce strength of rear legs.



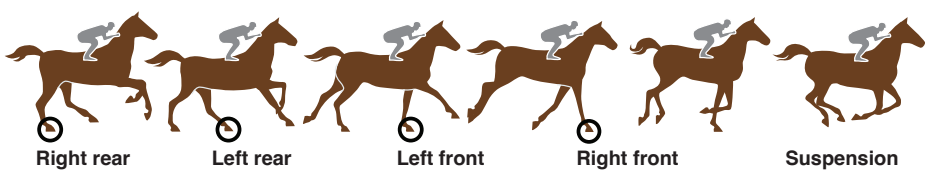
California Chrome with Victor Espinoza at 140th Kentucky Derby

Hocks too far forward, back

Hocks not vertical

Coming around the bend

When horse gallops, feet strike ground in a circular sequence, then all four feet leave the ground.



Sequence takes 0.4 seconds, carries horse about 23 ft.

Source: How Stuff Works, The Visual Dictionary of the Horse, Churchill Downs, Pimlico Race Course, Belmont Park, TNS Photo Archive

Graphic: Staff, TNS

LAWN & TREE TIPS BY WILLOW GREEN ACRES

My favorite time of the year...

Oh boy! Oh boy! It's here! One of my favorite times of the year in the Ozarks. It's time to take a drive, or a hike if you are real ambitious, and check out the State Arboreal Emblem, better known as the State Tree – *Cornus florida*, better known as the Flowering Dogwood. The wild dogwoods that have been hiding in the woods for a year have suddenly appeared in all their glory. I encourage you... I implore you to get out there right away. Most of the trees in the woods have not leafed out yet so you can see deep into the wooded areas and see hillsides bursting with the beautiful white blooms. Give yourself an Earth Day and take a sunlit afternoon to drive or hike through Mark Twain National Forest. Take a back road trip to Branson. Pick a more obscure Highway like Z Highway going south from Fordland, Mo. Or maybe take a walk around the Springfield Nature Center. There are few things better than a trip to take in the flowering dogwoods of southern Missouri!

This is also the time of year that people flood our nursery in search of the dogwood of their dreams. And this is the time of year that I have to tell people over and over that dogwoods are a particular lot. They require pretty specific environments to thrive. They are not the easiest tree to transplant. But if you can get them in the right location and give them the right love, they will love you back.

Know that there are different types of dogwoods. The native southern Missouri tree (*Cornus florida*) often blooms first. Hybrids bloom next and finally Kousa dogwood which bloom later in spring. Which tree do you want/need? Depends on your setting. Native and most hybrid dogwoods prefer afternoon shade. Kousa (some people call them Chinese) dogwoods can handle more sun. One major difference is that whereas the native dogwood will bloom "naked" the Kousa will leaf out and then bloom. Still very pretty but the leaves somewhat hide some of the blooms.

Transplanting these trees is a bit of a risky proposition. They have shallow, wide root systems which make them hard to move. They also don't like "wet feet." If you are planting a dogwood, plant it a little high and make sure there is good drainage. If you are literally moving a tree from a planted location to a new one the old timers would tell you to mark the tree's northern branch and plant it facing the same way when you move it. I don't know that that is scientific, but I would try anything to keep a dogwood happy because they make me so happy! It's dogwood season - enjoy!!

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.

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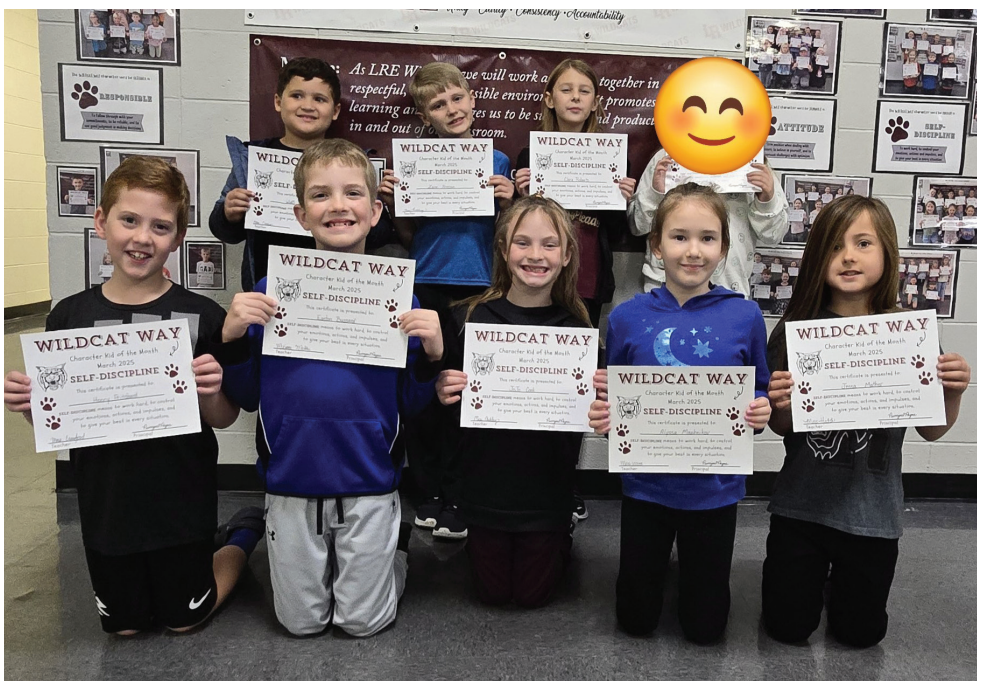
LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE CHARACTER KIDS

Kudos to the LR Elementary Character Kids of the Month! These students demonstrated self-discipline, the Character Word of the Month, by staying focused, making responsible choices, and giving their best effort every day. Keep up the great work!

Photos and caption courtesy LR School District







We're proud of our LRUE Character Kids of the Month for showing what it means to be trustworthy! These Wildcats are reliable, responsible, and can always be counted on. Way to go, Timmy, Evelyn, Drew, Aspen, Hadley, and Mason!

LR MIDDLE SCHOOL PEER MENTORS BUILD CONNECTIONS





LR Middle School Peer Mentors continued their leadership journey by reading with LR Elementary students in April. They are building connections and setting great examples one story at a time!

Photos and caption courtesy LR School District

CRAFTING CREATIVE STORIES IN SECOND GRADE



Miss Ruehling's second grade class created drafts for their fictional personal narratives using objects from their classroom as the main characters! How fun!

Photos and caption courtesy LR School District

SUCCESSFUL "DAY IN K" EVENT



LR Primary hosted the Class of 2038 for A Day in K! Future Wildcats spent time in a kindergarten classroom while parents attended a meeting. Then, students and parents enjoyed a bus ride and lunch in the cafeteria. It was a fun event and the school is excited to welcome all the new kindergarten students this fall!

FFA PLANT SALE MAY 1-3

The annual FFA Plant Sale is just around the corner, May 1-3 at the LRHS Ag Building! You'll find a wide selection of indoor plants, garden favorites, and decorative flowers—plus a few fun extras:

- A craft booth to keep the kids busy
- Mother's Day planters ready to gift
- Handmade wooden planters
- Iced coffee to sip while you shop
- And new this year—a photo booth for fun memories!

Come out, enjoy the experience, and support our FFA students!

Thank you to the 2025 Logan-Rogersville High School Band Seniors for all of your hard work, dedication, and contributions to the band. You will be missed!



Shown from left to right: Rosa Alvarado, Samantha Mantor, Abby Adair, Josie Steen, Annamarie Stone, McKenna Johnson, Lauren Stokes, Kaden Moore, Connor Smith, Wyatt Simmons, Kastin Galloway-Anderson, Melanie Maringola, Owen White, Rowen Homburg, Flint Evans, Chloe Baker, Ryan Kirk, Packy Carroll, Haydan Cleghorn, McKenzie Taylor, Emilee King, Allison Hazen. (Not Pictured - Ebony Garrett, Morgan Longwell, and Dalton Sleeth)



Home & Health

WEBSTER COUNTY HEALTH UNIT RECENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Facility: Safe Haven Food Pantry
Address: 117 E Center Street, Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 3/28/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations: No core violations observed.

Facility: Logan-Rogersville Upper Elementary School
Address: 306 S Mill Street, Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 3/28/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Plumbing leak under 3-well sink. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Soiled microwave. Correct by next routine inspection.

Facility: McDonalds
Address: 409 B S Mill Street, Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 3/28/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Plumbing leak in back room. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Mop board broken/falling off wall by water heater. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Hole in wall behind front coffee station. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Floors under equipment are soiled. Correct by next routine inspection.

Facility: Beaks Bar & Grill
Address: 110 Dempsey Drive, Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 3/28/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Soiled ceiling tile in kitchen. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Wiping cloth on countertop. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Floors under equipment are soiled. Correct by next routine inspection.

Facility: American Made Deli
Address: 1606 Chickory Road, Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 3/28/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations: No core violations observed.

Facility: Los Compadres LLC
Address: 143 E Main Street, Fordland, MO 65652
Type of Inspection: Follow-up
Date of Inspection: 4/3/2025
Outcome: Fail
Priority Violations:
•Open beverage on cooks' line. Correct by April 8, 2025.
•Can opener blade. Correct by April 8, 2025.
Core Violations:
•Wiping cloth on counters. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Several food items uncovered in kitchen, and coolers/freezers. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Broken floor tile and damaged ceiling tile. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Dirty floors, walls and equipment. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Several pieces of equipment are heavily soiled. Correct by next routine inspection.
Corrected from previous violations:
•Hood system/soiled and dripping on cooking surface.
•Cut limes on cooks' station held at 74.7°F.
•Raw meat above ready to eat food in several locations:
oRaw beef above ice cream.
oShell eggs stored above tomatoes.
oRaw beef above ready to eat foods in chest freezer.
•Several food contact surfaces soiled:
oShield on ice machine.
oScoop stored in rice bin.
•Dead roaches on the floor.
•Employees not washing their hands.
•No towels at hand sink.
•Exhaust fan in lady's restroom covered in dust.

Facility: Fountain Cafe
Address: 129 W Main, Fordland, MO 65652
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 4/8/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Towels on countertops. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Hood system is soiled. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Broken floor tile. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Fronts of equipment and shelves soiled. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Gap on the outer door. Correct by next routine inspection.

Facility: Los Compadres LLC
Address: 143 E Main Street, Fordland, MO 65652
Type of Inspection: Follow-up
Date of Inspection: 4/8/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Wiping cloth on counters. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Broken floor tile and damaged ceiling tile. Correct by next routine inspection.
Corrected from previous violations:
•Open beverage on cooks' line.
•Hood system is soiled.
•Can opener blade soiled.
•Several food items were uncovered.
•Dirty floors, walls and equipment.
•Several pieces of equipment are heavily soiled.

Facility: Wild Horses Café and Charcuterie
Address: 306 W Main, Fordland, MO 65652
Type of Inspection: Pre-opening
Date of Inspection: 4/15/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Wood on shelves is not sealed. Correct by next routine inspection.

Facility: Pampa Empanadas
Address: 3302 S National Avenue, Suite F, Springfield, MO 65807
Type of Inspection: Pre-opening
Date of Inspection: 4/25/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations: No core violations observed.
•Towel on sink. Correct by next routine inspection.

Facility: Tin Lizzie's
Address: PO Box 192, Chadwick, MO 65629
Type of Inspection: Pre-opening
Date of Inspection: 4/25/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations: No core violations observed.

Facility: Roadzarks
Address: 2224 N Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803
Type of Inspection: Pre-opening
Date of Inspection: 4/25/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations: No core violations observed.

Facility: Kettle Korn
Address: 13621 Athens Road, Conway, MO 65632
Type of Inspection: Pre-opening
Date of Inspection: 4/25/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations: No core violations observed.

Facility: Sweet Sam's on Rt 66
Address: 229 Historic Rt 66 East, Waynesville, MO 65583
Type of Inspection: Pre-opening
Date of Inspection: 4/25/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Wiping cloths on the counter. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Plain wood sink legs and door trim. Correct by next routine inspection.
Facility: Down South Fish
Address: 1819 N 25th Street, Ozarks, MO 65721
Type of Inspection: Pre-opening
Date of Inspection: 4/25/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Hood system is soiled. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Wiping cloth on the counter. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Floors, walls and fronts of equipment are soiled. Correct by next routine inspection.

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WEBSTER COUNTY HEALTH UNIT LAUNCHES INNOVATIVE HOME SAFETY PROGRAM

In a proactive effort to support suicide prevention, the Webster County Health Unit in partnership with the Webster County CommUNITY Partnership, is launching a new initiative to provide Home Safety Kits aimed at reducing access to lethal means. The kits contain essential tools to promote safe medication storage, proper disposal, and firearm safety.

The Home Safety Kit includes a medication lock box, a firearm lock, a medication disposal item, and printed materials with suicide prevention resources. By offering these free kits, the Webster County Health Unit aims to create safer home environments and prevent tragic outcomes by addressing common risk factors.

"Suicide prevention starts at home," said Ashley Dedmon, Health Educator and Project Director. "By securely storing medications and firearms, individuals and families can take a simple but impactful step toward reducing the risk of suicide."

The program is designed for individuals and families who want to take proactive measures to ensure the safety of their loved ones. The kits are available by completing an online survey at https://tinyurl.com/websterpreventionprogram. Once the survey is completed, the kits can be picked up at the Webster County Health Unit in Marshfield. Program participants may enter into a drawing for a chance to win a home gun safe valued at $1,000.00.

The Health Unit encourages community members to take advantage of this resource and to spread awareness about the importance of lethal means safety. Those in crisis or concerned about a loved one are urged to call 9-8-8 for immediate support.

BBB INVITES SW MO HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS TO APPLY FOR STUDENT OF ETHICS AWARD BY MAY 30

Better Business Bureau® (BBB®) Springfield is now accepting applicants for this year's Student of Ethics Award with the opportunity to win a $2,500 scholarship.

The Student of Ethics Award recognizes an exceptional high school student who demonstrates ethics through leadership, community service, personal integrity and academic achievement.

Southwest Missouri high school juniors graduating in spring 2026 are eligible to apply for this year's award.

The winner will receive a $2,500 scholarship to the accredited college or trade school of their choice. They will also be recognized and read their essay to an audience of business and community leaders at BBB's Torch Awards for Ethics banquet at the Old Glass Place on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

The Student of Ethics Award is made possible by the generous support of local businesses. U.S. Bank sponsored the 2024 award.

To apply, students must submit a copy of their high school transcript, a letter of reference and a 300-word essay.

Applications are due by May 30, 2025. Students may apply online at BBB.org/stlsoe or contact BBB Executive Coordinator LaToya Montgomery at (314) 584-6737 for more information.



"Students' Choice" Corn Dip Is a Snack-Attack Hit

When college kids return home for the summer, they spend the first few days catching up on sleep, seeing friends, and eventually dumping out a semester's worth of laundry from bulging duffel bags. But 21-year-old Tommy Bennett had an extra thought on his mind when he landed in Minnesota after his junior year at Pepperdine University in California. Within moments of arriving, he made a dash to the neighborhood market to pick up ingredients for a corn dip recipe that he and four roommates — Sean, Mack, John and Erik — made famous with their classmates. Corn dip!

"I can't live a day without it," he said as he stirred up a taste test for me in his mom's biggest serving bowl. "It's a perfect snack with tortilla chips when friends come by and a good spread on toast and crackers when you need something to tide you over after studying late at night. We always doubled the recipe at school to have plenty to go around. When we ran out after four or five days, we rotated who bought the ingredients. And it only takes 10 minutes to make!" he added.

Not only was I impressed by the simple steps and taste (it gets its kick from the jalapenos), but I was also happily reminded of the pleasure that we adults can experience when learning something new from our kids and their friends.

Here is their easy recipe, which you can make famous in your household this spring and summer. Experiment with it and use it as a dip for raw vegetables or as a tasty filling with coarsely shredded carrots and sliced sugar snap peas in flour tortilla wraps.

CORN DIP

Yields 4 cups
— 2 (15-ounce) cans Southwest Mexicorn with sweet peppers, drained
— 1 (4-ounce) can diced roasted green chilies, drained
— 1 (4-ounce) can diced jalapenos, drained
— 2 green onions (scallions), finely chopped
— 3/4 cup light mayonnaise
— 2/3 cup light sour cream
— 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded



Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Chill, covered, for several hours or overnight to allow flavors to intensify. Serve with corn chips in scoop shapes.

Keeps well in the refrigerator (covered) for four to five days. Stir before serving.

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Get Ready to Fiesta with Elotes: Mexican Street Corn

Next Monday marks Cinco de Mayo. While the day has deep historical roots, it's also an opportunity to gather with friends and family, savor the flavors of Mexico, and celebrate the arrival of warmer days. And what better way to do that than with Mexican street corn — also known as elotes?

If you've ever strolled the streets of Mexico, you've likely encountered the irresistible aroma of grilled corn smothered in a creamy, cheesy savory sauce — a true taste of heaven on a cob! Elotes are the quintessential street food, loved for their perfect balance of smokiness, creaminess and a hint of spice.

When I visited my local grocery store for the ingredients, I was taken aback by the rising prices of Mexican imports. Authentic Mexican crema was unexpectedly expensive, so I opted for sour cream as a more affordable substitute. While I missed the subtle sweetness it would have added, the dish was still delicious. I did splurge on cotija cheese, and it was worth every penny.

MEXICAN STREET CORN - ELOTES

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 30 minutes

4 ears of corn on the cob
1/4 cup Mexican crema (or sour cream for a budget-friendly swap)
1/4 cup mayonnaise
3/4 cup cotija cheese, crumbled, divided (or feta or Parmesan if that's cheaper)
2 tablespoons cilantro, minced, plus more to garnish
2 limes
1/2 teaspoon chili powder, plus extra for sprinkling
Optional: Cayenne pepper for an extra kick

Your first decision: husk on or off.

For Corn with Husk On:

— Soak the corn in its husk for 20 minutes. This helps steam the corn as it grills and prevents the husk from burning too quickly.

— Place the soaked corn directly on the grill, turning occasionally, for 15-20 minutes. The husk will char, but the corn inside will stay tender and juicy.

— Once done, carefully remove the husk (it's hot, so be careful) or pull it into a handle and tie it with twine.



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Grilled to perfection, these elotes bring the festive flavors of Mexico to your table.

For Corn without the Husk:

— Remove the husk and silk from the corn.

— Brush the corn lightly with olive oil or butter.

— Grill the corn directly on the grates, turning every 2-3 minutes, for about 10-12 minutes, until the kernels are golden and charred in spots.

While the corn is grilling, mix the mayo, crema (or sour cream), 1/2 cup of cotija cheese, cilantro, chili powder, and the juice and zest of half a lime in a bowl.

When the corn is cool enough to touch, generously apply the sauce to the corn using a brush or spoon. Sprinkle with the reserved cotija cheese. For a final touch, top with more cilantro, dust with chili powder and, if you like a little heat, a dash of cayenne pepper. Squeeze the remaining lime juice over everything and serve with extra lime wedges on the side.

Diva Tip: If you're hosting a Cinco de Mayo celebration on a budget, consider making elotes the star of your meal. Pair them with smaller portions of shrimp or steak tacos to keep the celebration festive without breaking the bank. This way, you can splurge on a few special ingredients without overspending.

As we celebrate Cinco de Mayo, let's support local businesses, especially Mexican-owned ones. By supporting them, you're helping preserve and honor the cultural heritage that this day represents.

Whether for Cinco de Mayo or any celebration, elotes bring the spirit of fiesta to any meal. Serve them at your next barbecue, picnic or taco night, and watch everyone savor every bite.

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111 Elm Grove Rd, Rogersville
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101 West Center Street, Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 8:15am, 10:45am
& 6:00pm

Fellowship Bible Church
4855 S Farm Rd 205, Rogersville
Worship Saturdays 4pm, Sundays @ 8, 9:30 & 11am

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

Harvest Community Church
379 Redbud, Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 10:00am

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

Oak Grove Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church
2007 S. State Hwy 125, Rogersville
Worship Saturdays @ 11:00am

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8225 E Farm Rd 174, Rogersville
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Plainview Church of Christ
3739 Johns Ford Rd, Rogersville
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201 S Marshall St., Rogersville
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Would you like to have your church listed? Please email editor@therogersvillerecord.com and include the following: ***NAME OF CHURCH, ADDRESS, SERVICE/WORSHIP DAY AND TIME****.*

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Obadiah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which Babylon king went insane living in the fields eating grass? *Nebuchadnezzar, Solomon, Daniel, Herod*
3. From Genesis 23, what was the first land purchase in the Bible? *Garden, Hilltop, Cave, River shore*
4. Which apostle was foreordained to minister to the Gentiles? *Thomas, Paul, Andrew, John*
5. According to Song of Solomon 1:2, what is love better than? *Food, Wine, Money, Song*
6. Which son of the dying Jacob did he compare to a vicious lion? *Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nebuchadnezzar, 3) Cave, 4) Paul, 5) Wine, 6) Judah

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

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

What shall they call us?

Several years ago a big university decided that we should no longer be called seniors or elderly. Instead, we should be called "a person over 65" or maybe "older adult." They went so far as to direct students at the university to follow "various guidelines" to ensure that ... well, what? That we're not insulted by being called seniors? That they're not inviting bias by calling us elderly?

What hooey.

The problem is that those guidelines don't all agree. While one says to avoid the label "elderly," another says it is "permitted in headlines due to space constraints." In other words, it's OK to use the offending word when it's more convenient?

Again, what hooey.

Scrolling around the internet I see that universities, institutes, corporations and others are all copying off each other's paper and deciding that certain words ought to be banned when it comes to age. Instead of saying "a group of seniors," they want writers to insert a specific number, such as "persons 65 years and older."

Many of the style guides seem to be fixated on age 65, yet others suggest leaving the actual number out altogether if possible. It's safer that way.

I don't care if someone wants to call me a senior as long as they're willing to help me by reaching for the item on the high shelf at the grocery store. I do care that nobody at the dealership tries to sell me an unnecessary service for my car just because I'm an older female. I do care that the guy at the cellphone store doesn't doubt me when I say that my phone battery is defective. I do care that my Social Security check is deposited on time.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary, bless their hearts, lists several definitions for "senior." I like the second one: a person with higher standing or rank.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 37:5-6

Commit your **way** to **the LORD**; **trust** in **him and** he **will** do **this**: He will **make** your **righteous reward shine** like the **dawn**, **your** vindication **like** the **noonday sun**.

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

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord.

PROVERBS 18:22



Detail of "Queens of Persia at the Feet of Alexander" by Gerard Edelinck, 1675

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MAY 2025

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12 OVEN BAKED CHICKEN/MASHED POTATOES GRAVY/GREEN BEANS BISCUIT ICE CREAM	13 BBQ MEATBALLS MACARONI SALAD GREEN BEANS GARLIC TOAST NO BAKE COOKIE	**14 BANK DAY BEEF STROGONOFF NOODLES/STEAMED BROCCOLI/ ROLL DUMP CAKE**	15 HAM & BEANS TOMATO CUCUMBER SALAD CORNBREAD JELLO PIE	16 BREADED FISH BAKED POTATO SEASONED VEGGIES ROLL/ PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE
19 QUICHE SAVORY POTATOES STEAMED BROCCOLI BISCUIT JELLO	20 ORANGE CHICKEN FRIED RICE STIR FRY VEGGIES FORTUNE COOKIE BLONDE BROWNIE	21 BEEF HOBO PACK ROSEMARY POTATOES AND VEGGIES BLEND GARDEN SALAD/ ROLL P.B. SHEET CAKE	22 MEATLOAF MASHED POTATOES/ GRAVY/PARMESAN BRUSSEL SPROUTS ROLL/ CHOCO PIE	23 HAMBURGERS LETTUCE/TOMATO BAKED BEANS POTATO CHIPS PUDDING PARFAIT
26 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	27 BBQ PORK/BUN BAKED BEANS COLESLAW CUPCAKE	28 GOULASH GARDEN SALAD GARLIC TOAST JELL0 W/ FRUIT & WHIPPED TOPPING	29 CHICKEN FETTUCINI ALFREDO/ PEPPER &ONION/ GARDEN SALAD BREADSTICK LEMON BAR	30 BREADED FISH BUTTERED CORN COLESLAW HUSH PUPPIES BIRTHDAY CAKE

Even Exchange

answers

1. Allow, Alloy
2. Twice, Twine
3. Paper, Paler
4. Oddest, Oldest
5. Convex, Convey
6. Sweet, Tweet
7. Marcel, Marvel
8. Noise, Norse
9. Venus, Vents
10. Waiver, Waiter

Micro Crossword

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Hat is different. 3. Car is moved. 4. Line is added to sidewalk. 5. Tie is different. 6. Purse is different.

Word Spiral Answer
UNBUCKLES

JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumble

Jumbles: WHILE SWOON LOCALE HUDDLE

Answers: When bats turned the small cave's chamber into a shrine, it was a -- HALLOWED HOLLOW

Kid's Jumble

Jumbles: GET THAT BOAT WISH

Answers: When King Kong plays basketball, he acts like a -- BIG SHOT

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CryptoQuip

answer

If Russian spacewalkers need to tie off ropes, what do you think they will make? Cosmo-knots.

Boggle Answers

GULF HALF SELF
GOLF CALF WOLF
SHELF ENGULF
BEHALF MYSELF

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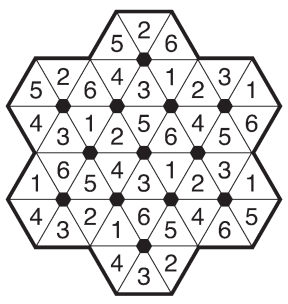



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UPDATE FROM MIGHTY EAGLES 4H CLUB BY ZACHARY BERNING





Above left photo: Luke demonstrating how to form a terrarium using an assortment of materials.

Above right photo: EmmaSue demonstrating how to design bracelets using an assortment of beading materials.

Annually, the Southern Webster County Mighty Eagles 4-H club chooses projects corresponding to meeting the needs of food insecure individuals. They've interviewed Rogersville organizations to understand the needs that are being met and where there could be improvements. These groups are doing a great job of connecting individuals in need to the proper resources within the community. The manner in which they work together is impressive. With the focus of growing fresh produce, past efforts were minimally successful. Gardeners who have extras have shared surpluses at SafeHaven Now which can be purchased by anyone with a donation. Our locals love the fresh produce which is only seasonally available. We need a leading figure to manage a community garden with individual plots for growing desired foods. Each plot could have volunteers to maintain with support from the city with donated land. The club members are preparing to present their project demonstrations during Achievement Day in early May, displaying what they have learned so far this year. They did a practice presentation in front of their club members. Lucas presented Wielding Practices, Travis presented Lemonade Making, George presented Sanding Wood, EmmaSue presented Rubber Band Bracelet Making, Luke presented Terrarium Build Tutorial, & Zachary presented Poultry Incubation.

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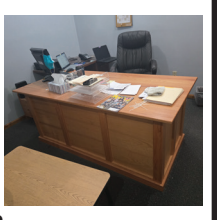

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Congratulations to LRHS art teacher Aaron Roten! He was honored as the 2025 Secondary Art Teacher of the Year at the Missouri Art Educators Award Luncheon in April. We're so proud to have such incredible talent and dedication inspiring our students every day! Great job!

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