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MR. & MISS FIRECRACKER CROWNED AT CITY CELEBRATION

Rogersville Chamber of Commerce, Market in the Park, and the City of Rogersville Parks and Recreation Department hosted an Independence Day Bash at the Rogersville City Park on Saturday, June 28th.

Vendors, food trucks, games, bounce houses, a parade, and fireworks came together for a full day of fun for young and old. The event included the crowning of Mr. and Miss Firecracker and Mr. and Miss USA.

See page 12 for more coverage of the festivities.

Right photo: Mr. Firecracker, Luca Tennis, shows off his crown



LIFE IN THE FASTEST GROWING CITY IN MISSOURI

Rogersville was named the fastest growing city in Missouri by the US Census Bureau (Read full article on page 5)



According to a report from the US Census Bureau, Rogersville is number 1 on a list of top 10 growing cities in Missouri. Check out page 5 for more details about the growth and how the city is planning for the future as Rogersville continues to grow.

Above photo: A few of the houses currently under construction in the new Fall Creek Subdivision

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT BY THE EDITOR

Iron Planet Hobbies: A large scale operation

The building on the corner of Mill and Center Streets in Rogersville, Missouri sits right beside the railroad tracks, meaning it is perfectly located for visitors to see trains both inside *and* outside the store.

Once an MFA business, the building is now home to Iron Planet Hobbies, one of the largest train stores in the state of Missouri.

"We have over ten thousand square feet of space here," said owner, Joni Matthews, "People do come from all over to shop, but most of our business is online."

Stepping inside the store is a journey into a train hobbyist's dream. Aisles and aisles of trains, track, scenery, and more occupy every square foot of the building.

The family operation is owned by husband and wife, Ryan and Joni Matthews. The store grew from Ryan's passion for model trains which began when he received his first circus train at the age of two.

The business started in their home in 2017 then expanded to their current location three years ago, and the Matthews have more plans for the future.

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Back row (left to right): Cynthia Vlietstra, Owen Matthews, Mark Vlietstra, Jacob Suscheck; Front row (left to right): Jenna Vlietstra, Grant Clement, Marygrace Lang, Sara Phillips, Jacob Clement, Joni Matthews. *Photo courtesy Iron Planet Hobbies*



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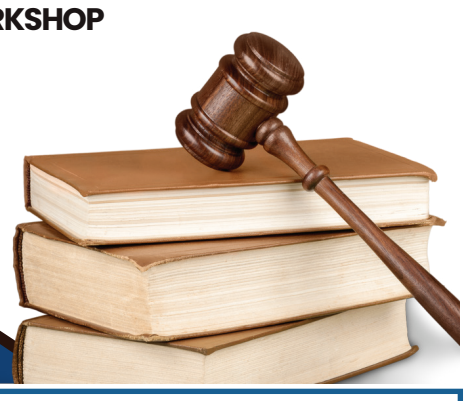

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The Editor's Desk

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

What I learned at the circus



June was full of adventure for my family. We went on vacation, which was of course a big adventure, but we had many little adventures right here in Rogersville. All of our local adventures had me thinking about my time at the circus.

I traveled with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus for nearly two years. During that time, I lived for a month on the train and the rest of the time I lived in a C-class motorhome while visiting a different city every week. I was the veterinary technician, so I was responsible for the health and well-being of all the animals on the circus unit. And we had a lot of animals!

We had elephants, tigers, camels, poodles, snakes, ferrets, horses, and more! Our animals were well cared for and very healthy, so generally I was just checking in, feeding treats, getting some camel cuddles, and doing a lot of paperwork. Paperwork was the least interesting (though probably most important) part of my job.

Probably the most interesting part of my job (besides the animals of course) was the people. And not just the people I worked with, but the people who came to the shows. The people who lined up along the street and waited for hours before an animal walk. The people who came to the elephant brunches or showed up extra early at shows to bring their kids to see the animals during the animal open house. And the people who showed up early for preshow and participated in all the fun that made the circus what it was.

I loved seeing the excitement on children's faces when they saw an elephant up close for the first time, or watched the human cannonball sail through the air at 65 miles per hour.

It was a ridiculous amount of work to put on the circus each week, each day, each hour, and it wasn't the pay that made that work rewarding, it was the people.

So every time I go to an event in Rogersville, I think about the circus. I think about all the work that goes on behind the scenes by people that can't wait to see YOU! That's the true reward in any endeavor, bringing joy to others.

It's why I started this paper. I wanted to bring more joy into the world, and I wanted to share everything Rogersville has to offer. Shopping, food, events, and more! There are so many people in Rogersville putting in long hours and lots of work to make this town a place full of fun, and sometimes, the only thing missing is people.

I took my family to the Independence Day celebration in Rogersville, and we had a wonderful time. There were vendors, food, a water slide, and so much more. But the thing that made my circus heart the most happy, was seeing so many people having fun and enjoying the event together.

May all your days be circus days,

Kizzi

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DARLA'S DASH OF SALTY GRACE

Bikes, Lightning Bugs & Hide-n-Seek



Summer vacation… oh, what memories those two words conjure up. Memories of my childhood summers—playing with Kim, swimming, spending hours in my mimosa tree 'house', singing my heart out on my stage, which also served as the loading chute for the pigs (don't judge), learning how to pick produce from the garden w/o tearing up the plants, turning cartwheels until I was exhausted, and whatever else I found to do outside. Outside because that's where I preferred to be.

Summer vacation memories with my own kids aren't all that different. Hide-n-seek was a favorite with all of us. Catching lightning bugs to use as nightlights. Riding bikes—the kids rode while I walked up and down the road with them to keep watch for oncoming cars. They helped me in the garden, hauling hay was a family affair, as was showing livestock at the county fairs. And we cannot forget the coveted trips to summer movies at a greatly discounted price. That was a TREAT!

Do you notice anything about these memories? Everything I've mentioned (plus a whole lot of things I didn't) is a memory of kids being allowed to be kids. Playing. Laughing. Exploring. Getting dirty. Learning. Exercising. Growing into their 'self'.

That's what summer vacation should be about, don't you agree?

I'm not saying summer should be without learning, but there are oodles of ways to learn that have nothing to do with a classroom, textbook, or tablet. Spending time outside is the ultimate classroom for science lessons galore. Taking the kids to the grocery store and cooking together opens opportunities to enhance math skills. Writing letters to grandparents and a family newsletter keeps their grammar and spelling skills in good shape. Yardwork, gardening, games like tag, hide-n-seek, and riding bikes are some of the best ways to have summer PE I can think of. And just think of all the new skills they can experience to see where their talents and interests lie—cleaning, sewing, art, fishing, swimming, pet care…the possibilities are endless!

Summer vacation… oh, what a time for making memories with your kids so that someday they will be able to do what I'm doing now—remembering those days with a big ole' smile on my face. I can't think of anything nicer. Can you?

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.

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UPDATE FROM THE ROGERSVILLE LIBRARY

Summer Fun Continues at the Rogersville Library!

Summer is in full swing at the Rogersville Library, and there's still plenty of excitement ahead! If you haven't signed up for the Summer Reading Program yet—no worries. It's not too late to join in on the fun!

We've got a full lineup of activities planned for July that the whole family can enjoy. Every Monday at 4 PM, kids can dive into hands-on learning with our STEAM sessions. Wednesdays at 11 AM are all about creativity with our Kids Craft time. And don't miss Story Time every Friday at 10:30 AM — perfect for our youngest book lovers!

Mark your calendar for a special treat: the zoo is coming to visit! Join us on Wednesday, July 23rd at 3 PM at the gazebo next to the caboose for an exciting and educational animal encounter.

There's still time to be part of a summer full of reading, learning, and fun. Stop by the library and sign up today! And be sure to follow us on Facebook to stay updated on all our upcoming events and programs. The Rogersville Library is located at 104 N Beatie Street in Rogersville.

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NOW HERE'S A TIP BY JOANN DERSON

* "Check your mower to see if you are cutting your lawn to the optimum height. Generally, cutting grass to two and a half inches will allow it to retain more moisture, requiring less watering." -- O.F. in Alabama

* Want to make that summer at-home pedicure last? Don't skip the base coat or a UV topcoat. The base coat will allow the color to adhere evenly and better. Then the topcoat will protect the color from the sun while giving it a little extra shine.

* Did you know you can curl your hair with straws? Wind sections of damp hair around a plastic straw and secure the ends with a bobby pin. Allow to dry in the sun or use a hair dryer on low heat. Remove and spritz with hair spray.

* Remove all of the air from a plastic storage bag with a drinking straw. Slip the straw into the bag and close as much as possible. Then suck any air out through the straw, and quickly pull out and close in a single motion. Your leftovers will stay fresh longer, and foods may stack better in the freezer.

* "Necklaces can be stored together without tangling if you thread each one through a straw. You can cut the straw to a shorter length for bracelets or choker-length necklaces. No knots!" -- I.A. in Arizona

* "If you need a long, straight line, never fear. Grab a ball of yarn or string, and cut what you need. Then rub the whole length over a piece of chalkboard chalk. With a partner, you can hold the string taut and snap it down, like a rubber band. It will leave a line of chalk behind!" -- L.S. in Minnesota

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Community Calendar

JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	)	1 Senior Center Bingo 12:30pm (Every Tuesday) Turners Station Food Truck Night 5-7pm Camp Reading@ Primary School FEMA 4-6pm (Every Tuesday)	2 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am Music Jam 3:30-5:30pm (every Wed.) Bluegrass Pickin & Grinnin 1-2pm @Rog Family Dental	3 Senior Center Bingo 12:30pm (Every Thurs) WOW Book Mobile 4-6pm	4 Senior Center Cook-Out 10:30am-3pm INDEPENDENCE DAY	5
6	7 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am (Every Monday Board of Aldermen meeting at City Hall@6pm	8 Chamber of Commerce Meeting 11:45am@Story Church Turners Station Food Truck Night 5-7pm Estate Planning Workshop Worsham Law Firm 1pm	9 Estate Planning Workshop Worsham Law Firm 1pm	10 WOW Book Mobile 4-6pm	11 Senior Center Excercise 10:15am (Every Friday)	12 Turners Station Collector Car Appreciation Day 10am-2pm
13	14	15 Turners Station Food Truck Night 5-7pm Estate Planning Workshop Worsham Law Firm 6pm	16 Senior Center Sewing Repairs with Janet	17 Turners Station Bluegrass Jam and Dinner 6pm WOW Book Mobile 4-6pm	18	19 Senior Center Breakfast 7:30am Turners Station Frog Jumping Contest 10am (info page 4)
20 VBS @ Elm Grove Church 6-8:30pm 20th-23rd (see page 10)	21 Board of Aldermen meeting at City Hall@6pm	22 Turners Station Food Truck Night 5-7pm Estate Planning Workshop Worsham Law Firm 6pm	23 Estate Planning Workshop Worsham Law Firm 1pm Library Event Zoo @the Gazebo@3pm	24 Farm School@ Gooseberry Bridge Farm 9:30am WOW Book Mobile 4-6pm	25	26
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BEST FOOT FORWARD PTA EVENT AUGUST 2ND

Event Details:

Location: Upper Elementary FEMA Gym

Date: Friday, August 2, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Who: All Logan-Rogersville Students (PreK -12th grade)

See the article on page 9 in this month's paper or for more information, contact LR PTA at logrogpta@gmail.com.



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THE WEATHER REPORT BY 417WEATHER

July in the Ozarks – Time for summer heat and humidity

July is arriving, and with it comes the real heart of summer across the Ozarks.

The heat and humidity settle in most days, with afternoon clouds starting to build like clockwork. Highs this month usually run in the upper 80s to mid 90s, and once you factor in the humidity, it can feel every bit of it — or hotter.

We're past the peak of spring severe weather season, but July isn't entirely quiet. Early in the month we can still see stronger storms if the right pattern sets up. More often, though, it's those classic summertime pop-up storms: quick-hitting, heavy downpours, gusty winds, and plenty of lightning. If you're planning to be outside, especially in the afternoons, keep an eye on the sky (and radar). Every now and then we'll catch a little break when a front sneaks through — a brief drop in humidity and some cooler mornings — but for the most part, it's full-on summer mode across 417.

We'll keep tracking the heat, storms, and everything in between all month long.

For more weather updates follow us at 417Weather on Social Media.

ROGERSVILLE LIBRARY JULY 2025 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30 STEAM - 4pm Sphero Indi	1	2 Youth Craft - 11am Slinky Painting	3	4 Closed	5
6	7 STEAM - 4pm Sphero Indi	8 Youth Craft - 11am Iron Horse Pottery Class	9 Youth Craft - 11am Silhouette Self Portrait	10 Teen Craft - 2pm Crochet	11 Story Time - 10:30am	12
13	14 STEAM - 4pm Sphero Indi	15	16 Youth Craft - 11am Painting Class	17	18 Story Time - 10:30am	19
20	21 STEAM - 4pm Sphero Indi	22	23 Zoo - 3pm @ the Gazeboo (by the caboose)	24 Teen Craft - 2pm Painting Class	25 Story Time - 10:30am	26 Adult Craft - 11am Painting Class
27	28 STEAM - 4pm Sphero Indi	29	30 Youth Craft - 11am Faux Stained Glass	31		

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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



Fun Fact

Once popular among coal miners in Yorkshire, England, ferret-legging requires participants to endure ferrets inside their pants, with the victor holding out the longest.



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Special Features

WATERMELON SEED SPITTING CONTEST FUN FOR ALL

Excitement and friendly competition was in the air as competitors prepared for the annual watermelon seed spitting contest at Turners Station on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

Turners Station has held the competition for over 15 years, and it's an event many people look forward to every year. Turners Station owner, Jill Elsey-Stoner and her daughter, Candace Stoner, provide watermelon for the competitors and take the official measurements. Competitors are divided into age groups, and each competitor gets one chance to spit a watermelon seed as far as they can.

After taking a few practice spits, competitors stepped up to the watermelon mat and hoped for the best. White paper stretched on the ground made spotting the watermelon seeds, and marking distances easy, except for the few seeds that went too far.

"The record for the farthest watermelon seed is 40 feet," said Jill. "I don't remember the year, but we set back to back records that year."

This year, in the adult division, Roger Shanks claimed the winning spot with a distance of 28 feet 4.25 inches. Custom medals were awarded to winners along with a watermelon.

Turners Station hosts many events throughout the year. Their next competitive event is the Frog Jumping Contest. This is a free event, and all ages are welcome, but competitors must bring their own frog. The event will be held on Saturday, July 19th at 10am.

Turners Station is located at 6484 E Farm Road 148 in Turners, Missouri. Follow Turners Station Mercantile on Facebook or visit their website at turnersstation.com





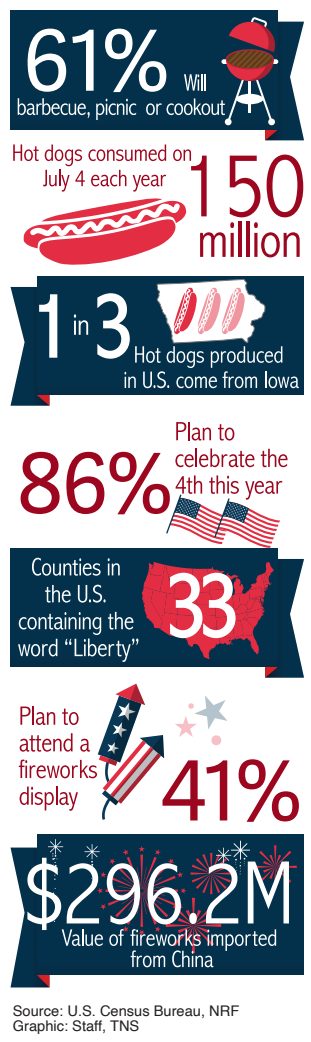
Above photo: The 2025 Watermelon Seed Spitting winners. From left to right: Toula Moore, Finley Donovan, Roger Shanks, and Ollie Hutcheson

Left photo: A watermelon mat marked the starting line and white paper provided a bright background for spotting watermelon seeds and measuring distances.

Photos courtesy Turners Station



From food to fireworks, here are some fun facts and figures about the 4th



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MORE THAN JUST TRAINS AT IRON PLANET HOBBIES

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Photos left to right: A small sampling of the huge selection of model vehicles available to purchase; Employees stock merchandise and pull products to fill online orders throughout the day; Store visitors are greeted by a working model train set inside the store. The store stocks everything needed to build a train set just like it.

The Matthews brought their business to Rogersville because the building was perfect for them, but also because they have extended family in Rogersville. They love the town and look forward to settling in Rogersville as a family in the near future. "We need room for all of Ryan's model trains," said Joni about their search for a home.

In the meantime, their focus is on the store and making it a destination for train enthusiasts. "A planned future railfan deck will offer a great place to relax and watch trains," said Ryan.

The store stocks everything needed for a beginner or experienced model train builder. From tracks and trains, to people and stores for scenes, products are offered in all of the most popular scales. From Z-scale (the smallest) to G-scale (the largest), and nearly everything in between. "HO or N is our most popular scale, and our most popular item is probably track," said Joni. "But we also sell a lot of scenery."

Scenery items include people, buildings, rock, sand, and other kits to create a realistic backdrop for prototypical trains. But scenery items aren't just for hobby trains. These items are also perfect for school projects (like diorammas), miniature doll houses, and gamers. Iron Planet Hobbies stocks All Game Terrain supplies which are used to create realistic terrain for mini bases, gaming mats, and displays.

While the store's focus is on being a complete source for model train supplies, as a hobby store, they do stock a few building kits and get requests for other items. "We also get a lot of requests for RC cars, so we might stock parts for those in the future," said Joni.

Beyond the model train business, the Matthews have recently purchased property adjoining their business. 114 E Center Street was once a gas station, and is now in the process of becoming a food truck park. Big Slice Pizza is currently parked there, with other trucks coming in occasionally. The Matthews plan to have more spots for permanent food trucks plus one spot for rotating trucks in the future.

Iron Planet Hobbies is located at 106 E. Center Street in Rogersville and is open Monday - Friday 10am - 6pm. Visit them online at hobby.shop or at ironplanethobbies.com



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Community News

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR)

Promoting Patriotism, Preserving History, and Perpetuating Education of Both

Daughters of the American Revolution is a nation-wide organization founded in 1890 by women who wanted a voice and place in building up and maintaining a spirit of patriotism and pride in the United States of America. But why? What sparked the interest and desire to do so?

The year 1890 brought many changes to America–both positive and negative. This was the year in which the first census was taken in our country. It was the year in which the Sherman Antitrust Act was enacted to ensure healthy business competition. It was the year when proposals for extensive socio-economic reform were made. It was also the year our country's economy started into the worst recession we've ever seen. And as is often the case, excessive change kindles a desire for what has been…for the good ole' days…for what is right and good…and for a sense of belonging and unity.

Patriotism.

So, on October 11, 1890, a group of women in our nation's Capitol came together because they wanted the freedom to express their patriotic feelings outwardly and for the good of the country. They were tired of being excluded from men's organizations with a similar platform. They wanted Americans–particularly American women–to be able to use their time, talents, and energy to keep the memories of their ancestors alive, who had fought and sacrificed to make our country free and independent. They wanted to create an organization of women from both the north and the south who could work together in a unified fashion for the United States of America.

Since its founding in the fall of 1890, over 1,000,000 women have proven and verified their direct lineage to one or more of those men–men who are the Patriot defenders of the American Revolution.

Today there are over 100 chapters in Missouri alone, with the Rachel Donelson Chapter being based in Springfield. Today's DAR chapters are actively involved in upholding the core values of the DAR.

The Rachel Doneslon chapter's involvement in the community is visible in a number of ways.

Each year they adopt a local classroom each year, which means they supply the class with books and classroom supplies for science, art, reading, writing, and history projects. Some of the members also visit the classroom as a guest reader.

They have a scholarship program for high school students.

They participate in multiple activities which support our veterans including Wreaths Across America, Honor Flight of the Ozarks, cards and gifts to veterans, and grave markings and other ceremonies at local and regional cemeteries.

They donate necessities and gifts to our service men and women serving overseas, underprivileged people groups, and various community outreach programs.

They donate thousands of hours each year (as a group and as individuals) to community service.

Rachel Donelson chapter, like most chapters, have monthly meetings which consist of a fun and informative program, a business meeting, announcements of upcoming events members can participate in, and a time for snacks and socializing.

If you are a woman and at least 18 years old, and are interested in discovering whether or not you have an American Revolutionary War Patriot in your family's lineage, visit the DAR website at: https://www.dar.org/

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NEW URGENT CARE FACILITY COMING TO WEBSTER COUNTY

FastDoc facility plans to open by end of July in Marshfield

Scott Allen, Webster County Health Administrator recently met with local media to announce plans for a new urgent care facility coming soon to Webster County. "I've been in this position for three years, and this is something we've been working on for a long time. We've always seen a need for emergent care and expanded care in Webster County," Allen said. And now residents will have a facility to meet that need.

FastDoc is a privately owned healthcare provider based out of the state of Texas, but one of the owners has ties to this part of Missouri. The new facility will open at 1350 Spur Drive in Marshfield, Missouri at the end of July, and Scott refers to this facility as a "game-changer" for Webster County. "FastDoc urgent care provides care beyond what is typically offered at most urgent care facilities," Allen said.

The FastDoc facility will be staffed by two full-time mid-level providers plus two to three part-time providers, and numerous support staff. Treatment offerings include x-ray service, oral and intravenous (IV) medicines and antibiotics, pregnancy testing, weightloss medications and much more.

"Our operational philosophy is to keep people out of the emergency room, which saves people time and money," said Gail Lawson, one of the providers with FastDoc.

According to data provided by Allen, there were 12,259 emergency room visits by Webster County residents to Springfield, Missouri hospitals in 2022. Of those visits, more than 9,000 patients were not admitted to the hospital, indicating those cases could have been seen at an urgent care facility.

The FastDoc facility will be open seven days a week with hours starting at 9am to 7pm and eventually expanding to 8am to 8pm depending on the demand. FastDoc owners state they need to see 15 to 20 patients a day to maintain operations, but their capacity is much higher with the ability to see 60 patients or more a day and still maintaining limited wait times.

The facility in Marshfield will be the third FastDoc facility to open and one of the four owners will visit monthly to check-in on the operation.

The FastDoc urgent care will accept walk-in patients as well as appointments, and also offers virtual visits. It will accept most major and minor insurances, as well as VA insurance, Medicare and Medicaid.

FastDoc is still hiring for front desk and medical assistant positions at the Marshfield location, with a soft opening planned for July 21st, and a grand opening to happen later in August.

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ROGERSVILLE IS PREPARED TO HANDLE GROWTH

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According to the U.S. Census Bureau, from 2020 to 2024, the city of Rogersville saw a 37.7% increase in population (going from 3,881 residents to 5,344). This increase placed Rogersville in the number one position on the fastest-growing Missouri cities list.

This growth follows a trend seen in many areas across the United States as people move from urban areas into rural areas, according to the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS).

According to ERS, from 2010 to 2016, people tended to migrate from rural areas into urban areas, then from 2017 to 2020 net migration was near zero. Starting in 2020-2021, there was a shift which saw net migration increase for rural areas, indicating people were leaving urban areas and moving to rural settings.

In Rogersville, there are outward signs of growth, but more is going on behind the scenes as the city works hard to keep things running smoothly.

"The growth hasn't really changed what we're doing, we're just doing more of it," said Chad Bybee, city administrator. "We take a lot more phone calls."

Along with more phone calls across all departments at the city, there are also more building inspections, more construction plans to approve, and more business licenses to issue. According to city records, in 2022, the city issued 153 business licenses. So far this year, 205 licenses have been issued.

The city does not currently have an economic developer, but Bybee is in contact with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. The Springfield Chamber of Commerce often reaches out to Bybee when they have businesses looking for land or buildings outside of Springfield.

As for infrastructure, the city is in a good position to handle the growth. "We have plenty of water pressure now to reach residents, and our sewage treatment plant is just at 50-55% capacity," Bybee stated. "It would be nice to have another well as Rogersville grows toward Springfield, but we're always thinking about when is the best time to do that and how to procure funding without putting a financial burden on our residents." And those residents are increasing.

In the year 2020, 253 residential homes were sold within the 65742 zip code, and in 2024, 264 residential homes sold in that same area, according to data from the Southern Missouri Regional MLS, provided by J.R. Hutcheson Team, Murney Associates Realtors. While this increase in home sales seems small, a quick drive around town shows that new homes are being built all over Rogersville. According to Bybee, the new construction boom started in 2017 as plans came through for new subdivisions and then construction really kicked off in 2019. Current construction projects keep the city's building inspector, Mike Highfill, busy as 75 to 100 single family homes are expected to be completed by the end of 2025, with almost 500 more homes currently in the platting process.

Bybee is looking forward to what the future brings and stated, "We have capacity now for the growth we're seeing."

Growth of a city can bring growing pains, but it can also bring new businesses, new neighbors, and new opportunities for current and future residents.

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.

DYA

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CATF

ADET

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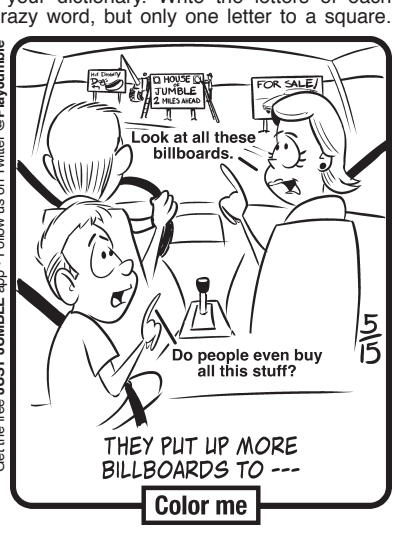

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Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

Print your answer here: ◯◯◯ ◯◯◯

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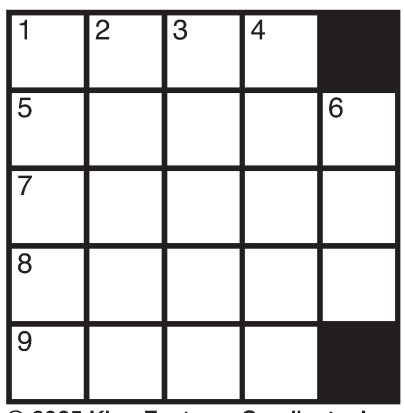
Micro Crossword
By Elizabeth C. Gorski



Across
1 Alamo rival
5 Swimmer Bobby, gold medalist at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics
7 Cold
8 Thickens, as cream
9 Body art

Down
1 "Is that ___?" ("Oh, really?")
2 Luxury rental in the Alps
3 Bar of gold
4 Funny sketches
6 Magazine staff, for short

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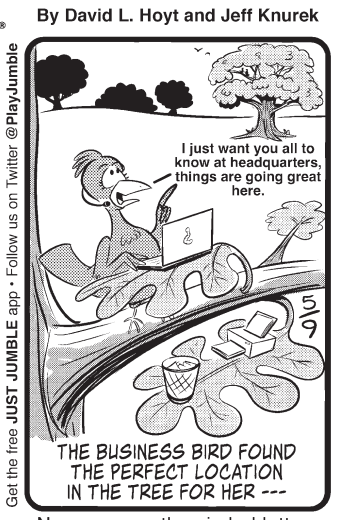

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Boggle® BrainBusters™

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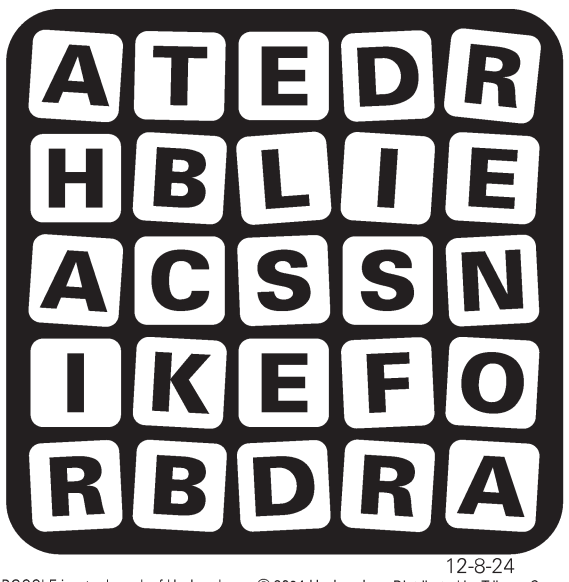

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing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

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8 letters = 10 points	11-20 = Amateur
9+ letters = 15 points	0-10 = Try again

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								RACK 1
A1	C3	E1	R1	N1	M3	O1		
								RACK 2
I1	O1	P3	N1	S1	T1	P3	3rd Letter Triple	
								RACK 3
A1	I1	O1	F4	T1	R1	P3		
								RACK 4
E1	O1	U1	U1	S1	P3	R1	Double Word Score	

PAR SCORE 150-160 **FOUR RACK TOTAL** ___
BEST SCORE 207 **TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN**

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

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WORD SPIRAL

L

Y A

I L

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: **P** equals **W**

MO Z JNNCGHJ MC

ZEENQMEBRQ ENMCQ PFHGFHJ

PZRLMEB ONJPZJS NJ IZYLPZJS,

MG YJNPC INGF PZQC.

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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. Laundry stiffener	__ T __ __ __ __	Look high and low	__ E __ __ __ __
2. Sign of life	__ __ L __ __	Boxing match prize	__ __ R __ __
3. Trench	__ I __ __ __	From Amsterdam	__ U __ __ __
4. Mosey along	__ A_ __ __ __ __	Awe	__ O __ __ __ __
5. Ocean vehicle	__ __ __ __ R	Tablecloth material	__ __ __ __ N
6. Take heed	__ __ T __ __ __	Apprentice	__ __ V __ __ __
7. Mishandle a football	F __ __ __ __ __	Speak unclearly	M __ __ __ __ __
8. Round map	__ __ __ B __	Pitcher's gear	__ __ __ V __
9. Wolf down	__ __ __ __ __ R	Dedicated to	__ __ __ __ __ T
10. Fence style	__ I __ __ __ __	Kangaroo's feature	__ O __ __ __ __

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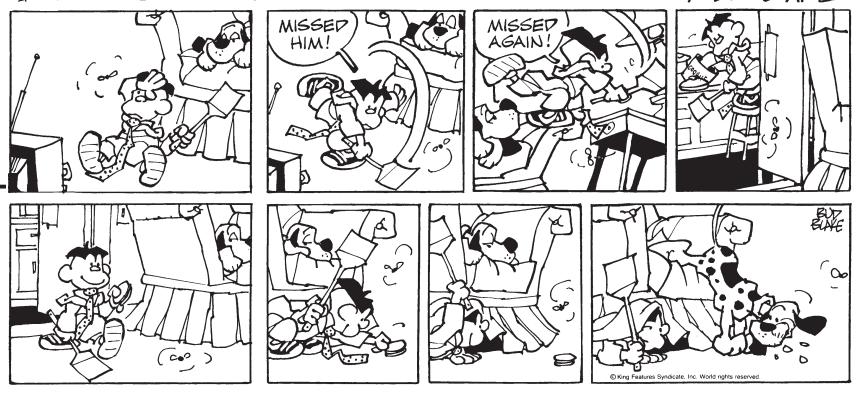
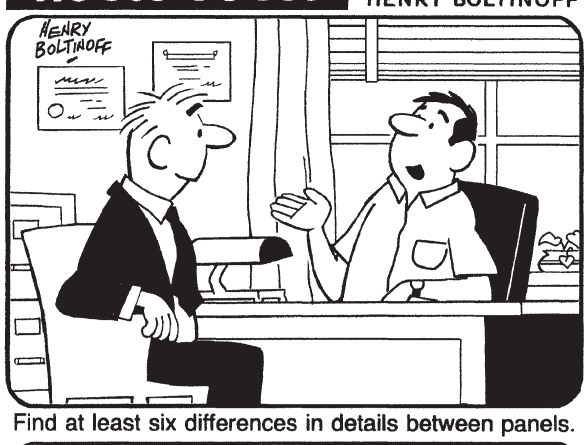
TIGER
by BUD BLAKE



HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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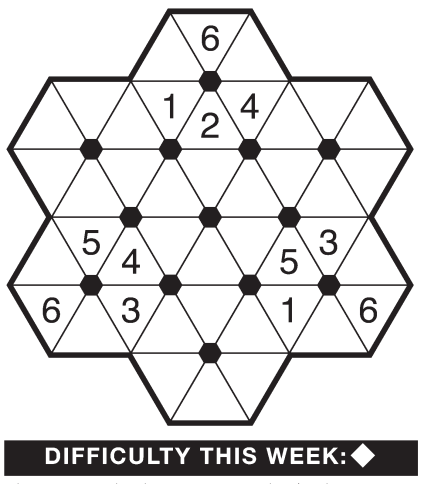
SNOWFLAKES
by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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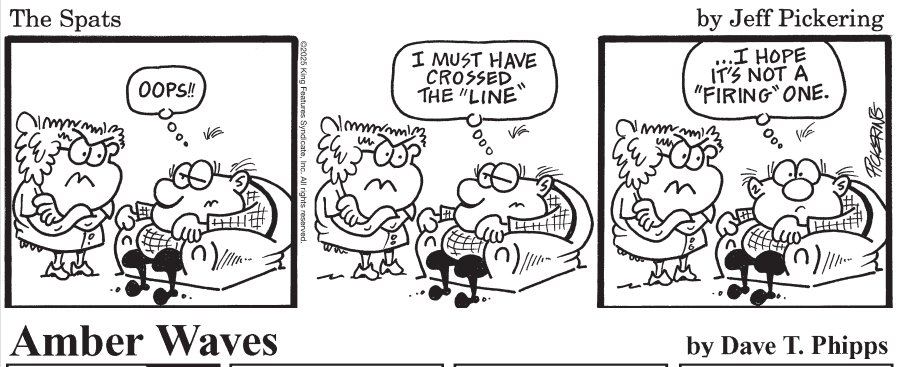
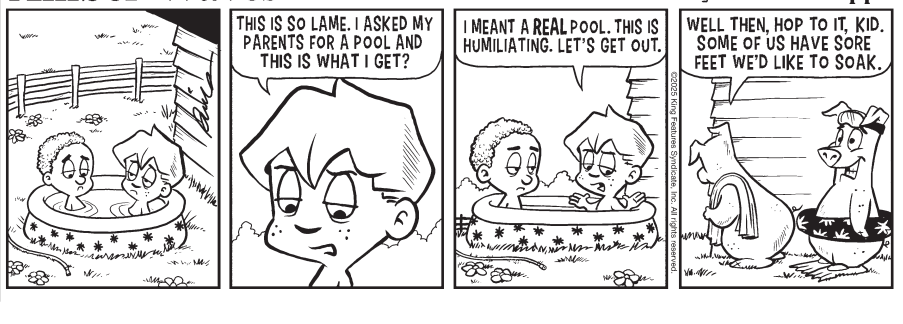
The Spats
by Jeff Pickering



Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps



Community Updates

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 from June 2nd Meetings as recorded by Glenda Stegner (minutes have been formatted slightly for length)

Budget Meeting for fiscal year 2025/2026 at 5:30pm

Present: Mayor Cole, Alderman Tim Clarkson, Alderman Kory Stucki, CPA Larry Brown, City Administrator Chad Bybee, and City Clerk Glenda Stegner.

Alderman Pyle and Alderman Lee was unable to attend. No quorum was present, no votes taken.

Reviewed upcoming budget for the next fiscal year. Discussion on paving, city reserves, and completed projects.

Regular Meeting:

Present: Mayor Cole, Alderman Jeff Lee, Alderman Kory Stucki, Alderman Tim Clarkson, Administrator Chad Bybee, and Attorney Krebs.

Alderman Pyle was unable to attend.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Cole

Amend Agenda:

1.Add bill 05052025B- read in full – Greene County paving agreement.

2.Table Cyber insurance

3.Table draft ordinance discussion

Motion to amend agenda: By Alderman Clarkson, seconded by Alderman Lee and passed by vote: All in favor (Pyle absent)

Accounts Payable:

After careful consideration, questions, and review by the Board of Alderman: 06/02/2025 Motion to approve GF accounts payable in the amount of $70,242.95 and WS accounts payable in the amount of $55,713.43, and park for $26,543.00 totaling $152,499.38: By Alderman Stucki, seconded by Alderman Clarkson and passed by vote:All in favor (Pyle absent)

Community Input:

Tom Cole, 208 Roberson Street

Mr. Cole feels the streets are to narrow for trucks and buses to pass and some have to back up to let one pass on Roberson Street and would like to recommend that it be made a one-way street.

Planning and Zoning:

Tatyana Osennity, P/Z chair

Morelock Phase 2 (6th addition) preliminary plat and traffic study was discussed. PCUD was discussed and how the code addresses it in chapter 405.500. There is a planning and zoning hearing on June 10th, to discuss a proposed PCUD community. The city attorney advised Mrs. Osennity to recuse herself from that vote due to a conflict with doing business with the development's owner. Mrs. Osennity can discuss the code and its content.

Admin Update:

There were a lot of storm water calls from 11 inches of rain. The storm box at Leabrooke appeared to do its job. The rocks around the pond did move. John is looking at the piping and talking to county about storm water runoff.

Old Business:

Cyber Insurance RFP

Jarrod Hicks will be at the next meeting to discuss cyber insurance policies.

New Business:

First and Second reading of Bill #006022025A – An ordinance revising the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and appropriating funds pursuant thereto.

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

First and Second reading of Bill # 05052025BB- An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Rogersville, MO to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Greene County, Mo(road ordinance)

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

Storm Shelter Door is out to bid.

Board will review proposed ordinance changes, vehicle inspection sheets and public works reports.

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

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes can also be viewed on the City of Rogersville website at:

https://www.rogersvillemo.org/board-of-aldermen-minutes/

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

Board Meeting Synopsis

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

June 25, 2025

SYNOPSIS

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The District Mission Statement was recited.

The board approved the consent agenda as presented:

- **Approve Agenda**
- **Approve Minutes – May 21, 2025 and June 3, 2025**
- **Approve Bills**
- **K-12 Curriculum Documents**
- **Declaration of Surplus Property**
- **2025-2026 Student Handbooks – ES, MS, HS**
- **2025-2026 Teacher Handbook**
- **2025-2026 Support Staff Handbook**
- **2025-2026 Gifted Handbook**
- **2025-2026 English Learner (EL) Handbook**
- **2025-2026 MS/HS Athletic & Activity Handbook**
- **2025-2026 A+ Handbook**
- **2025-2026 Professional Development Handbook**
- **2025-2026 Library Handbook**
- **2025-2026 MOSIS/Core Data Handbook**
- **2025-2026 Before/After School CatCare Policy & Procedure Guide**
- **2025-2026 Program Evaluation Handbook Fall 2025-Spring 2027**
- **Remind Renewal Contract**

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, August 20, 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

May K-12 Enrollment:
(5/1 - 5/23/2025)**: 2,361**
May Attendance Percentage:
(5/1 - 5/23/2025)**: 93.11%**
Year-to-Date Attendance Percentage:
(8/20 - 5/23/2025)**: 93.85%**
Year-to-Date 90%/90% Attendance Percentage:
(8/20 - 5/23/2025)**: 83.0%**

The board heard communications updates as follows:

- **Back to School Brochure**
- **Back to School Mailing**
- **New Team Member Workshop: August 4-5; New Teacher Institute: August 6-8**
- **Appreciation Breakfast: August 12, 7:30-8:30, LRHS**
- **MSBA Region 10 Fall Meeting – September 4, Nixa**
- **MSBA Annual Conference – October 23-25, 2025 – Crown Center, Kansas City**
- **MSBA Update / Delegate Report**

The board heard the executive administration reports.

The board approved amending 2024-2025 budget-to-actual revenues and expenditures as of June 30, 2025.

The board approved the GTB/7% Transfer from Fund 1 to Fund 4 for SY 2024-2025.

The board approved the transportation funds transfer for SY 2024-2025.

The board appointed Amanda Cole as Board Secretary effective July 1, 2025.

The board appointed Denise Hernandez as Board Treasurer effective July 1, 2025.

The board approved the 2025-2026 Budget as presented.

The board approved the 2025-2026 Certified Salary Schedule as presented, with Bachelors/Step 0 at $41,500, including step advancement and horizontal movement with approved graduate coursework.

The board approved the 2025-2026 Support Staff Salary Schedules as presented, including step advancement.

The board approved the 2025-2026 Extra Duty Stipend Schedule addition as presented.

The board discussed 2025-2026 Superintendent Evaluation Goals. No board action was taken.

The board approved the Resolution of Logan-Rogersville R-VIII School District to adopt the Springfield-Greene County 2025-2030 Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented.

The board reviewed the Facility Usage Agreement. No board action was taken.

The board reviewed the LRSD AI Use Plan. No board action was taken.

The board approved the district's Workers Compensation Insurance in the premium in the amount of $115,000 for coverage period July 1, 2025 through July 1, 2026.

The board approved suspension of the July board meeting.

The board approved payment of Regular/Customary July bills.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

CITY OF ROGERSVILLE 2025 - 2026 BUDGET SUMMARY

Rogersville's fiscal year is July 1st - June 30th. The budget document is a mult-page report. This page shows an overview of the city's budget, but the full document may be viewed on the City of Rogersville's website at https://www.rogersvillemo.org

Police Salary Increase 4% to $22.36 Start and 2% Step Using New Step Schedule, 4% for Non Police
Property Taxes 5% Increase
Sales Taxes Increase Consistant with 24-25 Actual
New Lagers Rates Effective 7-1-25

Fund/ Dept	Fund Description	22-23 Actual Amounts	23-24 Actual Amounts	24-25 Annual Budget	Actual July 2024 - April 2025 To Date	Percent of Budget Received/ Expended	25-26 Annual Budget
	General Fund						
10	General Fund Operating Revenues	$ 1,347,115.79	$ 1,396,599.22	$ 1,422,120.00	$ 1,320,681.35	92.9%	$ 1,820,449.03
10	General Fund Police Revenues	$ 103,469.36	$ 174,967.35	$ 150,000.00	$ 109,843.04	73.2%	$ 145,000.00
10	General Fund Street Revenues	$ 318,270.27	$ 319,564.09	$ 328,000.00	$ 286,029.97	87.2%	$ 343,000.00
	Prior Year Accumulated Funds			$ 240,746.01			$ 11,702.68
	General Fund Revenues	$ 1,768,855.42	$ 1,891,130.66	$ 2,140,866.01	$ 1,716,554.36	80.2%	$ 2,320,151.71
510	Admin Expenses	$ 244,283.96	$ 256,913.48	$ 220,153.73	$ 173,772.51	78.9%	$ 241,424.26
520	Police Expenses	$ 821,917.77	$ 1,074,640.12	$ 1,014,782.96	$ 862,182.49	85.0%	$ 1,083,589.04
530	Street Expenses	$ 677,696.97	$ 576,707.35	$ 445,430.94	$ 202,285.39	45.4%	$ 568,352.94
540	General Fund Court Expenses	$ 61,375.75	$ 70,575.74	$ 69,766.68	$ 60,393.33	86.6%	$ 72,258.79
550	Building Inspector Department	$ 83,308.72	$ 84,226.72	$ 88,775.45	$ 75,888.97	85.5%	$ 92,838.30
	Transfers to Stormwater & Park Fund	$ -	$ -	$ 240,000.00	$ -	0.0%	$ 261,688.37
	General Fund Expenses	$ 1,888,583.17	$ 2,063,063.41	$ 2,078,909.76	$ 1,374,522.69	66.1%	$ 2,320,151.71
		$ (119,727.75)	**$ (171,932.75)**	**$ 61,956.25**	**$ 342,031.67**		**$ 0.00**
	Water & Sewer Fund						
20	Total Water Revenues	$ 796,494.60	$ 939,908.39	$ 1,030,300.00	$ 1,011,830.09	98.2%	$ 1,200,800.00
20	Total Sewer Revenues	$ 1,737,889.20	$ 2,082,938.77	$ 1,385,500.00	$ 1,004,378.57	72.5%	$ 1,120,500.00
	Prior Year Accumulated Funds						$ 223,567.71
	Water & Sewer Fund Revenues	$ 2,534,383.80	$ 3,022,847.16	$ 2,415,800.00	$ 2,016,208.66	83.5%	$ 2,544,867.71
610	Water Expenses	$ 836,947.07	$ 1,214,170.24	$ 1,013,825.68	$ 994,604.19	98.1%	$ 963,079.24
620	Sewer Expenses	$ 1,061,287.12	$ 1,899,919.54	$ 1,251,408.21	$ 1,086,546.43	86.8%	$ 1,581,788.47
	Water & Sewer Fund Expenses	$ 1,898,234.19	$ 3,114,089.78	$ 2,265,233.89	$ 2,081,150.62	91.9%	$ 2,544,867.71
		$ 636,149.61	**$ (91,242.62)**	**$ 150,566.11**	**$ (64,941.96)**		**$ 0.00**
	Debt Service Fund						
30	**Total Debt Service Revenues**	$ 302,506.78	$ 388,163.73	$ 398,300.00	$ 430,076.11	108.0%	$ 430,000.00
710	**Total Debt Service Expenses**	$ 289,460.25	$ 284,745.00	$ 245,750.00	$ 419,385.81	170.7%	$ 430,000.00
		$ 13,046.53	**$ 103,418.73**	**$ 152,550.00**	**$ 10,690.30**		**$0.00**
	Stormwater & Park Fund						
40	**Stormwater & Park Revenues**	$ 299,212.48	$ 536,956.98	$ 620,700.00	$ 463,159.97	74.6%	$ 544,888.37
820	**Stormwater & Park Expenses**	$ 212,478.42	$ 545,275.11	$ 985,772.36	$ 1,105,608.95	112.2%	$ 544,888.37
		$ 86,734.06	**$ (8,318.13)**	**$ (365,072.36)**	**$ (642,448.98)**		**$ 0.00**
	Total - All Funds Revenues & Expenditures						
	Revenues & Reserves	$ 4,904,958.48	$ 5,839,098.53	$ 5,575,666.01	$ 4,625,999.10	83.0%	$ 5,839,907.79
	Expenses	$ 4,288,756.03	$ 6,007,173.30	$ 5,575,666.01	$ 4,980,668.07	89.3%	$ 5,839,907.79
	Excess	**$ 616,202.45**	**$ (168,074.77)**	**$ (0.00)**	**$ (354,668.97)**		**$0.00**

School News

PTA EVENT PROVIDES FREE ITEMS TO LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE STUDENTS

The Logan-Rogersville PTA invites local students and families to step confidently into the new school year at Best Foot Forward, a free back-to-school event offering essential items and services to help students start the year strong.

Held on Friday, August 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., this event will be a one-stop resource for Logan-Rogersville students (PreK–12th grade) to receive:

- A free pair of shoes
- Free haircuts
- A variety of hygiene items (including deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and more)
- Access to the Wildcat Closet, featuring gently used clothing for all ages

Best Foot Forward is made possible through the generous support and collaboration of local businesses, churches, and organizations who have come together to support the success and well-being of LR students. Their commitment ensures every child has the opportunity to walk into the school year with confidence, comfort, and dignity.

"We are so proud of how our community continues to come together to care for students," said a PTA President Alice Hachtel. "This is about more than just supplies—it's about support, encouragement, and starting the year on the right foot."

No registration is required. All Logan-Rogersville students and their families are welcome to attend.

Event Details:

Location: Upper Elementary FEMA Gym

Date: Friday, August 2, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

For more information, contact LR PTA at logrogpta@gmail.com.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM PLACES 4TH AT STATE

LR Girls Soccer wrapped up an incredible season with a 4th place finish in Class 2 at the MSHSAA State Tournament. Great job, ladies! Congratulations on an outstanding year!

Photo & caption courtesy LR School District



HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASEBALL TEAM PLACES 2ND AT STATE

Logan-Rogersville boys baseball team hit it out of the park with a 2nd place finish at the MSHSAA Class 4 State Championship! Congratulations on a great season Wildcats!

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WILDCATS ON WHEELS (WOW) BUS DELIVERS READING FUN THIS SUMMER



The Wildcat on Wheels (WOW) book mobile is making its rounds in Rogersville again this summer. The book mobile started in 2017 with a school suburban and an idea from former Primary school librarian, Karen Rumker. Since then, the program has grown into a converted school bus that offers children in the community science activities, crafts, coloring, a snack, and a free book each week during June and July.

"We are so grateful to be able to continue to provide books for any and all students in our community. This program gets larger and larger each year," said Samantha Powell, the current Summer Reading Program Coordinator.

The book mobile is open to all children in the community with books and activities geared toward pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade students. The book mobile is operated by the Logan-Rogersville School District and is used by the district's gifted education department and the summer library.

The book mobile is able to operate every Thursday from 4pm to 6pm at three different locations in Rogersville due to the support of the district and local businesses.

"We appreciate our district and sponsors for continuing to support getting books into the hands of our students and promoting a love of reading," said Powell.

WOW bus business sponsors include: Lucy's, Fordland Clinic, The Seymour Bank, Southern Bank, Worsham Law Firm, K-Rog, Craig Automotive, Crescent Feed, Citizens Bank of Rogersville, A&B Well & Pump Service, Drain Doctor, O.M.S., and The Furologist.

WOW book mobile summer schedule:

- **Open every Thursday in July**
- **4-4:20pm Primary School**
- **4:30-4:50pm Upper Elementary**
- **5-6pm Rogersville City Park**

SUMMER FUN AT SUMMER SCHOOL

School is officially out for the summer as summer school concluded for all grade levels by the end of June. Thanks to Missouri Statute, RSMo 167.227, summer school at Logan-Rogersville School District was open to all children entering Kindergarten through 12th grade whether or not they normally attended school through the district.

While summer school was about learning, it was about having fun too. At the elementary school, Alicia Pope coordinated the summer school activities. "Camp LR was an unforgettable adventure for nearly 500 K–6 students this summer! Over five exciting weeks, students dove into hands-on learning, explored on field trips, met inspiring guest speakers, and built skills in reading and math. From fishing at Freedom Park and tie-dyeing shirts to water day fun, sno-cones, and performing reader's theater—our campers made memories that will last a lifetime," said Pope.

At the Middle School, the theme was *Creative Explorations: A Journey Through Science, Art, and Culture*. Students had opportunities to learn through hands-on art, science, and shop projects, as well as field trips. Middle School students visited the Missouri Institute of Natural Science and the City of Springfield Environmental Services during their four-week summer school program.

At the High School, students earned credits in subjects like Beginning Piano, 3D Design & Fabrication, and many more. High School students could also earn credits online in courses such as Creative Writing, Personal Finance, and more.

Total enrollment for summer school across all grade levels was 1,156 students. The elementary school had the highest number enrolled with 562 students taking part in Camp LR.

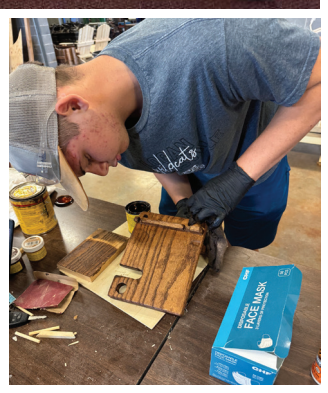
Summer school provided fun and learning for many students and even though it's over for this year, many are already looking forward to next year.

"We can't wait to welcome everyone back next summer for another amazing season of Camp LR!" said Pope.



In photos: Students of all ages experienced fun and hands-on learning during summer school in the Logan-Rogersville School District.

Photos courtesy LR School District





NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

Operation Summer Tech Refresh is underway! At the end of June, the tech department began processing 760 new Chromebooks for grades 2-4 and 9, along with new devices for Elementary School staff and the High School iMac lab. Big thanks to this awesome crew for making it all happen!

Photos and caption courtesy LR School District



Above photo: Staff works to unpack and set up new technology for students and teachers. *Photo courtesy LR School District*

CAMP READING EVERY TUESDAY IN JULY



Camp Reading is open for another summer of fun at the Logan-Rogersville Primary School FEMA building.

Every Tuesday in July from 4pm–6pm students can stop in to read with a teacher, do arts and crafts, and receive a free book. Activities change each week, with the goal of Camp Reading being to keep kids reading all summer long.

Camp Reading is open to all children in the community with books and activities geared toward children ages pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade.

No need to sign up, just stop by Tuesday night for an evening of fun and free books.

Camp Reading summer schedule:

- **Open every Tuesday in July**
- **4pm - 6pm**
- **Primary School FEMA: 512 S. Sentry Drive, Rogersville, MO**

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BARN HEART: THE DIRT ON LIFE BY EMMA ALEXANDER



The Cows Got Out – A Memoir

The incident began on Tuesday. The cows' two day absence made the Tiny Farmers suspicious. Our borrowed bovines were spotted on the wrong side of the fence. An offensive move was made and in a flash, eleven cattle vanished into acres of brambles and logging leftovers.

For hours the entire family searched for a trail, desperately looking for any barrier fence line. My noble administrative blue heeler and I were nearly lost on foot as the sun began to set. We didn't know which of the bordering counties the cattle had fled to.

I reported the incident the next morning. "You should be aware that I am uncertain of the exact location of your beef calves at this time." No strangers to calamity and distress, my brother and my Big Farmer schemed and strategized all week how to find and corral cattle unleashed on hundreds of unfenced acres we didn't own.

A neighbor called to report them on the eastern roadside on Wednesday. A western neighbor confirmed them standing in the field out his front door. My Big Farmer studied their patterns as he stalks the white tailed buck in the fall. A hot trail of evidence proved they were circling the boundaries, desperately trying to get back to the feed bunk.

Never before had we wished so badly that our cows would get out into the road where we could see them. Finally, that's what the neighbor called to share on Friday. Wearing inappropriate footwear, I jumped in the cart, hoping to persuade the black beasts to please come home. I peaked the hill, they peeked back, and hope sprung up in the eyes….of only 6 calves. Chaos followed as the animals careened toward the original hole in the fence, chased by a few colorful adjectives. Only the Lord's providence returned all 11 to the feed bunk ten minutes later where we incarcerated them for a week, much to their confusion. 'CowsOut' week was supposed to be our only week of "rest" amongst a squall of spring activities. And now it was over, with much of our time well wasted.

What was the value of this agricultural adventure? Farmers choose to believe that the good, the crazy, and the terrible things that occur on farms must have meaningful significance to maintain their sanity. The value was not the added stress to my teenage farmer. I don't believe it was the multiple nights that we all went hangry as we searched. Maybe it was the extra exercise, or the extra showers to check for ticks. Maybe it was so we could appreciate our observant neighbors (sometimes mislabeled 'nosy neighbors'). Maybe I uplifted a friend as I hastily said, "Sorry, the cows are out." As I rushed away I heard her mutter, "Been there, done that."

Everyone has days and weeks without warning when they feel like their 'cows are out'. If you haven't, you are lying, or you should be suspicious. We don't learn or grow if everything goes our way, all the way. Just like our cows were trying to come home, the universe will rebalance to rights. Sometimes we have to be patient to understand what right is actually supposed to be. And other times, we may just need a friend to let us know, "Hey, your cows are out, and you might want to tuck those back in."

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



Planning for Preservation

When planning a garden, many people think of what foods they love to eat fresh. With just a little bit of planning, you can grow a little extra and enjoy the fruits (and vegetables) of your labor all year round by preserving your food! In today's modern world, we have so many options when it comes to preserving food that it may seem overwhelming, so we are going to break down a few methods for you so that you can decide what is best for you and your produce.

Food preservation was a way of life for centuries before modern grocery stores and refrigeration became mainstream. Even when it isn't strictly 'necessary' (after all, we can always go to the grocery store, right?) preserving food allows us to store excess produce and reduce food waste throughout the year. Different preservation techniques are suited to different types of food, with each method maintaining quality and nutrients in distinct ways. Among the most common food preservation methods are freezing, drying or dehydration, pressure canning, water bath canning, salting, freeze-drying, and fermenting. Each method works differently, depending on the nature of the crop being preserved, and some methods are better suited to specific foods than others.

Freezing is one of the most popular and convenient preservation techniques in our modern world. It works by slowing down the enzyme activity in food, which would otherwise lead to spoilage. Vegetables like peas, corn, and spinach, as well as fruits such as berries and peaches, freeze well because???.

Drying/Dehydration removes the moisture from food, which inhibits the growth of bacteria and mold. This method is ideal for fruits like apples, apricots, and grapes, as well as herbs, tomatoes, and mushrooms. Dehydrated foods retain much of their nutritional value and are lightweight, making them ideal for long-term storage and travel.

Pressure Canning uses high heat and pressure to preserve food in jars, typically vegetables, meats, poultry, and low-acid fruits. This method is vital for preserving foods that are not acidic enough to be safely processed with water bath canning. Pressure canning allows for the safe shelf stable preservation of foods like green beans and carrots.

Water Bath Canning involves submerging jars of food in boiling water to create a vacuum seal. It is best suited for high-acid foods like tomatoes, berries, pickles, and jams. This method is popular for preserving fruits, sauces and salsa.

Salting is one of the oldest preservation techniques, drawing moisture from foods and creating an inhospitable environment for bacteria. Meats, especially fish, are traditionally salted, as are some vegetables like cabbage for making sauerkraut. Salted foods can be stored for extended periods, often requiring later rinsing to remove excess salt.

Freeze Drying involves freezing food and then removing the moisture in a vacuum. This method is excellent for fruits like strawberries, apples, and bananas, as well as vegetables like peas and corn. Freeze-dried foods maintain a long shelf life and retain most of their original nutrients, flavor, and texture. While this method requires an appliance that can be rather expensive, it opens up a whole new world of possibilities.

Fermenting utilizes beneficial bacteria or yeast to preserve food and can also enhance its flavor. This method is ideal for cabbage (to make sauerkraut), cucumbers (for pickles), and dairy products like yogurt. Fermented foods are rich in probiotics, offering health benefits beyond preservation.

Each preservation method has its strengths and works best with specific types of crops, ensuring that the flavors, nutrients, and textures of foods are preserved for future use.

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

LAWN & TREE TIPS BY WILLOW GREEN ACRES

The "Climate Whiplash" is here

It is amazing how suddenly Mother Nature can turn off the faucet. It seems like it is happening more and more – an unending deluge followed by sudden drought. There is a phrase for it: "climate whiplash." The sudden transition from wet weather to dry weather. And this whiplash can have a detrimental impact on many things especially on your outdoor plantings. And it is here!

We all need to hydrate this time of year and your plants are no different. As the temperature rises, plants release more water vapor into the air. Yes, your plants are partly responsible for all that wonderful humidity! It is similar to how we sweat to cool down. To compensate, we need more water and so do our plants. We need to drink more and so do our plants – which of course drink through their roots. The soil that is suddenly drying up is the only source of water for your plants. Can you hear your plants' little screams? "Help me!" "Help me!" "Help me!"

Here's a few tips for watering you plants in the summer heat:

• Water Deeply. Trees and shrubs don't necessarily need water on a daily basis. What they need is watered heavily. Tree and shrub roots are typically 6 inches or deeper in the soil. Water has to soak down to those roots to be beneficial. I often talk to clients who say they have an irrigation system so they don't need to water. Not so fast my friend! Lawn irrigation systems are for just that – lawns. Your trees and shrubs (especially newly planted ones) need slow trickle watering.

• Water Early Morning or Late Evening: Watering during the cooler parts of the day minimizes water loss due to evaporation. Not to mention it is easier on the water-er!

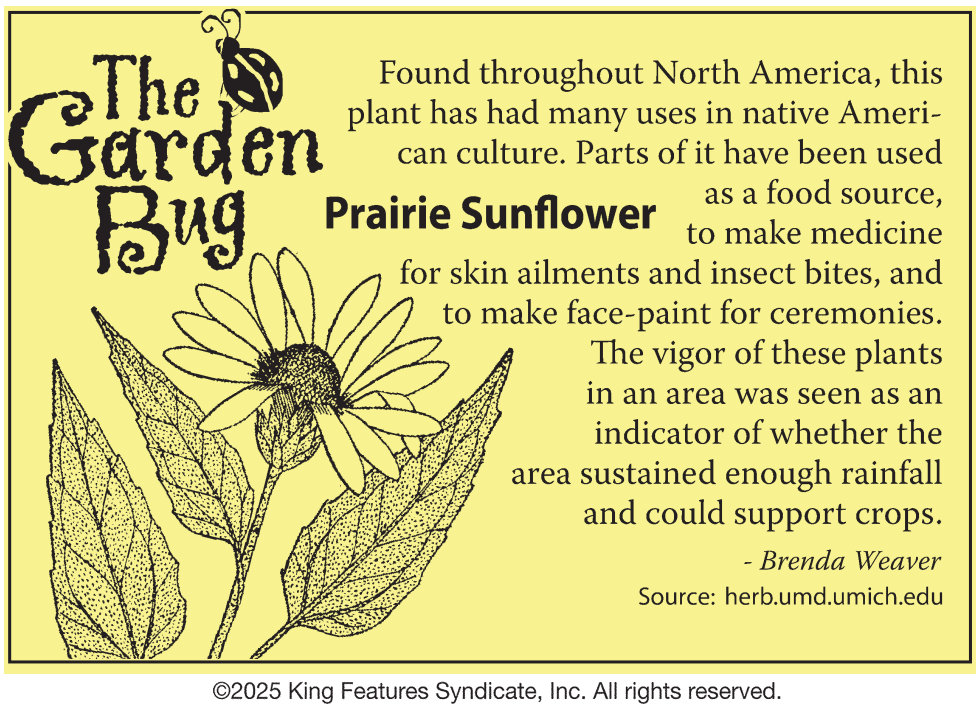
• Check Soil Moisture: Don't just water on a schedule. Use a large stake or screwdriver and shove it into the ground near your plant. If it goes in easy you are good. If it is difficult, you either need to water or... you live in Southwest Missouri!

• Mulch: A layer of mulch around plants helps retain soil moisture, regulate soil temperature, and suppress weeds.

• Consider Plant Needs: Different plants have different water requirements. Some are drought-tolerant, while others are very thirsty. It is really beneficial to know your plants and their specific needs. For example, we plant a bunch of different types of Arborvitae in our area. They are a great plant but they are NOT DROUGHT-TOLERANT! Even established plants will need water in drought conditions.

As we enter this time of "Climate Whiplash" remember that your trees, shrubs and flowers need a good deep "Splash!" Can you hear their little screams?!

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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Home & Health

WEBSTER COUNTY HEALTH UNIT RECENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Facility: Thyme to Loaf
Address: Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 5/29/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Plain bare wood shelves in several locations. Correct by next routine inspection.

Facility: Los Compadres
Address: Fordland, MO 65657
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 5/29/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Wiping cloths on countertops. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Uncovered food in freezer. Correct by next routine inspection.

Facility: Ritorno
Address: Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Pre-Opening
Date of Inspection: 5/30/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations: No core violations observed.
Permitted to operate in Webster County in 2025.

Facility: Subway
Address: Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 6/6/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations: No core violations observed.

Facility: Los Compadres
Address: Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 6/6/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations:
•Open beverage in kitchen on cooks' line. Correct by June 11, 2025.
•Shelled eggs stored above onions, avocados, cooked chicken in two coolers. Repeat issue. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Scoop stored in powdered sugar. Repeat issue. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Hood system soiled and dripping on the flattop cooking surface. Correct by next routine inspection.
•A knife stored between the cutting board and prep table is soiled. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Unlabeled spray bottle of chemical. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Tomatoes on the cooks' line are held at 46°F. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Beef held at 127°F. Correct by next routine inspection.
Core Violations:
•Bags of sugar stored on floor. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Towels on countertop throughout kitchen. Repeat issue. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Ceiling tile stained and missing above hood system. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Several pans of uncovered food in kitchen. Correct by next routine inspection.

Facility: Empire Coffee
Address: Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Routine
Date of Inspection: 6/6/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Towel hanging from Barista pocket. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Boxes stored on floor. Correct by next routine inspection.

Facility: Los Compadres
Address: Rogersville, MO 65742
Type of Inspection: Follow-up
Date of Inspection: 6/11/2025
Outcome: Pass
Priority Violations: No priority violations observed.
Core Violations:
•Ceiling tile stained and missing above hood system. Correct by next routine inspection.
•Hood system is soiled. Correct by next routine inspection.
Corrected from previous violations:
•Open beverage in kitchen on cooks' line.
•Shelled eggs stored above onions, avocados, cooked chicken in two coolers.
•Scoop stored in powdered sugar. Repeat issue.
•Hood system soiled and dripping on the flattop cooking surface.
•A knife stored between the cutting board and prep table is soiled.
•Unlabeled spray bottle of chemical.
•Tomatoes on the cooks' line are held at 46°F.
•Beef held at 127°F.
•Bags of sugar stored on floor.
•Towels on countertop throughout kitchen.
•Several pans of uncovered food in kitchen.

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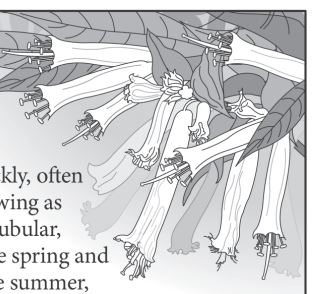
This Southern shrub matures quickly, often displaying several trunks and growing as wide as it gets tall – up to 9 feet. Tubular, orange-red blossoms appear in the spring and keep blooming into the heat of the summer, attracting hummingbirds. In the fall, small, blackish-purple fruit appear, which the birds love. Firecracker bushes drop their leaves when temps get chilly, but the roots are hardy to 20 degrees Fahrenheit. – *Brenda Weaver*
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DONNA ERICKSON'S BEST BITES



Make and Bake a Rustic Tart With Kids

Opportunities for families to experience life's simplest pleasures abound during the summer days. They take minimal planning and yield happy rewards. We enjoy impromptu evening bike rides, free concerts in the park, or a jaunt in the country to pick berries.

On the return home, I choose juicy nectarines, peaches and plums at a roadside stand — a perfect combination with berries for preparing a delicious rustic fruit tart. Also called a galette, it is free-form and goes together easily, and the best part is that kids can get actively involved. Tell them they can be the "King and Queen of Tarts" as you show them how to stir, knead and roll out the pliable dough. Actually, it's perfect play for "royalty" of all ages!

For a large family-style "Rustic Fruit Tart" to serve 6-8, you'll need:

DOUGH

— 1 1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour, plus 3-4 tablespoons for rolling out dough
— 1/2 teaspoon salt
— 10 tablespoons unsalted, cold butter cut into 1/2-inch chunks
— 3-4 tablespoons ice water

FILLING

— 1 cup berries (I like a combination of blueberries and raspberries or blackberries)
— 2 1/2 cups of peeled and thinly sliced fruit such as nectarines, peaches and plums
— 4-5 tablespoons sugar, plus 1 tablespoon for sprinkling
— 1 tablespoon flour
— 1 tablespoon lemon juice
— 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest (optional)
— Pinch of salt

Here's the fun: For dough, place flour and salt in a mixing bowl, and let kids stir together with clean fingers. Scatter butter chunks into flour mixture, and toss and rub between fingertips until butter is the size of peas. Use a pastry blender, if you prefer.

Drizzle ice water over mixture and work it with your hands until all the flour is moistened and the dough comes together. Knead a few times on a flour-covered surface, shape into a disk, and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 15-30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 400 F. Remove disk from refrigerator. If it is too hard to roll out, let stand in room temperature for 10 minutes. On a floured surface, roll out dough into a 12- to 14-inch circle. Transfer to a parchment-lined rimmed cookie sheet and chill about 15 minutes.



Toss together the fruit, sugar, flour, lemon juice, zest and salt. Remove dough from refrigerator. Mound fruit filling in the center of the dough, leaving a 2-inch border.

Fold border edge up and over fruit mixture in slightly overlapping pleats to form the sides of the tart, but leave the fruit center open 4-5 inches. Remember, it's rustic, so it doesn't need to look perfect! Brush dough with a little water, sprinkle with sugar, and bake 50-55 minutes (or until golden brown).

Cool on rack, slide onto a serving plate, slice, and enjoy with vanilla ice cream!

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Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at www.donnaerickson.com.

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BBB: TRAINING YOUR EMPLOYEES TO SPOT SCAMS

For a small business owner, well-trained employees are a key defense against scams. Your business is less likely to lose money or information to scammers if everyone knows how to spot scams before they even happen.

If your employees can recognize social engineering and business email compromise attacks, spot phishing emails, identify fake websites, and use safe passwords, they are well-equipped to keep your business safe.

How can you train your employees to recognize a scam?

•***Build awareness.*** Make sure your employees understand that scams are a big deal. Discuss the potential impact of scams and how they work. Help them understand what falling for a scam could cost your business.

•***Share common red flags.*** Train employees to recognize common signs of a scam. These can include:

◊ Emails, texts, or phone calls that use urgent or threatening language
◊ Unexpected requests for wire transfers, gift cards or sensitive information
◊ Invoices for products or services that were never ordered
◊ Suspicious links or attachments in emails, especially from unknown senders or unusual sources

•***Create a scam training program.*** Build a training program that fits your business' needs. Consider what scams your business is at high risk for and teach employees to recognize them. Give your staff plenty of real-life examples. Keep your training concise, interactive and user-friendly. Offer physical handouts employees can reference later. Set up a training schedule, stick to it, and ensure new employees receive training during onboarding.

•***Outsource to a trusted company.*** Many small business owners use third-party fraud training companies with pre-made videos, materials and quizzes. If you outsource, make sure you work with a reputable, trusted company. Check business ratings at BBB.org to ensure other business owners have found the materials helpful and the customer service satisfactory.

•***Encourage staff to speak up.*** Scammers often target multiple employees at a company, so if one person sounds the alarm, it could stop the scam in its tracks. Train employees to slow down, think twice, and use known contact information to verify changes, payments, and other transactions. This is especially helpful for avoiding Business Email Compromise (BEC) scams.

•***Boost security procedures where necessary.*** Consider adding extra checks and balances for paying invoices or approving expenses over a certain dollar amount. That way, you'll have more than one set of eyes on important or unusual transactions, which decreases the likelihood of getting scammed.

•***Make it easy for staff to report scams.*** Acknowledging that everyone makes mistakes can make your employees feel more comfortable reporting a scam. Consider rewarding your employees for reporting scams instead of punishing them, even if they fell for it.

•***Set a good example.*** Always implement the advice you give your employees. For example, if you forbid emailing sensitive information such as passwords, don't request those details from your staff by email.

•***Repeat training regularly.*** Revisiting scam training annually at the very least will keep scam prevention at the top of everyone's mind, helping your business stay safe and secure.

•***Stay up to date.*** Read about trending scams at BBB.org or BBB.org/ScamTracker to stay informed about what scammers are up to. If you learn about a scam that could affect your business, share that knowledge with your employees.

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The Courageous Church South
4900 S Farm Rd 189, Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 9:30 & 11am

Victory Life Church
303 W. Center St, Rogersville
Worship Sundays @ 10:30am

Zion Lutheran Church
NN Highway, Diggins
Worship Sundays @ 10:30am

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.***

CLASS OF 1955 HOLDS 70TH REUNION



The Rogersville Class of 1955 had their 70th class reunion at Turners Station Mercantile. While attendees enjoyed lunch prepared by Turners Station Deli, they spent time reminiscing and looking through photos and memorabilia of their class and of things related to the happenings in Rogersville throughout the years.

Decorations were in the traditional maroon and white colors embraced by all former Rogersville Wildcats.

A drawing was held and the winner took home a Rogersville mug filled with nostalgic 1950's era candy from Candace's Counter Toys & Candy

Submitted by Betty Ghormley

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

MATTHEW 6:34



Self-Portrait With Hand On Brow
by Kathe Kollwiz (1910)

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 37:19-20a

In **times** of **disaster** they **will not wither**; in **days** of **famine they** will **enjoy plenty**. **But** the **wicked** will **perish**:

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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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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

The peace of avoiding the daily news

One month ago I wrote here about having avoided the television news for seven days. During that time, I didn't have the stress from constant bombardment and media hysteria about all the problems and chronic chaos in the world. I felt better for it, both physically and mentally, but I knew I couldn't keep it up forever.

At some point I figured I would have to rejoin the aware population and get up-to-date on what was going on.

Except I haven't done that yet. Here at the one-month mark I'm still not watching the news.

That one hour block of time that used to be spent in front of the television getting "educated" about what was going on in the world has been used for other things.

Here are a few things I accomplished:

I shopped for, purchased and planted colorful flowers for the porch.

A few times each week I feed and play with a neighbor's cat while the neighbor works extra hours. This saves him the cost of a pet sitter and gives me a nice break with a sweet kitty.

I restarted my free online language lessons and have made considerable progress.

That's not to say I have no clue about what's been going on in the world. I set my phone to silently send me a few short alerts on selected topics. I can scan those at my leisure and not even click the link to read the articles. Five seconds of looking at the alert summaries tells me all I need to know. With one finger tap, they're gone, deleted.

If you want to take a news break, give it a few days or a week to try out. Don't be surprised if you stick with it for much longer. It can be rather peaceful.

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Americanisms



"It is better to be a young June bug than an old bird of paradise."
— *Mark Twain*

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Americanisms



"We need an America with the wisdom of experience. But we must not let America grow old in spirit."
— *Hubert H. Humphrey*

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the Book of Jonah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Genesis 15, who was told to "look now toward Heaven and tell the stars"? *Noah, Adam, Abram, Moses*
3. Who succeeded Belshazzar as King of the Chaldeans? *David, Darius, Daniel, Saul*
4. Who sold his brother, Joseph, to a camel caravan? *Cain, Judah, Silas, Joshua*
5. Where did Jacob and his family settle in Egypt? *Goshen, Damascus, Bethlehem, Beersheba*
6. What was the name of Naomi's husband? *Ephriam, Elijah, Elimelech, Elisha*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Abram, 3) Darius, 4) Judah (with his brothers), 5) Goshen, 6) Elimelech

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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ROGERSVILLE SENIOR CENTER MONTHLY MENU

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Meals Served Mon-Friday 11:30-12:15 60 Plus Suggested $4.00 59 and under Pay $8.00	1 BEEF PEPPER STEAK MASHED POTATO GRAVY CALI VEGGIES FRENCH BREAD CHOC COOKIE	2 ORANGE CHICKEN FRIED RICE STIR FRY VEGGIE FORTUNE COOKIE JELLO W/FRUIT BROWNIE	3 GLAZED HAM AUGRATIN POTATO STEAMED BROCCOLI WHEAT ROLL CHERRY COBB	4—Independence Day (CLOSED)
7 BBQ MEATBALLS BAKED BEANS GARDEN SALAD GARLIC TOAST ICE CREAM BAR	8 CHICKEN SALAD POTATO CHIPS JELLO W/CARROT SALAD BREAD SLICE NO BAKE COOKIE	9 BAKED SPAGHETTI GARDEN SALAD BREADSTICK BANANA PUDDING CUP	10 TACO SALAD REFRIED BEANS PICO DE GALLO TORTILLA CHIPS SNICKERDOODLE	11 BREADED FISH HASH BROWN CASSEROLE COLESLAW TOMATO/CUCUM SALAD BREAD /ICECREAM
14 BREADED CHICK FINGERS MASHED POTATO GRAVY COLESLAW BISCUIT PEACH COBBLER	15 PORK ROAST STUFFING VEGGIE BLEND BREADSTICK SPICE CAKE	16 BANK DAY COUNTRY FRIED STEAK/GRAVY SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE VEGGIE BLEND BREAD SLICE LAYER CAKE	17 MEATLOAF MASHED POTATOES GRAVY GREEN BEANS ROLL JELLO W/FRUIT	18 BREADED FISH BAKED POTATO W/FIXINS GARDEN SALAD ROLL CHEESECAKE
21 SAUSAGE-EGG CASSEROLE ROASTED VEGGIE W/POTATO FRUIT SALAD	22 FRITO CHILI PIE GARDEN SALAD COTTAGE CHEESE SALAD W/FRUIT POKE CAKE	23 OVEN FRIED CHICKEN MASHED POTATO GRAVY VEGGIE BLEND PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE	24 SMOTHERED PORK CHOP GRAVY VEGGIE BLEND BISCUIT NO BAKE COOKIE	25 COOK OUT HAMBURGER & HOT DOGS BAKED BEANS COLESLAW RICE KRISPY TREAT
28 SHEPHERDS PIE W/PEAS CARROT GREEN SALAD ROLL BREAD PUDDING	29 PULLED PORK ON BUN SAVORY POTATO BROCCOLI SALAD STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE	30 OPEN FACED TURKEY VEGGIE BLEND GARDEN SALAD BREAD MOLASSES COOKIE	31 HAM AND BEANS SPINACH STEWED TOMATO CORNBREAD CHOCOLATE SWIRL BD CAKE	

Even Exchange

answers

1. Starch, Search
2. Pulse, Purse
3. Ditch, Dutch
4. Wander, Wonder
5. Liner, Linen
6. Notice, Novice
7. Fumble, Mumble
8. Globe, Glove
9. Devour, Devout
10. Picket, Pocket

Micro Crossword

Answer

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Differences: 1. Desk is wider. 2. Nose is smaller. 3. Blinds are higher. 4. Pocket is moved. 5. File cabinet is taller. 6. Desk lamp is different.

JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumble

Jumbles: FIGHT FINCH CELERY ABSORB

Answers: The business bird found the perfect location in the tree for her -- BRANCH OFFICE

Kid's Jumble

Jumbles: DAY SHED FACT DATE

Answers: They put up more billboards to -- ADD ADS

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Word Spiral

Answer

ILLEGALLY

CryptoQuip

answer

If a rooster is annoyingly noisy whether walking forward or backward, it crows both ways.

SNOWFLAKES

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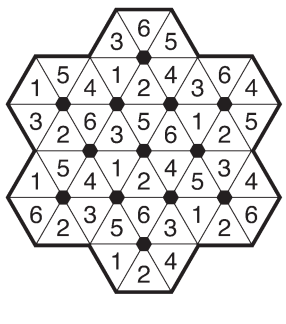

Boggle Answers

BED DESK SOFA
CHAIR TABLE
DRESSER RECLINER

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Answers

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UPDATE FROM MIGHTY EAGLES 4H CLUB BY ZACHARY BERNING

The Mighty Eagles 4H Club enjoyed the thrills of summer during June, from attending various camps & county fairs to selling at local farmers markets.

At camp, members met individuals of other clubs and learned various skills in the form of engaging activities. They are preparing displays demonstrating what they've learned in their respective projects to submit to the county fair.

One member, Lucas, has been appointed to the position of a Civic Engagement Ambassador. In his position, he will promote civic involvement and leadership and service through 4H. At local farmers markets, club members get a feel for the responsibility of buying & selling as well as the fundamentals of managing a business.



Right photo: Mighty Eagles 4H Members at local farmers' market.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN ROGERSVILLE BY BAILEY TENNIS

The Rogersville Chamber of Commerce, along with the City of Rogersville and Market in the Park, want to thank everyone who came out to the annual Independence Day Celebration on June 28th. It was a fantastic day filled with fun, sunshine, a little rain and patriotic spirit.

A huge thank-you goes out to all the vendors and food trucks who helped make the day even better. From delicious treats to creative crafts, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

One of the highlights of the day was announcing the winners of this year's Mr. and Miss Firecracker and Mr. and Miss USA drawings. Congratulations to Luca Tennis and Jordan Walker for being crowned Mr. and Miss Firecracker, and to Asher Kincannon and Everleigh Davisson, our Mr. and Miss USA winners!

Right photo: Everleigh Davisson won Miss USA.

Below photos (left to right): Jordan Walker was crowned Miss Firecracker; Asher Kincannon was crowned Mr. USA. *Photo credit: Mountain Pine Studios*

The parade was a blast as always, with lots of red, white, and blue on display. The award for Most Patriotic Float went to Jordan Walker and her eye-catching pink Jeep.

The watermelon eating contest was also a big hit—crowds gathered to cheer on the contestants as they battled it out for bragging rights and sticky smiles.

We also want to thank everyone who donated to the 50/50 drawing. Your support helps fund the Chamber's annual scholarships, which are awarded to two local teens each year.

A special thank-you to Mountain Pine Studios for capturing all the fun and memories throughout the day!

We had a great time celebrating with everyone and are already looking forward to next year!







JORDAN WALKER WINS MOST PATRIOTIC FLOAT

The Independence Day Parade was a joyful display of red, white, and blue as community members and businesses came together to celebrate the USA. People gathered along the parade route to wave to participants and catch candy, bracelets, glow sticks, and more! All the floats showed exceptional patriotism, but Jordan Walker was named the Most Patriotic Float by the Rogersville Chamber of Commerce. Decked out in red, white, and blue garland, the little girl in the little pink Jeep was a highlight of the parade.





Above photos: Jordan Walker holds her award for Most Patriotic Float; Also pictured in her prize-winning float. *Photo credit: Mountain Pine Studios*



Above and below photos: There were many fun and festive floats in the Independence Day parade. *Photo credit: The Rogersville Record*

