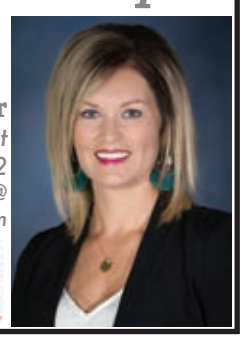


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Judge Jacob Dawson gets sworn in

By Melanie Chance

Several families, friends, and community members gathered at the courthouse to watch the new Associate Circuit Judge Jacob Dawson's swearing-in.

Judge David Munton swore in Judge Dawson.

The oath ceremony was held at the historic Cedar County Courthouse on Thursday, December 29.

The Ceremony, which only lasted a few minutes, was open to the public.



PHOTO BY MELANIE CHANCE

El Dorado Springs Mayor Cory Gayman gives a front-row view from his perspective

The Cedar County Republican reached out to El Dorado Springs Mayor Cory Gayman requesting a 'year in review' from his perspective.

"Closing out a year and moving to the next is an excellent time for Reflection, Assessment, and forward Vision. As the Mayor of El Dorado Springs, I am fortunate to have a front-row seat to the happenings in the city. During 2022 we experienced many blessings and persevered through some challenging times with our neighbors and friends. We moved on from the worst effects of the pandemic that plagued our citizens since 2020. While we still hear about a new case every so often, our medical industry, businesses, and citizens have adjusted to remain safe and move on with daily life. Alongside our local businesses, the city dealt with supply chain problems and labor issues every week. We are lucky to have diligent and resourceful department leaders and staff that always get the total value from their supplies and equipment. This year we celebrated the 141st Founders Day Picnic in July as one of the hottest anyone can remember, with temperatures around 100 degrees each day. That didn't deter the crowds as we had almost record numbers each night to celebrate our city. The fall festival season was like no other this year. From Historical Histeria Days to the Spooktacular, Chili Cookoff to the Christmas Parade and many other charitable community events and our weekly City Band, you could find something to enjoy in El Dorado Springs almost every weekend. Right before Christmas, we experienced some of the coldest temperatures with a dangerous wind chill. City Manager Bruce Rogers began a telephone campaign to create a warming center. Chad Daniel of The Hope Center stepped up immediately to lead a joint effort with the city and other volunteers to provide a safe daytime and overnight solution.

With the year wrapped up and heading into 2023, a few projects are still in progress. During the year, the city began conversing with the citizens about a significant pool renovation. The pool is over 70 years old and plagued with leaking and aging problems. After positive community feedback, discussions with pool engineers, and budgetary considerations, the City Council may put it on the April ballot for voters to decide. Also, on the April

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Stockton Stroke Support to meet

From the Cedar County Newsroom

The Stockton Stroke Support Group will meet on monday, january 9, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Korth senior center.

This support group is open to all who have suffered a stroke or are similiarly disabiled, their families and caretakers. Anyone just wanting to learn more about a stroke and recovery are also invited to attend.

The purpose of this group is to enable survivors and their families to help themselves by sharing experiences, advice, and support, share fellowship with others in the group, and encourage socialization with new and old friends.

If you have questions, please call gary or carole maugh at 417-955-2197

Over 50 take part in STIC First Day Hike

"Nature your soul"

By Alana Hindman

Over fifty people started their New Year participating in the annual First Day Hike, an event sponsored by the Stockton Trails Initiative Coalition or STIC. The hike took place Sunday afternoon below the dam at The Old Mill Nature Trail, which is also known to some locals as Aubree's Trail.

Cedar County residents and those nearby have been showing up to this event for over five years, and the turnout is always different depending on weather. "The second year, I think, it was over 60 degrees and we had about 140 people. Other years, depending on the weather, we average 25ish," informed Kim Schmid, contact person for the hike and chairman for STIC.

Schmid's involvement helps her "carry on tradition," she said. She and her daughter, Aubree, always enjoyed the outdoors together. Aubree was a Wildlife Conservationist Major at MSU and a Naturalist with the State Park. She passed away in March of 2016, and it's in her honor that the Old Mill Trail is maintained.

Dana Whitesell Martin likes starting out the first day of the new year in the fresh air. There have been times when she has "walked a problem out," and she believes that spending time in nature "helps make life bearable."

One of the most important reasons she participates in the First Day Hike is to support Kim Schmid. "...by sharing and encouraging others to utilize Stockton's nature trails we continue to honor Aubree's legacy." Other trail locations have been used for the hike during past years.



Over 50 people began their new year with a mile-long hike around what is referred to as by locals as Aubree's Trail. This is the fifth New Year hike in honor of Kim Schmid's daughter who died in 2016. She was a Naturalist with a state park and attending MSU as a wildlife conservation major. PHOTO BY KIM SCHMID

"One year we did the mile loop around the Crabtree Quarry and the trail

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Cedar County Circuit Clerk is sworn in

By Melanie Chance

Sarah Turner is sworn in by Judge Munton on December 29 in the Cedar County Courthouse. Turner is the Cedar County Circuit Clerk and was appointed on May 1, 2022 by the Governor when Melinda Gumm retired.



PHOTO BY MELANIE CHANCE

Congratulations and happy retirement

By Melanie Chance

Several community and family members gathered together in the Cedar County courthouse for the retirement of Judge Thomas Pyle. The retirement party took place on December 27. Circuit Clerk Sarah Turner presented Pyle with a plaque on behalf of his years serving as Judge. Pyle served 8 consecutive years as the Associate Circuit Judge.





PHOTOS BY MELANIE CHANCE

LEFT: Judge Munton and former Judge Phillips pose for the camera while wishing Judge Pyle a happy retirement.

Office Holders are sworn in at Cedar County Courhouse

By Melanie Chance

Peggy Kenney, Cedar County Treasurer; Melissa Heskett, Cedar County Recorder; and Kenneth Thornton, the new Cedar County Presiding Commissioner, were sworn in by Heather York, Cedar County Clerk, on December 30 at the Cedar County Courthouse.



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Marlon Collins enters into retirement

Marlon Collins pictured with his wife, Rita Collins.

A plastic cell phone was gifted to Collins by two associate commissioners.

Collins has never had a cell phone and always gave his home number for everyone to reach out to.

"Marlon will be greatly missed. We are losing a wealth of knowledge," said Heather York, the Cedar County Clerk

Collins served the community for over 22 years as a road and bridge employee, Deputy County Clerk, and for the past eight of those twenty-two years as Presiding Commissioner.



PHOTO BY HEATHER YORK

Cedar County Clerk is sworn in



PHOTO BY MELANIE CHANCE

By Melanie Chance

Heather York, Cedar County Clerk, was sworn in by Kendra Yokley, the Chief Deputy for the County Clerk, on December 30 at the Cedar County Courthouse.

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Q&A WITH the Chance Children



MELANIE CHANCE
GENERAL MANAGER,
CEDAR COUNTY REPUBLICAN

While it was time for another Q&A with Melanie Chance, she let her children take the reins. "I can only answer the same questions so many times; plus, I'm not that interesting. I think allowing my children to answer questions about me will be fun. My children see me in a light that no one else sees or will ever see. They are my world, and I, as well as everyone else, look forward to hearing their answers." - Melanie Chance.



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What makes you proud of your mom?
Spencer: She works hard for our family and seems to make time for each of us.
Simmona: She works really hard.
Salem: She is fun to play games with.
What does your mom do for work?
Spencer: She runs the CCR.
Simmona: She runs the Cedar County Republican.
Salem: She writes news stuff and writes about us.
What is your mom terrible at doing?
Spencer: Being sneaky, she is so bad at sneaking around. You always know when she is around.
Simmona: I don't know!
Salem: Dodging objects and playing video games.
If your mom was to become famous, what would it be for?
Spencer: TV personality or Tik Tok.
Simmona: Best-selling author.
Salem: TV person - actually, I have no clue.
Who's your moms' favorite kid?
Spencer: Salem.
Simmona: Spencer.
Salem: Me.
Can your mom sing?
Spencer: Like an opera queen.
Simmona: It depends on the song.
Salem: Yes.
Can your mom dance?
Spencer: Yes, she brings back moves from the '90s and puts a twist on them.
Simmona: Yes, she can bust a move.
Salem: No, she is an embarrassing and terrible dancer.
What is one piece of advice your mom gives you?
Spencer: "You are who your friends are!"
Simmona: "Love yourself, because there is a piece of everyone you love in you."
Salem: "You are a good kid."
Is your mom funny?
Spencer: Yes, she is pretty funny. She is the Michael Scott of the CCR.
Simmona: Yeah, she is funny.
Salem: She is the funniest person I have ever met.
Is your mom a strict mom, laid-back, overly protective mom?
Spencer: I don't know. She is laid back with me, but I'm the oldest.
Simmona: Depends on the situation.
Salem: She is overly protective. She is always worried about us.
Can your mom cook?
Spencer: Yeah, she is a great cook.
Simmona: Yeah, she is a pretty good cook.
Salem: Yes, but I don't eat it.
How does your mom take up for you against other people?
Spencer: If someone messes with us, she will go out of her way to "pop, lock and drop them."
Simmona: She will do whatever it takes to protect us.
Salem: She would beat up anyone for us.
If you could give your mom one piece of advice, what would it be?
Spencer: When you put everything in perspective, look at the big picture, and realize our time here is finite, you can choose what you focus on and decide if something is worth caring about.
Simmona: Quit worrying about what others think.
Salem: Melanie, Play more games with me.
From what you have heard and been told, was your mom a good child at your age?
In unison, they all said NO!
Spencer: No!!!! I have learned plenty of stories that make me look like an angel.
Simmona: NO!
Salem: NO!
Send your mom a message.
Spencer: Momma, we love you, and Happy New Year!
Simmona: We love you, momma!
Salem: Momma, you are the best momma in the world!

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ASSOCIATE COURT

ST V TANNER M CHARLES, WALKER Charge 1 DWI Charge 2 Exceeded posted speed by 1-5 mph Fine amount $300.00

ST V ASHLEY A EDMONDSON, STOCKTON operated Mtr Veh With Brakes Not in Good Working Order (2 sets Except Motorcycle) Fine amount $227.00

ST V CHARLES GRANT HANDLE, SHELDON ExceededPosted Speed Limit by 20-25 Fine amount $155.50

LVNV FUNDING LLC V BOBI MILLER, STOCKTON-Jgmt Transcribed Circuit Court

ST V LEE PINKMAN, SPRINGFIELD Exceeded Posted Speed Limit by 1-5 mph Fine amount $155.00

BREACH OF CONTRACT

WORLD ACCEPTANCE CORP OF MO V ANNETTE BURNS, STOCKTON Case Assigned To Judge

DISSOLUTION

CHARLES PERKINS V JENNIFER PERKINS Certificate of dissolution mailed to vital statistics

CRYSTAL L DEANS V DANA R DEANS Certificate of dissolution mailed to vital statistics

BRIDGETTE ANNE MCAFEE V MICHAEL ROBERT MCAFEE -MOTION TO MODIFY- Ordered to Modify

SMALL CLAIMS

TERRY L SHEPARD V JUSTIN ELLISON Evidence does not find Defendant is liable

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ST V MILLISA DUSHEL Case Assigned To Judge

ST V KARL LEE HORNING FILED IN ASSOCIATE CASE ON 6/3/2021. COPIED TO THIS CASE FOR REFERENCE

ST V ASHLEY A EDMONDSON Hearing canceled, Pled and paid in full

TRAFFIC REPORTS

ST V OLIVA JANE BRADSHAW Case assigned to Judge

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MERLIN DERRICK LAUB 57, HUMANSVILLE AND KRISTINA JOY SAGE 45, JEFFERSON CITY

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ELDORADO SPRINGS POLICE RECORD

December 26, 2022 through January 1, 2023

From Cedar County Republican Newsroom

The El Dorado Springs Police Department responded to 68 requests for assistance this past week. The requests were as follows:

Ambulance Assists

Animal Control

Assist Other Agencies

All Escorts

Nuisance

All Other Requests for Assistance: 52

Summons

NOTE: Anyone having information concerning any alleged crimes are encouraged to call the police department at 876-TIPS (8477).

ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES

The following animals are available for adoption from the City Kennel:

Anyone interested in adopting these animals should contact the Animal Control Officer at 876-2313.

Found Property is available for viewing, Monday through Saturday, by appointment only. A detailed description of the property you're wishing to view must be specified when making the appointment. Found Property is subject to disposal after 90 days based on value of the property if unclaimed by owner.

On December 26, 2022, officers responded to 312 West US 54 Highway for a report of an assault. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Rhett A. Lunsford, 27, of El Dorado Springs charging him with Assault. He was released on summons pending a court appearance.

On December 29, 2022, officers responded to 311 South Ohio concerning a report of an assault. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Joshua D. Carter, 44, of El Dorado Springs, charging him with Assault and Peace Disturbance. He was released on summons pending a court appearance.

On December 29, 2022, officers responded to 200 East US 54 Highway conceding a larceny at 401 North St. James Apartment D. The investigation revealed the theft of a yard light. A suspect has been identified and a report has been taken.

On December 29, 2022, officers responded to 121 West Spring concerning a person there with active warrants. Officers arrested Jonathan A. Halcon, 25, of El Dorado Springs on an active Cedar County Warrant for Failure to Appear with a bond of $250.00 cash only. He was transported to CCSO pending bond and a court appearance.

On December 29, 2022, officers responded to 400 block of West Industrial Drive for a report of a motor vehicle crash. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Parker Pride, 23, of El Dorado Springs, charging with Driving While Intoxicated and No Operators License. He was released on summons pending a court appearance.

On December 29, 2022, officers responded to 100 East US 54 Highway for a report of a larceny. The investigation revealed the theft of a pizza. A suspect has been identified and a report has been taken,

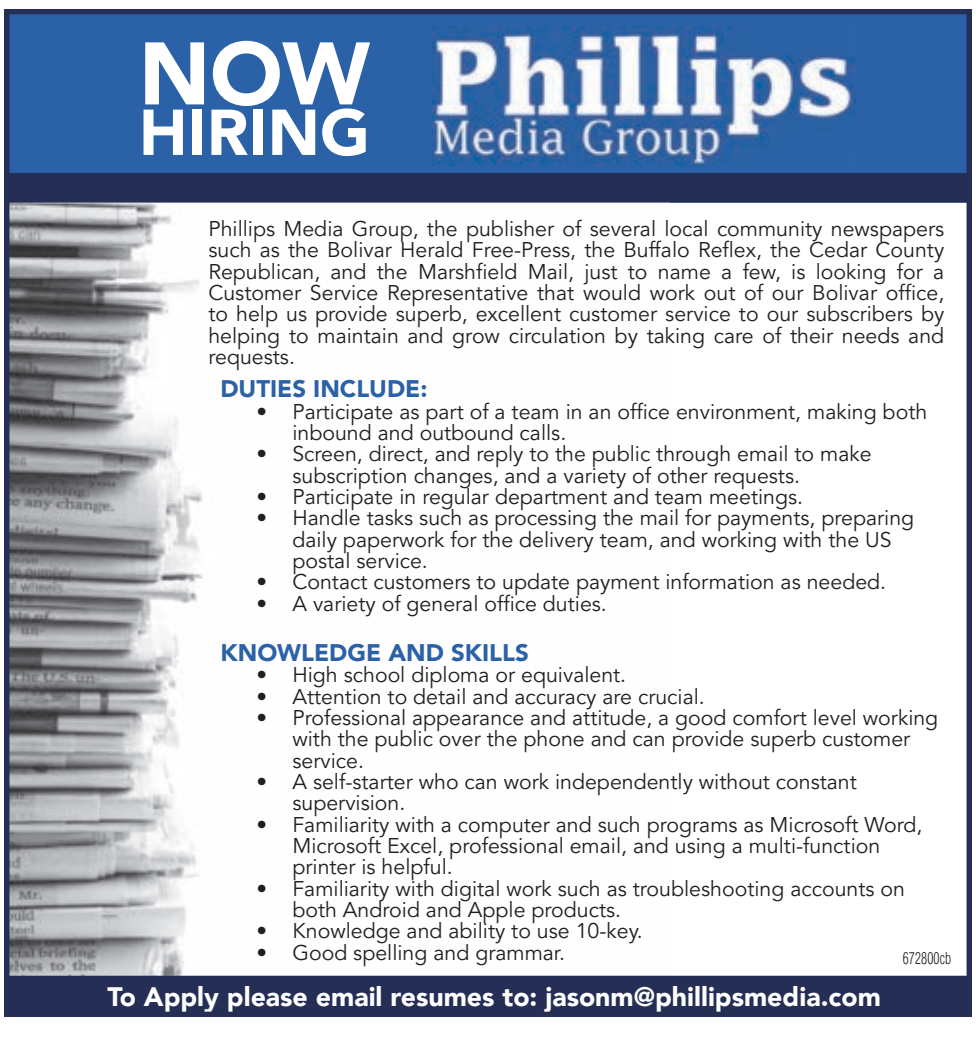
On December 30, 2022, officers arrested Mark Curtis, 58 of Walker, for an El Dorado Springs Municipal Warrant, charging with Failure to Appear with the original charge of Expired Plates. He was released on bond pending a court appearance.

On December 31, 2022 officers responded to 311 South Ohio Street in reference to a peace disturbance. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Joshua D. Carter, 44, of El Dorado Springs, charging him three counts of Violation of an Order of Protection. He was released on summons pending a court appearance

On January 1, 2023, officers arrested Korey Wegner, 36 of El Dorado Springs, for an active Cedar County Warrant and El Dorado Springs warrant. The Cedar County charged him with a Conservation Violation of Entering or Being on Department Area During Restricted Hours and had a $500.00 bond. The El Dorado Springs warrant charged him Failure to Appear with the original charge of Property Damage with a bond of $131.00. Wegner was transported to the Cedar County Jail pending a court appearance to posting of bond.







Simmons Bank helps support Women's Business Center

From the Cedar County Newsroom

EL DORADO SPRINGS, MO — Simmons Bank recently presented a check for $2,500 to the New Growth Women's Business Center in support of its work across its 15-county west central Missouri and southeastern Kansas service area. Rick Brown, Community President of Simmons Bank in Stockton, presented the check along with Heather Kenney, Assistant Financial Center Manager.



The New Growth Women's Business Center provides rural men and women with business counseling, assistance with writing business plans, credit building counseling and assistance, help with access to capital, and connection to resources for help with exporting, patents, finding suitable commercial real estate, and other individualized services. It is operated by community development corporation New Growth, an affiliate of West Central Missouri Community Action Agency.

New Growth's Chief Community Wealth Building Officer Sheridan Garman-Neeman said, "This money goes to support operations of the WBC so that business counselors can continue to help entrepreneurs grow and find the resources they need to thrive."

West Central CEO Chris Thompson commented, "We really appreciate Simmons Bank's support for the Women's Business Center as one of the few rural and remote designated businesses centers in the US. We want to continue to grow our offerings for rural entrepreneurs and value the partnership in this instance and hopefully others to ensure we have new, innovative and bankable businesses for our communities."

The New Growth Women's Business Center has served more than 323 rural entrepreneurs since it began operation in 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is a new and needed resource for aspiring and existing entrepreneurs, both male and female, in underserved rural communities.

The New Growth Women's Business Center service area includes west central Missouri counties Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Dade, Dallas, Henry, Hickory, Morgan, Polk, St. Clair, and Vernon and southeastern Kansas counties Bourbon and Crawford.

CONTACT: For more information about the New Growth Women's Business Center or to set up an appointment, contact the New Growth Women's Business Center at 417-282-5936 or <wbcinfo@wcmcaa.org>.

West Central Missouri Community Action Agency is dedicated to empowering people to make a positive change by coordinating and administering resources. Programs include housing, emergency services, energy conservation, employment and training, and credit building. West Central's service region includes the counties of Cass, Bates, Benton, Cedar, Henry, Hickory, Morgan, St. Clair, and Vernon. Learn more at https://wcmcaa.org/.

New Growth New Growth is a rural community development corporation based in west central Missouri, and growing to serve rural Missouri and Kansas. New Growth's mission is to build local ownership and lasting livelihoods from deep rural roots. Programs include the 15-county New Growth Women's Business Center, New Growth Capital microfinancing, and the START HERE Business Acceleration Network. Learn more: https://www.newgrowthmo.org/.

Tacos and a puppy, anyone?

By Izzy Hindman
Stockton High School

I was called here for roll call, but it seems nobody else showed up. How can I even be sure they are still here and haven't been adopted?

Introductions? Never done that, but I'll tell you about me if that makes you feel better. My siblings and I are tiny pit bull puppies, though don't ever call Churro tiny. She doesn't like it.

We were just born recently so we are really energetic and sweet. Personally, I think we are great with other dogs, cats and children.

Whenever you come to adopt us, tell the worker that Burrito deserves an extra treat. I worked hard doing the introductions for all of my siblings. I am Burrito, and then there are Margarita, Churro and Dulce. In return, I'll give you a few kisses.

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Tacos anyone?



Burrito is one of four pit bull puppies available at the Polk County Humane Society. Give them a call to see them all. 417-777-3647. PHOTO BY IZZY HINDMAN

MAYOR

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ballot, there will be three open City Council positions for which we have six excellent candidates. As always, I encourage everyone to vote.

Along with voting, please participate in community events, City Council meetings, and committees. There are many ways to be involved in the success of our city and its long-term goals. Some committees are even open to community members that live outside city limits. City Council meets twice each month on the first and third Mondays at 5:30 pm at City Hall. City residents and area community members are welcome to attend and speak at public forums.

El Dorado Springs is full of people who value hard work, independence, and generosity. We all thrive when our neighbors succeed. Here's to a New Year full of Optimism, Community, and Prosperity!"

— Cory Gayman

HIKE

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on top of the dam, Cedar Gap, and let people choose which one they wanted to try," recalled Schmid who said the goal is to "introduce the community to our trails and get them out in nature!"

Kim Chism Jasper, an area local, said, "The hike is a great way to start the new year, getting outdoors in the fresh air… One of my goals for 2023 is to hike a trail at least once a month. This hike is the perfect start."

Another Stockton resident, Ashley Burres, loves the trails around the lake. "Spending time on the trails is good for my body and soul—so it feels like a great way to start the new year!

Lyndzie O'keefe's family has participated in the First Day Hike for several years and can often be found hiking different trails when other family is in town. "The First Day Hike allows people who love the trails like us to meet with others who we might not otherwise see…. It's a celebration of this gift in our town and an opportunity to start the New Year outside."

Follow STIC on Facebook to be informed of other events like the annual trail/lake area cleanup which is planned for the month of March. The quarry loop will be the focus, and volunteers are always needed. Any monetary donations to STIC are appreciated and funneled to projects or upkeep.



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NOTICE OF BIDS

Cedar County will be accepting annual bids for the following materials and services:

Aggregate, Courthouse Cleaning Services, Culvert Pipes, and Vehicle Fuel.

Detailed specifications may be obtained by contacting Heather York, County Clerk at: 417-276-6700 E. 222 or clerk @cedarcountymo.gov

Sealed bids must be mailed or delivered to Heather York, County Clerk, Courthouse, 113 South Street, Stockton, MO 65785-8531. Mark the envelope with the appropriate bid **ATTN: Aggregate Bid; Courthouse Cleaning Services Bid; Culvert Pipes Bid; Vehicle Fuel Bid**

All bids must be received prior to the bid opening which will be Monday, January 17, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commission Room of the Cedar County Courthouse.

The County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

IN THE 28TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, CEDAR COUNTY, MISSOURI
Judge or Division: PROBATE

In the Estate of BERTHA HOPE BASHAM, Deceased.
Case Number: 22CD-PR00125
NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Bertha Hope Basham, Decedent:

On December 14, 2022, Dorothy Cobb was appointed the personal representative of the estate of Bertha Hope Basham, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Cedar County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is: 28769 Winding Woods Circle, Wright City, MO 63390

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: Peter Lee, 12 Public Square, PO Box 220, Stockton, MO 417-276-3900

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: 20-SEP-2022

Date of first publication: 21-DEC-2022

Sarah Turner
Circuit Clerk

IN THE 28th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, CEDAR COUNTY, MISSOURI
Judge or Division PROBATE

In the Estate of BARBARA JEAN CHAPMAN, Deceased.
Case Number: 22CD-PR00124
NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION - NON-RESIDENT FIDUCIARY)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Barbara Jean Chapman, Decedent:

On December 6, 2022, Aric Holloway was appointed the personal representative(s) of the estate of Barbara Jean Chapman, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Cedar County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is: 2931 Mullard Ct., Johnstown, CO 80534

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: Peter Lee, 12 Public Square, PO Box 220, Stockton, MO 65785 (417) 276-3900

The non-resident personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number is: Attorney Peter Lee, 12 Public Square, PO Box 220, Stockton, MO 65785 (417) 276-3900

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: 20-SEP-2022

Date of first publication: 21-DEC-2022

Sarah Turner
Circuit Clerk

IN THE 28th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, CEDAR COUNTY, MISSOURI
Judge or Division: PROBATE

Case Number: 22CD-PR00127

In the Estate of TONY MAX ELLISTON, Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Tony Max Elliston, Decedent:

On December 21, 2022 the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, Marla Marie Elliston was appointed the personal representative of the estate of Tony Max Elliston, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Cedar County, Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The personal representative's business address and phone number is: 104 Georgia Lane, Belton, MO 64012

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: Mark A. Elliston, PO Box 453, Webb City, MO 64870 (417)529-2405

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: October 4, 2022

Date of first publication: January 4, 2023

Sarah Turner
Circuit Clerk

Detour Ahead

Mo Dot Road Closures

By Alana Hindman

Starting January 6, the Missouri Department of Transportation or MODOT will close certain Cedar County roadways to make minor improvements and repairs.

According to MODOT customer service representative Ashley Wright, all closed sections of the highway will offer a detour as work is scheduled between 7 am-3 pm. Unless weather or other unforeseen circumstances prevent repairs, the following is the official schedule:

On January 6, a section of BB Highway will be closed for culvert replacement.

On January 9, a section of U Highway near Willowville will be closed for culvert replacement.

On January 9, a section of Z Highway will be closed for culvert replacement.

On January 11, a section of J Highway near Birdsong will be closed for culvert replacement.

This information and more relating to road repairs, conditions, or closures can be found on Modot.org. Other avenues include Instagram at Missouridot, MoDot on Twitter, or an app called MoDot Traveler Information. Questions can also be directed to the customer service line at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636), the winner.

Who will be the first baby of Cedar County in 2023?

By Melanie Chance

The Cedar County Republican is looking for the first Cedar County baby of 2023! Will your bundle of joy be the first delivery of 2023? Parents expecting on or close to January 1, 2023, may get another special delivery: a valuable bundle of prizes! Rules: 1. Winning baby's parents must live in Cedar County. 2. The attending physician must verify the exact time of the birth. 3. The Cedar County Republican must be notified of the birth by parents or a relative within 48 hours of delivery. 4. The first one to call to notify us will be the winner.



Class of 2022 graduates from Bolivar Technical College

BOLIVAR — For 16 students at Bolivar Technical College (BTC), their dreams became a reality on December 18, 2022, as they graduated from the Practical Nursing (LPN) program or the RN to BSN Completion program. The commencement ceremony took place at Bolivar High School and recognized ten LPN graduates and six RN to BSN Completion graduates. The Guest Speaker was Shawn Mock, LPN Program Coordinator. The Student Speaker was Madison Guill, LPN graduate. The Invocation and Benediction were read by Cynthia Hignight and Adam Kinnard, LPN graduates.

The Practical Nursing students completed the immersive one-year program that equips students with skills and knowledge needed for a career in nursing. During their three semesters in the program, students were challenged and practiced their skills in a variety of settings. First, concepts were learned in the classroom. Then students moved into the BTC Skills & Simulation Center where they could practice skills safely on high-fidelity simulation manikins. Students also spent hundreds of hours in hospitals and other clinical facilities providing care for real patients with a wide variety of needs.

The ten Practical Nursing graduates are: Madison Guill, Cynthia Hignight, Rachael Hargus, Manesha Long, Savannah Clair, Adam Kinnard, Chanceler Pemberton, Taylor Townsend, Brenna Horton and Kylee Fredrickson. These graduates will be taking the national licensure exam, the NCLEX, in the weeks ahead and begin working as LPNs. Some graduates are also choosing to further their education in the one-year RN Bridge program at BTC that begins in May.

The RN to BSN Completion students finished the one-year Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program, the first of its kind at Bolivar Technical College. These students all began the program with RN licenses and decided to pursue the next level in their nursing education to earn their BSN. During their three semesters in the program, students worked hard to level-up their skills to gain a deeper understanding for their patients. Their online classes included: RN Collaborative Healthcare, RN Ethics and Health Policy, Foundations in Nursing Research, RN Community Health Nursing, Public Speaking, Statistics for Healthcare and more. Classes, testing, and virtual clinical work were completed entirely online. The six RN to BSN Completion graduates are: Margaret Cott, Sarah Colby, Kelsey Youngblood, Kayla Young, Veronica Mann and Taylor Carver.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 at Bolivar Technical College. The college is accepting applications for their 2023 programs. The Practical Nursing (LPN) program, online RN to BSN Completion program, and general education classes begin January 9, 2023. The RN Bridge program begins in May 2023, and the Professional Nursing (RN) program begins in August 2023. If interested in any of the upcoming programs, contact the college via phone (417-777-5062), email (info@bolivarcollege.edu), or text message (417-771-3543).

Bolivar Technical College is a non-profit college serving southwest Missouri with a focus on education for students entering the healthcare industry. The college educates students through programs including online RN to BSN Completion, Professional Nursing (RN), Practical Nursing (LPN), RN Bridge, Medical Assistant, CNA and CMT.

Hawley welcomes Schmitt to U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON — Today U.S. Senator Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) welcomed newly sworn in Senator Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.) to the 118th Congress.

"Congratulations to Eric Schmitt on his swearing-in today. He's going to be a terrific Senator. I can't wait to serve with him in the new Congress and fight for the people of Missouri," said Senator Hawley.Hawley





OBITUARIES

Berry Kent Bolen

Sept. 1, 1931-Dec. 30, 2022



Berry Kent Bolen, 91, of Fair Play, Missouri, passed away on December 30, 2022, at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon. Berry was born on September 1, 1931, in Bear Creek, Missouri, to Zester and Anna Faye (Shackelford) Bolen. He was a 1950 graduate of Exeter Union High School in Exeter, California. After graduating, Berry joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the Korean War. On September 19, 1952, Berry married Betty Bell Tankersley at the Assembly of God Church in Exeter, California.

Berry and Betty had four children and lived in Exeter, CA, until 1970, when he moved the family back to his birthplace in Missouri. He was a truck driver and drove for Waterman's while in California. When he moved to Missouri, he began working for Georgia-Pacific, and worked there until he retired in 1993. During retirement, he enjoyed working on the farm and being with his grandchildren. Berry was a deacon at Harvest Assembly of God Church in Fair Play, Missouri and spent many hours serving there.

Berry was recently preceded in death by his wife, Betty Bell Bolen, on October 21, 2022. He is also preceded by his parents, Zester and Anna Faye Bolen; his son, Wade Jerone Bolen; his brother, Fred Bolen, and his sister, Donna Sanders.

He is survived by three of his children: Rodney Kent Bolen (Susie), Kathie Bolen Thompson, and Travis Allen Bolen (Kathy); a daughter-in-law, Tammy Bolen; nine grandchildren: Julie, Arlo, Angie, Jenny, Paula, Tracy, Clint, Brittani, and Brandon; eighteen great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Tammy Bolen, and many other relatives and friends.

A funeral service for Berry will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Harvest Assembly of God Church in Fair Play, Missouri. Interment will follow at Lindley Prairie Cemetery near Fair Play, Missouri. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Pitts Chapel of Bolivar.

Gayle Norman Coliins

March 17, 1934 -Dec. 27, 2022

Gayle Norman Collins passed away December 27, 2022 at the age of 88. Gayle was born March 17, 1934 at home in Stockton, MO. He spent most of his working life as a professional pilot and returned home for good to Stockton in 1974. Gayle was an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer, loved to have fish fries and playing guitar with family and friends. On September 8, 1946 at Hopewell Church under the preaching of Granvil Budd, Gayle was gloriously saved. Many years later in the living room of Pastor Denzel McCall, he again found his way back to the grace of the Lord and never looked back. He often referred to himself as the "Prodigal Son" found in Luke Chapter 15 and actively attended Stockton Missionary Baptist Church.

Gayle was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence (Pete) and Mildred (Baumgardner) Collins and brother Charles Collins. He is survived by sister Mary Eileen (Collins) Stockstill & husband Larry of Pleasant Hill Mo, brother Terry Collins of Sherwood AR, sons Marlon and (wife) Rita Collins of Stockton, Monty Collins of Collinsville, Ok, Chad and (wife) Christy Pyle of Stockton and Todd Pyle of Stockton along with many grandchildren, nieces & nephews and great grand children.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 6 from 6-7pm at Bland-Brumback Funeral Home. Services will be Saturday, January 7 at 1:00 pm followed by burial at Alder Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Stockton Missionary Baptist Church.

SUBMITTING OBITUARIES

Obituaries and death notices:
Send to **news@cedarrepublican.com**; mailed to **P.O. Box 1018, Stockton, MO 65785**; dropped off at **No. 26 Public Square**; or placed in the drop box to the left of the front door.

Deadline:
Mondays at noon for Wednesday's issue.

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL REPORTS

January 3, 2023

EMPHASIS: MSHP Reports 2 Traffic Fatalities, 0 Drownings, and 0 Boating Fatalities Over New Year's Holiday Weekend

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, provides the following preliminary statistics related to the New Year's holiday weekend:

2 people died and 75 were injured in 243 traffic crashes during the 2023 New Year's holiday counting period, which began at 6 p.m. Friday, December 30, 2022, and ended at 11:59 p.m. Monday, January 2, 2023. There were 0 boating crashes and 0 drownings over the 2023 New Year's holiday counting period.

2023 New Year's Holiday Traffic Statistics

Troopers investigated the following:

Traffic Crashes — 243

Traffic Crash Injuries — 75

Traffic Crash Fatalities — 1

DWI — 104

[Note: During the 2022 New Year's holiday counting period, one person was killed and 331 injured in 1,045 traffic crashes statewide. During last year's New Year's holiday, troopers worked 321 of those crashes which included 98 injuries and no fatalities. Troopers arrested 96 people for driving while intoxicated last year.]

Both fatal traffic crashes occurred in the Troop E, Poplar Bluff, MO, area.

There were no traffic fatalities on Friday December 30, 2022.

One fatality occurred on Saturday, December 31, 2022. Roger Vinson, 63, of Piggott, AR, died when the vehicle he was driving crashed at the intersection of Route C and State Highway 25, in Stoddard County. Vinson was pronounced dead at the scene by Stoddard County Coroner Brent Stidham. The crash is being investigated by the Advance Police Department.

One fatality occurred on Sunday, January 1, 2023. Roger G. Morrow, 55, of Benton, MO, died when the vehicle he was driving travelled off the right side of the roadway and overturned. The crash occurred in Scott County on Missouri Highway 77 near Scott County Road 352. Morrow was pronounced dead at the scene by Scott County Coroner Scott Branam. Morrow was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

There were no traffic fatalities on Monday, January 2, 2023.

The fatality statistics in this news release could change if late deaths occur, or if other departments report fatal traffic crashes after this news release is sent to the media.

Too many people die in traffic crashes each year in Missouri. The choices you make when you're behind the wheel matter. Make good choices, so you'll never have to say, "If I could just go back."

Follow the Missouri State Highway Patrol on Twitter @MSHPTrooperGHQ

For further information please contact: Capt. John J. Hotz

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State Historical Society of Missouri Launches New Public History Series

COLUMBIA, Jan 3, 2023 – A new series of free programs will be held at noon on the second Tuesday of each month at the State Historical Society of Missouri. The program series History on Elm launches January 10 with SHSMO Art Curator Joan Stack, who will present "Ten Missouri Works That Help Us Understand Our History." Stack will provide visual examples and discuss the importance of such works as George Caleb Bingham's "Order No. 11" and the influence of Missouri sculptor Vinnie Ream, who broke barriers as a woman artist and is best known for her statue of Abraham Lincoln that stands in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC.

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the State Historical Society of Missouri in 1897, the History on Elm series will explore a variety of topics each month, ranging from Missouri art and authors to unique SHSMO collections that explore sci-fi fandom, 1939 sharecropper's protest, U.S. Route 66, and others. The public is invited to attend and may bring their own lunch during the noon hour. Registration is not required. The programs begin promptly at 12 p.m. and lasts one hour. History on Elm continues through the spring on the second Tuesday of the month, January through June, at the State Historical Society of Missouri Center for Missouri Studies, 605 Elm St., Columbia.

CONTACT: Beth Pike, Communications Director, State Historical Society of Missouri. Office: 573-884-7904; email: PikeBe@shsmo.org

New Greene County conservation agent has job that has been life-long dream

Galena native Taressa Wise is excited to begin new duties.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Taressa Wise has the job she has dreamed about since she was a child.

Wise is the new Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) agent for Greene County. She will work alongside fellow Greene County Conservation Agent Corporal Kevin Zielke. She replaces Shannon Ohrenberg who was promoted to Lieutenant in MDC's Protection Branch in the Southwest Region in 2022. Wise's new MDC assignment is an opportunity for her to work in a familiar part of the state. The Galena native is a graduate of Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield and College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Mo. Just as important as returning to familiar turf is the opportunity to work in a field that has interested her since she was young.

"I have always loved nature and I enjoy conserving our outdoor resources for future generations," she said. "I've known I wanted to work for MDC since I was young and now, I'm excited to serve the citizens of Greene County and Missouri."

Prior to her current assignment, Wise was an MDC Protection Branch volunteer in 2019. She also worked for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources as an interpreter at Table Rock State Park in 2021.

Both Wise and Zielke work out of their homes. Wise can be reached at 417-766-7380 and Zielke can be reached at 417-830-8266. The public can also report game law violations to the Operation Game Thief Hotline, 1-800-392-1111.



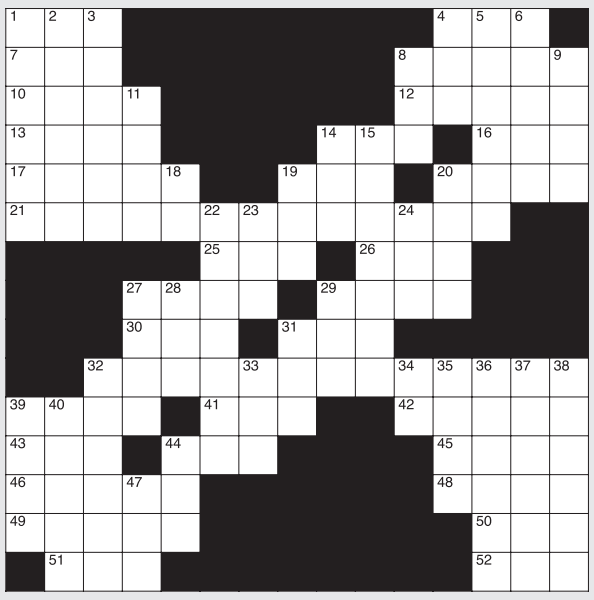








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14. Thyrotropin
16. Loud, unpleasant noise
17. Large intestines
19. Move with a curving trajectory
20. Witnesses
21. You need both to live
25. Dash
26. Network
27. Dig
29. C. European river
30. Supplement with difficulty
31. Corporate executive
32. Carroll O'Connor's on-screen wife
39. No variation
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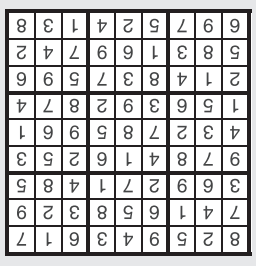
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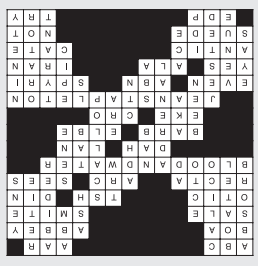
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8. Fire byproduct
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11. Outer
14. One-time aerospace firm
15. Seafood
18. Commercial
19. Epoxy hardener (abbr.)
20. Samoan monetary unit
22. Type of gland
23. Arrest
24. Check
27. Past participle of be
28. Alias
29. A major division of geological time
31. Kids programming channel (abbr.)
32. Joked
33. Helps little firms
34. Roman numeral 50
35. Impressive in size or scope
36. Domineering leader
37. A person who delivers a speech
38. One after 89
39. Young hawk
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Puzzle Answers





My longstanding New Year's mantra



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January 2023. I don't make New Year's resolutions, however, I do have a New Year's mantra that I remind myself of each year: "My roots are not in places; my roots are in people."

I try to remind myself of this statement at the beginning of each year because I never know what the year will hold, and I wish I had learned it at a younger age.

Several years ago my husband and I built a house where our children grew up. It was a fine, safe home. I never thought of leaving it although prior to "family," we had lived in Europe, Florida and other places. But my roots were now safely established in a "home."

The children grew and left. Suddenly "home" was a house. We moved. We divorced. I moved.

The year of 2017, my son took a position over 300 miles away from me. He and his wife even had the audacity to take MY three grandchildren with them. I still had my wonderful daughter, two amazing grandchildren, and one bouncing great grandchild within a few minutes' drive, thank goodness. Then, in the same month, my closest friend of many years moved. She had the audacity to get her PhD and accept a fantastic job-over 300 miles away.

You see, then it became of question of "Where do I belong; how do I stay connected; what must be done to maintain long-distance relationships? I knew it intuitively, but that year I stated it: "My roots are not in places; my roots are in people." Our roots cannot be in places. Places change; connection, however, can remain if we work at it.

My New Year's resolution is to stay connected to those who are important to me, those with whom I choose to be rooted. We have all put a few thousand miles on our vehicles; that will continue as long as possible. We call. We Facetime. We text. We say "good morning." We say "good night." We plan visits and vacation time.

A group of four friends who live miles apart plan a quarterly get-together at an Air B&B somewhere. Our next one is in February. We will all make it "unless the creek rises." We will make it because we are committed to staying friends.

It would be cool to think our "Fab Four" shops and parties and goes, goes, goes. But truthfully, we put together puzzles. While talking about the past few months, we connect the puzzle pieces of our lives.

I've also noticed that a few roots I had developed in the past are withering. I need to tend to some of those. Some I will let die because I can only nourish so many roots in my life if I want everyone to get the best of what I can give.

My new home is wonderful. It's comfortable; it's simple. But it does not feed my soul. My God and His creation are what sustain me. And my friends feed me; they water me; they make me bloom and grow.

I'm looking forward to 2023. If my house gets lifted up by a tornado, if my car gets wiped out by a storm (like it did last year,) if my friends move (and one of them will,) I will make the effort to stay connected because my roots will never be in places; my roots will be in God and his people.

Stockton Support Group to meet

By Alana Hindman

The Stockton Stroke Support Group meets January 9 at 1p.m. at the Korth Senior Center. Carole and Gary Maugh started the group for those who have suffered a stroke or who are similarly affected and invite caretakers to attend as well.

The couple knows firsthand how difficult it is to adjust to life after a stroke as Gary has been recovering from one he had last June. One day he was feeling fine and the next day he lost feeling and grip in his hand. He didn't wait long before making a visit to the CMH clinic in Stockton. DJ Edwards referred him to Bolivar for further testing.

After a CAT Scan revealed a stroke, he eventually landed at Cox Hospital in Springfield. He spent two weeks in a rehabilitation center there doing physical therapy. In more recent months, his therapy has been at the CMH locations in Bolivar and Stockton.

Since last July, he has undergone speech therapy, occupational and physical therapy. He is happy to have graduated from therapy a couple days after Christmas. Gary really appreciates the dedication he saw demonstrated from those on his team. "They were amazing, "he said.

Gary said, "No two strokes are the same; no two people are the same," but the couple has found that the need for support is a common desire.

After Carole Maugh discovered Springfield was the next closest place that hosted a stroke support group, she decided to open one locally. The Maugh's are not trained facilitators. but have experience and certified training as first responders. They feel the purpose of this group is to provide help, advice and social support in a way that enables survivors and their families to help themselves through life's difficulties. According to them, they can't wait to see how it grows.

"It's not about us, it's about anyone we can help… we want to help them get through anything," shared Gary Maugh.

Meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 1p.m. at the Korth Senior Center. For more information, contact Carole Maugh at 417-955-2197.

OUTDOOR LIFE

Kayaks gaining in popularity with anglers

By Ken White

"What a surprise," said Charlie Robinson when he looked out his window and saw a Christmas present for him in his driveway. It was a 12-foot kayak with a big red ribbon and a note saying, "Good Luck fishing!"

Robinson recently tried out a friend's kayak and said he thought he would get one so he could fish in places where his bass boat couldn't get to. He said, " After trying that kayak out, I knew I would have to get one, but I didn't think my family would be surprising me with one for Christmas. There are several places I am anxious to go now where I couldn't get to before because of the brush and shallow water."

Almost any kayak may be used for fishing, but several years ago kayaks designed for fishing hit the market and are now used on waters from farm ponds to offshore waters. Anglers like Robinson can hit water that he couldn't reach before.

There are two kinds of fishing kayaks, one is sit-on the other a sit-in. The traditional kayak was a sit in model, while the sit on model is gaining in popularity with anglers because they are easier to get in and out of and new users of kayaks feel more comfortable and less fear of getting trapped upside down under water. If the sit-on model flips, you just roll the kayak over and get back on, this model tends to be more stable and stability in a fishing kayak is a key factor.



KEN WHITE
AVID OUTDOORSMAN

The kayak Robinson received was a 12-footer which is a good choice for him due to the fact he is tall and there is more leg room on the sit on models. Robinson said, " This kayak is perfect for me since I fish a lot on small waters like ponds and calm water lakes. It might take a few trips for me to learn how to use the two-bladed paddle to propel the kayak, but since the kayak is light and easy to handle in all kinds of water, I should have no trouble. I am really looking forward to this spring when I can get my new kayak out on the water and start catching fish."

White, a Stockton resident, has a versatile background in sports as a participant and journalist. His column appears weekly.







Toothaker pleads not guilty at arraignment

By Pat. Hindman

An arraignment for Thomas Toothaker, formerly of El Dorado Springs , was held December 27 in Vernon County. Toothaker was arrested December 22 in El Dorado Springs by the Vernon County sheriff's department and Ed Dorado Springs Police Department. He was transferred to Vernon County on probable cause of robbery and theft after a search warrant was served and stolen items from the victim were located and a firearm was confiscated. At the arraignment, Toothaker pleaded not guilty and Judge Brandon Fisher recused himself from the case. The case went back to the presiding judge for reassignment.

Toothaker is charged with first degree robbery; armed criminal action; burglary in the first degree; and stealing, all felony charges.



Happy New year



CARGILL JACKIE
WRITER

By Cargill Jackie

This year don't make resolutions but changes in your life, Be much nicer to your husband or wife.

Don't go on a diet but change things you eat, Veggies and fruit don't forget the meat.

Walking is good, It makes you look like you should.

Love above all hum and sing, It's hard to get mad when you do these things.

Give someone a smile and say, How are you today?

The year will go smoother and you will have joy, Joy doesn't come from buying a new toy.

I faked it for many years, smiled through heartache and tears.

Now it's real, forgiving yourself and everyone else helps so much,

It's always amazing with a God in touch.

LIGHT ON THE PATH

The Omnibus

By Dale Hill

The Omnibus Bill in congress has caused quite a stir recently.

Is it due to political intrigue? Chicanery? Or, stupidity?

Take your pick and you can find a conversation to satisfy the premise.

I like the word "omnibus" as it does not show up too often in our ordinary speech.

The first part—omni—is a Latin word for all or many.

What we now call simply a bus for transportation was formerly called an omnibus, as it carried many at once.

This particular funding bill has many parts to its 4100+ pages of legalese.

There is bound to be parts of this bill that will upset someone at one point or another until everyone is able to be upset.

I don't usually dabble in politics in this column or at the dinner table, and I am not about to start now.



DALE HILL
PASTOR, STOCKTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I just happen to like the "omni" aspect, which provides me with a launch pad for something else.

I was taught in high school, and most Christians believe in, the three incommunicable attributes of God.

We believe that God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and everywhere present.

We have known those attributes as omnipotent, omniscient, and omni-present.

These attributes were used when we were children to try to keep us in line with acceptable behavior, because "God can see when you do that."

As we got older, many of us began to question these things in the light of our personal reality.

"Is God really present in hell?" If not, then He is not omnipresent.

"Can God make a rock so big that He cannot move it?" Regardless of the answer, it comes out as not being omnipotent.

"If God is omniscient and all-powerful, then why did He allow my brother to abuse me?"

It is not difficult for the human mind to concoct hypothetical scenarios in an attempt to disprove a premise.

There are no satisfactory answers to any of these that we may design within our doubting mind.

Regardless of the answer, we are still left in a quandary facing even more problems.

To remove any of the "omni" attributes from the equation leaves us with a god who is weaker than we are. So, we probably do not want to go there.

A failure to answer the various scenarios leaves us with continual doubt.

Is it possible to accept the fact that there are some things we just don't know?

I do not need the pious platitude of "God's ways are higher than our ways," or, "God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform."

Any theologian can provide a definitive answer, but in the end, there is still the mystery tugging at our faith.

And FAITH IS AN OMNIBUS carrying many different parts in a way that we cannot see all of them at once.

Hill is the pastor for Stockton Presbyterian Church and regularly contributes columns to the CCR. His email is dalehill47@gmail.com

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

Mull it over

By Carolyn Hayward Tucker

My childhood pastor's wife, Thelma, was an exemplary wife, mother, and friend; a perfect example of the Proverbs 31 woman. Everybody adored her because she loved much, lived well, and laughed often. Thelma inspired other people to laugh also. She told her daughter Christa and I (just young girls at the time) this joke: A mother was concerned that her daughter's beau was never going to ask for her hand in marriage. As the daughter was preparing for her date one evening, the mother gave her specific instructions: "When Homer picks you up, don't say anything — just be quiet all evening. When he finally asks you what you're thinking about, say, "I'm contemplating on matrimony." The daughter agreed and the date transpired exactly as the mother predicted. After awhile, Homer said, "I've noticed you've been awfully quiet and just sitting there with an odd look on your face. What are you thinking about?" She responded, "I'm constipated on macaroni."



CAROLYN HAYWARD TUCKER
WRITER

Are you contemplating on wanting a better year in 2023? I imagine all of us would like to come up higher in multiple areas in the new year. I suggest that all of us consider our ways. When the word of the Lord came to Haggai the prophet, he told the Jews who had returned from Babylon, "Consider your ways" (Haggai 1:5 ESV). In the Old Testament book of Haggai, the major problem was that the temple of God was in ruins and the people weren't doing anything to restore it.

In the New Testament, we know that the believer is literally the temple. "Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19,20 NLT).

If you're a Christ follower, but your life seems to be in ruins, pause and consider your ways. The word "consider" means to think carefully, chew on it, be mindful of, ponder, examine, inspect, scrutinize. One definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. How we do our life is worth the effort to mull it over, which is to analyze and meditate on the possible actions as well as the outcomes. Are we doing everything we can to closely walk in all the light of Jesus?

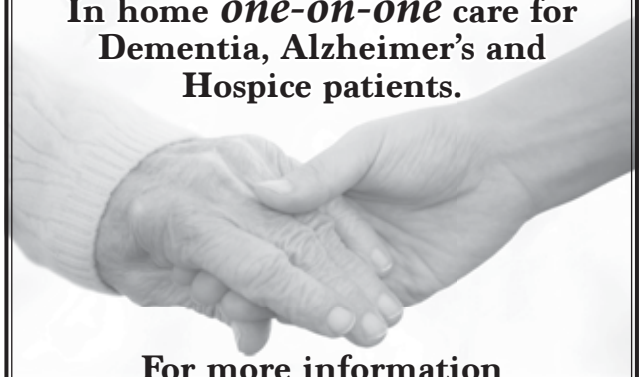
Let's consider our ways. The definition of "way" is: a method, style, or manner of doing something; our habit, practice, procedure, routine, conduct, behavior, or nature. If we're not including Jesus in all areas of our life, we need to seriously consider changing our ways. Jesus wants to be flat-dab in the middle of everything we do. And (if we have any sense) that's exactly where we should want Him. Jesus desires to be intricately involved, but He has to be invited to do so. He's not going to bulldoze His way into our lives.

"Jesus once again addressed them: 'I am the world's Light. No one who follows Me stumbles around in the darkness. I provide plenty of light to live in'" (John 8:12 MSG). If I'm walking in the dark with someone who has a flashlight, I need to stay close enough to benefit from the beam of light. "Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me" (Psalm 119:105 NIRV). Today is the day to consider our ways and see if there are behaviors that need to come under the Lordship and light of Jesus.

The Key: Mull it over and change whatever rears its ugly head in the light.

Carolyn lived in Stockton from 1963-1976 and has a heart for encouraging others with words and music.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

History Repeating?

Dear Editor,

As I look back on history I see what could be in the future. As with my reading of past events I would like to mention Adolph Hitler. As his WWI buddies called him "Addie". I would say Addie blew it. At the early part of your German leadership you could have done only good things worldwide. In WWII Germany had operational jets. How about those jet engines on a commercial aircraft? Lufthansa could have ruled the airwaves with jet travel. Your roads were something to be copied and used. Aka our modern hwy system. So many things you could have had and your nation would have left the world and you could have been somebody and not a hated man worldwide.

And now a man I call a Hitler Jr, Mr. V. Putin. Vlad, your country is the biggest in the world. Eleven time zones. You have vast grasslands that would support vast herds of cattle to feed the world. You have Siberia, one of the richest places on the earth with minerals, oil, gas, timber, hydro electric. Your nation could be a gem that other nations would want to get food and fuel and the world would be at your feet. But no! You have built weapons of war and when you invaded Ukraine your big Russian war machine was exposed as a toothless tiger. A nation with rocks and pitchforks has bloodied your nose. Be like "Addie" when the red army was taking Berlin Addie ended it all. Hello Valad be like "Addie" and get out of Ukraine and make good on the harm you have caused.

Ernie Rucker
STOCKTON MO

Governor Parson Grants 21 Pardons

Commutes Two Sentences for Month of December

Governor Parson inherited nearly 3,700 pending clemency applications when he was sworn in as Missouri's 57th Governor. Since the start of his administration, he has granted 434 pardons, approved 20 commutations, and denied or closed more than 1,800 applications. There are less than 1,500 clemency files currently open. Governor Parson has instructed his legal team to continue reviewing clemency files and working to eliminate the backlog by the end of his administration.

For the month of December 2022, Governor Mike Parson granted 21 pardons and approved two commutations pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Missouri. Official documents have been filed with the appropriate government agencies and have been sent to the individuals.

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2. Russell Cameron
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10. Brian Kenniston
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12. Gary Mills
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14. Daniel McCandless
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16. Ryan Benefiel
17. Martin Ing
18. Chad Bellinger
19. Russell Roe
20. Tommy Anthony
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Nevada Regional Medical Center Swing Bed Accreditation

NRMC Earns Swing Bed Accreditation

NEVADA, MO December 28, 2022 – Nevada Regional Medical Center has been surveyed by the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ) and has successfully met the requirements to be accredited for a Hospital Swing Bed Program. In meeting the requirements, NRMC demonstrated compliance with all CIHQ Standards and the Conditions of Participation by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This recognition reflects NRMC's continuous commitment to safety and quality patient care.

Nevada Regional Medical Center was subjected to a rigorous, unannounced assessment on December 13, 2022. The CIHQ team toured the hospital, reviewed medical records, observed care practices, and interviewed staff.

"CIHQ's goal is to partner with hospitals to improve the care provided in our communities," states Richard Curtis, Chief Executive Officer of CIHQ. "CIHQ is proud to recognize Nevada Regional Medical Center for achieving swing bed accreditation."

Jason Anglin, NRMC's CEO stated: "We are so excited to add this service to NRMC. This will help us better serve our community as patients will no longer have to travel to other facilities for skilled care. Our doctors, nurses and rehabilitation staff will help patients stay close to home and move forward in their recovery process. To prepare for this survey, our leadership team prepared policies and educated our clinical staff on how to care for and rehabilitate patients after their acute care stay. We are so proud of this accomplishment."

For more information about our Swing Bed program, please visit www.nrmchealth.com/swingbed or call 417-448-3682. Serving a six-county area since 1937, Nevada Regional Medical Center is a 71-bed acute, intensive and skilled care hospital. Nevada Regional Medical Center has earned recognition as a respected regional medical center for its comprehensive health care services, skilled and caring employees and state-of-the-art medical technology. Staff represent more than a dozen medical specialties, including family practice, women's services, neurology, urology, psychiatry, wound care services. Additionally, consultation clinics are held regularly by specialists in oncology, pulmonology, podiatry, ear, nose, and throat and cardiology.

CMH announces three TULIP Award winners

(BOLIVAR, MISSOURI – Dec. 26, 2022) — Three Citizens Memorial Hospital employees were named TULIP Award winners. Pam Davis, CNA, at CMH Home Care Services, is the August 2022 recipient; Mercy Espino, CNA, at Lake Stockton Healthcare Facility, is the September 2022 recipient; and Lisa Wolf, CNA, at CMH Home Care Services, is the October 2022 recipient.

Established in June 2021 by CMH and Citizens Memorial Health Care Foundation, the TULIP Award is a recognition program for outstanding caregivers who assist in direct patient care.

Pam Davis, CNA

Davis earned her CNA license in 2001 while working for Big Spring Care Center in Humansville and joined CMH Home Care Services in 2021.

A patient's friend nominated Davis for the TULIP Award for being respectful and kind and providing exceptional care.

The nomination read, "Pam made visits into my home to help me care for a dying friend…Her care and conversation with the patient were gentle and considerate of his wishes. Pam was able to care for an individual who was a bit cantankerous and could always make him smile at some point during the visit."

Mercy Espino, CNA

Espino earned her CNA license from Bolivar Technical College in 2010. After graduating, she began working for Lake Stockton Healthcare Facility in Stockton.

One of Espino's residents nominated her for the TULIP Award for exceptional patient care. The nomination read, "Mercy is compassionate, very professional, and organized in all her projects. Mercy works compatibly with residents as well as colleagues. I have been blessed by her care and love."

Lisa Wolf, CNA

Wolf earned her CNA license in 2018 and joined CMH Home Care Services in February 2022.

A patient's spouse nominated Wolf for the TULIP Award for her gentle and compassionate care to the patient and family. "When Lisa came to our home to take care of [patient], she was a blessing… Lisa is very efficient at her job while showing tons of concern for the patient and family. Lisa goes beyond being good; she's great!"

About the TULIP Award

Citizens Memorial Hospital/Citizens Memorial Health Care Foundation created the TULIP Award to recognize outstanding caregivers who assist in direct patient care.

TULIP stands for Thoughtful, Unforgettable, Lasting Impact on Patient Care. The award committee selects one honoree each month who exemplifies the following characteristics:

- Goes above and beyond in providing exceptional care and unforgettable service to patients/residents.
- Demonstrates exceptional skills in the delivery of compassionate patient/resident care.
- Exemplifies the mission, vision and values of CMH/CMH Foundation.
- Demonstrates a caring, thoughtful attitude.
- Is an outstanding role model for other nursing assistants, medical assistants and patient care technicians.

The TULIP Award is given in conjunction with the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing. If you or someone you know would like to submit a CMH TULIP Award, go to https://bit.ly/CMHTULIP.



Pam Davis, CNA, at CMH Home Care Services is the August 2022 recipient of the TULIP Award. Mercy Espino, CNA, at CMH Lake Stockton Healthcare Facility, is the September 2022 recipient of the TULIP Award. Lisa Wolf, CNA, at CMH Home Care Services is the October 2022 recipient of the TULIP Award.

SEVEN DAY FORCAST

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BBB Tips: Credit repair and debt relief scams

By Cedar Republican newsroom



Higher consumer prices and growing economic uncertainty have many Americans accumulating debt and finding it hard to manage. This can make credit repair or debt relief services look like an attractive option, but Better Business Bureau® (BBB®) cautions consumers against relying on big promises about better credit or lower monthly payments.

Credit repair companies that offer quick fixes are often a front for scams that disappear with eager consumers' hard-earned money.

Debt-related services come in many forms: credit counseling firms that offer educational programs to help solve financial issues, debt consolidation businesses that offer loans to pay off debts all at once, debt relief or settlement companies that renegotiate payments with debtors, and credit repair agencies that promise to fix past mistakes on your credit report such as bankruptcy or late payments.

"Promises of reduced debt, low-interest loans or magical fixes to your credit score are tempting, but be aware of unrealistic claims and know which the best solution is to get out of debt," said Michelle L. Corey, BBB St. Louis president and CEO. "Time, discipline and hard work usually will make the real impact on your credit."

Many debt solutions charge fees to perform work many borrowers can do on their own – and credit repair companies often promise the impossible. While consumers have the right to correct inaccurate information on a credit report, no one can remove accurate information that happens to be negative. However, this does not stop scammers who promise to repair credit or eliminate debt for a fee.

BBB Scam Tracker received more than 500 reports of credit repair and debt relief scams last year. Victims of such scams are enticed via various channels – such as social media, online ads or unsolicited phone calls – with guarantees of a credit score increase or debt forgiveness, all for a charge upfront for the firm's "services." If the fee is paid, the scammer takes the money, plus any personal information, and disappears or simply fails to deliver all that was promised.

A St. Mary, Missouri, woman told BBB in March 2022 that she had received a letter purporting to be from the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and offering to consolidate her student loans if she paid an initial fee of $899 and an additional $39 per month. However, no such paid program existed, and the woman lost roughly $1,500 before realizing she had been scammed and reporting it to BBB.

Warning signs of a credit repair or debt relief scam:

Advance fees are a concern. Not all businesses promising to help you repair poor credit are scams, but if you are asked to pay in advance, that's a big red flag. In both the U.S. and Canada, credit repair and debt relief companies can only collect their fee after they perform the services promised.

Do not believe guarantees. Nobody can guarantee to make debt go away or improve your credit score. In fact, they can't promise you anything before they have even reviewed your personal financial situation.

Beware of the big promise. Other red flags are big promises, such as removing negative information from your credit report, or urging you to get a new identity or apply for an Employer Identification Number to use instead of your Social Security number (which is illegal). No contract or one that is vague is another warning sign.

Report scams to BBB Scam Tracker.

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Andria Hendricks Joins MoDOT as Equal Opportunity and Diversity Director

Andria Hendricks has been named the Missouri Department of Transportation's new Equal Opportunity & Diversity Director. She officially started her new position on Dec. 16, 2022.

Hendricks' career consists of 20-plus years of experience in the fields of business and finance. Before coming to MoDOT, she was a Project Manager with Hitachi Energy. She worked as the Bursar/Director of Student Accounts, the Small Business Development Center Director, and a professor in the Business Department at Lincoln University. Hendricks was also the Executive Account Director of Program and Business Development for ALL Solutions. She is currently an Adjunct Business Professor in William Woods University MBA Program.

"I look forward to serving the citizens of Missouri in my new role with MoDOT," Hendricks said. "Guiding the agency towards achieving its equal opportunity and diversity goals will benefit both the organization and the state as a whole."

Hendricks holds an MBA from William Woods University and a Master's in Sociology from Lincoln University. She is currently completing her Doctorate in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management and Leadership from Grand Canyon University. She has three children and has been married to her college sweetheart for 25 years. The family resides in Jefferson City.

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Capturing Cedar County

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#B2575, comes with warranty, clean carfax, local vehicle, third row seats, tow pkg., USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, all recomended 100K mile maintenance has been completed! **$21,963**

2019 Ford Escape Titanium 4x4



#P3426, odometer is 8316 miles below market average! Remaining factory warranty, clean carfax, one owner, power lift gate, navigation, leather, heated seats, tow package, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, Sync 3, remote start. **$27,608**

2001 Ford Focus SE Wagon



#B2570, brand new tires, local trade, nice vehicle in good condition, great transportation, been through our shop & ready to go! Still a nice little wagon, hard to find with no rust! **$6,963**

2017 Jeep Cherokee Latitude



#B2605 comes with warranty, clean carfax, local trade, remote start, heated seats, heated steering wheel, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, uconnect **$20,113**

2014 Honda CR-V EX



#C3985C, only 65K miles comes with warranty, clean carfax, local trade, one owner, all wheel drive, pwr. sunroof, nice vehicle in good condition, great transportation **$21,463**

2021 Ford F-150 Crewcab XLT 4x4 Powerboost Full Hybrid



#B2582, priced below KBB fair purchase price, remaining factory warranty, clean carfax, 1 owner, navigation, heated seats, tow pkg., adaptive cruise, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, Sync 4, bed liner, 3.5L Powerboost full-hybrid V-6 **$52,963**

2020 Ford Edge ST All Wheel Drive



#P3388, Odometer is 12,176 miles below market average! Full factory warranty, clean carfax, one owner, all wheel drive, pwr. lift gate, leather, heated seats, tow pkg., blind spot detection, lane keeping, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, Sync 3. **$38,624**

2016 Mercedes-Benz GLE 400 4Matic AWD



#B2616, All Wheel Drive, Select Shield warranty, clean carfax, local trade, pwr sunroof, pwr. liftgate, navigation, leather, heated seats, blind spot detection, lane keeping, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, awesome, luxury car! **$26,894**

2018 Ford F-350 Lariat 4x4 Diesel



#7789A, this truck is life new! remaining factory warranty, clean carfax, local trade, 1 owner, navigation, leather, heated & cooled seats, tow pkg., USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, sync 3, remote start. **$71,458**

2012 Chevrolet Cruze



#7759B, comes with warranty, clean carfax, local trade, bluetooth, nice vehicle in good condition, great transportation, **$9,885**

2015 Ram 2500 Big Horn 4x4 6.4L Hemi



#P3378E, local trade, remote start, heated seats, tow pkg, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, uconnect, bed liner, **$28,728**

2005 Dodge Ram 2500 SLT Cummins 5.9 Diesel



#B2535M, only 89k miles! Comes with warranty! Local trade, tow pkg., exceptionally nice truck! **$25,390**

2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee Trailhawk 4x4



#C3992A, super loaded with equipment! Low miles, factory warranty, clean carfax, local trade, 1 owner, 4x4, panoramic vista roof, pwr. lift gate, navigation, leather, heated & cooled seats, heated steering wheel, tow pkg., blind spot detection, active park assist, adaptive cruise, lane keeping, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, uconnect, remote start. **$39,774**

2019 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT



#B2631, comes with warranty! Local trade, pwr. lift gate, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, uconnect, remote start, dual pwr. sliding doors, full sto-n-go seats. **$23,963**

2018 Honda Odyssey EL-L



#B2627A, 8 passenger seating! Comes with warranty, clean carfax, local trade, pwr. sunroof, pwr. lift gate, navigation, third row seats, leather, heated seats, rearview camera, bluetooth, apple car play/Android Auto **$32,798**

2015 Toyota Rav4 LE



#P3379A, new tires and brakes all around! Comes with warranty, local trade, one owner, rearview camera, bluetooth, nice vehicle in good condition, great transportation, very well maintained. **$12,225**

2014 Ram 1500 Sport 4x4



#P3406B, local trade, 4x4, heated seats, heated steering wheel, tow pkg., USB port, rearview camera, uconnect, nice vehicle in good condition, great transportation, **$18,963**

2013 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4



#C4007A, new car trade from us, serviced through our shop including new brakes all around, new battery, belts & filters, ready to go! Third row seats, leather, heated seats, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth. **$12,863**

2020 Ford Fusion SE



#P3392, full factory warranty, clean carfax, one owner, brand new tires, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, Sync 3, **$23,487**

2018 GMC Canyon SLT 4x4



#7792A, factory warranty, clean carfax, local trade, one owner, leather, heated seats, tow pkg., lane keeping, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, remote start, integrated trailer brake controller. **$37,580**

2020 Ford F-350 Super Duty XL Dually 4x4



#B2608, full factory warranty, dual rear wheels, hay bed, clean carfax, local vehicle, USB port, bluetooth, 7.3L gasoline V-8. **$69,963**

2020 Ford Escape Titanium All Wheel Drive



#7691A, great miles, full factory warranty, clean carfax, local trade, navigation, remote start, leather, heated seats, tow pkg., adaptive cruise, lane keeping, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, sync 3, **$31,505**

2018 Jeep Compass Limited 4x4



#P3422A, factory warranty, clean carfax, local trade, navigation, leather, heated seats, heated steering wheel, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, uconnect, remote start. **$24,651**

2020 Toyota Rav4 Adventure AWD



#B2634, full factory warranty, clean carfax, low miles! Local trade, one owner, all wheel drive, leather, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth **$38,963**

2019 Nissan Pathfinder SV 4x4



#P3405B, factory warranty, clean carfax, local trade, remote start, third row seats, blind spot detection, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth **$27,963**

2020 Ford Ranger 4x4 Lariat Sport Appearance Pkg.



#P3404A, full factory warranty, clean carfax, local trade, 1 owner, navigation, leather, heated seats, tow pkg., blind spot detection, technology pkg., adaptive cruise, lane keeping, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, sync 3, remote start. **$40,546**

2016 Chevrolet Spark



#B2626, warranty by our exclusive select shield warranty, clearn carfax, local trade, 1 owner, brand new tires, nice vehicle in good condition, great transportation, leather, heated seats, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth **$12,174**

2020 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4

#P3424, reamaining factory warranty, clean carfax, one owner, panoramic vista roof, navigation, third row seats, leather, heated seats, heated rear seats, heated steering wheel, tow package, adaptive cruise, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, sync 3, remote start, 20" premium aluminum wheels, Ford co-pilot360 Assist+ **$37,963**

2013 Ford Edge Limited All Wheel Drive

#C3994A, comes with warranty, local trade, all wheel drive, panoramic vista roof, pwr. lift gate, navigation, tow pkg, blind spot detection, adaptive cruise, rearview camera, bluetooth. **$12,963**

2020 Ford Ecosport SES

#B2583, full factory warranty, low miles, priced below KBB fair purchase price, 1 owner, 4x4, pwr. sunroof, navigation, leather, heated seats, clean carfax, blind spot detection, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, sync 3. **$24,123**

2008 Ford F-350 Super Duty XLT

#C3993A, clean carfax, local trade, 4x4, tow pkg., totally ready to work with utility bed equipped with pwr. convertors & winch on the front, Triton 6.8L V-10. **$16,838**

2019 Ford F-350 Super Duty XLT FX4 4x4

#B2619, factory warranty, clean carfax, local trade, 1 owner, 4x4, diesel, tow pkg., rearview camera, bluetooth, sync 3. **$66,693**

2018 Lexus RX 350 F Sport AWD

#7785A, factory warranty, clean carfax, local trade, all wheel drive, pwr. lift gate, leather, heated & cooled seats, adaptive cruise, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, wheels: 20"x8" F sport. **$43,963**

2018 Ford Edge Titanium All Wheel Drive

#P3402, odometer is 30,964 miles below market average! Remaining factory warranty, clean carfax, one owner, pwr. lift gate, leather, heated seats, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, Sync 3. **$25,486**

2017 Chrysler Pacifica Touring L Plus

#C3996A, warranty by our exclusive select shield warranty, local trade, 1 owner, pwr. lift gate, rear DVD system, third row seats, leather, heated seats, heated rear seats, tow pkg., blind spot detection, active park assist, adaptive cruise, lane keeping, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, uconnect. **$29,185**

2019 Ford Ranger XLT 4x4 FX4

#P3414, full factory warranty, clean carfax, 1 owner, 4x4, navigation, heated seats, tow pkg., blind spot detection, adaptive cruise, lane keeping, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, Sync 3. **$34,900**

2019 Ford F-150 Crew Cab XLT 4x4

#P3429, factory warranty, clean carfax, 1 owner, navigation, heated seats, tow pkg, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, sync 3, remote start, AppLink/Apple CarPlay & Android Auto. **$38,862**

2019 Fiat 500L POP

#C3981B, remaining factory warranty, local trade, brand new tires, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, uconnect. **$16,963**

2008 Ford F-250 Super Duty XLT

#B2609, low miles, clean carfax, local trade, brand new tires, tow pkg., Triton 5.4L V-8 EFI SOHC 24V, 2 wheel drive. **$15,797**

2019 Ford F-150 Crew Cab XLT 4x4

#P3416, factory warranty, clean carfax, 1 owner, navigation, heated seats, tow pkg., USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, Sync 3, remote start, pwr. sliding rear window. **$38,030**

2019 Ford F-150 Crew Cab 4x4 XLT Sport Appearance Pkg.

#P3415, factory warranty, clean carfax, 1 owner, navigation, heated seats, tow pkg., USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, Sync 3, remote start, pwr. sliding rear window. **$39,639**

2017 GMC Acadia SLT

#C3935B, comes with warranty, local trade, panoramic vista roof, pwr. lift gate, navigation, remote start, third row seats, leather, heated seats, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, **$26,963**

2019 Ram 1500 Limited 4x4

#B2531, odometer is 30,535 miles below market average! Factory warranty, clean carfax, local trade, one owner, leather, heated & cooled seats, tow pkg., pwr. running boards, blind spot detection, adaptive cruise, lane keeping, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, uconnect, bed liner, remote start, heated & cooled rear seats, maybe a kitchen sink somewhere. **$49,115**

2019 Ford Flex SEL

#B2585, remaining factory warranty, clean carfax, local trade, 1 owner, all wheel drive, bought here serviced here, pwr. lift gate, navigation, third row seats, leather, heated seats, tow pkg., blind spot detection, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, Sync 3, remote start. **$30,963**

2021 Ford F-150 Platinum Crew Cab 4x4

#C3941A, priced below KBB fair purchase price! remaining factory warranty, clean carfax, local trade, 1 owner, 4x4, navigation, leather, heated & cooled seats, heated rear seats, tow pkg., pwr. running boards, blind spot detection, technology pkg. adaptive cruise, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, Sync 4, bed liner, remote start. **$61,596**

2016 Lexus NX 200t F Sport All Wheel Drive

#P3374A, very low miles, comes with warranty, clean carfax, brand new tires, local trade, pwr. sunroof, pwr. lift gate, navigation, leather, heated seats, tow pkg., blind spot detection, USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, **$31,463**

2019 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4

#P3413, Sport Appearance Pkg., priced below KBB fair purchase price! Remaining factory warranty clean carfax 1 owner, 4x4, navigation, heated seats, tow pkg., USB port, rearview camera, bluetooth, Sync 3. **$37,130**

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Play Fore Pink Golf Tournament Raises $10,000 For Carrie J Babb Cancer Center



Jim Figg, organizer of the Play Fore Pink golf tournament, presents CMH CEO Michael Calhoun with a check for $10,000 to benefit the Carrie J. Babb Cancer Center. Pictured (left to right) are Aleena Derossette, representing the cancer center, Figg, Calhoun, and Carol Morris, also of the cancer center.

A successful, inaugural Play Fore Pink Golf Tournament netted $10,000 for the Citizens Memorial Healthcare Carrie J. Babb Cancer Center in Bolivar. Proceeds from the Oct. 10 tournament held at Silo Ridge Golf and Country Club in Bolivar, were presented to CMH recently. The tournament's goals were to not only raise money to help cancer patients at the center but to also increase awareness of breast cancer.

Jim Figg, tournament chairman, organized the tournament in memory of his late wife, Jonnie, who had breast cancer.

"Breast cancer is a disease that strikes fear into women in particular, and understandably. In 2020, 3.8 million women claimed some history of the disease that is the second leading cause of death in women," Figg said. "Jonnie would be so pleased with the amount of money raised at this first tournament. She would love that it will help those who are going through what she went through in her fight against breast cancer."

Locally, the Carrie J. Babb Cancer Center at Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar serves hundreds of patients in partnership with Central Care Cancer Center in Kansas. A neighboring hospitality house serves friends and family traveling with their loved one to the cancer center for treatment. Money raised from the Play Fore Pink tournament will assist the Carrie J. Babb Cancer Center in providing oncology, hematology, radiation, and other medical or support services.

"This first Play Fore Pink golf tournament was so successful and so well received, we plan to make it an annual event," Figg stated. "Mark your calendars for Monday, October 9, 2023, for the 2nd annual Play Fore Pink Golf Tournament also to be held at Silo Ridge."

For more information about playing in or sponsoring the 2023 Play Fore Pink golf tournament, please contact Jim Figg at 573-842-8371 or jim.figg@gmail.com.

Award-Winning Author, Speaker, Coach Synova Cantrell

Topic: "Clarifying Your Vision"

Synova Cantrell, Southwest Missouri's #1 True Crime Writer, is an award-winning crime writer with over 300 cases under her belt. Synova volunteers with the Missouri Missing organization by highlighting obscure cold cases on her true crime blog to help generate tips. A flag was flown over the Capitol in Washington D.C. to honor her cold case work!!!

After a decade in the world of true crime & victim advocacy, Synova has taken her 10,000 hours of study & entered the self-help field. She's a certified NLP Life Coach through the American Union of NLP. Synova's Simply Biz author coaching service includes elements of NLP, practical psychology, biblical principles, and biochemistry. You can live a more abundant life and enjoy the journey!

Her true crime books include Unorganized Crime, a biography of the ex-gangster Sidney Heard of Chicago, IL. This thrilling tale of con games, bank robbery, and mayhem has recently been endorsed by a retired FBI agent. Her best-selling series, Seriously Stupid Criminals is a fan favorite in both paperback and e-book formats. Her latest e-book, Grim Justice tells the story of a judge and his wife murdered in Palm Beach, Florida in 1955.

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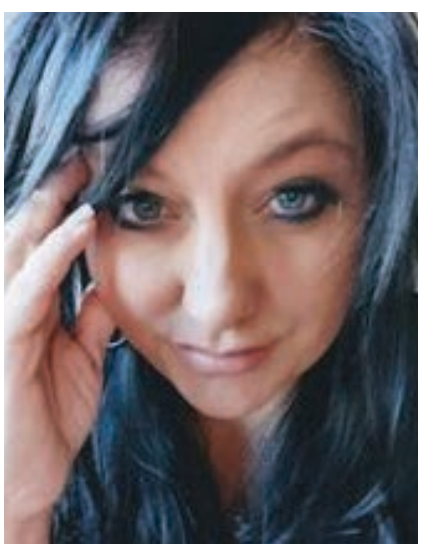
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How CWA's Seven Core Issues are Supported, or Challenged, by our Judicial, Legislative, and Executive Branches

Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Missouri's Springfield Metro Area Prayer/Action Chapter invites you to their January 21 meeting. Chapter Leader Tracy Dougan will dive into how CWA's core issues are challenged or supported by our judicial, legislative, and executive branches.

Bagels and coffee will be served. Men, women, and teens are welcome.

Details:

Date: Saturday, January 21

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Location: The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield, MO. They will meet in the Harrison Conference Room.

Contact: For additional information, contact Tracy Dougan at 417-766-2281 or Tdougan1967@outlook.com

We hope you can attend!

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P.S. SAVE THE DATE: The Springfield Prayer/Action Chapter meets on the third Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at The Library Center in Springfield. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

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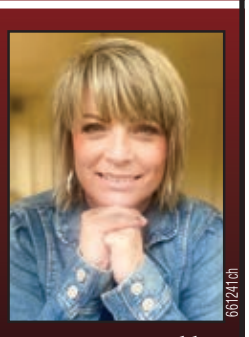


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Individual Results

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110- Aleah Conard 4-1
115- Shila Steinert 0-2
120- Olivia Graves 3-2
125- Krista Hannon 0-3
130- Lily George 2-2
135- Aireona Reddick 0-3
140- Elizabeth Henderson 4-1
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PLACE: Jefferson State Office Building
205 Jefferson Street, 1st Floor
Jefferson City, MO 65101
DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2023
TIME: 8:30 a.m.

Seats will be available on a first come, first served basis when the doors to the room open 30 minutes prior to the meeting. The public may tune into the meeting online. View the information being presented and hear the discussion audio at: dese.mo.gov/sbe-livestream. Meeting recordings can then be found at: dese.mo.gov/state-board-education/agendas-minutes-recordings.

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A closed portion of the meeting, pursuant to §§ 610.021(1), (13), and (14), RSMo and § 610.105.1, RSMo will be held upon adjournment of the regular meeting.

The agenda will be posted here when available.

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Tigers Struggle At The Blue And Gold Tournament

By Kevin Caudle

On the day after Christmas, the opening round of 77th Annual Blue and Gold Tournament was played on the campus of Missouri State University. The Stockton Tigers took on a formidable foe in the Republic Tigers at the Hammons Student Center. Entering the contest, the Tigers knew they faced a quick and athletic group who entered the tournament as a #3 seed. Unfortunately for the hometown Tigers, Republic proved to be even better than their high seed as they would eventually win the Blue Division of the tournament. Turnovers plagued the Tigers as Republic won 74-32. Scoring for Stockton was led by Jase Hardesty with 14 points followed by Layton Colvin with 8 and Colter Woods with 5.

The following day, the Tigers took on the Spokane Owls in the second round of the consolation bracket. Spokane had been defeated the day before by Hillcrest (Springfield) Going into the half, Spokane held a six point advantage but a nice third quarter run by Stockton whittled the lead down to 2 points. Unfortunately, the Tigers then went ice cold, scoring only 6 points in the final frame to lose 55-40. However, there was much optimism as senior Jay Baxter made his season debut after undergoing knee surgery in the fall. Despite playing limited minutes, Baxter led the Tigers with 24 points, including a breakaway steal and dunk that wowed the Tiger faithful.

The Tigers return to action on January 6th hosting the Pleasant Hope Pirates. The games that evening will have a 5:00 p.m. start as it will be a Lady Tigers/Tigers doubleheader. The Tigers will then travel to Springfield on January 9th to take on the Greenwood Bluejays.



Jay Baxter of the Tigers and JD Tate of the Spokane Owls shake hands after battling at the Blue and Gold Tournament in Springfield. The two combined for more than half the combined points in the contest with Tate scoring 25 points and Baxter 24. Spokane won 55-40. PHOTOS BY KEVIN CAUDLE



Beaux Brogdon looks for an opening against the Republic Tigers last week during the Blue and Gold Tournament played on the campus of Missouri State University.



Brandon Sullivan gets a tough shot off against the Spokane Owls at the Blue and Gold Tournament last week. Spokane went on to win 55-40.



Colby Adams looks for an outlet against the Republic Tigers at the Blue and Gold Tournament last week. Republic defeated the Tigers 74-32 en route to winning the Blue Division of the tournament.

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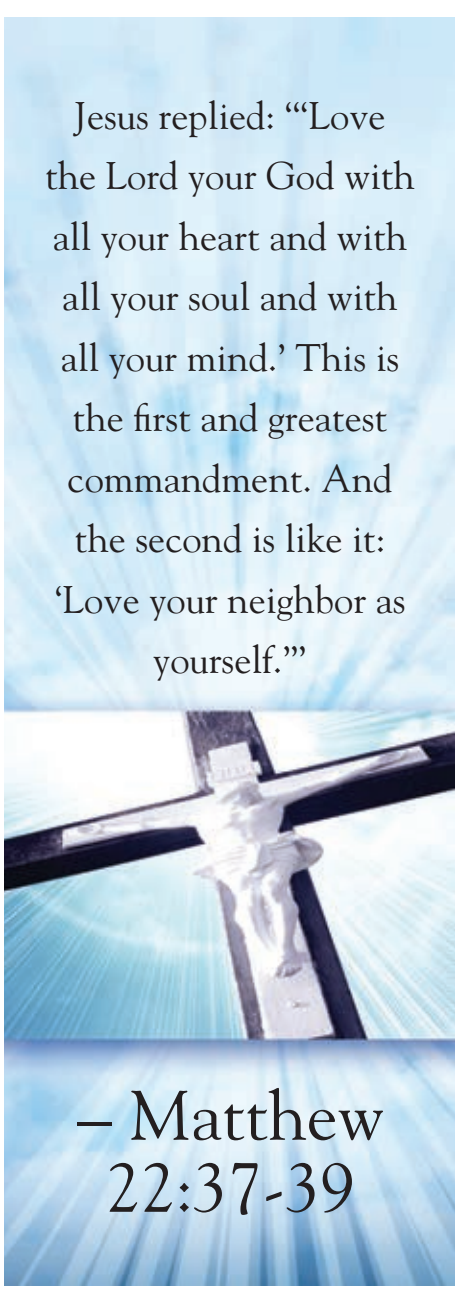
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14 Route Y, Arcola, MO 65603 • Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Bible study, 6:30 p.m.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD
300 E. Freeman, El Dorado Springs • (417) 876-3056 • Dana G. Taylor, pastor • Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.• Prayer 5-6 p.m. • Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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19950 S. Hwy. 245, Fair Play • In Cedar County, 2 miles south from Hwy. 32 • Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. • Encouragers: Benny and Jeanette York (417) 955-3379 and Greg and Linda Easterley, (417) 754-2546

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500 RB Road, Stockton • Early worship, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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Great Oaks (formerly Country Club) • West Highway 54, El Dorado Springs • Sunday school, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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822 South West St. Stockton, MO 65785 • Joe Grande, Pastor • pastorgrande@fbcstocktonmo.com • Church: 417-228-0894 • Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

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500 S. Main El Dorado Springs • Ron Marsh, pastor • Sunday school, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday morning worship service 10 a.m.; Sunday evening worship service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Nights Service 7 p.m. • Youth Group 6 p.m.; Wednesday Awanas Group 6 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
300 S. Main, El Dorado Springs • (417) 876-3526 • Jack Daniels, pastor • Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.

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HERRIMAN CHAPEL CHURCH
Highway 39 South • Cedar Springs, Mo • Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY
329 Hwy. 32, Fair Play • (417) 654-2644 • Lyle Shaulis, pastor • Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., Worship,10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
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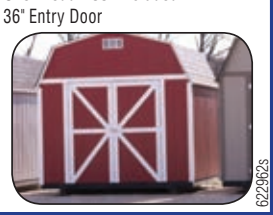
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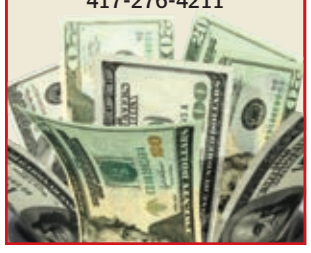
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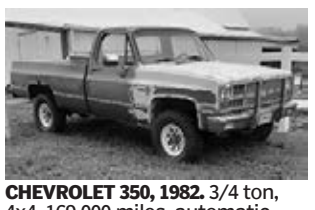
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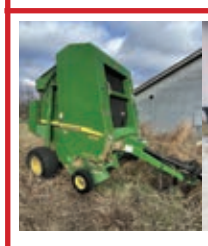
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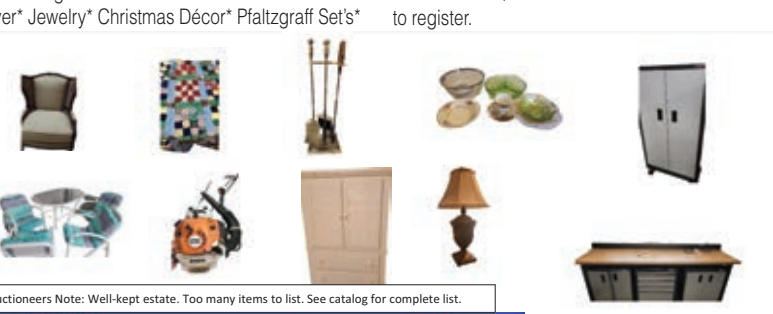
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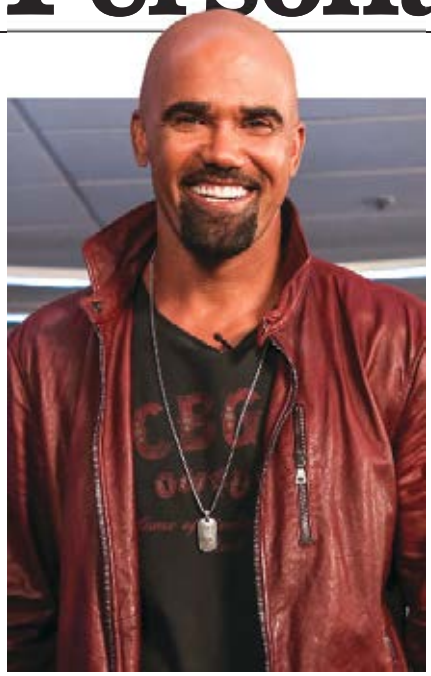
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Walter Scott Asks...

SHEMAR MOORE

The former *Criminal Minds* and *The Young and the Restless* star, 52, continues his role as Daniel "Hondo" Harrelson when *S.W.A.T.* returns from its mid-season break (Jan. 6 on CBS). The series centered on the special LAPD SWAT team led by Hondo will continue to address modern-day issues, but also take viewers home for a look at the softer side of Hondo as he prepares to become a first-time father.

Playing Hondo, is there a responsibility that you feel to the LAPD or to the Black community in how he's portrayed? Yes, there's a pressure and a huge responsibility to stay Black, to be proud of your Blackness, but also not to be anti-other; white or any other. I've lived my life seeing color, because I'm not blind, but not judging by color, judging by character. So, I'm with you until you do me wrong, regardless of what color you are, and that's how I live my life. I like that I'm able to incorporate that into Hondo. His father said to him in the pilot, "If you want things to change then you've got to go out there and be the change." It's difficult, and sometimes seemingly impossible, but if you quit, then nothing changes. If you don't quit, then change is possible. So, that's the mentality of Hondo, and myself, in life.

Will Hondo change now that he's going to be a dad? You'll definitely see a softer side of him. You're going to see the vulnerabilities, and—all of a sudden—the questions and the concerns that he's never had to worry about. He's always fended for himself and put other lives ahead of his own. So now you're going to see Hondo dealing with trying to be the team leader and his alpha male ways, taking on the bad guys by any means necessary. But now he's worried, will he abandon his child? Will he have a child that doesn't have a father? And what's he going to do to avoid that?

Any chance Debbie Allen might return to her role as Hondo's mom? She's a busy lady, as is Obba Babatundé, who plays my father. I know Obba texts me at least twice a week going, "When's Daddy coming home?" But yes, of course, I'm sure we're going to see a whole kumbaya moment of family togetherness celebrating the birth of Hondo Jr.

Talk about the balance—as you always say in the show—between Black and blue. Hondo was born in South L.A., which is inner city, which is the hood. From the pilot, he's got one foot in law enforcement, and the demands and the politics of it, but he insists and prides himself on keeping another foot at home.

There was a great line in the pilot where another Black man confronting Hondo said, "Are you Black or blue?" So, Hondo struggles with: Do I have to be one or the other? If I'm a cop, does that make me a sellout to my people, to my community? Or can Hondo do both, to where he can create a little more patience, truce, peace and understanding, and bridge the gap of a lot of the fears and ill wills and conflict between civilians—especially the Black community—and police officers.

What is it like on the set? The cast loves each other. We are like a close-knit family. The camaraderie and the chemistry that you see from the cast, that's how we are in real life. They come over to my house, I go over to theirs. We go to Jay Harrington's pizza shop and watch *S.W.A.T.* and football games. People come to my house and swim, play cornhole, play pool and just hangout and watch the games. We have Sunday fun days and things like that. P



What kind of training did the team undergo prior to Season 1? Before the pilot, we had three months of training by San Diego PD SWAT, LAPD SWAT, and SEAL Team Six members, so we did serious training so that we could look and move like a well-oiled machine because that's what they do in real life.

What we're doing is not real, but we take a lot of pride in emulating the real men and women of law enforcement. We only do what is really done in the real world, protecting citizens on the screen. We never go over the top like you may see in movies like *Fast and Furious*, things like that. We keep it 100 percent authentic to how SWAT deals with chasing down bad guys.

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The Parade Don't Miss List

Here's what's on our entertainment radar for the week ahead. Go to ***Parade.com/entertainment*** for more.



WILL TRENT

JAN. 3 ON ABC

Following in the footsteps of previous books turned into TV series, like Michael Connelly's *Bosch* and Lee Child's *Reacher*, comes Karin Slaughter's *Will Trent*, based on her *New York Times* bestselling series about the special agent with the Georgia Bureau of Investigations (GBI), who was abandoned at birth and endured a harsh coming-of-age in Atlanta's overwhelmed foster care system. Now grown, Will is assigned some of the GBI's most difficult cases because his unique perspective on life—plus the skills he has learned to help cope with his dyslexia—has made him the agent with the highest clearance rate.

"Will is a real loner," said **Ramón Rodríguez**, 43, who plays the title role. "He's someone that doesn't work with people very well, but I think he's got a real big heart."

Will's dyslexia is not something that he easily shares with others, but his boss Amanda Wagner (**Sonja Sohn**) and his partner Faith (Iantha Richardson) are aware of the workarounds he employs because of his difficulties reading. "We quickly learn and see his skills when he's on a crime scene, specifically how he's able to look at things and pick things up visually and that's primarily because he's dyslexic," Rodríguez says.









AGT: ALL STARS

JAN. 2 ON NBC

"This feels like the Super Bowl," said **Howie Mandel**, 67. "We have a great league here at AGT. I've watched people win and I've watched people's lives change and I've watched their career changes. Now they've come together from all over the world and from all different levels to compete again." That's right, *America's Got Talent*, which is normally a summer series, is going to ring in the New Year with a new twist on the show, which will bring together 60 winners, finalists, fan favorites and viral sensations from the series' franchises around the world to compete for the All-Stars title.

Each of the six weeks of the series, ten acts—including singers, dancers, ventriloquists, comedians, aerialists, magicians and more—perform for the judges for the chance to earn one of the coveted Golden Buzzers which automatically moves them to the finale. Then, the AGT Superfans will also vote each week on one additional act to move on to the finals.

Mandel is back as a judge along with **Simon Cowell**, 63, and **Heidi Klum**, 49. Sofia Vergara is sitting out this round due to prior commitments, which means that with **Terry Crews**, 54 returning as host, Klum is the only female in the group. "Obviously I miss my Sofia because we have our girly moments," Klum said. "You have a different thing with a woman in a way than with two boys, but I have a lot of fun with them too."

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THE 80TH GOLDEN GLOBES CEREMONY

JAN. 10 ON NBC

The awards show is back after a couple of controversial and COVID-y years. One reason to tune in? **Eddie Murphy**, 61, will receive this year's special award. "We're honored to present this year's Cecil B. DeMille Award to the iconic and highly esteemed Mr. Eddie Murphy," HFPA President, Helen Hoehne said. "We're thrilled to be celebrating the lasting impact on film and television that his career—in front of and behind the camera—has had through the decades." Jane Fonda, Tom Hanks, George Clooney, Robert De Niro, Steven Spielberg and Audrey Hepburn are past honorees. Murphy, who has shone in such films as *Dolemite Is My Name*, *48 Hours*, *Trading Places* and *Coming to America*, has been nominated for a Golden Globe six times and won the Best Supporting Actor in a motion picture award for *Dreamgirls* in 2007.



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THE STING

It was big entertainment news 50 years ago when actors **Paul Newman** and **Robert Redford** and director **George Roy Hill**—the trio behind the popular *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*—got back together for this 1973 hit. This time it was *The Sting*, which also starred Robert Shaw. *Parade* reported that Redford signed on first, followed by Hill and then Newman, who, "exuding enough wit and charm to win anyone's confidence, plays Henry Gondorff, the seasoned con who knows all the angle." *The Sting* went on to be a huge critical and popular success, and won 1974's Oscar for Best Picture.





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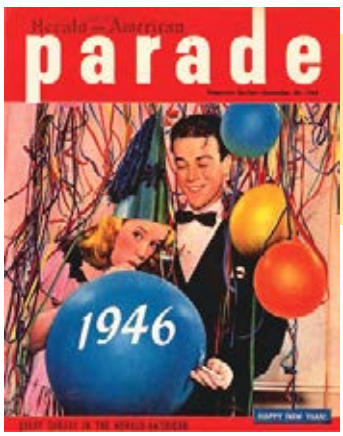
For 81 years, *Parade* has been here to help readers ring in the New Year—with calendar girls, plump babies (a symbol of rebirth), confetti and bubbly, a toast to New Year's Eve bandleader Guy Lombardo and many, many resolutions to live by (including a few from Ellen DeGeneres). Here's what we found in the *Parade* vault. —*Anne Krueger*



1944



1946



1945 Talk about starting the New Year with a bang: This *Parade* cover showcased a mischievous young man about to use his lit cigarette to pop the party balloon his date is blowing up.



1961

The women on the cover of *Parade* magazine were young actresses—Constance Towers, Danielle De Metz and Jody Warner—on the set of the *Adventures in Paradise* TV series. *Parade*'s photographer handed each one a prop that together spelled out the magazine's message to readers.



1959

Meet Nancy Wakefield. She's the Orange Bowl Queen getting ready for that New Year's tradition: football!



1971 Consideration of the other fellow and ability to admit one's mistakes are two highly important factors to successful living, according to *Parade*. In observance of the New Year, the magazine presented a short course in human relations that "should contribute to a happy and prosperous 1972." More "we" and less "I" was one of the key lessons.



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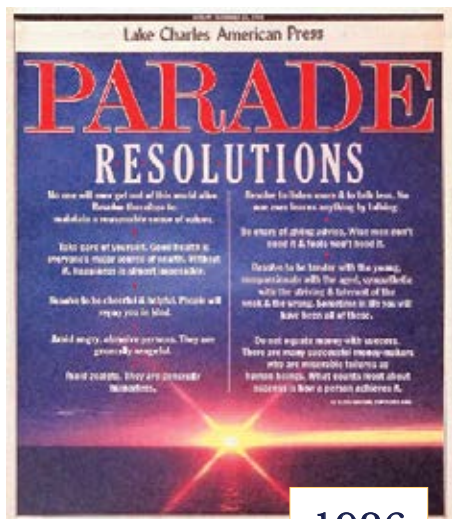
1972

Guy Lombardo: Did He Invent New Year's Eve?

DECEMBER 28, 1969



Bandleader Lombardo didn't invent New Year's Eve, but for 40 years (since 1929) he'd had such a monopoly on ushering in the new year over the airwaves that one critic wrote, "Should Guy Lombardo and the Royal Canadians ever have their strains of 'Auld Lang Syne' stilled on New Year's Eve, a fearful hush would fall over the entire country." In 1969, the musician, 67, was keeping up with the times by playing popular songs like The Beatles' "Yesterday" in his romantic big-band style. For $50 a person, fans could join Lombardo at the Waldorf Astoria hotel to welcome in 1970.



1986



My No-Fail Guide to New Year's Resolutions

DECEMBER 31, 2006

When Ellen DeGeneres pens a list of resolutions, you expect it to be funny—and it was in this *Parade* article (she's toasting with milk on the cover). But some of her advice in 2006 was surprisingly practical. "Remember that resolutions don't always have to be about fixing what's wrong with you," she wrote. "You also can use them to celebrate what's right with you." DeGeneres was celebrating how she'd used hypnosis to help quit smoking. When it came to most people's number 1 goal (get moving), she wisely suggested that "Hold off on exercise" be a resolution and that all fitness activity be deferred until midyear when the weather would be better. She also recommended writing resolutions in lemon juice on parchment, which makes it invisible to the naked eye unless you hold a lit candle behind it. "That's just for fun," she wrote. "It makes you feel like a pirate."

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HOW TO RETIRE ABROAD

Here's how one couple moved to Portugal and lived happily ever after. BY MELANIE HAIKEN

When **Bob** and **Tina Dameron** first began thinking about moving to Portugal, it seemed like a crazy idea. The next thing they knew they were applying for Portuguese resident visas, selling their house in San Diego and buying a 100-year-old farmhouse in Praia da Luz, a village of just 3,000 on the Algarve peninsula a few miles from Lagos.

It all started when the Damerons' daughter Adrienne and her husband Joe moved to Portugal in early 2020 with their daughter, Havana. While the younger couple envisioned a yearlong reset from their high-pressure jobs in Los Angeles, they decided to stay longer. "We began asking ourselves, do we want to be so distant from our only grandchild?" Tina Dameron, 63, says. "Meanwhile we were ready for a new adventure."

The decision became easier when the Damerons visited and fell in love with Portugal themselves. "I retired on April 16, 2021, and we were on a plane April 21st," Bob Dameron, 64, says. By September they were closing on the farmhouse and embarking on an ambitious restoration project, which includes putting in a large vegetable garden. In December they spent their first night in their new home.

The Damerons, who are still American citizens, have spent time during the past year exploring the Algarve and visiting the Alentejo region and its capital city of Evora, a UNESCO world heritage city (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization designates sites with cultural, historical or scientific significance). They have also visited Porto, the Douro Valley wine country, the castle-studded hill town of Sintra and plan to visit Aveiro, known for its canals and gondola-like boats.

They're studying Portuguese and have immersed themselves in learning about Portuguese wine. "They have more than 200 native varietals, and the entire country is made up of different wine regions," Bob says enthusiastically.

While they do miss their friends back home, the Damerons say the transition has been surprisingly easy thanks to the welcoming locals and a lively community of expats from around the world.

And they love the rugged beauty of the Portuguese coast, which reminds them of California with its craggy cliffs, crashing waves and sheltered beaches. "Tina and I were raised in Santa Cruz, and we remember when you could go to the beaches and there was hardly anyone there. Here it's still like that," Bob says.

"There's a realness about Portugal, a pride in their history and an appreciation for who and what they are," Tina says. "It's not at all a consumer culture, and I find it really refreshing. It's a wonderful place to step back from our hectic American lives." P

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VISA The Damerons got a Visa called a D7, also known as the Retirement Visa or the Passive Income Visa. It requires them to live in Portugal six months of the year.

HEALTHCARE Many retirees abroad keep paying Medicare and return to the U.S. for services and care during annual visits.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND TAXES American expats receive social security and continue to pay U.S. taxes on it.

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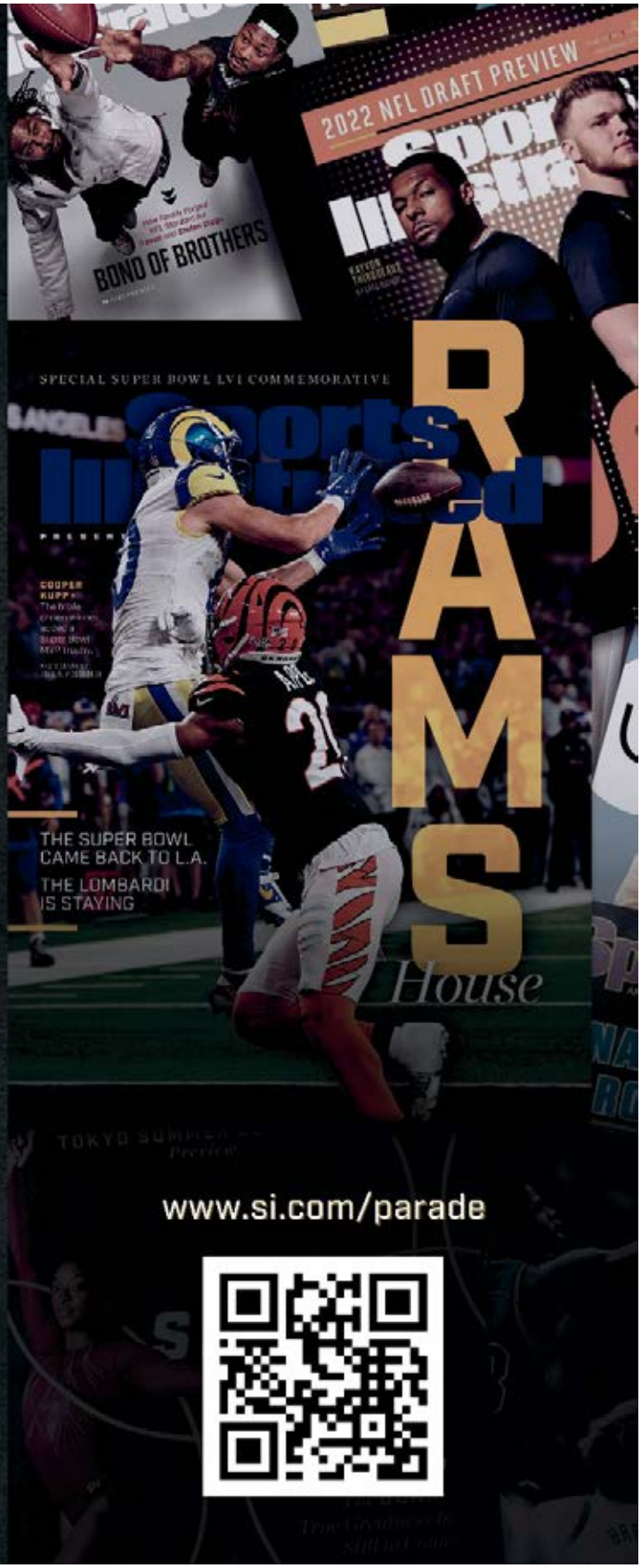
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1973

PARADE REVEALS THE STORIES BEHIND 15 OF THE YEAR'S MOST UNFORGETTABLE SONGS—FROM "PIANO MAN" TO "LET'S GET IT ON."

BY JIM FARBER

Welcome back to 1973, a very good year for fantastic music. It's hard to believe that it's been 50 years since the debuts by artists as enduring as Billy Joel, Aerosmith and Bruce Springsteen. And a half century has passed since performers like Stevie Wonder, Gladys Knight & the Pips and the solo Ringo Starr were at their sales peaks. The hits those artists generated in that year haven't left the culture for a minute since, but the stories behind those songs have often been forgotten.

These are the tales behind 15 of 1973's biggest hits:



BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

"BLINDED BY THE LIGHT"

Only one Springsteen song has ever topped the singles chart, but it wasn't the Boss's version that did it. His 1973 recording didn't even chart. Only when **Manfred Mann's Earth Band** covered it four years later did "Blinded by the Light" become a smash. Several changes Mann made have been given credit for the success. First, he added a piano part that mimicked "Chopsticks," creating a maddeningly catchy hook. Then, the band's singer, Chris Thompson, pronounced a word in the song—"deuce"—in a way that made it sound like a feminine hygiene product. Radio stations in the South refused to play a song with that word so Mann's record company said he had to change it. Due to technical issues, however, they couldn't do so without making it sound even stranger. The result turned out to be a boon. "So many people came up to us after and said, 'You know what made it No.1?'" Mann told *Record Collector* magazine. "Everyone was trying to figure out whether it was 'deuce' or 'douche.'"



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PINK FLOYD
"MONEY"

"Money...is the root of all evil today," sang Roger Waters in a song that made him fantastically wealthy. In fact, getting rich was very much on his mind at the time. "Money interested me enormously," he told the British newspaper *The Daily Telegraph*. "I was coveting a Bentley like crazy. The only way to get something like that was through rock or the football pools."

The particular way Waters got his wealth was by creating a hook listeners couldn't get out of their heads. The one in "Money" cleverly sifted together a series of sound effects—rattling coins, a ringing cash register and a ticking counting machine—into a rhythm no one could resist. That, combined with the song's wailing guitar and grinding sax solo, made "Money" the first track to hit off *The Dark Side of the Moon*, an album that went on to sell an estimated 45 million copies. *Dark Side* stubbornly remained on the Billboard chart for nearly 1,000 weeks, generating enough lucre to buy Waters fresh Bentleys every year for the rest of his life if he wanted them.



MARVIN GAYE
"LET'S GET IT ON"

One of the sexiest songs ever recorded originally addressed something far more troubling. The initial version, penned by Ed Townsend, expressed his need to overcome his alcoholism. While Gaye loved the song's melody, he convinced Townsend to let him recast the words to reflect his romantic feelings at the time for Janis Hunter, who would later become his second wife and the mother of two of his children. Gaye sang the song directly to Hunter in the studio, which, no doubt, enhanced the sensuality of the performance that in turn helped make "Let's Get It On" Motown's best-selling single to that date.

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STEVE MILLER

"THE JOKER"



Few phrases in pop history have invited more amused head-scratching than the reference in "The Joker" to "the pompatus of love." Luckily for Miller, that strange phrase fascinated listeners as much as it confounded them. They were drawn, too, by Miller's self-referential puzzle of lyrics that alluded to "the space cowboy," "the gangster of love" and "Maurice," all of which echoed titles of earlier songs by the star. As to the lineage of "pompatus," a similar word turned up in a 1954 hit by the doo-wop group The Medallions.

Miller himself had a cheekier take on it. During his induction speech at the Songwriters of Hall of Fame in 2022 he alluded to the word by saying "My attorney is here tonight, and he will explain exactly what it is and how much it costs when you say it."

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BILLY JOEL

"PIANO MAN"

The lowest period in Billy Joel's career inspired the song he may be best known for. After signing a terrible contract for his first album, *Cold Spring Harbor*, the New York-based Joel hid out in Los Angeles where he performed under the fake name Bill Martin. (The star's real full name is William Martin Joel). For six months, Joel sang at a small lounge while his new label, Columbia, finagled to get him out of his old deal. The song's lyrics feature the characters he met while he performed there, from the failed novelist Paul to Davy "who's still in the Navy." Sad as aspects of their lives may have been, the narrator's music helps them "forget about life for a while." The vividness of the tale, and the sing-along chorus, helped make "Piano Man" Joel's first Top 40 hit and, eventually, his signature piece.

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CHER

"HALF BREED"

When Cher's song about a young woman who is shunned for her mixed-race identity came out 50 years ago, no one talked about things like "cultural appropriation." Today, however, there might be controversy over an artist who has a dubious connection to Native American culture recording a song about the child of a Cherokee woman and a white father. While Cher has claimed she is 1/16th Cherokee on her mother's side, this has never been verified. Either way, the writers of the song clearly had no knowledge of the culture. In Cherokee society, a child born to a mother from the tribe would be fully accepted by it. Then again, it's hard to imagine anyone taking such a delightfully silly song seriously enough to get worked up about all this. Cher herself has dismissed any criticisms and continues to perform the song in her show. Anyone who wants to hear a version of "Half-Breed" recorded by someone slightly better connected to Indigenous culture can look to a 1990 take by Shania Twain. Her stepfather is an Ojibwe Native American.





AEROSMITH

"DREAM ON"

While "Dream On" rates as one of the most popular power ballads of all time, it barely made a blip when it appeared as Aerosmith's debut single in 1973. Only radio stations in the group's hometown of Boston recognized its brilliance. *Rolling Stone* magazine didn't even review the corresponding album it came from. In fact, two full years passed before "Dream On" became a Top Ten hit, after grueling work on the road. The song itself had an even longer incubation. Singer Steven Tyler wrote the music for it when he was 17, inspired by the classical works played by his father, a Julliard-trained pianist. He came up with the lyrics even earlier—at 14—but they proved prophetic: "Dream On" made Aerosmith's dreams come true.



RINGO STARR

"PHOTOGRAPH"

Starr's first No. 1 solo hit doubled as his first official writing collaboration with another ex-Beatle: George Harrison. At the same time, there was considerable tension between the two during that era. Harrison had a brief affair with Starr's then wife, Maureen. (Harrison's spouse, Pattie Boyd, found the pair in bed.) Though Starr initially threatened to divorce Maureen, the marriage lasted another few years, and his friendship with Harrison quickly recovered. The guitarist went on to write more songs for the drummer. In a tribute concert to Harrison after his death, Starr performed "Photograph" and, witnesses say, it left few dry eyes in the house.

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ELTON JOHN

"CANDLE IN THE WIND"



Everyone knows that John's sentimental ballad paid homage to Marilyn Monroe. But that wasn't the only inspiration for Bernie Taupin's lyrical ode. "The song could just as easily have been written about James Dean or Jim Morrison or Kurt Cobain," John later said. "Basically, anybody who died young. It's beauty frozen in time."

Taupin borrowed the song title's phrase from record mogul Clive Davis, who used it to describe Janis Joplin after her death in 1970. Popular as the song may have been in '73, it wasn't issued as a single then. A live version, cut 15 years later, was the one that broke Billboard's Top Ten. The song did even better a decade later in the version John and Taupin created for their close friend Princess Diana after her death. For that recording, they changed the opening from "Goodbye, Norma Jean" to "Goodbye, English Rose." The resulting song did even better in the U.S. than in Diana's U.K. home. Stateside, it held the No. 1 spot for 14 weeks, while in Britain it lasted five. The Diana version went on to become the second biggest-selling single of all time after Bing Crosby's "White Christmas."

GLADYS KNIGHT

"MIDNIGHT TRAIN TO GEORGIA"



In its original form, Knight's signature song made no reference to the state of Georgia. Initially, songwriter Jim Weatherly entitled his piece, "Midnight Plane to Houston," inspired by an evocative phrase used by his friend, actress Farrah Fawcett, in a conversation with her husband at the time, Lee Majors. Weatherly first cut the song himself in a country version, but about a year later, he got a call that Cissy Houston (Whitney's mom) wanted to record it with an R&B flair. To avoid the redundancy between her surname and the title city, she asked if she could change the destination to Georgia. Weatherly said yes, so long as she didn't change anything else. While Cissy's version didn't connect, it caught the ear of Knight, whose emotive take gave her group its first No. 1 smash. They scored two other hits that year— "Neither One of Us" and "I've Got to Use My Imagination"—making 1973 the Pips' peak season.

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PAUL McCARTNEY AND WINGS

"LIVE AND LET DIE"

McCartney scored a number of firsts with his theme for the Bond film *Live and Let Die*. It was the first 007 song to hit No. 1, the first created by a rock artist and the first to be nominated for the Best Original Song Oscar. (It lost to Barbra Streisand's "The Way We Were.") The producers of Bond first asked McCartney to write the theme for the previous film in the franchise, *Diamonds Are Forever*, but contractual issues prevented that. When they sent the musician the script for the new film two years later, he was initially flummoxed. "I thought, *The hardest thing to do here is to work in that title*," he told *Mojo* magazine in 2010. Once he got his head around the fact that the title really meant "live and let live," the music flowed. Another potential issue arose when the producers wanted Shirley Bassey (of "Goldfinger" fame) to perform it instead of Wings. McCartney said they couldn't have the song unless he sang it. The result proved so successful that McCartney has kept it in his live set ever since.



EDGAR WINTER

"FRANKENSTEIN"

Fans have long wondered where Winter's instrumental smash got its title. Many thought it derived from its monstrously heavy beat. In fact, it had to do with the song's construction. The original, improvised version of "Frankenstein" went on forever, so hacking it into a digestible form took no small amount of musical surgery. "Back in those days, when you edited something, you had to physically cut the tape and splice it back together," Winter told Songfacts.com. "We were making fun of how to put it back together. And, at one point, my drummer, Chuck Ruff, said 'it's like Frankenstein.'" "That's it,'" said Winter. "The monster was born."

TONY ORLANDO & DAWN

"TIE A YELLOW RIBBON ROUND THE OLE' OAK TREE"

Everyone loves a song that tells a story. But few have proven as impactful as the tale of the yellow ribbon. Inspiration came from a 1971 story in the *New York Post* by Pete Hamill entitled "Going Home" in which some kids on a bus meet a man who just got out of jail. He tells them of a letter he sent his wife asking her to tie a yellow handkerchief around a tree as a sign that she wanted to take him back. If he didn't see the handkerchief, he would move on. In the original story, the tree he sees is draped in yellow. The writers of the song changed the handkerchief to a more musical word—ribbon—and greatly upped the number of them choking the tree. In the decades since, the yellow ribbon has become an oft-employed symbol of remembrance and welcome, first used to greet soldiers returning from the Vietnam War. In 1980, many used them to remember the U.S. hostages in Iran.



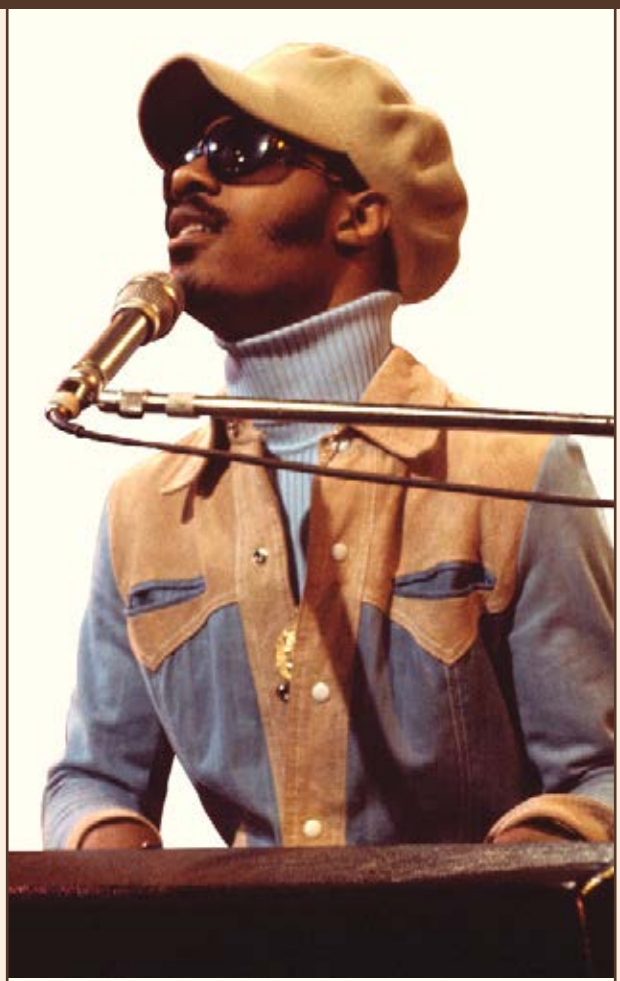
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LYNYRD SKYNYRD

"FREE BIRD"

One of the most celebrated guitar anthems of all time became even better known as a punch line. For decades, countless concertgoers have been randomly shouting unsolicited song requests for Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird" no matter who happens to be performing on stage at the time. So, how did this wacky tradition begin? Three years after the studio version of the song appeared, Skynyrd recorded a live album, *One More from The Road*, during which singer Ronnie Van Zant asked the crowd "What song is it you wanna hear?" In unison, they screamed "Free Bird," inspiring a frenzied 14-and-a-half-minute version of the song. Fans have been imitating that entreaty as a joke ever since. You can hear someone shout for it on the full version of Nirvana's 1993 *MTV Unplugged* set. And, just this past July, at a Jackson Browne concert in New York, a fan shouted the time-honored request, which caused the singer to quip: "The strange thing is, somehow that's still funny."





STEVIE WONDER

"LIVING FOR THE CITY"

Few songs that dare to address racism with the unflinching honesty of "Living for the City" have become major hits. But the passion of Wonder's music, combined with the power of his vocals, helped send his song sailing into the Top 10. As Wonder himself told the website Songfacts, "I think the deepest I really got into how I feel about the way things are was in 'Living for the City.' I was able to show the hurt and the anger."

He even managed to do so in the abridged version that became the single. The full, seven-minute version on the album goes further, using shocking language that was later sampled by the rap group Public Enemy. The recording also stood out for its inventive use of sampled street sounds, including honking cars, blaring sirens and everyday conversations. Small wonder the classic album it appeared on, *Innervisions*—which also featured the funk smash "Higher Ground"—nabbed the 1973 "Album of Year" Grammy. P

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Ask Marilyn

BY MARILYN VOS SAVANT

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I attended a concert at an indoor arena where the crowd was dancing and jumping, and I felt very uneasy as the floor was vibrating through to the halls in the upper tier where I was getting food. Are these concrete structures built to withstand huge crowds that are not just sitting, but leaping around?

–Kathy Kramer, Clinton, New Jersey



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The short answer is "no." From the outset, the safety of the structures starts with their architects, who comply with the building codes then in effect in the area. The architects try to think of everything, but they (and those who write the building codes) are limited by what is known and available at the time.

However old or new the buildings are, let's fast-forward to today. You could compare the crowd shaking a building to a minor earthquake, which is clearly felt but rarely causes damage. Seismic provisions to local building codes vary greatly from state to state and may not even be enforced, depending on certain circumstances. For example, newly written codes commonly don't apply to buildings already in existence, which is the case with a great many venues. Some updates may be possible over time, but most are not.

This doesn't mean that older buildings are less safe. Having stood the test of time, they may indeed be more safe. Design flaws are more likely to be found in newer buildings.

Overall, you're very likely to be safe in a large public building, especially in this country, but you can't count on designs or building codes to assure it.

CLASSIC ASK MARILYN

MARILYN'S WORD TEASER

JANUARY 22, 1995

This week's word is OSCULATE
What's the definition?

A. To kiss.

B. To waver back and forth.

C. To escalate a battle of wits.

D. To remove bones from a chicken.

Ask Marilyn

BY MARILYN VOS SAVANT

SOLUTIONS

A QUESTION OF HONOR

This 1980s Ask Marilyn question (and answer) really got readers going.

Dear Marilyn,
I've read that "vos Savant" is actually your mother's name. Why don't you use your father's name?

—John McCarthy, Lubbock, Texas

Dear John,
Here's just a partial list of items that carry men's names: airports (John F. Kennedy), buildings (Trump Tower), cities (Cleveland), film companies (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), museums (John Paul Getty), racetracks (Churchill Downs), religions (Lutheran), rivers (Hudson), and I could fill page after page, including some of the most important corporations on the planet. All this makes sense to me, and men deserve this credit. However, I can think of nothing that women deserve to have their names on more than their children. The injustice of this cannot be overestimated.

MARILYN'S WORD TEASER

The answer is A. To osculate is to kiss. (To "oscillate" is to move back and forth, like a fan.)

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SOME OF THE FOLLOW-UP RESPONSES MARILYN GOT:

There are plenty of things already named after women—ships, hurricanes, horses and dogs are just a few.

—William Reno, Sandy, Utah

Do you have something against your father? Why don't you wish to honor him?

—Anonymous, Rockville, Maryland

But women have no names. They are only using names of the males in their lives (either fathers or spouses).

—Mickey LaCross, Shelton, Connecticut

MARILYN RESPONDED:

One at a time! My father (who passed away a few years ago) was an absolute dear; I loved him when he was alive and I love him still. I took my mother's maiden name as an adult, and it delighted him. (And yes, I would have done it even if he hadn't been delighted.)

The argument that "women have no names" is selectively lopsided logic. Why do men have names then? That is, if a woman doesn't have a name (because it's "her father's"), then a man doesn't have one, either (because it's his father's). And why should fathers themselves be considered to have names? (They have fathers too!)

And as far as honor is concerned, my mother is now finally getting what she's due. (Thanks, Mom!)



Clockwise from left: Marina vos Savant (mother), Joseph Mach (father), Marilyn vos Savant, Joe Mach, Bob Mach (brothers).

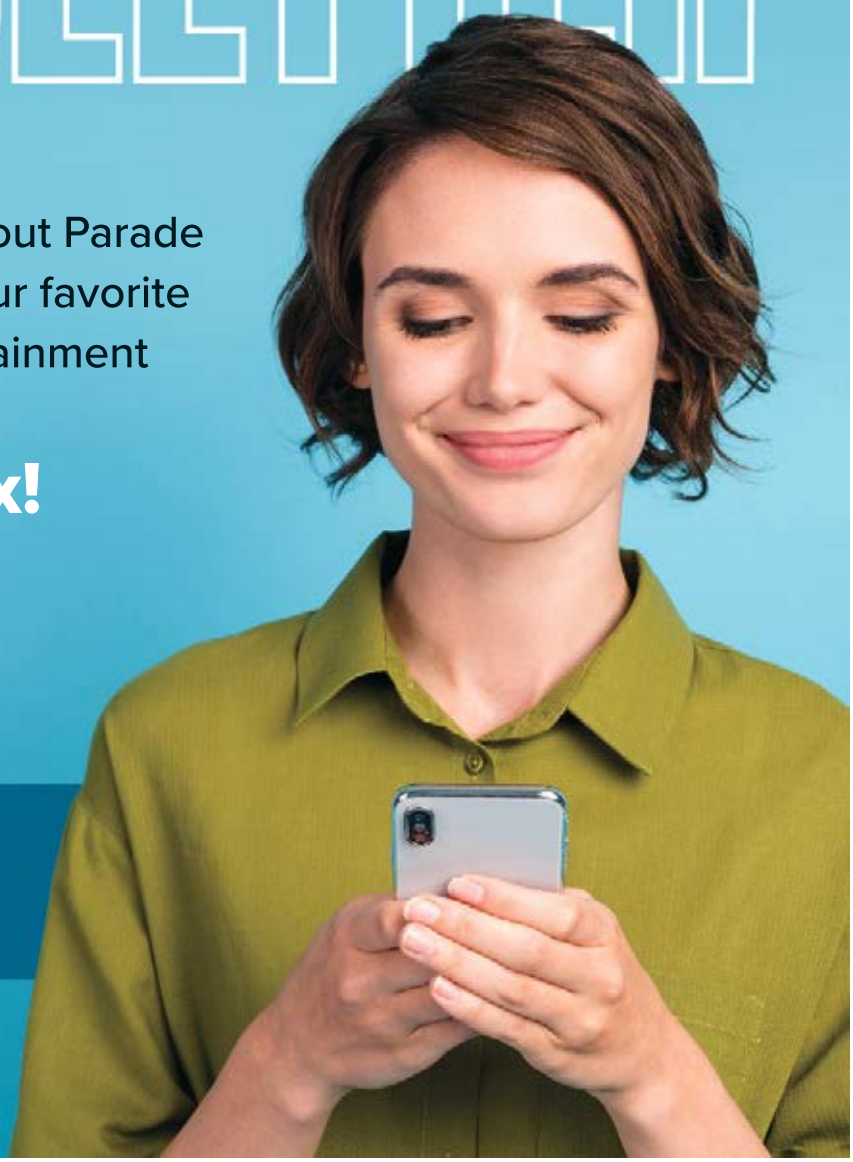
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