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## Thrift store "steals" take on new meaning

### Hundreds of dollars of items are stolen from SAMA porch

By Pat Hindman

What happens to the town of Stockton when items left on the porch of the Stockton Area Ministerial Alliance (SAMA) are taken? The community loses. SAMA is staffed with volunteers who work hours and hours sorting and pricing items. They lift heavy furniture; they sort clothing; they organize and separate. All work is volunteer; each year, thousands of dollars go back into the Stockton community in several ways. Yet, some people who could get a tremendous bargain from walking inside the store and paying a pittance of what it is worth never get that opportunity. And an incalculable amount of money does not go back into the community. Why? Because others have stolen it.

People leave items on the front porch of SAMA each weekend and during the hours when SAMA is closed. Joan Earhart, the director, said SAMA appreciates all the donated items. This is how thousands of dollars go back into the area to help those in need. But she is encouraging people to donate during store hours if possible. The staff will help unload all the items and ensure they are safely stored.

According to employees, people who take items left on the porch are bold. As a Cedar County Republican reporter came to SAMA for an interview last week, a man in a pickup truck had just filled up the back of his vehicle and sped away, according to Earhart. People have even taken things as workers are trying to get them inside despite cameras, posted signs, and even pictures taken by employees.

"One hundred percent of our proceeds go back into the community. I feel they are stealing from the community," Earhart said.

The amount of money lost from theft



Above is an edited picture of a truck loaded with items taken from the SAMA porch just before the store's opening, even after being addressed by the director, according to Earhart. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

is incalculable. As a CCR reporter occasionally watched the porch this weekend, people brought items to donate. Then they were missing a short time later. The thefts happened far more than once during the weekend. Trucks would pull in with trailers; cars would pull through. Some honest people were looking, but if they hoped to return this week and purchase an item sitting outside, they may not find it inside. Some of the donations simply disappear.

Theft doesn't just happen on the weekend. It occurs nearly anytime donations are left outside.

Sometimes, Earhart said, they open bags and leave clothes and items they don't want scattered everywhere.

Most likely, some people taking from the porch resell stolen items. Others take what they want and leave the rest.

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## City of EIdo receiving applications for officers

By Pat Hindman

The city of EIdo recently lost its long-time Chief of Police, Jarrod Schiereck, and two officers will be retiring soon, leaving some citizens concerned about how the department will be staffed. According to Bruce Rogers, city manager, one officer who is retiring will go to work for Cedar County after his retirement. Schiereck took a position out of the area. "Those two are not leaving because of salary," Rogers pointed out.

Rogers said the city currently has four full-time officers, and the department plans to be staffed with at least five officers by March because several applications for both Chief of Police and officers have been received. The department is continuing to advertise.

The city usually operates with five officers, Rogers said, but is budgeted for as many as seven.

Rogers said the city has always relied on Cedar and Vernon Counties if extra assistance is needed, and the city also has some reserve officers.

"All shifts are being covered right now," Rogers said. He added that officers work eight hours daily, with reserve officers continuing to work when needed.



People who steal from the front porch of SAMA often open bags and scatter items they don't want.

## Can your children purchase legal products to get high in Missouri?

### Delta 8 may not be considered marijuana but creates similar, unregulated high

By Pat Hindman

Did you know that your child can walk or drive to several places in Cedar County and pick up a chemical compound derived from hemp that, as one online store advertises, is capable of "getting you stoned out of your mind?" And the product is available online in Missouri if someone doesn't want to travel. The THC product is referred to as Delta 8 (marijuana has a Delta 9 compound.) It is derived from hemp, the same plant species as marijuana, but not regulated in Missouri. Many teenagers are familiar with it. Although some brick-and-mortar stores, such as gas stations and vape stores, have self-imposed an age limit to selling Delta 8, a child of any age can legally purchase it in Missouri. Yet, it is banned in 17 states and severely restricted in seven others. Delta 8 contains THC, the same chemical that creates the marijuana high, and is sold as gummies, cookies, and candy, and is used in vapes or can be smoked.

The products can cause nausea and vomiting or make

children so sleepy that their breathing is at risk. According to data from America's Poison Centers, nearly 80% of the Delta-8 cases reported to poison control centers in the U.S. between January 2021 and October 2023 wound up in the hospital.

Missouri Sen. Nick Schroer has introduced Senate Bill 984, also called the "Intoxicating Cannabinoid Control Act," which, if passed, would make all "intoxicating cannabinoid products" labeled as cannabis. The bill's function is to regulate hemp products made with Delta-8 THC. However, problems exist in getting the bill passed, including regulations for how old an individual must be to purchase Delta-8 hemp products and requirements for accurate testing to be presented on product packaging. Some Delta 8 products are made in unclean, unregulated environments, and many are packaged to appeal to children.

"I've had constituents reaching out to me saying that their kids had been hospitalized," Schroer said in a recent media interview.



The bear gummies above could be children's gummy bears; they could be gummies to calm a child; or they could be marijuana gummies. But these gummies are none of these. They are Delta 8 gummies. They are legal; they are made from the hemp plant, which is the same species as the marijuana plant; they lead to a THC high, and they are legal to purchase by any age of consumer in Missouri. Two lawmakers are trying to change what they consider a "loophole" in Missouri's marijuana laws. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

If SB-984 became law, it would require the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to establish regulations similar to current cannabis law. Rep. Chad Perkins has also filed a companion

bill, House Bill 1781, in the House.

The bills are the latest effort to close a loophole that allows THC derived from hemp, not marijuana, to be sold in stores in Missouri.

Missouri legislators have made more attempts to tackle the topic of Delta-8 product regulation. Rep. Kurtis Gregory filed House Bill 1328 in February 2023 to re-label Delta-8 products as cannabis instead of hemp. Gregory cited the lack of age limits and the concept that the Delta 8 production is "operating under a loophole" as a reason for introducing the bill.

The bill did not proceed past a public hearing in April 2023 due to strong opposition from lobbyists. Also, some legislators claimed that regulating Delta-8 products would further create a monopoly, mainly due to inconsistencies in how the DHSS was approving cannabis licenses.

Many applicants seeking a license for marijuana sales were denied but are still legally allowed to sell Delta-8 THC products. Critics of the bill claim the law would monopolize the industry and cripple hundreds of businesses.

For Missouri's marijuana cultivators, hemp-derived THC poses a threat to their livelihoods because Missouri marijuana licensees must go through a rigorous and costly regulatory process — one that hemp companies don't.

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• James "Wes" Wesley Underwood  
• Bill Edward Dillon Sr



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# Winter roads cause accidents



Rain slick roads caused some accidents Monday such as this fender bender at the intersection of Highway 32 and North Street. With snow in the upcoming forecasts, drivers are urged to slow down and drive with caution. PAT HINDMAN

## SAMA

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In addition, Earhart said disgusting things have been left on the porch while they were closed, and the workers have no idea why people would do such things. One hot summer day, a giant fish was left to rot on the porch. Another time, cat litter was left unscooped. Once, stove ashes were scattered over the porch. And the list goes on.

The repetitive stealing creates a problem. The hesitancy to prosecute comes from a heart to help, not hurt people. Ministerial groups, understandably, want to refrain from bringing legal charges or taking action through courts.

Jacob Haught, SAMA president, said, "The Stockton Area Ministerial Alliance is aware of the problem of people taking donated items off the porch to our building. The board has had several discussions on what to do about this issue and is working alongside our amazing volunteers at the thrift store to come up with better solutions. Although we have increased security around the building, we do not have the ability to keep all the donated items safe that are dropped off at the building



An enormous fish was once left in a pot over a hot summer weekend; other things left on the porch include unscooped cat litter and stove ashes. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

after hours."

Haught also encourages people to drop off items between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

"We also can make arrangements if you have bigger items you would like to donate to SAMA. You can do so by calling

the thrift store at 417-955-3492 or by talking to any of the area churches who are affiliated with SAMA," Haught said. "SAMA is very thankful to the Stockton community for donating to our thrift store, and we look forward to partnering with you in 2024."

## Tortoiseshell cat wants to find a home

By Izzy Hindman

Hello, folks. I'm a pretty tortie named Azula and looking for a family. Any loving family would be great. I interact well with dogs, other cats, and kids.

I'm very cuddly, and I would be the perfect friend for anyone. I'm super sweet and loveable!

If you are looking for someone to befriend or even just a companion you can spend days with, I'm here for you. Please. I've been waiting.

Navigate the website at [www.polkcountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.polkcountyhumanesociety.org) to find my profile, other available animals, applications to adopt or foster, and contact information. Follow on Facebook or TikTok at PolkCountyHumane Society.



If you love a tortoiseshell, this perfect cat is for you. See it at Polk County Humane Society. IZZY HINDMAN

## DELTA

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Suppose Delta and other manufacturers can buy hemp-derived THC concentrate for a fourth of the price that it costs to purchase Missouri-grown marijuana THC concentrate. In that case, the state's marijuana cultivators will suffer.

But it would be a big win for the state's hemp farmers.

"My legislation is a strong starting point in addressing these issues, but

I am fully aware that it is likely to be amended as it makes its way through the legislative process," Schroer said in a news article.

What the state defines as marijuana hemp and Delta 8 THC is technically not marijuana but still needs consumer protection, the two lawmakers claim. And both agree on restricting sales and limiting the THC.



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# STOCKTON DG MARKET WILL BE THE PROTOTYPE OF THE NEW LAYOUT



The new Stockton DG Market has the honor of being the first to display a new prototype layout. Fresh meats and cold items will be in the center aisles, and dairy will be in the back. The market will have six registers: two operated, two self-checkouts taking only credit/debit cards, and two self-checkouts taking cash or cards. Nine employees and the general manager, Kathryn Hartman from Fairplay, will operate the market. The opening date for the market is tentatively set for Friday. Above, Hartman left, and Tiffany Slack of Fairplay work on the center aisles. PAT HINDMAN

# Stockton Library awarded grant to replace aging computers

### Contributed news

The Stockton branch of the Cedar County Library District has been awarded a technology grant for \$12,650 to replace aging patron computers and offer technology access and training for Cedar County residents.

With the grant, the library will replace aging patron computers. In addition, the grant will provide six laptops to establish a small mobile lab. This mobile lab will allow the library to offer hands-on technology training to Cedar County Library District patrons.

Shannon Snow, co-director, said, "Look for a schedule on the webpage soon." Possible training would be word processing, spreadsheets, and

other related technology topics to help Cedar County residents improve job skills and personal productivity.

The library will also offer enhanced computer/internet access for homeschool students who need to complete online coursework. If anyone would like to schedule a block of time for a homeschool student to complete an online course, please call the Stockton branch at 417-276-3413.

This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

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# Common respiratory ailments

### From the Cedar County Republican newsroom

Oxygen is essential to life. The respiratory system works tirelessly to provide fresh oxygen to the body and ensure that all metabolic activities can occur unhindered. The respiratory system is what makes the inhalation and exhalation of air possible, and it's a responsible for the distribution of oxygen throughout the body.

The respiratory system is a network of organs and tissues that help a person breathe. In addition to facilitating the absorption of oxygen from the air, the respiratory system cleans out waste gases like carbon dioxide. In a healthy person, the respiratory system functions like a well-oiled machine. But that same system is sometimes hampered by illness, allergies and infections, according to the Cleveland Clinic. With so much riding on a healthy respiratory system, it can help to learn about some of the more common conditions that can affect it.

· **Asthma:** Asthma is a chronic inflammatory disease caused by narrowed airways affected by inflammation. Asthma causes breathing difficulties, coughing, wheezing, and other symptoms. Most people need to take preventive medicines to control symptoms.

· **COPD:** Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is comprised of chronic bronchitis and emphysema. Bronchitis is when the lining of the bronchial tubes become inflamed and irritated. Swelling may cause an abundance of mucus. Emphysema occurs when the tiny air sacs (alveoli) become damaged and less flexible. This reduces the alveoli's ability to move oxygen and other gases, which adversely affects breathing, according to Verywell Health.

· **Influenza:** Influenza, also known as the flu, is a viral illness that can produce a number of symptoms. The flu viruses can be inhaled or brought into the body by touching items that contain the virus. Mild fever, runny nose, cough, fatigue, and sore throat are common symptoms of influenza. While most people recover, the Mayo Clinic warns that flu complications can be deadly.

· **COVID-19:** SARS-CoV-2 is the virus re-



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sponsible for causing COVID-19, which was discovered in the winter of 2019. It is a highly infectious illness caused by a coronavirus. It is spread from person to person, and has caused millions of deaths around the world as well as lasting health problems, according to Johns Hopkins Medicine. Depending on the individual, the effects of COVID-19 can be mild or severe. Because the virus mutates easily, researchers continue to develop new vaccines to help boost defense against it. Symptoms appear within two to 14 days of exposure to the virus. A person infected with the coronavirus is contagious to others for up

to two days before symptoms appear, and they remain contagious to others for 10 to 20 days, depending on their immune system and the severity of their illness.

· **Tuberculosis:** TB is a contagious and potentially life-threatening infectious disease caused by the bacterium mycobacterium tuberculosis, which is spread through the air. The CDC says TB is preventable and treatable in most cases. Infection control practices can help reduce TB transmission.

· **Pneumonia:** With pneumonia, a virus, bacteria or another infectious agent causes alveoli to fill with fluid or pus, affecting breathing and

gas exchange. Pneumonia symptoms may be mild and not affect daily activities, while others can be severe and require hospitalization.

· **Cystic fibrosis:** This is a genetic condition that creates very thick mucus in the body, which can cause both breathing and digestive problems. Blockages from thick mucus can trap harmful bacteria and lead to infections, says the Mayo Clinic.

## CHIEF OF POLICE

The City of El Dorado Springs MO (3515 pop) is accepting application for the Chief of Police position.

The ideal candidate should have a strong background in all fields of police work- Patrol, Investigation, Criminal and Traffic Statutes, Crime Prevention, Administration, Budgeting and Supervision. Interpersonal and communications skills are required for interaction with public and employees. Experience as a Police Chief is desirable.

Missouri POST certification required within six months. Salary range is negotiable. Submit resume to the City Clerk, 135 W Spring St., El Dorado Springs, MO 64744. EOE. Position open until filled.

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# EL DORADO SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY LOG

## December 25, 2023, through December 31, 2023 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The El Dorado Springs Police Department responded to 64 requests for assistance this past week. The requests were as follows:

- Ambulance Assist
- Animal Control
- Assist Other Agencies
- All Escorts
- Nuisance
- All Other Requests for As-

sistance: 44  
Summons

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

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 the owner.

## Weekly Press Release December 25, 2023 to December 31, 2023

On December 28, 2023, officers responded to 312 West U.S. 54 Highway, Woods Supermarket, concerning a larceny. The investigating revealed the theft of a container of alcoholic beverage. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Joshua D. Spoonmore, 43, El Dorado Springs, for the probable cause of Shoplifting and an El Dorado Springs Municipal Warrant, charging him with Shoplifting with a \$131.50

bond. He was transferred to the Cedar County Jail pending bond and a court appearance.

On December 29, 2023, officers responded to 1109 South Jackson concerning property damage. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Christopher S. Christensen, 27, El Dorado Springs, for the probable cause of Property Damage and Peace Disturbance. He was released on summonses pending a court appearance.

On December 30, 2023, officers responded to 301 North Park concerning a

larceny. The investigation revealed the theft of a 12,000 pound winch. A report taken and the investigation continues.

On December 30, 2023, officers responded to 700 East U.S. 54 Highway concerning a peace disturbance. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Samuel L. Clark, 24, of El Dorado Springs, for the probable cause of Peace Disturbance and Trespassing. He was released on summonses pending a court appearance.

On December 31, 2023, officers responded to 216

west Gay Street concerning a report burglary. A report taken and the investigation continues.

The department received a total of 64 requests for service.

Anyone with information concerning an investigation is encouraged to call the El Dorado Springs Police Department at 417-876-TIPS (8477).

In the case of all arrests, it must be remembered that the charge is merely an accusation and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

# CEDAR COUNTY PUBLIC RECORD

## Judgments

ST V ELVIN FRANKLIN BAUER, MILO — FAIL TO DISPLAY PLATES ON MTR VEH/TRL- DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO FINE AMOUNT \$50.50 AND COURT COST

ST V HAVEN JADE JARMAN, SEILGMAN — EXCEEDED POSTED SPEED (EXCEEDED BY 6-10 MPH)- DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO FINE AMOUNT \$60.50 AND COURT COST

ST V MELISSA MARIE LARSON, KANSAS CITY — FAIL TO PROPERLY AFFIX/ DISPLAY TAB ON MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE- DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO FINE AMOUNT \$50.50 AND COURT COST

VELOCITY INVESTMENTS LLC V ARDON REASONER, EL DORADO — JUDGMENT TRANSCRIBED BY CIRCUIT COURT

## Breach Of Contract

DISCOVER BANK V GIL T BAKER — SUMMONS ISSUED; HEARING SCHEDULED

NATIONAL MANAGEMENT RECOVERY CORPO V JULIAN NORVAL — SUMMONS ISSUED; HEARING SCHEDULED

LVNV FUNDING LLC V SUZANNE RICCILO — PETITION FILED; AFFIDAVIT FILED; MILITARY AFFIDAVIT; SUMMONS REQUEST FILED; SUMMONS ISSUED; HEARING SCHEDULED

TOWER LOAN OF MISSOURI LLC D/B/A V DAVID L SCHENK — NOTICE OF DISMISSAL; BANKRUPTCY STAY ENTERED; DISMISSED BY PARTIES

## AC Suit On Account

CAPITAL ONE, N.A. V MARK S THOMSON — PETITION FILED; SUMMONS ISSUED; HEARING SCHEDULED

CAPITAL ONE, N.A. V MATTHEW M NOBLETT — PETITION FILED; SUMMONS ISSUED; HEARING SCHEDULED

## Domestic Relations

WHITNEY G DIXON V CRUZ L DIXON — PETITION FILED; SUMMONS ISSUED

ERIC J LEWIS V JESSICA LEWIS — DUE TO DEATH OF PETITIONER, CASE DISMISSED.

## Criminal Reports

ST V LUIS MARTY-GUERRA — DOMESTIC ASSAULT — 3RD DEGREE; RESISTING/

INTERFERING WITH ARREST, DETENTION OR STOP- ARRAIGNMENT HELD DEFENDANT APPEARS IN PERSON PRO SE WHILE IN CUSTODY. FELONY COMPLAINT READ. DEFENDANT ADVISED OF RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT. DEFENDANT ADVISED OF RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY, TO REQUEST REPRESENTATION BY PUBLIC DEFENDER, TO HAVE A PRELIMINARY HEARING AND THE PURPOSE THEREOF, TO CROSS-EXAMINE THE WITNESSES AGAINST DEFENDANT AND OFFER EVIDENCE IN OWN BEHALF, AND THE RANGE OF PUNISHMENT APPLICABLE TO THE OFFENSES. DEFENDANT APPLIES FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER REPRESENTATION. CASE SET FOR BOND HEARING. COURT AMENDS BOND TO \$10,000 CASH.

ST V JOSHUA CAMERON ANGLE — FL TO REG AS SEX OFFNDR/589.400- 425 UNDRLYNG OFNS UNCLASSFD FEL CH 566, A OR B FEL OR FEL INVLVNG CHILD & 14- WARRANT ISSUED; BOND AMOUNT: 10000.00 CASH ONLY

ST V DAVID TANNER

SMITH — TAMPERING WITH MOTOR VEHICLE — 2ND DEGREE; STEALING- WARRANT ISSUED; BOND AMOUNT: 25000.00 CASH ONLY

ST V CASEY D MOORE — PASSING BAD CHECK- PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FILED; JUDGE RECUSES; SUMMONS ISSUED; HEARING SCHEDULED

ST V DUSTY VERN ROCK — TAMPERING WITH MOTOR VEHICLE — 2ND DEGREE; STEALING- PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FILED; CRIMINAL SUMMONS ISSUED; INITIAL APPEARANCE SCHEDULED

ST V DARWIN RUSSELL RITZERT — FAIL TO DRIVE ON RIGHT HALF OF RDWY WHEN RDWY WAS OF SUFFICIENT WIDTH, RESULTING IN AN ACCIDENT; DWI- PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FILED; INITIAL APPEARANCE SCHEDULED

ST V BRIAN LEE RICHARDS — DRIVING WHILE REVOKED/SUSPENDED — 1ST OFFENSE; OWNOR OPR MV WTHT MAINTNG FNCL RSPNBLY (MV RQRD TO BE REGD) — 1ST OFFENSE- PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FILED; INITIAL

## APPEARANCE SCHEDULED

## Transfers

NATHANIEL KAUFMANN AND MARIA LOREN CARCIA CUCALON TO JOSHUA MIRACLE AND CLERSIA KEIRSEY STR 27-36-28 SE/SW/SW JOYCE M ATHERLY TO NICHOLAS J VICK AND ALLISON J HECKMAN

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LT 8 BL 19 EMERALD HILL ADD TO ELDO //N

JACK JR OWEN AND ROBERTA OWEN TO MARK KEEN AND BECKY KEEN

LT 10 BL 2 HAGAN'S 4TH ADDITION

LT 1 BL 2 HAGAN'S 4TH ADDITION

LT 2 BL 2 HAGAN'S 4TH ADDITION

LT 9 BL 2 HAGAN'S 4TH ADDITION

PAUL PETITT AND LISA PETITT TO MELISA D STEPHENS

LT 89 BL 13 CRUCE'S WEST ADD TO ELDO

LT 90 BL 13 CRUCE'S WEST ADD TO ELDO //W

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LT 2 BL 4 ORIGINAL FREMONT(STOCKTON)

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STR 2-34-27 /NW/NW FF E 700FT

LYNDEN R KENNEY AND PEGGY S KENNEY TO LYNDEN R KENNEY AND PEGGY S KENNEY AND JAMES TYLER KENNEY

STR 33-35-26 /SE/NE

STR 33-35-26 /NE/SE

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STR 33-35-26 /NW/NE

STR 33-35-26 /N/NE

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TIMOTHY M POTTS AND SANDRA K ROBINSON TO MATTHEW E SANDSTEAD

LT 1 SHADY OAKS

# CFO scholarships now open for application

## Contributed news

Students can now apply for \$1.7 million in scholarships administered by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. By completing the CFO's new universal application, students can more efficiently apply for scholarship opportunities. Students can begin the process at [cfozarks.org/applyforscholarships](http://cfozarks.org/applyforscholarships).

The universal application is a comprehensive online form with a series of questions unique to each student. Based on their responses, the universal application will pair students with the scholarship opportunities for which they qualify. The new system will save students time while identifying scholarships they might not have known about.

In addition to scholarships for graduating seniors, the CFO has opportunities for current college students and students attending technical or graduate programs. Amounts range from \$200 to \$10,000, with many scholarships renewable for two to four years.

The CFO holds about 480 scholarship funds that will provide about 900 scholarships for students across central and southern Missouri for the 2024-25 school year. Scholarship funds are established by individuals, families or

organizations with a wide range of intentions, such as supporting students who graduate from the donor's alma mater or pursue a certain field of study.

Information about the CFO's scholarship opportunities and application process is available at [cfozarks.org/scholarships](http://cfozarks.org/scholarships).

"We're excited for students to use the new universal application," said Beth Hersh, the CFO's director of scholarships. "With so many scholarship opportunities established by generous donors, we're grateful to offer a system that can easily tailor the process to each student."

Applications will close for most CFO scholarships on Sunday, March 24. For more information, contact Beth Hersh at [bhersh@cfozarks.org](mailto:bhersh@cfozarks.org), or call 417-864-6199.

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks is the region's largest public charitable foundation serving donors, nonprofit partners and 54 regional affiliate foundations with assets totaling \$427 million as of June 30, 2023. The CFO's mission is to improve the quality of life for everyone in central and southern Missouri through resource development, community grantmaking, collaboration and public leadership.

# Accident near Fair Play results in minor injuries

## From the Cedar County Republican newsroom

An accident near Fair Play resulted in minor injuries January 7 according to the

Missouri Highway Patrol. Mark A. Odom, 61, of Fair Play was driving a 2001 Jeep Wrangler on East 425th Road one-fourth miles west

of Fair Play when the jeep ran off the road and struck a tree.

Odom was transported to CMH by EMS.

# Accident in Stockton results in minor injuries

## From the Cedar County Republican newsroom

According to a Missouri Highway Patrol report, a rear-end accident in Stockton caused extensive damage to two vehicles on January 8. Kaytlyn Brown, 23, of

Stockton, was transported by ambulance to Cox South in Springfield. According to the report, both people involved in the accident received minor injuries.

The accident happened when a 2014 Subaru Forest-

er driven by Katie Pule, 23, of Stockton, was stopped on Hwy 39 at South Third Road for Pule to make a left turn when her vehicle was struck in the rear by a 2018 GMC Acadia driven by Brown.

# Plans to Realign Curve at Route 160 in Dade Co. Focus of Virtual (Online) Public Meeting Jan. 8-22

## Contributed news

Dade County – The public is invited to a virtual (online) public meeting starting Monday, January 8, to learn more about plans for realigning a curve on U.S. 160 in Dade County south of Dadeville, the Missouri Department of Transportation said.

The meeting will be available for two weeks from Monday, January 8, until

Monday, January 22, and can be accessed at the project webpage here.

Beginning the winter of 2025, a curve on U.S. Route 160 between Dade County Road 203 and Missouri Route 245 will be straightened, eliminating a sharp curve and creating a safer, more efficient roadway for drivers.

For those unable to access the online meeting, they are

encouraged to contact Missouri DOT's Southwest District Office at 417.895.7600 and accommodations will be made to share the information and gather feedback.

The U.S. Route 160 Roadway Realignment project's estimated total cost is \$2.2 million.

Construction of the new alignment is expected to be completed by the fall of 2026.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING- OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY MODELS:

NOTICE is given that the Stockton Board of Aldermen are hosting a Public Hearing at 4:30 pm. on Monday, January 22, 2024 in the Stockton Community Building located at 209 North st, Stockton, MO. The purpose of the hearing is to engage with and gather information from Stockton residents regarding exploring other public safety models. We want to visit and explore with resident feedback, other options than contraction with the county commission for police services or the city starting their own police department. Your input is greatly appreciated and needed.

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# Governor Parson Grants 29 Pardons for Month of December

(JEFFERSON CITY, MO) – For the month of December 2023, Governor Mike Parson granted 29 pardons 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. Families have been or are in the process of being notified.

In addition to granting 29 pardons, Governor Parson denied 77 clemency applications in December. Governor Parson has instructed his legal team to continue reviewing clemency files and working to eliminate the backlog inherited by his administration.

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**Pardons:**

1. Antonio Rodgers
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3. Gerald Ratliff
4. Richard Redman
5. Richard Patterson
6. Thomas Richardson
7. George Roberts
8. Bradley Maberry
9. Terry Price
10. Harold Maples
11. Alice Morgan
12. Matthew Zerface
13. John Grady
14. Lindsey Hembree
15. Billy Burnett
16. Kimberly Snell
17. James Boswell
18. Jack Hayson
19. Michael Wendt
20. James McClellan
21. Jessie Mahurin
22. Christian Griffin
23. William Meyer
24. William Hatcher
25. Raymond Wilhelm
26. Steven Schmidt
27. Thomas Maltese
28. Mitchell Brown
29. Ray Jeter

# Cedar County MU Extension Council Election will be held from January 14th through January 20th

**Contributed news**

Stockton, Mo. – New members of the Cedar County University of Missouri Extension Council will be elected from January 14th through January 20th from candidates nominated by county citizens.

The County MU Extension Council is the governing body for university extension activities in Cedar County. Council members work throughout the year with University of Missouri Extension staff to determine the county's need for educational programming and then help plan activities to meet these needs.

“Any Cedar County resident, 18 years of age or older, interested in education and the progress of our county should vote for the nominees of their choice,” said Mikayla Neil, MU Extension & Engagement Specialist. “The resources of the Universities are available to us. It is our responsibility to put these resources into effective use.”

The nominees for the five (5) council positions are:

- Trish Boyles
- Ryan Porterfield
- Browning Proctor
- Linda Betlock
- Joy Rutledge

You must live within Cedar County to vote. Voting will be available at the Cedar County University of Missouri Extension Center (113 South St., Stockton, Mo.) You may also vote online at <https://extension.missouri.edu/counties/cedar/county-council/county-council-election> starting on January 14th at 12:00 a.m.

Any eligible voter who would prefer to vote by mail you may contact the Cedar County University of Missouri Extension Center, 417 – 276 – 3313, and request an early ballot. When completed, the ballots should be returned by mail to 113 South St, Stockton, Mo. 65785, and be postmarked no later than January 20, 2024. For information about the local election process, contact the Extension Center at 417 – 276 – 3313.

University of Missouri Extension improves people's lives with educational programs and access to university resources and experts to enhance economic viability; build strong individuals, families and communities; and create and sustain healthy environments. In Cedar County, extension programs address high-priority areas such as agriculture, nutrition and health, parenting and youth development, family life, consumer education, business and workforce, community development and continuing education.

# MSHP Reports 5 Traffic Fatalities, 0 Drownings, and 0 Boating Fatalities Over New Year's Holiday Weekend

**Contributed news**

Five people died and 59 were injured in 115 traffic crashes during the 2024 New Year's holiday counting period, which began at 6 p.m. Friday, December 29, 2023, and ended at 11:59 p.m. Monday, January 1, 2024. There were 0 boating crashes and 0 drownings over the 2024 New Year's holiday counting period.

2024 New Year's Holiday Traffic Statistics

Troopers investigated the following:

- Traffic Crashes — 115
- Traffic Crash Injuries — 59
- Traffic Crash Fatalities — 3
- DWI — 139

[Note: During the 2023 New Year's holiday counting period, six people were killed and 345 injured in 925 traffic crashes statewide. During last year's New Year's holiday, troopers worked 236 of those crashes which included 81 injuries and 2 fatalities. Troopers arrested 105 people for driving while intoxicated last year.]

One traffic fatality occurred in each of the following areas: Troop C, Weldon Spring Area, Troop D, Springfield area, and Troop G, Willow Spring area. The Columbia Missouri Police Department and the Kansas City Missouri Police

Department each worked one fatality crash.

One fatality occurred on December 29, 2023. Jeremy L. Moore, 40, of Springfield, MO, died when the vehicle he was driving traveled off

the right side of the roadway and struck a concrete bridge support. The crash occurred on Farm Road 102, west of Farm Road 151, north of Springfield. Moore was pronounced dead by Dr. Wycoff and Dr. Beard at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, MO. Moore was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

Three fatalities occurred on December 30, 2023. Joseph L. Kish, 42, of Lakeview, AR, died when the vehicle he was driving crossed the center of the road and struck another vehicle. The crash occurred on Highway 5, five miles south of Wasola. Kish was pronounced dead at the scene by Ozark County Coroner Gene Britt. Kish was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The driver of the second vehicle was wearing a seat belt and sustained moderate injuries in the crash. The crash is being investigated by the Patrol's Major Crash Investigation Unit. The Ozark County Sheriff's Office and the Gainesville Fire Department assisted at the scene.

Brady L. Ewing, 55, of Columbia, MO, died after being struck by a vehicle. Ewing was a pedestrian. The crash occurred on East Broadway, west of North Fifth Street, in Columbia, MO. The driver of the vehicle was not injured. The crash is being investigated by the Columbia Missouri Police Department.

Jeffrey M. Stoppelmann, 52, of Fenton, MO, died when the vehicle he was driving traveled off the

right side of the road, returned to the road, traveled off the left side of the road and struck a fence. Stoppelmann's vehicle then struck a large rock, overturned, and struck a tree. The crash occurred on Mapaville-Hematite Road, north of Debbie Drive, in Jefferson County. Stoppelmann was pronounced dead at the scene by emergency medical personnel. Stoppelmann was not wearing a seat belt.

One fatality occurred on December 31, 2023. Hmdovzoo Vue, 19, of Kansas City, MO, died when the vehicle he was driving traveled off the road, struck the center guardrail impact attenuator, and overturned. The crash occurred on 71 Highway near Truman Road. Vue was pronounced dead at the scene. He was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The crash is being investigated by the Kansas City Missouri Police Department.

There were no fatalities on January 1, 2024.

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 X @MSHPTrooperGHQ

# Route 215/Stockton Lake Bridge West of Bona OPEN to Traffic

**Contributed news**

**TRAFFIC ALERT:** Route 215/Stockton Lake Bridge West of Bona OPEN to Traffic

**Where:** Missouri Route 215 bridge over the Stockton Lake west of

Bona When: As of 3 p.m., Thursday, January 4 Details: Route 215 closed in October to allow contractor crews to remove and replace the bridge deck/driving sur-

face. The project also included adding new barrier walls, guardrail and permanent striping.

# Notice of the Pomme de Terre Beekeepers Association meeting

**Contributed news**

The Pomme de Terre Beekeepers Association will meet on January 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Galmeay Fire Station, 21208 RT-254, Hermitage. The program for the meeting will be — Winter Feeding.

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# Governor Parson Bans China-Owned Agricultural Land Near Critical Military Facilities

### Empowers Department of Agriculture with Greater Oversight and Enforcement Authority Regarding Foreign-Owned Agricultural Land Purchases

#### Contributed news

(JEFFERSON CITY, MO) – Last Tuesday during a press conference at the State Capitol, Governor Mike Parson announced he has issued Executive Order 24-01, which bans individuals and businesses

from nations designated as foreign adversaries from purchasing agricultural land within a 10-mile radius of critical military facilities in the State of Missouri.

At the press conference, Governor Parson was joined by Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe as well as Missouri Department of Agriculture Director Chris Chinn, Missouri Department of Public Safety Director Sandy Karsten, and Missouri National Guard Adjutant General Levon Cumpton.

“With heightened concerns regarding ownership of Missouri farm land by foreign adversaries, especially China, we are signing this order to safeguard our military and intelligence assets, prevent security threats

to our state, and give Missourians greater peace of mind,” Governor Parson said. “When it comes to China and other foreign adversaries, we must take commonsense precautions that protect Missourians and our security resources.”

“I applaud Governor Parson for taking this critical step forward to protect Missourians, our military assets, and critical infrastructure against China and other foreign adversaries, all while respecting our strong relationships with international allies and economic partners,” Lt. Governor Kehoe said. “China is our nation’s most hostile foreign adversary, and Missouri cannot allow individuals and companies associated with the Chinese Communist Party to buy and exploit Missouri land.”

Executive Order 24-01 bans any citizen, resident, or business from a foreign adversary, outlined in 15

C.F.R. § 7.4, from owning or acquiring Missouri agricultural land within 10 miles of critical military facilities. Nations currently classified as foreign adversaries include China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and Venezuela.

For the purposes of this order, “critical military facilities” refers to all staffed military facilities in Missouri. The order does not affect existing landowners.

Currently, foreign agricultural land purchases are capped at one percent of the total agricultural land across the state, as outlined in state statute, Section 442.571, RSMo. Executive Order 24-01 creates more stringent requirements for these land purchases and requires approval from the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) prior to any foreign acquisitions of agricultural land. The order also requires disclosing certain information to MDA prior

to any foreign entity acquiring Missouri agricultural land. Specifics can be found in the Executive Order.

These additional requirements will help inform MDA personnel as to whether an agriculture land purchase by a foreign alien or business should be approved or denied. Governor Parson will also include funding in his upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 supplemental budget and his FY 2025 budget to ensure MDA has the necessary resources and staff to enforce these protections.

During the press conference, Governor Parson made clear that his order does not impact Missouri’s valued economic partnerships with foreign allies, including Israel, Sweden, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Japan, among many others that have a longstanding presence in Missouri and employ thousands of Missourians.

In the last five years alone, foreign investment in Missouri has totaled nearly \$19 billion and directly supported close to 150,000 Missouri jobs.

“There are numerous Missouri employers from friendly nations that we have strong economic relationships with, and we must ensure we are not disrupting Missouri’s economy or Missourians’ lives and livelihoods. Commonsense decisions and a balanced approach must always win, and Missouri must remain open for business to our allies,” Governor Parson said. “As such, we believe this order, with the authority we have, sufficiently protects Missouri’s security interests from potential bad actors while not punishing our allies for being good economic partners or upstanding individuals fleeing oppression and coming to our nation legally in search of a better life.”

## LEGALS

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CEDAR COUNTY, MISSOURI JUVENILE DIVISION

In The Matter of T. D. H. DOB: 1/16/2012 MATTHEW NOBLETT and MEGAN NOBLETT Petitioners. Case No. 23CD-JU00059

#### NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to the Unknown Father:

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced for a Petition for Adoption.

The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioners is Peter A. Lee, 12 Public Square, PO Box 220, Stockton, MO 65785.

You are further notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days beginning the 20th day of December, 2023, Judgment by default will be rendered in accordance with the Petition.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Cedar County Republican, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Cedar, State of Missouri. A true copy of the record.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 12th day of December, 2023.

Sarah Turner  
Circuit Clerk  
By: Stacie Spurgeon  
Deputy Clerk

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY MODELS:

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#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligations secured by deed of trust executed by Brett Roberts, a single person, dated April 29, 2022, and recorded on May 5, 2022, in Book 2022 at Page 1060, in the Office of Recorder of Deeds, Cedar County, Missouri, at Stockton, Missouri, the undersigned Nicolas B. Porter, Trustee, will at the request of the holder of the debt, on Monday, January 22, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., to-wit: 10:00 a.m. at the East front door of the Cedar County Court House in Stockton, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the real estate described in said deed of trust, to-wit:

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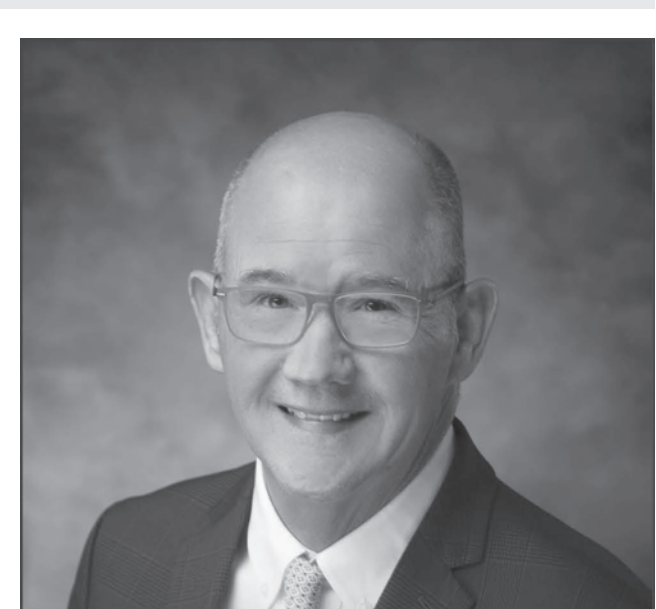
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- 1. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 4. Moved back and forth
- 9. One-time coach of the Cowboys
- 14. Last letter
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- 17. Body art
- 18. Romance novelist
- 20. Be filled with love for
- 22. City
- 23. Make vivid
- 24. Horses
- 28. Mauna \_\_\_\_, Hawaiian volcano
- 29. Atomic #18
- 30. Shortly
- 31. A type of prejudice
- 33. Whirls
- 37. Six
- 38. Old world, new
- 39. \_\_ Hess, oil company
- 41. Talk
- 42. Not off
- 43. Begets
- 44. Cars need them
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- 49. Of I
- 50. Journalist, activist Wells
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- 55. Lists
- 58. Positively charged electrode
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- 68. French commune
- 69. Medieval circuit courts
- 70. Soviet Socialist Republic



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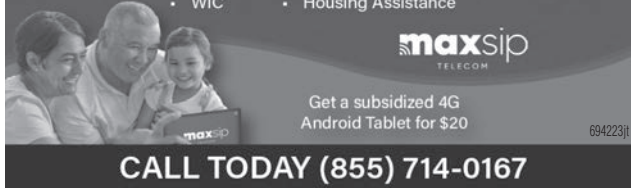
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Free webinar session for sheep and goat producers

#### Dear Editor,

Diseases have dire and negative impact on sheep and goat production. Hence, a sound herd-health program should be the primary goal of producers to maximize profit. To achieve this, producers need to have basic skills in disease and health management.

The January sheep and goat webinar session will enlighten producers on how to develop their skills and knowledge in assessing small ruminant health, recognize disease symptoms and treating common diseases. "A compromised health status will lead to inefficient sheep and goat operations", says David Brown, MU Extension Small Ruminant Specialist.

Topic: Common Diseases in Sheep and Goats (Symptoms, Prevention and

Management)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeremy Powell, DVM & PhD (Professor & Veterinarian, University of Arkansas)

Facilitator: David Brown, PhD (University of Missouri Small Ruminant Specialist)

Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 (12noon - 1:00pm)

The webinar is free to all producers, but registration is required to attend. Please register at:

<https://extension.missouri.edu/events/common-diseases-in-sheep-goats-symptoms-prevention-management>

For registration questions or ADA accommodations, please contact St. Clair County MU Extension Center at 417-646-2419 or David Brown at davidbrown@missouri.edu

Thank you,  
**Debbie McSperritt**  
OSCEOLA

## Twentieth Century Club

#### Contributed news

Our November 13th meeting was held in the home of our hostess Evelyn Boyle. Glenda Ware, president, called the meeting to order followed by the reading of the previous minutes and the treasurer report. There was no old business. New business was a donation to the Christmas Baskets project and the diaper bank projects. Evelyn Boyle had the opinion on the Christmas Season starting too early. Christmas items are on sale after Halloween and it seems Thanksgiving is overlooked. Black Friday is also more emphasized than being thankful at Thanksgiving. The entertainment

was a Thanksgiving word search. Our program presented by Sherry Wiseman was on Barbie. She had an article about "Forty-three Surprising Things You May Not Know about Barbie". In 1968 there was a black Barbie and 1997 a wheelchair Barbie. She has had 250 careers and since 1992 has ran for president in every election. Barbie is sold in 150 countries and holds the Guinness Book of records for the most dolls in the world. The Barbie was Warner Brothers highest grossing film at 114 billion dollars and highest grossing domestic movie of the year. A mint condition doll sold for \$27,450 in 1996 and

a 2023 Barbie retails for \$39.99. The doll is a favorite of all little girls.

The last meeting of the 2023 year was held with our hostess Georgia Detwiler in her beautiful Christmas decorated home. Glenda Ware, president, called the meeting to order followed by the treasurer report. No other business was conducted. We were entertained by pianist Daniel Flaten, Bella Saylor, Verda Hargett, who played a duet with Bella. The following members served as co hostess: Georgia, Sandi, Dorothy, Janet, Glenda B, Glenda W, and Sue, who provided delicious snacks after the program. Happy New Year to all!

## Is soup the ultimate cold medicine?

Having a cold is not fun. A stuffy nose, sniffles, sore throat, and other symptoms make having a cold a generally unpleasant experience.

According to data collected by the Consumer Healthcare Products Association, the average consumer shops for over-the counter medicine 26 times a year, with peak visits occurring in the wintertime, when colds and flu infections are more prominent.

To make cold-related matters worse, a U.S. Food and Drug Administration panel concluded in September 2023 that the popular decongestant phenylephrine, which is found in many over-the-counter cold remedies, is ineffective when taken orally. Phenylephrine became the standard decongestant in formulations when pseudoephedrine, another decongestant, became more closely regulated due to its usage in the production of illegal drugs like methamphetamine. Phenylephrine products the became the go-to, as they did not need to be stored behind pharmacy counters and "signed out" like products that included pseudoephedrine.

Rather than accepting their cold symptoms this season, individuals may want to turn to something much more natural that also has great promise: soup. It is no old wife's tale that soup can be helpful for colds and other illnesses. In fact, Egyptian Jewish physician Moshe ben Maimonides prescribed chicken soup as a treatment for respiratory tract illnesses as early as the 12th century. Penn Medicine advises that soup can be a go-to food to combat illness because it is light, easy-to-digest, nourishing, and even restorative.

Here's a look at some of the ways soup can help when people are feeling under the weather.

· Hydrating broth: Staying hydrated is one of the ways the body can more effectively fight off illness. Broth-based soups are hydrating and tasty. They



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may be tolerated more readily than sports drinks or water for a person who needs fluids.

· Soothing: The warmth of soup can soothe an irritated throat. Furthermore, soups usually have softened ingredients in them, making it much less likely that sharp or tough ingredients will scrape an inflamed throat.

· Nutrient-dense: Most soups are loaded with vegetables, beans and other healthy ingredients. They provide many of the vitamins and minerals the body needs, and may even help replenish nutrients that have been depleted due to illness.

· Sodium content: Sodium is an essential mineral the body needs. Proactive Health Labs says soup regulates body fluids and transmits electrical impulses in the body. Sodium in moderation may be good when a person is feeling ill. In addition, sodium and other seasonings in soup can awaken taste buds that are dulled when sick with a cold. Salt also helps alleviate sore throat pain and can help clear nasal congestion.

· Garlic infusion: Soups that contain garlic or garlic extract may reduce the severity of cold and flu symptoms, according to a University of Florida study published in the journal Clinical Nutrition.

Soup may be the best medicine when a person has a cold. Its many properties may help make soup as effective, or even more so, than some products at the pharmacy.

## OBITUARIES

### James "Wes" Wesley Underwood

May 28, 1950 - Dec. 16, 2023

James "Wes" Wesley Underwood, age 73, passed away unexpectedly on December 16, 2023. Wes was born on May 28, 1950, in El Dorado Springs, Missouri, to the late James Peter and Eva Lorene (Pendergraph) Underwood. Surviving family includes his wife Monica R. Underwood, step-daughters Sara Beth Carriker and Anna Leshler (Joe), daughter Sara Lyne Hobbs (Billy), sisters Linda Crabbe and Teresa Barr, as well as nieces, a nephew, cousins and close friends. Wes was an Army veteran, an avid reader, fisherman and hunter. He was fond of history and a good laugh. He will be missed. Wes will be cremated, and his remains interred at the Salisbury National Cemetery, located at 202 Government Road in Salisbury, North Carolina.



### Bill Edward Dillon Sr

February 3, 1935 - Jan. 5, 2024

Bill Edward Dillon Sr passed away on January 5, 2024 surrounded by his loved one at his home in Stockton. He was born February 3, 1935 and passed into Heaven at the age of 88. His last years on earth were rough with a few illnesses that he never let destroy his faith in Jesus or his desire to care for his wife.

The husband of Betty L. Dillon for sixty-seven years.

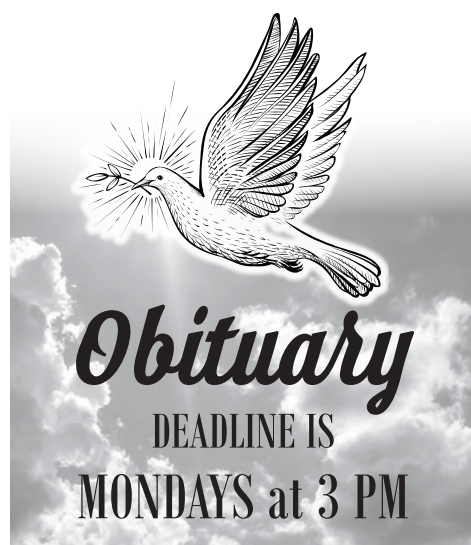
Bill was the son of John and Mildred Dillon of Kansas City Ks, the father of of seven children, Bill Dillon Jr, (Debbie), Dennis Dillon (deceased), Ruthie Bettis (Randy), Dale Dillon (Kimberly), Leslie Terhune (Michael), Barbra Johnson (Wayne), Brian Dillon (Ilona). God daughters Linda Hobson (Alan) and Marsha Kryska (Mark).

Bill was one of six children. Orville Smith, Loretta Smith, Josephine Dillon, Ida Dillon (all deceased), and Frank Dillon of Kansas City Ks.

Bill had fourteen grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild due in April.

Bill joined the Kansas City Ks Police Department as a patrolman in 1961 and retired 34 years later as Major of Homicide. Bill's number one priority was his love for Jesus along with providing for his family and loved ones. He saw good in everyone. He loved to tell people of his love for Jesus and helped many to know the Lord.

The Lord brought Bill home peacefully. Bill was a member of St Andrew Lutheran Church in Stockton. He will be missed dearly by everyone that knew him. Memorial gifts to St Andrew Lutheran Church. Visitation is from 5:00 to 7:00 on Thursday January 11 at St Andrew and funeral on Friday January 12 at 11:00 at St Andrew Lutheran Church.



## Financial Focus: How would you handle forced early retirement?

#### Contributed news

When you plan to retire at a certain age, you can follow a strategy that incorporates your investment moves, your health insurance and other factors. But what happens if you're forced to retire earlier than you anticipated?

Unfortunately, this situation is not that uncommon. About 40% of Americans say they have been forced into retirement, according to a recent survey from Edward Jones and Morning Consult, a research firm. If this were to happen to you because of a layoff, company downsizing or a health issue, would you be prepared to maintain your lifestyle today — and in the future?

Everyone's situation is different. If your forced retirement happened only a short time before you actually expected to retire, you might not need to take any steps at all. But if it was a matter of a year or more, you may need to look into the following areas:

Cash flow — Obviously, a sudden, unexpected loss of employment will affect your cash flow. And if yours was the only source of income for your household, the situation could be especially concerning. Still, you may well have options that can help. You might find a part-time job, for one thing — many employers hire seniors for various types of service-oriented work. And if you've built an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, now might be the time to tap into it. You also might need to start withdrawing funds from your IRA and 401(k), though, ideally, you'd like to delay this

move as long as possible, as these withdrawals may be taxable.

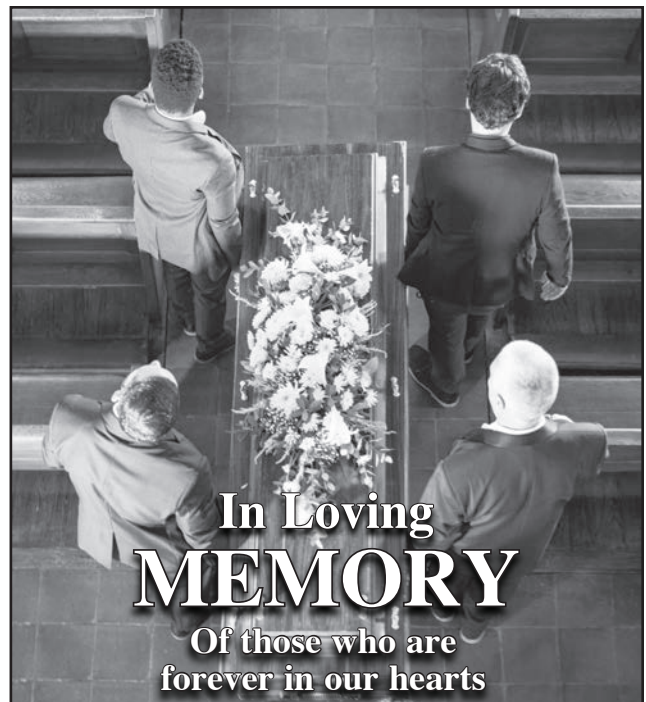
Health insurance — Health insurance can be a major concern if you face an unexpectedly early retirement. Once you're 65, you'll be eligible for Medicare, but what if you haven't reached that age? Through the COBRA legislation, you might be able to remain on your employer-based health insurance for a while — typically 18 months after your job ends. However, COBRA is expensive: If you're qualified, you might have to pay the entire premium for coverage, up to 102% of the cost of the plan, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. If you're married, you might be able to get on your spouse's health insurance, but if this option isn't available, you could explore a Marketplace plan by visiting the [healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) website.

Social Security — A forced early retirement could affect your decision on when to start taking Social Security. You're eligible to begin collecting payments at 62, but your checks will be

considerably bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67, depending on when you were born. If your sudden retirement puts you in a real cash crunch, you might have to start taking payments regardless of your age, but if you have enough in savings, or your spouse's income is enough to keep you afloat, you may want to wait as long as possible so you can get the larger checks. Of course, if your retirement comes while you're still several years away from Social Security eligibility, you won't have to make this now-or-later decision right away.

Being forced to retire before you planned can certainly be challenging. But by looking at the options available to you, in terms of finances and health insurance, you may well find choices that can help you minimize the disruption to your life.

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A year for healing

When life takes a sharp turn

**M**y mother is radioactive. You wouldn't know it by looking at her. She's dozing in a recliner, and the only hint that something is wrong is the sign on the door which reads "Caution: Radioactive materials."

In about half an hour, a nurse will escort her down the hall and put her on a table that slides into a donut-shaped machine. Today is my mom's first PET scan.

I wish a PET scan was as pleasant as its name implies. I wish it was for cute pictures of beagles and basset hounds. But this kind of PET scan happens weeks after a doctor walks into a room and says something completely unexpected: "We found a mass."

Generally speaking, you never want a doctor to find anything in your body that shouldn't be there. But the word "mass" lands differ-

ently than medical terms like "growth" or "polyp." Mass means something big has happened, and life is about to change in massive ways. Mom and I both felt the word reverberate through us as the doctor went on to say that, based on its size and appearance, he was almost sure the mass was colon cancer. And five days later, the pathology report proved him right.

Let me back up here so you'll have the whole picture. My mom is 79 and still works full-time as a bank teller. She tried retirement years ago, but the slower pace didn't interest her. So, she retired from retirement and got a job at the bank. Still sharp with numbers and great with people, she quickly became that smiling white-haired lady behind the bank counter who reminds you of your mom or grandma and always asks if you'd like your cash in large bills or tens and twenties.

She's good at taking care of people, and that's what she did for 10 years after

dementia began to shroud my dad in a thick fog of confusion. When he died a year ago, it broke our hearts, but it also set him free from a disease that can often make the toughest guy you've ever known feel lost and afraid.

Because Mom was still working, cooking, baking, and grocery shopping like a woman half her age, this cancer diagnosis came as a shock to all of us. She had zero symptoms. She was only there for a routine colonoscopy – a test she'd had done at least three times over the years.

But cancer has a way of blowing up assumptions. A few days later, we met with a surgeon who explained how he would cut out the mass and then rearrange and reconnect the healthy parts of Mom's colon in what sounded like a game of Legos (only he used intestines instead of plastic bricks). We think he's a genius.

Surgery and recovery went well in November, and we're beyond grateful. But because cancer is a nasty little weasel known

for hiding in lymph nodes, Mom will also need chemo. That's why we were at the cancer clinic today getting that injection of radioactive material used during PET scans. The test results will serve as a baseline that guides this next phase of treatment.

Although she's new to cancer, this is not the first time Mom has faced something scary and hard. Thankfully, she has a spirit that is as remarkable as her lemon apricot cake. So, I'm trying not to worry (excessively) because I think this particular case of cancer is in for a real butt-kicking. I'm praying for that outcome, and we'd certainly welcome your prayers, too. Her doctor said her chemo drug is available in pill form, so she's planning to keep on working during treatment.

Millions of us have either experienced cancer personally or love someone who has. (Sometimes both.) And even though each person's struggle is different, there's something comforting about "strength in numbers." We don't

feel alone. We have family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, and even some favorite bank customers helping us through it. I bet there are a few angels involved, too.

The chemo starts in two days. Are we nervous? Yes. There's still so much we don't know. But we are also hopeful, determined, and stubborn enough to do the next right thing, even when it sucks. From my family to yours, may 2024



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be the year of healing, blessings, and good news. I'll keep you posted.

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Passing by Grandpa's farm

**I** passed by my grandpa's farm on the old Springfield/Bufalo road one morning last week.

Of course, it wasn't really there, and hasn't been for nigh 30 years. Still, when I drive that stretch of road north of Pleasant View Elementary I see my grandparents' 19th century two-story farmhouse yet standing at the end of their 100-yard lane. I picture their big porch and Grandma's flower gardens in front. Grandpa's chalky blue 1969 Ford pickup truck still sits in the lot between the lane and yard fence, nosed toward the great barn where I once scaled hay bale fortresses and swung from ropes on the old hay fork system, not unlike cinema pirate Errol Flynn.

I remember it as if it were my own home, for indeed, it was. Though I can't actually remember, I know as a baby I lived with my young parents in the stone chicken house my dad and his brother built. I have a picture of Mom and me in front of it. It wasn't elegant, but in the post-

World War II years at least a roof over their heads. Some years later, when I was in second grade, I lived there again while my grandparents tried living in town. That didn't last. Grandma didn't like city life as well as she thought she would.

The old house saw many changes through the years. I recall when they added the front porch and my Aunt Linda put a nail through her foot, as well as the old shed that was out back before they added a back porch. Though you couldn't see it from the road, their vine-covered root cellar was a daunting temptation for a nosy boy, and a towering oak tree in the yard perfect for a tire swing.

Home to nine siblings — my dad the eldest — the old house saw many additions and improvements from its 19th century inception, but I remember it only from the 1950s on. Not only the house, but the old barn and chicken house, the willow tree over the rock pile in the front field, the rolling pastures falling away from the road — I see them all when I



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drive by grandpa's farm, though sometimes it's not yet daylight.

I know, in truth all I see is gone, replaced by veritable mansions on 5 acre lawns — all gone but Grandma and Grandpa sitting in their metal chairs on the front porch, waiting to see me nose my '56 Chevy down the lane, walk to the door and be drawn inside by the aroma of Grandma's rhubarb pie.

Someday, Grandpa, I won't just be passing by.

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WEBER'S WORDS OF WISDOM

A New Year

**R**ecently, I was asked if I had made any new year's resolutions. The answer was NO!

What, me, lose a few pounds? Be nice to those who don't like me? How about working harder? NO!

According to the dictionary, a resolution is: "a firm decision to do or not to do something."

A firm decision requires me to figure out what needs to change, either in my Life, my Home, or my Career. Since my life has been long, my home is done and my career is over, I see no need to have a new year's resolution.

Think about it, if I decide to change something in my life, there is Grumpy to let me know his head hurt more than mine, or he is hungrier than I am, or his feet hurt more than mine. I have no time to dedicate and figure out what to change in my life, as he is ALWAYS letting me know I'm doing things wrong. Just because I don't do them like his

mother, doesn't mean I'm doing them wrong. But that's just me.

If I decide to change something in my home, it's too difficult, as it has taken me over 35 years to have it just the way Grumpy likes it. He likes everything wood, I like everything festive, so we have everything wood.

If I make the new year's resolution to change my career, it's too late. Although Grumpy would like me to get a part-time job so my cosmetic costs are paid for by my job money, not the grocery money. He doesn't understand the needs of a woman my age: day cream, night cream, wrinkle cream, foot cream, elbow cream, neck wrinkle cream, and many more creams. We, woman need to look fabulous all the time, not just when we go partying.

What about being nice to those who don't like me? Yeah, that's a good one, as I just make myself invisible when I see one of them. No, I will not be nasty to those who don't like me, I will just ignore them. But that is not a new year's resolution, that's just common sense.

Speaking of common sense, when was the last time somebody created



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havoc in your life because of a misunderstanding? It was probably just a case of using common sense! For crying out loud, what's important in life? Peace and good will toward our fellow man (and woman). So many times, we hold a grudge for the silliest things either intended or misunderstood. How about making a new year's resolution to ignore all those silly misunderstandings and love life just as the Good Lord intended for us to enjoy.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May your year be happy and filled with good deeds.

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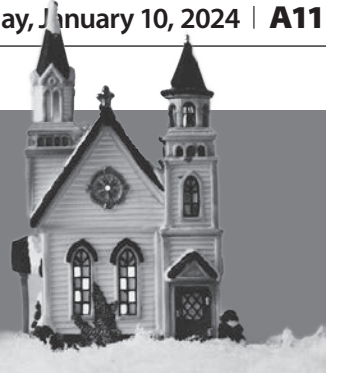
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and with all your  
soul and with all  
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"Love your  
neighbor as  
yourself."  
- Matthew 22:37-39



# Faith Matters

## KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

# Outcasts and Misfits

**M**y earliest memory of feeling sorry and sad for someone who was considered a misfit was hearing the song “Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer.” Music has always deeply affected me. The specific lyrics I’m referring to are: “All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names. They wouldn’t let poor Rudolph play in any reindeer games.” My little child heart was tender and compassionate and the thought of Rudolph being treated as a misfit, just because he was different, really hurt me.

I think that the manner in which this Christmas song affected me as a young child is partially what Jesus was referring to in these scriptures: “Jesus called a little child to Him and put the child among them. Then He said, ‘I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heav-



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WRITER

en. So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven” (Matthew 18:2-4.) Jesus taught that all believers must be childlike (innocent, trusting, tender). He is not condoning a childish (immature) lifestyle; there’s a ton of difference between childlike and childish..

Jesus said, “...I have not come to call respectable people, but outcasts” (Matthew 9:13 TEV.) If you don’t feel like you fit in, be comforted in knowing that Jesus came for you too. You’re not left out — you’re wanted and included. Jesus loves you enough that He was willing to die for you

so you could have an overflowing life of God’s goodness. The Prince of Peace came to piece together the broken lives of outcasts, misfits, and sinners. Jesus makes it clear that all are sinners who need to come to Him for salvation. However, those who think they’re already on the right path will reject Jesus’ invitation to a restored life. Jesus’ unmerited mercy transforms everyone who comes to Him for salvation.

If friends have thrown you under the bus, Jesus will reach under it and pull you out. If family have rejected you and made you feel like you don’t fit in, Jesus will accept you. If life has slammed you to the floor, Jesus will pick you up and walk with you all the way to heaven. If you think Jesus’ true-blue promise of restoration is too good to be true, just ask Him and find out for yourself. “...I [Jesus] came that they may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10 RSV.)

Whether you’re an outcast, misfit, sinner, or the

nicest person in the whole world, Jesus came for you. His own mother, the virgin Mary, was ostracized when the news broke out that she was with child and unmarried. Although she and Joseph knew that the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit, society rejected the truth of this supernatural birth. Nevertheless, Mary praised the Lord, realized she was blessed, and delivered the Messiah according to God’s perfect plan of redemption.

Jesus loves you without exception and He will accept you as you are. You don’t have to try to be righteous first; simply accept His invitation and come to Him in honest confession and repentance. The Savior is an expert at taking the broken pieces of outcasts, misfits, and sinners and making them whole and holy.

The Key: Jesus can make a misfit fit perfectly on earth and in the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

*New Year*



BY JACKIE CARGILL

We’re starting out a new year,  
Where did the old one go?  
It passed so fast I don’t know.  
This year my plan is to stop  
and smell the roses,  
Some challenges this poses.  
I want to enjoy my family  
each and everyone,  
Even as old as I am, I still enjoy fun.  
Rest is a priority for me,  
The more I rush, the more I  
have to do over, you see.  
I’m thinking more of Heaven  
and my final resting place,  
This makes me happy,  
it’s no disgrace.  
I’m tired of living in this old world.  
Looking forward to Heaven  
and gates of pearl.

# Stockton Assembly of God blessed with new Kids Ministry Director Sara Brown



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By Alana Hindman

Stockton Assembly of God recently recognized Sara Brown as its new Kids Ministry Director. She and her husband David have made Stockton their home but have lived in the area for many years. Together they enjoy life and loving Jesus with five kids who fall within the ages of three and fourteen-Charlotte, Sophia, Abigail, Leanna, Braedan.

Brown attended church from a young age, largely due to her mother’s influence. She got saved and knew she wanted to follow Jesus early on. She has grown her relationship with God through hardships, trials, and blessings.

“It wasn’t until later in my adult life that I really understood the true meaning of God’s forgiveness, grace, and His mer-

cy. I was no longer going through the motions and doing the Christian things because that’s what you were supposed to do. I truly began a close relationship with Him and having a hunger to know everything about who He is, not to keep up with the Jones’s to fit in, not for show or an act but because I love Him with all my heart and I am so very thankful that He has redeemed me,” she shared.

Over the years, as her love for God matured, she has found that her heart leans towards serving in kids ministry.

When it came time to make the decision for kids’ ministry director, Brown revealed that she was fearful at first. She knew it was an honor, a big role, and she didn’t want to take it lightly. She spent much time in prayer, thinking of all the people in the Bible

who God called to do His work. She was reminded that many of them were thought of as less than ideal and yet they still served God whole-heartedly and went on to make a big difference for Jesus in the lives they touched.

She decided to take a step of faith and say yes to God and the director position. Having the support of her church has meant a great deal, along with the encouraging words people have spoken on behalf of the new ministry season. She delights in the group of kids she oversees. She has noticed they are hungering for more of God’s word and asking a lot of questions, which she encourages.

“It’s my desire to teach the kids, number one- just how much Jesus loves them and for them to fall in love with Him too. I also hope to teach them the importance of living

like Jesus did by loving others and serving. In the day and age, we live in, it is so easy to get wrapped up in ourselves and forget about others who may be hurting around us that we can lend a hand to,” she said.

One thing she admires about her church is that everyone is always on board when it comes to community outreach and showing God’s love to others.

“Last year we did three big Family Fun Day events, one at Easter, one on the 4th of July and the Harvest Fair in

October. At those events we had food trucks, prizes, bounce houses, face painting, games, and pony rides all for the community to come and enjoy. We plan to do the Family Fun Days yearly. We have also done backpack giveaways for kids, gave Christmas presents to the Stockton 3rd graders and gave away 200 bags of food and paper goods to 100 families in the community from the Convoy of Hope and that’s just to name a few. This year we are planning even more awesome things,” said Brown.

Most importantly, Stockton Assembly of God offers many ways for all ages to form a meaningful and lasting relationship with God through their Sunday services, weekly meet ups, events, rallies, friendships, meals and more.

“If you are looking for a church that loves God and loves to serve others, we are that church. There are so many areas within the church for people to jump in and get involved and serve if they have a servant’s heart. We have a place for everyone,” concluded Brown.



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## MDC reports 12,465 deer taken during alternative methods portion

Top harvest counties include Callaway, Franklin, and Macon.

Contributed news

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Preliminary data from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) shows deer hunters in Missouri harvested 12,465 deer during the alternative methods portion of firearms deer season, Dec. 23 – Jan. 2. Of the 12,465 deer harvested, 3,130 were antlered bucks, 1,450 were button bucks, and 7,885 were does.

Top harvest counties were Callaway with 296 deer harvested, Franklin with 250, and Macon with 228.

The harvest total for last year's alternative methods portion was 8,724. This

year's harvest total was eight-percent higher than the previous five-year average.

For current ongoing preliminary harvest totals by season, county, and type of deer, visit the MDC website at [https://extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest\\_table/](https://extra.mdc.mo.gov/widgets/harvest_table/).

For harvest summaries from past years, visit <https://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-reports/deer-harvest-summaries>.

The archery deer and turkey season runs through Jan. 15.

Find more information on deer hunting from MDC's 2023 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, available where permits are sold and online at <https://mdc.mo.gov/sites/default/files/2023-08/2023FDT.pdf>.



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## MDC offering free trapshooting and ammunition handloading classes during January in the KC area



MDC will offer a free Introduction to Trapshooting class on Jan. 20 at the Lake City Shooting Range near Blue Springs. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Classes offer useful training for an outdoor sport and indoor hobby

Contributed news

Kansas City, Mo. – Learn how to reload brass cartridges and go trap shooting with upcoming free classes offered by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). Materials are provided for the ammunition handloading classes on Jan. 13 at MDC's Lake City Shooting Range near Blue Springs and on Jan. 23 at the Parma Woods Shooting Range at Parkville. A trap shooting class will be offered Jan. 20 at the Lake City Shooting Range.

A Reloading Brass class will be offered from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on

Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Lake City Shooting Range near Blue Springs. Instructors will teach about equipment, materials, and techniques needed to reload ammunition. Reloading can save ammunition costs and also allow customizing cartridges for a firearm. Participants will get to try reloading with MDC equipment and materials. This class is open to participants ages 18 and older. Registration is required. To register, visit <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/4UU>.

MDC's Lake City Shooting Range will offer an Introduction to Trapshooting class from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20. Instructors will teach trapshooting techniques, safety, appropriate shotguns and ammunition, etiquette on the range, and rules of the game. Shotguns and ammunition will be provided, or participants can bring their own. This class is open to

participants ages 11 and older. Registration is required. To register, visit <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/4Ui>.

MDC's Parma Woods Shooting Range will offer a Metallic Cartridge Basics class to teach reloading techniques from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23. Participants will learn what equipment and materials are needed for reloading cartridges and how to do it. All materials and equipment are provided, and participants will get to do some reloading. This class is open to participants ages 11 and older. Registration is required. To register, visit <http://short.mdc.mo.gov/4US>.

mo.gov/4US. MDC connects people with nature during winter with programs held both outdoors and indoors, plus conservation areas are open for hikes, fishing, and hunting. To learn more, visit <https://mdc.mo.gov>.

## MODOT bridge project to alter usage at MDC's Charity Access



Public accessibility to MDC's Charity Access in Dallas County (pictured above) will be temporarily impacted by a MODOT bridge replacement project. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Niangua River access will be temporarily affected by replacement of Route M bridge in Dallas County.

Contributed news

BUFFALO – A Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) bridge replacement project will affect accessibility to the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) Charity Access in Dallas County from mid-January until early summer.

On Jan. 15, MODOT will begin a 160-day construction project to replace the Route M bridge that crosses the Niangua River at MDC's Charity Access. During this construction project the 162-acre access will remain open, but the public will not be allowed to float or wade downstream from the boat ramp at the site due to bridge construction. More information about the bridge replacement project can be found at <https://www.modot.org/node/39930>.

The next-closest MDC access on the Niangua River is Big John Access, which is downstream from Charity Access and approximately two miles east of Buffalo. Information about Big John Access and directions to the site can be found at:

<https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/big-john-access>.

FAMOUS MISSOURI JOURNALISTS

LUCILE BLUFORD

Lucile Bluford's determination to expose racism, and her clear and forceful journalistic writing, helped change the way African Americans were treated, especially in the area of higher education.



Lucile Bluford

Black students attended schools that were supposed to be equal in quality to the white schools, but most did not have the same resources.

Bluford discovered while working on the high school newspaper and yearbook that she wanted to become a journalist, but her choices for college were limited. She couldn't attend the University of Missouri in Columbia, which had the oldest and most respected journalism school in the country. It wouldn't admit African Americans. Black students were supposed to study at the historically black college, Lincoln University, in Jefferson City, but it did not have a journalism program. So Bluford attended the University of Kansas.

Bluford began her journalism career in Atlanta, Ga., where she was a reporter for the Daily World, an African American newspaper. Returning home, she worked at the Kansas City American and then at the Kansas City Call, both African American-owned newspapers. At the Call, Bluford advanced from reporter to city editor, managing editor, and finally to editor and publisher.

In 1939, Bluford applied to the University of Missouri School of Journalism to do graduate work. She was accepted into



the program, but when she went to Columbia to enroll, she was turned away. University officials had not known that she was African American. The year before, Lloyd Gaines, an honors student from Lincoln University, had sued the University of Missouri to be accepted into its School of Law. After the United States Supreme Court ruled in his favor, Gaines mysteriously disappeared.

With the help of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Bluford worked to fight injustice against African Americans in higher education. She tried 11 times to enter the University of Missouri. She filed several lawsuits against the University but her case was denied each time.

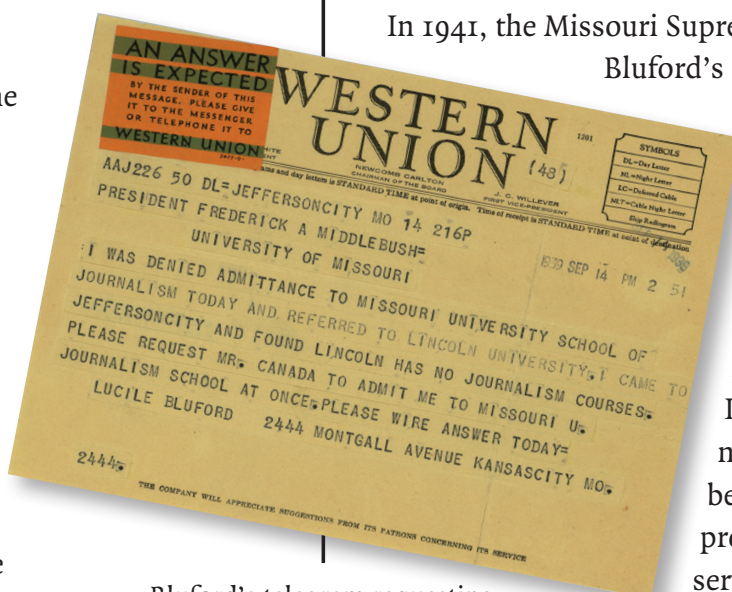
In 1941, the Missouri Supreme Court finally ruled in Bluford's favor. The University of

Missouri had to admit her because no equal program existed at Lincoln University. In response, the School of Journalism closed its graduate program. It claimed that it could not operate properly because a majority of its professors and students were serving in World War II.

Though Bluford ended her legal battle with the University of Missouri, she kept fighting racism. She became a leading voice in the civil rights movement in Kansas City and helped make the Call one of the largest and most important black newspapers in the nation. Eventually, the University of Missouri honored her.

Bluford received an Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism from the School of Journalism and an honorary doctorate. Bluford said that she accepted the degree "not only for myself, but for the thousands of black students" the university had discriminated against over the years.

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Bluford's telegram requesting admittance to the Missouri School of Journalism in 1939.

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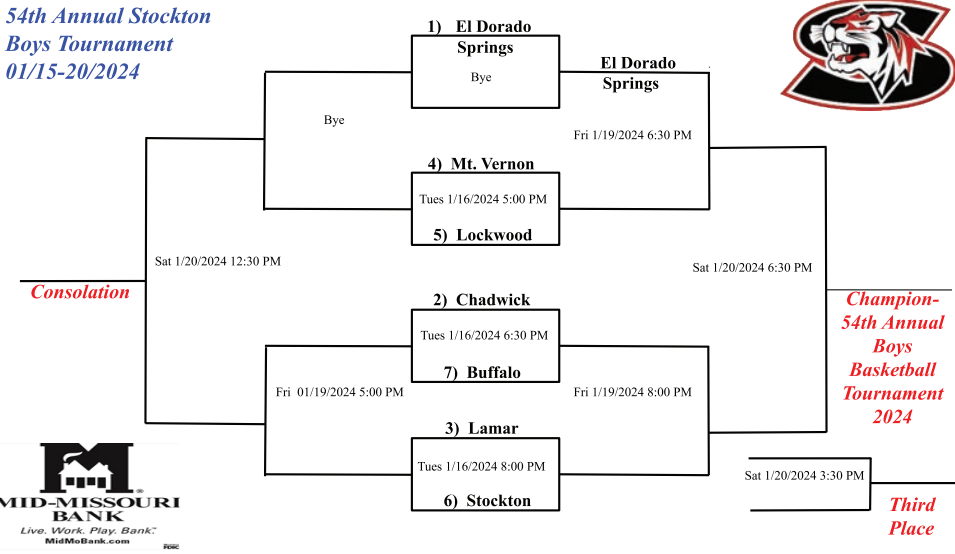
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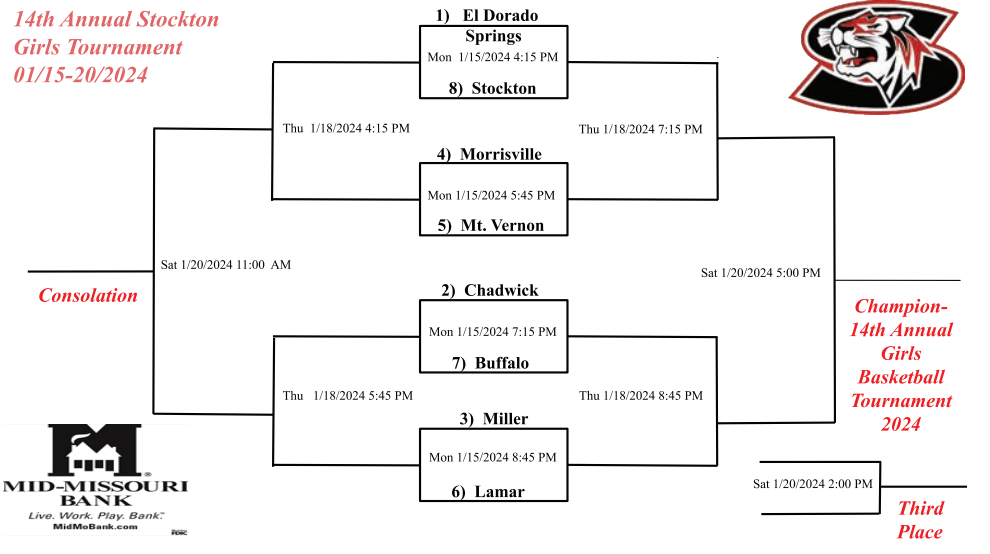
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# Tigers Split Conference Games



Landon Sexton (2), Carter Thornton, and Jax Baxter (35) set up their defense during a tough loss at Pleasant Hope last week. The Tigers fell 68-61. KEVIN CAUDLE



Coulter Woods prepares to shoot a free throw against Marionville last week. Stockton took the victory 59-41. The game was played in the middle school gym due to work taking place at Stockton High School.

By Kevin Caudle

Last Tuesday, the Stockton Tigers opened the 2024 portion of their basketball schedule, hosting the Marionville Comets. Due to ongoing upgrades at Stockton High School, the game was moved to Stockton Middle School, the home of the Tigers from 1966 to 2008. With a touch of nostalgia in the air, the game was the Southwest Conference opener for both teams. The Comets and Tigers were coming off of losses, hoping to start the new year on the right foot.

Stockton came out with the hot hand, jumping out to a 19-3 lead after one quarter. Marionville seemed dazed by the Tiger offensive onslaught.

In the second, the Tigers' shooting cooled a bit, but Stockton was able to extend the lead by a single point, entering the half leading 29-12.

The Tigers maintained the upper hand through three, leading 46-25 entering the final frame.

See **TIGERS**, Page A15

## Lady Tigers Grab Back-To-Back Wins



Ellie Flora passes the ball to Raelyn Henderson as Faith King (#11-far left) awaits a possible pass in the corner last week against Lamar. The Lady Tigers took the victory, 52-44. KEVIN CAUDLE

By Kevin Caudle

Last week, the Lady Tigers opened the new year with a road trip to Lamar. Even with districts over a month away, the outcome of the game had the potential to have an impact on district rank-

ings. Although they reside in a different district, Adrian was a common opponent of both Lamar and Stockton. Lamar had defeated Adrian in December but Adrian had knocked off Stockton earlier in the season. With Adrian as a common opponent, the Lady Ti-

gers needed the victory, hoping to leapfrog Lamar when district rankings are made in February. Adding to Stockton's concern, starter Kila Burchett was injured and unable to play.

See **LADY TIGERS**, Page A15

## Eldo Girl's wrestling



Olivia Graves prepares to attack her opponent at the Butler Girls Tournament Friday, January 5. Graves finished third in the 120-pound division helping the Bulldogs to a second place team finish. JENNIFER GRAY



Lilly George gets her hand raised after a victory at the Butler Girls Tournament Friday, January 5. George won the 140-pound bracket with three victories and helped lead the Bulldogs to a second place team finish. The Bulldogs host Holden and Windsor Thursday at 5:30 pm. JENNIFER GRAY

## Eldo boy's wrestling



Justin Brown applies a hammer lock to his opponent during the Butler Tournament Saturday, January 5. Brown finished third in the 144-pound bracket. The Bulldogs finished third as a team. JENNIFER GRAY



Emory Crawford stretches his opponent out during competition at the Butler Tournament Saturday, January 5. Crawford finished third in the 150-pound division. The Bulldogs finished third as a team. The Bulldogs host Holden and Windsor Thursday at 5:30 pm.

### YOUR SPORTS PAGE SPONSOR

# Stockton students to compete in Poetry Out Loud

By Alana Hindman

Poetry Out Loud, an annual competition held by the Stockton High School English department, is scheduled for tonight at 6 PM in the library; attendance is free. Students performing were chosen after they participated in classroom competitions. The winner will receive \$50 in scholarship monies and placement in the regional competition. The National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation, and the Missouri Arts Council sponsor prizes for this nationally recognized competition.

Jesse Fields, English Department teacher said, "It's a fun event where people get to showcase their ability to interpret a piece of writing and share their interpretation with others through their memorized recitation...All students at Stockton High School are eligible to participate in our school competition, and then our school sends one student to the regional competition in Springfield next month. Ten regions from around the state send one representative to the state competition. Each state sends one representative to Washington D.C. for the national competition where \$50,000 in awards are given."

To qualify for entry students had to select, memorize, and recite two poems chosen from a list on poetryoutloud.org. One choice had to be a pre-20th century poem.

Tonight's competition will include two rounds of recited poetry separated by a short intermission. Students will receive a score given by a panel of former English teachers, all of whom have experience with the Poetry Out Loud National Recitation competition. First, second and third place will be recognized.

Those competing are freshmen Troy Gregory and Noah Schick, sophomores Kelly Stockton and Abigail Strait, juniors Brigham Lee and Megan Lee, and seniors Gilberto Alexander, Kila Burchett, Ellie Flora, and Bryson Saathoff.

## 2023-2024 MARE Scholarship Program Information – Guidelines & Applications Now Available!

Contributed news

The Missouri Association of Rural Education offers two scholarship programs for students interested in becoming teachers and returning to rural school districts to teach. The first program is the MARE Rural Missouri Scholarship Fund. This program is open to only junior and senior level students attending Missouri colleges or universities that offer degrees in education. Applicants must have completed 60 or more credit hours and have declared a major in education. Last year, MARE, with support from the key sponsors who support the Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament (Veregy, Step UP Consulting, SIC Midwest, L.J. Hart & Company, American Fidelity Assurance Company, Performance Services, Missouri Propane Gas Association, MEUHP, Forrest T. Jones & Company, Missouri Educators Health Group, MOCAAT, Guin Mundorf, LLC, Tueth Keeney Cooper Mohan & Jackstadt, P.C., Mickes O'Toole, LLC, iCEV, OSBA/Capstone Insurors, IMS, Reynolds Construction & Commercial Roofing & Common Goal Systems; Hole Sponsors (EdCounsel, LLC, Curriculum Associates, Inc., Opaa! Food Management, MRTA, MUSIC, Tueth Keeney, P.C., GRP WEGMAN Company, NREA, KRJ Architecture, Hamlin Energy Group, S.M. Wilson & Company, Gilmore & Bell, Navitas, Edward Jones (Mack Valentine), Facility Solutions Group, Incite Design Studio, Piper Sandler, Mickes O'Toole, LLC, Universal Construction, Audio Enhancement, MET/Gallagher, Wagner Portrait Group, Bukaty Companies (Jeff Walstrom), Gator Graphics & Integrated Facility Services) and those who provided prizes and played, provided twenty-two (22) \$1,000.00 scholarships. We plan to present 20-25 \$1,000.00 scholarships this year alone! Information for this program is available below. This information was mailed to all Missouri colleges and universities that offer teacher education programs and certifications. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is Friday, March 29, 2024.

The second scholarship program offered by MARE is open to graduating high school seniors of MARE member school districts. Applicants must have indicated plans to pursue a degree in education. Only senior students from MARE member school districts are eligible to apply. Last year, MARE, with support from EdCounsel, LLC provided twenty-nine (29) \$500.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors from all over the state. The 2023-2024 Scholarship Awards will increase to \$750.00 per scholarship. Information for this program is available below. This information will be provided to all Missouri High School Counselors as well. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding these Scholarship Programs, please contact Kevin Sandlin, Executive Director, at (660) 747-8050 or ksandlin@moare.com. Since 2017, MARE has provided a total of \$211,500.00 in scholarships through these two programs.

## LADY TIGERS

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As anticipated, the two teams were closely matched as neither team could pull away through the first three quarters.

Stockton held the margin after one at 12-10, but Lamar reversed the advantage in the second, taking a 21-19 lead into the locker room at half.

After three quarters, Lamar held the lead at 32-29 and seemed to be gaining momentum as the game entered the final period. Lamar continued to extend their lead into the fourth, holding a nine point advantage early in the final frame, but the Lady Tigers were not to be denied. Ellie Flora and Mercedes Rivera, netting 10 points and 6



Ellie Flora (2) and Mercedes Rivera (12) play defense during a decisive victory against Pleasant Hope last Friday. The Lady Tigers took the victory, 41-24 KEVIN CAUDLE

points, respectively, in the final period, took control of the game down the stretch as the Lady Tigers stole the victory, 52-44.

Flora paced the Lady Tigers, scoring 24 points in the contest. In a true team victory, every starter contributed points in the important win.

On Friday, the Lady Tigers traveled to Pleasant Hope to take on the Pirates in the opener of Southwest Conference action for both teams.

Each team opened with a slow start as Pleasant Hope was able to grab the early lead, holding an 8-4 advantage at the end of the first

quarter. By halftime, the Lady Tigers had whittled the lead down to one with Pleasant Hope holding a 19-18 advantage.

At halftime, the Lady Tigers made some adjustments on the defensive end, while finding their range on offense in the third. The Lady Pirates would score only 5 points in the second half while the Lady Tigers reeled off 23, taking the victory, 41-24. Ellie Flora, with 15 points, followed by Hayleigh Burres who scored 13, paced the Lady Tigers in the strong outing.

Upcoming for the Lady Tigers is a home game against Fair Play on January 11th followed by their appearance in the 14th Annual Stockton Girls Tournament where the Lady Tigers will face the El Dorado Springs Lady Bulldogs on January 15th at 4:15 pm.

## TIGERS

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In the fourth period, Marionville, now in desperation mode, went into a full court press on defense while abandoning their offense to throw up quick shots in a failed attempt to cut the deficit. The final period was filled with turnovers and fouls as the Tigers attempted eleven free throws

in the final frame with the Comets adding seven attempts of their own. When the buzzer sounded, the Tigers had taken the victory, 59-41.

The Tigers were led in scoring by Jax Baxter with 20, while Preston Rains and Colter Woods both contributed 15 points in the one-sided victory.

On Friday, the Tigers, along with the Lady Tigers, traveled to Pleasant Hope for a boys/girls doublehead-

er. This was the second conference game for the Tigers who stood at 1-0 in the Southwest Conference standings.

The game was close throughout as Pleasant Hope came out playing a physical brand of basketball. Their pressure caused issues for the Tigers who recorded 20 turnovers for the game. The Pirates held a 13-11 lead after one period. By halftime, the score was knotted at 25.

# The USDA 1890 National Scholars Program

Contributed news

The USDA 1890 National Scholars Program is aimed at bolstering educational and career opportunities for students from rural or underserved communities around the country. It was established in 1992 as part of the partnership between USDA and the 1890 land-grant universities.

USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) manages the 1890 National Scholars Program, which is aimed at increasing the number of students from rural and underserved communities who study food, agriculture, natural resource and other related sciences. The scholarship provides recipients with full tuition, fees, books, room and board. Scholars attend one of the 1890 land-grant universities and pursue degrees in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or related academic disciplines. The scholarship may also include work experience at USDA. The program is a crucial part of USDA's Next Generation efforts.

USDA awarded 100 1890 scholarships in Fiscal Year 2023.

### These are the (19) 1890 universities:

- Alabama A&M University
- Alcorn State University, Mississippi
- Central State University, Ohio
- Delaware State University
- Florida A&M University
- Fort Valley State University, Georgia
- Kentucky State University
- Langston University, Oklahoma
- Lincoln University, Missouri
- North Carolina A&T State University
- Prairie View A&M

- University, Texas
- South Carolina State University
- Southern University, Louisiana
- Tennessee State University
- Tuskegee University, Alabama
- University of Arkansas Pine Bluff
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Virginia State University
- West Virginia State University

### Study Disciplines

USDA 1890 National Scholars are required to study one of the following disciplines:

- Agriculture
  - Agricultural Business/Management
  - Agricultural Economics
  - Agricultural Engineering/Mechanics
  - Agricultural Production and Technology
  - Agronomy or Crop Science
  - Animal Sciences
  - Botany
  - Food Sciences/Technology
  - Forestry and Related Sciences
  - Home Economics/Nutrition
  - Horticulture
  - Natural Resources Management
  - Soil Conservation/Soil Science
  - Farm and Range Management
- Other related disciplines, (e.g. non-medical biological sciences, pre-veterinary medicine, computer science)

### The Award

The scholarship may be renewed each year, contingent upon satisfactory academic performance and normal progress toward a bachelor's degree.

### General Eligibility

To be eligible for the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program scholarship, a student must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale)
- Have a minimum of 21 ACT, 1080 SAT scores
- Have been accepted for admission or currently attending one of the nineteen 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities.
- Study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or other related academic disciplines
- Demonstrate leadership and community service
- Submit an official transcript with the school seal and an authorized official's signature
- Submit at least 2 letters of reference
- Submit completed application

### Who Should Apply

The USDA 1890 National Scholars Program is open to high school se-

niors entering their freshman year of college, and rising college sophomores and juniors.

The applications for the 2024 school year will be accepted from December 15, 2023 through March 1, 2024. Click to view instructions for creating a user account (PDF, 767 KB) and submit your application.

Don't miss the next scholarship application deadline!

Sign up to receive updates on the next 1890 National Scholars Program application opening, along with information about other higher education opportunities for minority students.

For any questions regarding the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program, please contact:

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# Missouri Department of Agriculture Announces Funds to Support State Food Supply Chain

The Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program is a federal cooperative agreement awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Contributed news

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri Department of Agriculture has been allocated \$6.9 million through the USDA Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) Program to help strengthen the food supply chain between the farmer and consumer.

The purpose of the RFSI program is to build resilience in the middle of the food supply chain; to provide more and better markets to small farms and food businesses; and to support the development of value-added products for consumers, fair prices, fair wages and new and safe job opportunities that keep profits in rural communities.

MDA will distribute the funds as competitive grants to invest in the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storage, transportation, wholesale and distribution of locally produced food.

Eligible products include fruits and vegetables, dairy, grains for human consumption, aquaculture, and other food products (excluding meat and poultry).

There are two grant applications available. The Simplified Equipment-Only Grant funds may be used for equipment purchases only and projects must be completed by June 30, 2025. The Infrastructure Grant funds may be used for improvements, rearrangements, or alterations of an existing building or facility and projects



Mid section of farmer holding a basket of vegetables in the vineyard. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

must be completed by Dec. 31, 2026. Applications for the Simplified Equipment-Only Grant must be submitted by March 8, 2024.

Applications for the Infrastructure Grant must be submitted by March 15, 2024.

Anticipated award date is July 1, 2024.

MDA, in conjunction with the Missouri Agriculture, Food & Forestry Innovation Center (MAFFIC), created an informational FAQ video that can be found here.

RFSI program details and applications can be found online here.

MDA is providing free technical assistance for individuals interested in the RFSI program through a part-

nership with the Missouri Agriculture, Food & Forestry Innovation Center (MAFFIC). Please request assistance by signing up online here. Business development assistance is available throughout the grant application period and afterwards to awarded entities, as well as other value-added agricultural producers who are working in the middle of the supply chain by processing, aggregating and/or distributing eligible food crops.

Contact MDA's Rachel Heimericks at (573) 522-1955 or Rachel.Heimericks@mda.mo.gov with any questions.

For more information about the Missouri Department of Agriculture and its programs, visit the Department online at Agriculture.Mo.Gov.

DID YOU KNOW?



Contributed news

January 15, 2024, marks the fifty-seventh anniversary of the first Super Bowl. Though it would be two more years before the name "Super Bowl" was used to characterize the game, what's now referred to as "Super Bowl I" was a competition between the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League (AFL) and the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League (NFL). Back then the game was referred to as the AFL-NFL World Championship Game, which most fans would agree does not have the same ring to it as "Super Bowl." The game was competitive in the first half, and the score was 14-10 in favor of Green Bay at halftime. But the Packers blanked the Chiefs in the second half, and the final score was 35-10 in favor of Green Bay. In a testament to just how different things were in 1967, two networks, NBC and CBS, were allowed to broadcast the game, each using their own announcers. Also noteworthy is the game was not a sellout, marking the only time that has happened in Super Bowl history.

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02 HONDA ACCORD 3.0L EX	226522	WHITE	5400
15 DODGE CHARGER AWD 3.6L SXT	85130	SILVER	18500
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13 FORD SUPERCREW 4X4 3.5LEB XLT	134385	WHITE	14900
13 RAM 1500 4X4 CREWCAB 5.7L BIG HORN	112401	GRAY	18900
14 RAM 1500 4X4 QUAD CAB 5.7L SLT	148004	BLUE	18900
20 RAM 1500 4X4 CREWCAB 5.7L LIMITE	51446	MAROON	44900
21 FORD SUPERCREW 4X4 5.0L XLT 40/20/40	5794	WHITE	49500
21 RAM 1500 4X4 CREWCAB 3.0L BIG HORN ECODIESEL	15787	MAROON	43500
<b>3/4 T 4X4</b>			
12 FORD F250 4X4 CREWCAB 6.2L XLT	140008	WHITE	23900
<b>1 TON</b>			
04 FORD F350 4X4 S/C 6.0L LONGBD XLT AUTO		GREY	12900
15 FORD F350 4X4 CREWCAB 6.7L DRW XLT	226414	GREY	21500
16 FORD F350 4X4 CREWCAB 6.7L DRW PLATINUM	234605	BLACK	26500
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<b>CHASSIS</b>			
16 FORD F350 4X4 SRW 6.7L XLT W/DEWEZE 677 BED	141017	GRAY	44500
20 FORD F350 4X4 DRW 6.7L XLT DEWEZE	105119	BLUE	59500
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19 BUICK ENCLAVE 3.6L ESSENCE 6-PASS	73422	WHITE	19500
19 FORD ECOSPORT 1.0LEB SE	1296	SILVER	22900
19 FORD EXPLORER 4X4 3.5L LIMITED 6-PASS	91296	SILVER	24900
20 FORD ESCAPE AWD 1.5LEB SE	220	SILVER	26800
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## Kingsville Livestock Auction

Kingsville, MO

Located 45 mi. S.E. of Kansas City, MO. On 58 Hwy. East at Modern Kingsville Livestock Auction Center in Kingsville, MO

Market Report: [Kingsville Livestock Auction](#) Tuesday January 2, 2024 Sold 2928 head.

2 Weeks Ago: 2132 head. Compared to 2 weeks, strers under 750lbs sold \$8-\$15 higher, heavier weights sold steady. Hfr calves under 500lbs sold steady, 500-700lbs sold \$8-\$10 higher & yearlings sold steady-\$3higher. Slaughter cows & bulls sold steady-\$5 higher. Listen for our Market Report on KMZU 100.7 every Wednesday at 12:30 and again on Thursday at 6:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. by Jared Anstine.

Steers	Load Lots of Yearlings	Slaughter Cows
300-400 \$265-\$316	691lbs@ \$249.50	High Yielding \$95-\$106
400-500 \$250-\$333	797lbs@ \$222.50	Medium Yielding \$87-\$94
500-600 \$237-\$315	837lbs@ \$232.50	Low Yielding \$70-\$86
600-700 \$220-\$280	718lbs@ \$224.00	Slaughter Bulls \$90-\$130
700-800 \$210-\$246	775lbs@ <u>Bulls</u>	
800-900 \$210-\$232.50		
900-1000 \$190-\$209.50		

Heifers

300-400 \$220-\$257.50
400-500 \$220-\$290
500-600 \$210-\$272.50
600-700 \$200-\$238
700-800 \$187.50-\$224
800-900 \$175-\$200.85
900-1000 \$145-\$170

Every Tuesday Feeder Sale Starting @ 10:30 am  
Special Cow & Bull Sale-Sat., Jan.27th @ 11am

\*\*Feeder Cattle that are short weaned or new crop calvers that have not had shots or are lesser quality will be lower than the reported amounts.

### Kingsville Livestock Auction

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Saturday, January 20, 2024, 9:00 AM  
Bolivar, MO

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# Multiple Property REAL ESTATE AUCTION

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**Parcel 1**  
**20+ Acres**  
27 Alamo Dr. • Buffalo, MO  
20+ Acres in 3 Tracts From 6± to 8 ± Ac. 26'x86' 3-Bed, 2-Bath Mobile Home & 36'x70' Barn, Storage Building, 30'x80' Bldg. (Set Up for Kennel) w/ Well & Elec., Nice Building Sites!



**Parcel 2**  
**Fully Remodeled & Vacant Lot**  
3407 W. State St. • Springfield, MO  
3.8 Acres in 2 Tracts • Very Nice 2-Bed 2-Bath All-Brick Home w/ 1-Car Detached Garage, Fully Remodeled!! Master Suite w/ Private Bath, New Appliances, Clean & Move-In Ready!, • 2.8 Ac. Vacant Lot



**Parcel 3**  
**Excellent Rental**  
607 S. Sarah St. • Humansville, MO  
3 Bedrooms, 1½ Bath Fixer Upper, Built in 1972, Large Eat-In Kitchen, Utility Room w/ Adjacent Half-Bath, Covered Back Patio, 1-Car Attached Garage, Excellent Rental or Starter Home



**Parcel 4**  
**80+ Acres St. Clair County**  
Corner of MO-UU & SE 1075 Rd. Near Collins, MO • 80 Acres Offered in 6 Tracts From 10 to 19 Acres, Newly Constructed Machine Shed, Nice Building Sites! Weaubleau Creek Frontage!, Former Homesite w/ Well & Elec.



**Parcel 5**  
**Zoned C-1**  
702 E. Buffalo St. • Bolivar, MO  
3-Bedroom Brick Home • Zoned C-1 (Neighborhood Shopping Dist.) Currently Rented • Central HVAC • 2-Car Garage • Neighbors Parcels 6 & 7 • Clean & Well Maintained!



**Parcel 6**  
**Zoned C-1**  
714 E. Buffalo St. • Bolivar, MO  
3-Bedroom Brick Home • Zoned C-1 (Neighborhood Shopping Dist.) Currently Rented • Central HVAC • 2-Car Garage • Neighbors Parcels 5 & 7 • Clean & Well Maintained!



**Parcel 7**  
**Vacant Commercial Lot!**  
Corner of E. Buffalo St & S. Boston Ave. • Bolivar, MO  
164'x140' Vacant Lot • Zoned C-1 Zoned C-1 (Neighborhood Shopping District) Taxes: \$192.22



**Parcel 8**  
**137+ Acres, Greene County**  
5651 Hwy AB • Fair Grove, MO  
137± Acres in 8 Tracts From 5 to 50 Acres!, Mostly Open!, Excellent Development Potential!, Stone Barn w/ Living Quarters & Silo, Fixer-Upper Home & Other Bldgs.

# 8 Properties

# Major FIREARMS AUCTION

Saturday • February 17, 2024 • 9AM  
Held at Wall St. Cattle Co. in Lebanon, MO

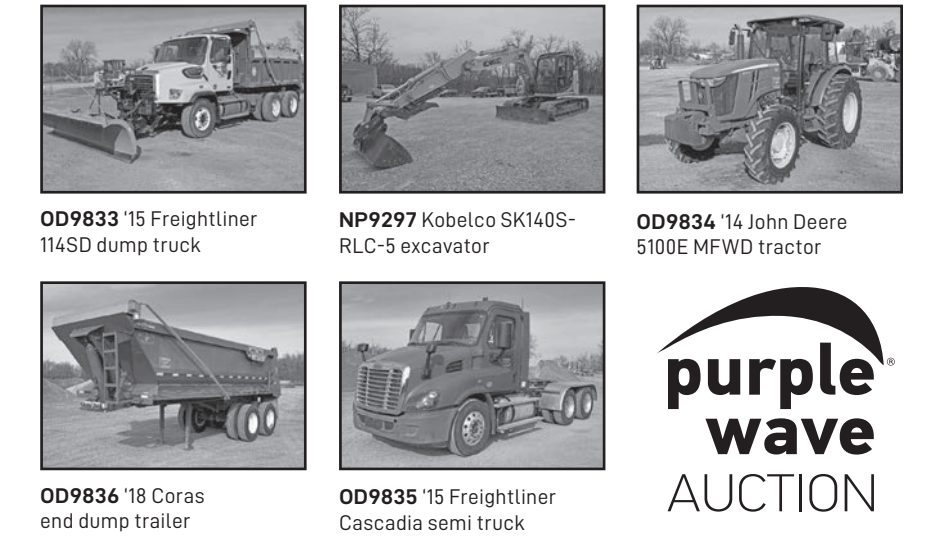
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This nice 2,529 +/- sq. ft. 3 bed/2.5 bath brick & steel siding home sits on a double lot (.63acres) with a chain link back yard among large mature shade trees. This home has tons of entertaining room with a formal dining and 2 living areas. Home has 2 - single car garage doors (10'x7' & 10'x8') allowing for lots of tools & extra storage as well as a 12'x15' outbuilding. Home is well kept and ready for some personal updates to make your own. City water & sewer, central HVAC w/90% gas furnace, the gas log fireplace in living area will keep you extra cozy all winter long. Enjoy over looking your large back yard from the 11'x20' sunroom or concrete patio. Don't miss your chance to invest in this quickly growing community!

**Vehicle/Mower/Tools:** • 2013 Honda CR-V, AWD, sunroof, CD player, 120,393k miles, damage to both front & back fenders, VIN #2HKRM4H52DH648600 • John Deere D105 riding mower, 100 series, 140.3 hrs. • Misc. hand and yard tools • Misc. toolboxes • Metal garage cabinet • 6" bench grinder • Misc. weed eaters • Misc. shop tables • Misc. screws/nuts/bolts, etc.

**Furniture/Dishes/Household Items:** • Marble top round table & 4 chairs • Mid Century Modern buffet cabinet • Several china cabinets • Vintage Zenith floor model radio • Vintage Zenith 8 track player console cabinet • Large oak table & chair set • Misc. couches, love seats and accent chairs • Several coffee tables, end tables, sofa tables • Maytag washer & dryer set • Full size bed frame • Whirlpool upright deep freeze • Misc. bookshelves • Misc. lamps • Bakers racks • Misc. artwork, books, décor • Several pieces of vintage pink glass & carnival glass • Some green depression glass • Vintage green Longenberger mixing bowl • Several cut glass pieces • Misc. china sets • Oil lamps • Several small appliances - toaster oven, warmers, insta pot, crockpots, toasters, coffee pots, etc. • Fire King bowls • Corningware • Misc. dishes/pots/pans/Tupperware/glasses/silverware, etc. • Lots of misc. costume jewelry & jewelry pieces

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