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MEETINGS & MORE

Driver exam office closings for holidays

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reminds the public that driver examination stations throughout the state will be closed on the following dates:

Thursday, May 8, in observance of Harry S. Truman's birthday. Normal operations will resume on Friday, May 9.

Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, May 27.

Celebrate Best of the Lake at MaMa CiTas

Lake Lifestyles Best of the Lake Social to celebrate winners and finalists in the 2025 contest will be held Wednesday, May 7, at MaMa CiTa's Mexican Cantina in Osage Beach.

Cash bar and social at 5 p.m., appetizers 5:30 p.m. and announcements at 6 p.m. The public is invited to help honor the winners.

For more information, contact candace.lakesun@gmai.com.

Putting for Patients at Bear Creek

Second annual Putting for Patients COMC Golf Tournament, Bear Creek Valley Golf Club, 9 a.m. May 5.

To register or sponsor, contact Bre Linch at blinch@centraloarks.org.

BIRTHDAYS TO REMEMBER

Christine Baranski, 1952
Dwayne Johnson, 1972
David Beckham, 1975

TODAY IN HISTORY

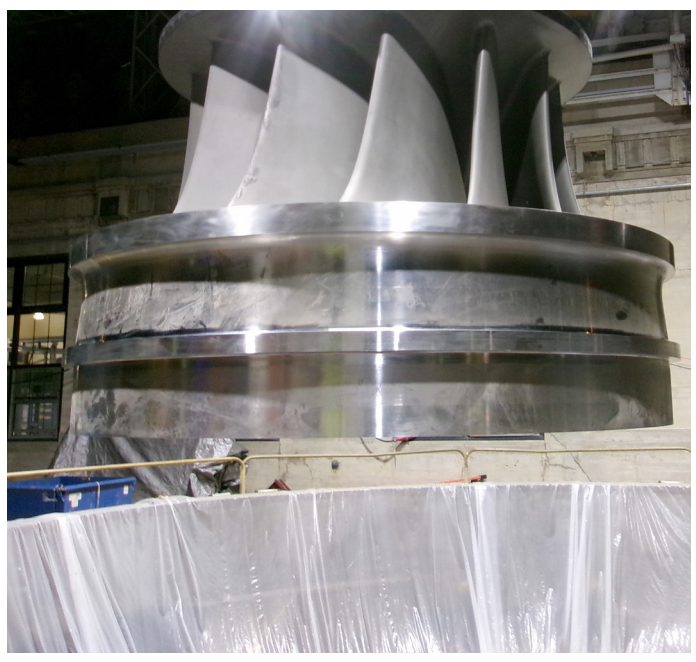
May 2, 1933

The modern legend of the Loch Ness Monster is born when a sighting makes local news

QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Think in the morning. Act in the noon. Eat in the evening. Sleep in the night.'

William Blake



Ameren continues turbine upgrades at Bagnell Plant

Ameren Missouri is nearing completion of upgrades to its Osage Energy Center (Bagnell Dam) aimed at enhancing efficiency and reliability. The upgrade involves replacing the last two original turbine runners with new, more efficient ones. At 94 years old, the original 1931 turbines were well past their designed useful life of 50 years.

The new turbines weigh approximately 50 tons and are being set in place using specialized cranes. The turbine replacement began in the fall of 2024 and both new units are expected to be in service by the end of 2025.

"These upgrades will significantly improve safety and reliability by reducing the need for maintenance compared to the original turbines," says Brad Todd, director of hydro operations for Ameren Missouri. "The new turbines are also designed to be more efficient at low flows, meaning they can generate more power with the same amount of water."

These upgrades do not increase the generating capacity of the facility, which is approximately 235 megawatts.

Additionally, the new turbines provide more consistent control of dissolved gases and oxygen levels, benefiting the Osage River ecosystem downstream of Bagnell Dam.

This project is part of Ameren Missouri's Smart Energy Plan, which aims to modernize the energy grid and improve reliability for customers.

Village may end program to reduce deer population

BY NANCY ZOELLNER
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Anyone who has driven on Horseshoe Bend, especially in the evening, has likely seen a deer – or 10. Many drivers have seen them up close and personal – like in the grill of their vehicles.

Since 2019 the Village of Four Seasons and, until 2025, the Four Seasons Property Owners Association (POA), have partnered to fund the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Wildlife Services deer removal program. During that time, 599 deer were removed by trained USDA sharpshooters.

However, Four Seasons Board of Trustees Chairman Tony Baldridge said this year may be the last for the hunt.

"I think we're going to revisit it at an upcoming meeting to learn if there are other ways we can do this or if we should maybe take a break and wait a year because the actual inventory is going down while the per-deer cost is going up," he said.

At an earlier Village meeting, Dan McMurtry, district supervisor with USDA's APHIS Wildlife Services, explained that each fall since starting the program they have conducted a survey by driving around 13 to 15 miles of roads and, using a thermal scope, counting the number of deer they see. McMurtry said he then uses those numbers to calculate square miles and create an index of sorts to compare one year's head count to the next.

In the spring of 2019, an estimated 177 deer were counted during the survey. The number dropped to 72 the following winter. It rose to 111 in the fall of 2021, 126 in the fall of 2022 and 73 in the fall of 2023, but in last fall's survey, only 44 deer were spotted.

McMurtry said once they determine the areas with the highest deer population, they decide if it would be safe to conduct the deer removal process in those areas. Because of the increased number of homes that are being built in the Village, the locations they can hunt have been decreasing. In the past, they've hunted in the late afternoon and evening. However, this year

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Sunrise Beach

Zoning changes proposed

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The Sunrise Beach Planning and Zoning Commission met for April with some changes considered for zone amendments.

A public hearing was held with City Administrator Steve Roth explaining the need for amending and updating existing zoning regulations. A boundary adjustment provision to allow residents to consolidate lots was presented with Roth's summary stating that the amendment will simplify the whole process allowing lot consolidation for two or three lots with one building. Roth explained, "Anytime that you divide any property, it is required to go to the planning and zoning commission first, and then, on to the trustee board for approval after the P&Z makes a recommendation.

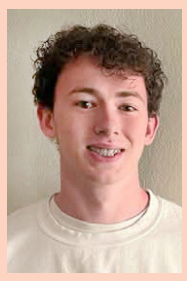
After going over the amendment with City Attorney Nathan Nicklaus, Roth put a lot split provision in the amendment for subdivision development. P&Z members felt that the matter should still go through a review process after the zoning board recommendation. Roth said some communities keep it a P&Z committee decision, but representatives felt that it would be a good way to avoid Lakefront lot problems by having city board approval as well.

There was a provision that was unknown even to Roth, as explained by Nicklaus in the zoning issue of airspace. Roth told the commission that

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Osage

Honoring our soldiers



Gage Tournear

"The Soldier" by School of the Osage sophomore Gage Tournear has earned him several prestigious awards. Gage, the son of Zach and Kelsey Tournear, says he was inspired by veterans who lay their lives on the line to protect us all and our freedoms from the founding of our country to today.

Gage used charcoal for this piece.

The awards included:

•Winner of the District 6 Senate Exhibit Award – Sen. Mike Bernskoetter had chosen Gage's charcoal sketch, "The Soldier," as his personal favorite in District 6. Gage was also given a tour by Senator Bernskoetter who showed much interest in getting to know Gage and what inspires him. He showed Gage where his work will be displayed in the State Capitol building for the next year.

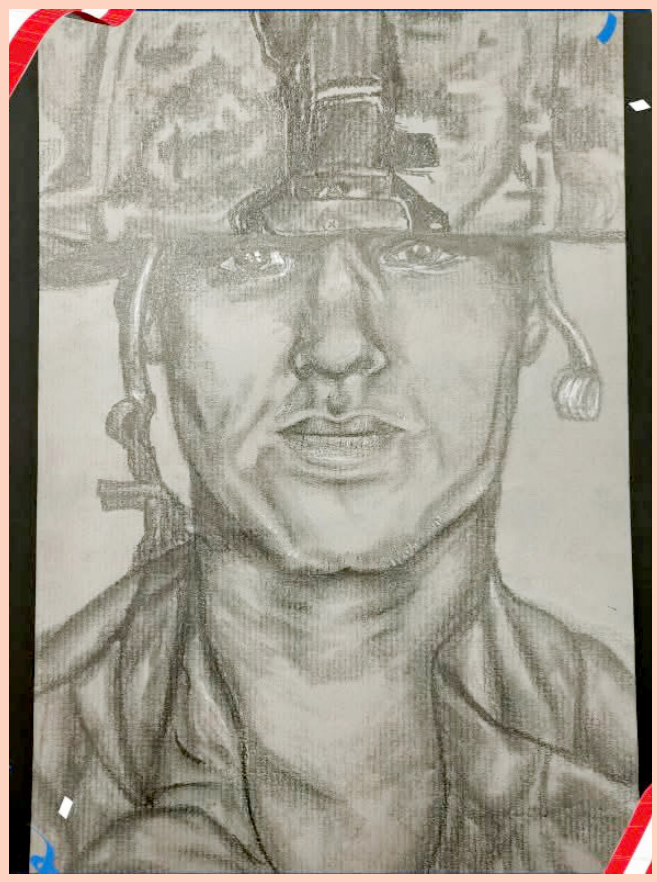
•Winner of the Lieutenant Governor's Award at the Youth Art Month Display at the Capitol – chosen by Lt. Gov. David Wasinger. Gage's artwork has been displayed in the Capitol Building since March 15 alongside other student pieces from all across Missouri, grades K-12.

•Second runner-up in the Congressional Art Contest – this means his framed artwork will be proudly hanging in the Cottleville Congressional Office for an entire year.

His first two awards were officially recognized at an awards ceremony last April 10 in Jefferson City.

"What an honor," Zach and Kelsey said. "Zach and I feel very honored, humbled and blessed to be entrusted by God to be Gage's parents. He is an incredible young man in so many ways. A modern day 'renaissance man.'"

The Tournears expressed their thanks to Tiffany Caldwell the Osage High School art teacher for encouraging Gage in his art and for submitting it to these competitions. They also thanked Whitney Carnahan, Osage Middle School art teacher, for having lots of patience with Gage in middle school and helping him through his perfectionism to get his art done in time.



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Death Notices

B.J. Harris, 45

B.J. Harris, 45, of Branch, Missouri, passed away on April 23, 2025.

Arrangements are under the direction of Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home.

James Krummel, 58

James Krummel, 58, of Osage Beach, Missouri, passed away on April 28, 2025.

Arrangements are under the direction of Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home.

Mary Lee "Jill" Ward, 94

Mary Lee "Jill" Ward, 94, of Lake Ozark, Missouri, passed away Saturday, April 26, 2025.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hedges-Scott-Millard Funeral Homes, 514 Highway 42, Osage Beach, MO

Obituary

Cheryl (Cain) Alderson, 77



Cheryl (Cain) Alderson

Cheryl (Cain) Alderson, 77, of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, peacefully went to heaven on April 8, 2025. Cheryl was a cherished sister and aunt, with a warm spirit and a gentle laugh. As a nurse for over 40 years, her compassion for patients was beyond compare. Her devotion to Christ is inspiring and fills our hearts with beautiful memories.

Cheryl was born May 28, 1947, in Springfield, Missouri to Dr. Alvin and Trula (Theel) Cain. She grew up in Lamar, Missouri and was the oldest of three sisters. In 1965, she graduated from Lamar High School. She followed her parents' footsteps into the medical field. Cheryl first earned her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and later her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (RN-BSN).

She enjoyed spending quality time with her family. On holidays, her two sisters and families would gather for laughs and homemade pie. Cheryl was married to Lary Alderson from 1969-1986, sharing many memorable years. She moved to Lake of the Ozarks where she enjoyed the beauty of the outdoors from her back porch. She enjoyed life alongside her partner, Barney Alexander and her precious rescue dog Nikki. Family time at the lake was important to her and her nieces and nephew remember fun times jet-skiing and fishing. Cheryl cheered on the Chiefs and Mizzou teams with her constant friend and companion, Harold Brewer. Cheryl enjoyed being a member of the Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary Club. Cheryl was also a member of the Missouri Daughters of American Revolution, and was active in the MyKee Investment Group.

Cheryl kept God as a forefront in her actions and life. She was active member of West Lake Christian Church. She loved her friends in the Christian Women's Fellowship group and their weekly breakfasts.

Her legacy will live on through her sister, Karen (Max) Simmons of Lamar, Missouri; brother-in-law, Robert Selvey of Lamar, Missouri; and her friend, Harold Brewer. She is survived by her nephews and nieces: Dr. Matthew (Michelle) Simmons of Lawrence, Kansas and their children Madden &Mayleigh; Kara (Lee) Eggerman of Lockwood, Missouri, and their children Lucas, Addison, Gage and Gavin; and Sara (Zach) Lovell of Saddlebrooke, Missouri, and their children Emma &Adley. Cheryl has found eternal peace ni Heaven alongside her parents, D.r Alvin and Trula (Theel) Cain; her sister, Marilyn (Cain) Selvey; her niece Lauren Selvey, her special friends Barney (Al) Alexander and Ed Cooper.

There wil be a closed family celebration of life, and a memorial placed at Lake Cemetery ni Lamar, MO. Cheryl wil be deeply missed but never forgotten. Her love, laughter and spirit wil forever be remembered.

Diana (Watts) Shortino, 90

Diana Shortino, 90, passed away peacefully on April 19, 2025, at Harbor Campus in Port Washington, Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bill.

She was born in Durrant, Mississippi, during the Great Depression, to Walter and Ruth Watts on December 31, 1934. She was the second of five children.

On June 18, 1955, Diana and Bill married at The Church of the Assumption in Kansas City, Missouri. They were married for 65 years. They raised four children: Bill (Joyce), Debbie (Mike West), Cathy (Greg West), and John. She is survived by her four children, seven grandchildren: Steven, Joe, Janet, Jessica, Leslie, Mitchell, and Leah; and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 2nd, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie with Father John Schmitz celebrating. Graveside services and interment will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., Friday, at the church with a rosary prayed at 10:30 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwell-garber.com. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Lake Arts Council

Upcoming Events

Lake Jazz Band concerts
May 17t - Camden County Museum, 206 S Locust Street, Linn Creek from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Greater Lake Area Chorale concerts
May 4 – Kent Memorial Lutheran Church, 184 Sunset Hills Drive, Sunrise Beach
May 11 - Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 442 US-54, Camdenton
May 18 - Eldon's 1st Baptist Church, 209 S Aurora Street, Eldon
The Greater Lake Area Chorale presents their Spring Concert Season at local churches around the Lake area. All concerts begin at 2 and are open to the public. This group is made up of 75 local volunteer musicians who enjoy sharing their gift of music.

Lake Area Community Orchestra concerts
May 27 - Trinity Lutheran Church, 13007 Route C, Russellville
The Lake Area Community Orchestra begins its spring concert season with a performance at Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 13007 Route C, Russellville on Tuesday, May 27.
All Concerts begin at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge.
Freewill donations are welcome. Bring a chair to Ha Ha Tonka and Eldon Air Park.

Municipal Corner

Missouri State Highway Patrol

Crashes

Two Urbana teens were injured in an accident around 9 p.m. April 30 on Highway 5 north of Dry Hollow Road in Camden County.

The accident occurred as a 2011 Lincoln Passenger Car driven by a 21-year-old Sunrise Beach male struck the 2011 Ford Fusion driven by a 17-year-old male from Urbana from behind at a high speed causing both to drive off the right side of the roadway.

The 17-year-old male and a 16-year-old female passenger both received minor injuries and were transported to Lake Regional Hospital by Camden County EMS.

Both teens were not wearing seatbelts.

MSHP arrests

April 30 — Calvin D. Fields, 61, Stover, 1) Felony Tampering With Motor Vehicle 2) Felony Warrant - Miller County - Possession of Amphetamine 2 Counts 3) Misdemeanor Warrant - Camden County - Failure to Register Vehicle and No Insurance 4) Driving While Suspended, 8:10 p.m., Morgan County.

April 30 — Angela L. Gagnier, 37, Eldon, Driving While Revoked - 2nd or 3rd Offense 2) No Insurance 2nd or Subsequent Offense, 3:45 p.m., Miller County.

Laclede County

Change of venue for murder trial

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A jury trial for Fernando Zell Hutchinson, 21, of Eldon, has received a change of venue from Camden County to Laclede County Circuit Court. A pretrial hearing will be held on Monday, July 21, and a jury trial beginning Oct. 14 with Judge Aaron Koeppen.

Hutchinson is accused of first degree murder and armed criminal action in an incident on Passover Road in Osage Beach on March 31, 2024, in a drug deal that escalated into shots fired.

The victim of the shooting was identified as David C. Davis, 22, of Eldon. He was struck in the chest by a bullet from a handgun that was found in Hutchinson's possession.

The accused appeared in custody in Camden County Circuit Court on April 23 with Attorney Dana Martin when she filed the petition for the change of venue.

Hutchinson is currently detained in the Camden County Detention Center and is also facing a first degree robbery charge from August 2024, and a jury trial is scheduled in Camden County Court on July 18 for a separate second degree burglary charge from an Osage Beach incident where he and two others allegedly broke into a business and stole cash and a vehicle which he hid in an abandoned barn in Miller County, according to a probable cause statement.

Lots to do this weekend

Looking for something to do this weekend?

May 2-3
•34th annual Magic Dragon Street Meet car show, The Strip in Lake Ozark. Visit https://magicdragoncarshow.com.

May 3-4
•Lake of the Ozarks Food Truck Festival, Ozarks Amphitheater, Camdenton. Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Hot Air Balloon Glow, 8-9 p.m.

May 3
•Lake Regional Health System Fun Run and Honor Walk, 8 a.m. The race has a new location: Parkway Center, 5816 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach. Visit https://www.lakeregional.com/news/releases/start-training-lake-regional-fun-run-and-honor-walk-is-may-3.
•Lake Area Master Gardeners Garden Festival at Faithbridge Church, Osage Beach, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit https://www.facebook.com/LakeAreaMasterGardeners
•Spring Harbor Hop by Lake of the Ozarks CVB, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Visit over 40 of the participating locations on the water to collect your poker hand. Visit http://www.funlake.com/harborhop

May 4
The Greater Lake Area Chorale spring season concert at 2 p.m. at Kent Memorial Lutheran Church, 184 Sunset Hills Dr., in Sunrise Beach.

Lake Ozark



Firefighters from the Lake Ozark Fire Protection District recently visited with youngsters from the School of the Osage Early Childhood Center in Lake Ozark. Fire safety education is an important part of the LOFPD role in the community.

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it refers to condominiums with multiple floors. That is the ownership of the individual unit and its "airspace," not property lines.

The ordinance for subdivisions was laid out for recommendation, with the fact, Susan Schneider stated, "that Sunrise Beach does not have any subdivisions as of yet." Roth said the new code presented is "very streamlined, where the old code was a little clunky." He hopes that they will have a subdivision in the near future and wants the codes to be ready for it.

Voluntary annexation

A voluntary annexation of Michael and Roberta Rice's property was reviewed for their business, Rice Concrete, with Roth stating that it fits in C-2 zoning. The annexation recommendation was approved to send to the trustee board.

Comp plan

The commission began to compile a new comprehensive plan for the Village of Sunrise Beach. Susan Schneider reported that the current plan has not been updated since 2009. Roth has identified a consultant to utilize. The cost would be $15,800 and the plan would be to have the plan completed by Labor Day. The recommendation was approved to send to the trustee board.

The next meeting of the Village of Sunrise Beach Planning and Zoning Commission will be 5 p.m. Monday, May 5, at the Village of Sunrise Beach City Hall.

Osage Beach



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they hunted only during daylight hours.

In 2019, the Village and POA each put in $3,000 and the USDA matched their injection. A total of 54 deer were removed at a cost of $222.22 per deer. The following year the Village funded $20,000 and the POA put in $5,000 and 101 deer were removed, bringing the cost to $247.52 per head. The cost per deer has continued to rise over the life of the program. In 2024, trustees voted to spend $15,000 for this year's program, the POA did not contribute, and 56 deer were removed, bringing the cost to $267.86 per deer.

"We can look at the report and say the numbers look good, but the real thing to look at is what it's costing us per head of deer," Baldridge said. "That's a better metric."

McMurtry told trustees that while numbers were important, the decision to continue the program should be based on what they're seeing – if the number of deer strikes are remaining high and if people are still complaining about deer eating their shrubs and gardens.

Kevin Luttrell, superintendent of the Horseshoe Bend Special Road District, said while they no longer keep count, he knows they removed at least 40 to 50 dead deer over the past year.

Baldridge said he may also talk to the POA about once again helping with funding the program if it's expanded.

Russ Mitchell, co-owner of Missouri Association Management LLC, which manages the POA, said that the POA board voted to pull out of the program because they felt the hunt was "not yielding adequate results for property owner assessment dollars."

He said that a contributing factor in the POA Board's funding decision was that the USDA deer harvest program only serves areas located on Horseshoe Bend while deer populations continue to proliferate in the Porto Cima area of Shawnee Bend.

Some have suggested that the Village should enforce an ordinance adopted in 2018 which prohibits Village residents from feeding any wildlife except birds.

Sec. 6-1 Feeding of deer and other wildlife states,

(b) "No person shall purposely or knowingly, with the intent to provide such food, feed, or in any manner provide access to food, to any wild animal or waterfowl within the corporate limits of the Village, on land either publicly or privately owned.

(c) No person shall purposely or knowingly leave or store any food, feed, refuse, garbage, food product, pet food, seed, birdseed, fruit, or grain in a manner that would constitute an attraction to any wild animal or waterfowl.

Under (a) Definitions, deer includes white tail deer, mule deer, and any other deer species found in the State. Feed or food means "any substance composed of grain, mineral, salt, fruit, vegetable, hay or any other food material or combination of these materials whether natural or manufactured that may attract wildlife."

The ordinance also states:

(g) A person may report a violation of this chapter to the County Sheriff or any other Code Enforcement Agent then authorized by the Village. Said enforcement parties may seek injunctive relief.

(h) Any person who violates this chapter commits an offense punishable by a fine of not more than current state statutes allow.

Village Attorney Todd Miller said a village ordinance violation can result in a fine of up to $500 or 90 days in jail, or both.

"The Missouri Revised Statutes, specifically RSMo., Section 79.470, outlines these potential penalties. This means that if a resident of the Village of Four Seasons, Missouri violates a local ordinance, they could face a fine, potential jail time, or a combination of both," he said. "I seem to recall we addressed at least one resident in the past for their violation of this ordinance shortly after the ordinance was passed."

Miller said residents should contact the Village office if they know of residents who are feeding deer.

"The problem is of paramount importance to the Village in its efforts to lessen deer population and their resultant damage to property owners and guests. I fully support the Village's decision to manage deer numbers through a carefully regulated annual hunt. This approach is rooted in science and conservation best practices, ensuring a healthy balance between wildlife populations and the ecological integrity of the land," he said. "Responsible stewardship sometimes requires difficult choices, and this action reflects a thoughtful commitment to both community safety and environmental sustainability. The Village joins many other municipalities like Jefferson City, Columbia, Des Peres, Ladue and Town and Country who have their own deer management programs, often in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Conservation."

Jefferson City



The annual National Day of Prayer was held Thursday morning on the front lawn of the Main Bank of Central Bank in Osage Beach. A respectable crowd prayed for federal, state and local government, schools, churches, Lake-area businesses, Armed Forces, arts/entertainment, etc. Songs were also performed by Devin Scrivner. This year's theme was "Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled."

JORDYN WILSON/LAKE SUN

Fallen Osage Beach officer among those to be honored in ceremony

Names of four officers – including an Osage Beach officer – who died in the line of duty in 2024 will be added to Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial, along with two recently confirmed historical deaths.

Ceremonies will be held on May 2 and 3 at the Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial to honor Missouri law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice for wearing a badge and serving their communities. The memorial is on North Capitol Drive on the north side of the State Capitol.

On Friday evening, May 2, a candlelight vigil will be held at the Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial in tribute to all Missouri law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

On Saturday, May 3, special attention will be paid to four officers who died in the line of duty in 2024 along with two historical line-of-duty deaths that were recently confirmed through research. The names of these officers were added to the memorial's Wall of Honor this week. The Wall of Honor now includes 752 fallen officers.

Line-of-duty deaths

•Phylicia Carson – On Aug. 31, 2024, Osage Beach Police Department Officer Phylicia Carson was killed in a vehicle crash while responding to assist another officer involved in a vehicle pursuit.

•Cody R. Allen – On Feb. 29, 2024, Independence Police Department Officer Cody Allen was shot and killed while responding to the shooting of Jackson County Civil Process Server Drexel Mack, who had been serving an eviction notice.

•Stephen A. Singer – Early on the morning of April 8, 2024, Lake Lafayette Police Department Chief Steven Singer died in his home as a result of a heart attack. The evening before, he had pursued several suspects who were trespassing with utility task vehicles (UTV) near the dam at Lake Lafayette.

•David Lee III – On Sept. 22, 2024, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Officer David Lee III was struck by a vehicle and killed while assisting at the scene of a motor vehicle crash on eastbound I-70. Officer Lee was setting out flares when a speeding drunk driver lost control of his vehicle and struck him.

•Noah Bowles – On Feb. 8, 1904, Lewistown Marshal Noah Bowles was attempting to arrest a man for public intoxication on a railway platform in Lewistown. The suspect, who had allegedly been harassing passengers on a recently arrived train, fatally shot Marshal Bowles with a revolver.

•George D. Hooper – On March 17, 1918, Webb City Police Department Chief George Hooper was shot and killed in an exchange of gunfire. He had approached a gunman who had been firing a handgun and pursuing a woman on foot near railroad tracks. The gunman shot Chief Hooper, who returned fire. A deputy sheriff shot and killed the gunman.

Friday, May 2

WHAT: Candlelight vigil honoring Missouri law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

WHO: Families and friends of those who have died in the line of duty

WHERE: Law Enforcement Memorial at the Missouri State Capitol, located on North Capitol Drive in Jefferson City (In case of inclement weather the event will be moved indoors.)

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 3

WHAT: Memorial service honoring Missouri law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

WHO: Gov. Mike Kehoe

Attorney General Andrew Bailey

WHERE: Law Enforcement Memorial at the Missouri State Capitol, located on North Capitol Drive in Jefferson City (In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors.)

WHEN: 10 a.m. Saturday, May 3

Saturday's service will be livestreamed on the Department of Public Safety Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/MoPublicSafety/

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Signing letters of intent were from left: Jonny Semau, Kole Lane, Owen Borbe and Mia McGuire.

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CHS athletes sign to further careers

Camdenton High School recently celebrated students who have committed to continuing their athletic career beyond high school. It is an elite group of students who continue to work hard at a sport throughout their college years.

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Mia McGuire

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College sport: Track & Field

College colors and mascot: Red & Black Panthers

Kole Lane

College attending: Monmouth

College sport: Football

College colors and mascot: Red & White fighting Scots

Major: Business

Owen Borbe

College attending: Bethel College

College sport: Basketball

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Major: Exercise Science

Jonny Semau

College attending: Central Methodist

College College sport: Basketball

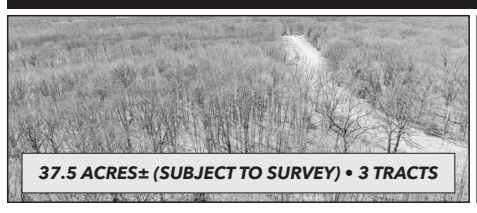
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Letters to the Editor

It's time to stand together

Dear Editor:

Our Constitution begins, "We the people…" but our current situation suggests otherwise. We face the unraveling of our democracy as we watch the president, with impunity, blast apart the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in his blatant effort to seize greater power. No longer do "we the people" matter; in short order, we will be under authoritarian rule.

Trump willfully defies the judiciary, wantonly shreds the Fifth Amendment of the Bill of Rights and wildly tanks our economy with his threats and tariffs, removing all doubt that he wants the best for our democracy. In fewer than one hundred days, Trump so debased the United States that we are no longer respected, trusted, or honored by other nations. We are on the ropes, only waiting for the final knockout punch.

If our democratic republic matters, regardless of your political position, now is the time to stand up for our Constitution. Tw-hundred fifth years ago, others stood against a monarch who had only his self-interest in mind. Today, we face the same dilemma. The president wants only to enrich himself and his oligarch friends, speaks nothing but lies, and blames everything on anyone but himself.

The time is now to stand together against the tyranny foisted upon our nation. The time is now to demand that our legislators reach out to each other and end this madness. If constitutional democracy, due process, and the economy matter to you, then the time is now to act.

Kenneth E. Resch
Lake Ozark

Use science to make good policy decisions

Dear Editor:

Rachel *, Dad, and Me

*Rachel Carson, author of Silent Spring, published in 1965, about the detrimental effects of DDT

I was like a lot of girls with good dads; I thought my dad was the smartest man in the world. He'd been involved in implementing Brown vs Board of Education in our small SE Missouri town; he had been involved in making our school's science department the best in the Bootheel; he had run for mayor on a campaign of "honesty in government." But he had a weak spot, made the more pronounced because he made his living selling insecticides and herbicides. He envisioned that the Bootheel, with insecticides and herbicides, would become the Breadbasket of America.

We would sit at the breakfast table almost every morning and argue(respectfully, of course) about Rachel Carson's book, Silent Spring. It's a book that documents the environmental harm caused by the massive use of pesticides. Carson described the chemical industries' use of misinformation. The book basically changed environmental policy and led to increased environmental awareness and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency. The President at the time was Richard Nixon and he said,

"We have too casually and too long abused our environment . . . The time has come when we can wait no longer to repair the damage already done." My dad became convinced of the harm his products were causing, and became an ardent environmentalist.

The EPA has regulated auto emissions, banned DDT, cleaned up toxic waste. It has been indispensable for cleaning up the environment and making human wellbeing a priority.

Pres. Trump has gone after the EPA with a passion. It seems he does not believe in science and this includes his lack of belief in global climate change. His pursuit of fossil fuels is obsessive, despite the fact that we are not dependent on any other source of fossil fuels from outside our borders and despite the use of solar and wind power which does not damage the environment. In the first two months of 2025, wind and solar accounted for 98% of new electrical capacity.

His administration is illegally opening up hundreds of millions of acres of our oceans for offshore drilling- despite a power only Congress has. There are sweeping changes to protecting national forests, taking away logging protections for 58% of our national forests. Sixteen of the twenty-two Land Conservation research centers have been placed on hiatus. Steep cuts to staff at our national parks jeopardize President Theodore Roosevelt's words about parks: "There are no words that can tell the hidden spirit of the wilderness." Teddy Roosevelt was often called the CONSERVATION PRESIDENT, doubled the sites within the National Park system and now we have a President who wants to diminish our enviable National Park system by drilling and mining and logging.

The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) has halted funding to conservation programs and has fired thousands.

Earth Day 2025 has come and gone with hardly a peep. We used to celebrate our efforts to protect the environment and all its components and now, we weep.

It's time to get in to good trouble and use science and reason to make policy decisions. We cannot afford to be anti-science.

Nancy Pope
Camdenton, MO

The Pied Typer

By Dan Field, Editor

One thing certain about spring — in addition to the green film that covers all that is outdoors — is the presence of ticks.

We have several families of deer in our neighborhood and over the years I've seen some deer covered in ticks. It's a rather disgusting sight, but it's part life for both the deer and the ticks.

Growing up, we had outside dogs who roamed the wild around our house. More than once I remember watching my mom or dad pull an engorged tick from one of our dogs' ears. Again, rather disgusting but part of the process.

Our family was big on mushroom hunting around Hamburg back in the day and with that came the exposure to ticks. I'm told that as a toddler my parents would spray me down with some anti-tick concoction, tie my pant legs around little boots, put long sleeves on me and a hat.

But still, the little disease-carry pests found their way in, usually burying their heads in not-so-appropriate areas of my anatomy. I even remember our local barber finding a tick in the hairline on the back of my neck.

My sister is susceptible to poison ivy. She claims she can walk by a vine of leaves and get poison ivy — even without touching it.

I, on the other hand, was and is susceptible to attracting ticks.

I offered to mow a friend's yard this summer and the first outing was last week. The property abuts a large grove of trees and underbrush; the grass was ankle high. All the perfect breeding ground for ticks.

Before I climbed into the car, Susie sprayed me down with tick spray as best she could; I rubbed the spray on my neck and face.

It was nearly 85 that day so I wore shorts and a t-shirt — also doused with spray.

When I got home, clothes went into the washer and I showered thoroughly. The next day, a tick had found a delicious home on my side; the next day, the other side; the third day on

The Garden Gnome

Square foot gardening

BY KEN RESCH
Lake Sun Gardener

Recently, a friend asked me for a simple way to create a "food garden" that was also easy to manage for older people. I immediately thought of creating a raised bed garden divided into square-foot spaces. There is some upfront cost involved in creating the raised bed, but I find it so much easier to garden standing up. For those still willing and able to garden on bent knees, square-foot gardens can also be created at ground level.

To create the raised bed, I went to www.vegogarden.com where you will find many varieties of metal raised beds at reasonable prices. I have a 4' x 8' x 32" model in olive green. I researched many sellers and felt Vego was the best; I've not been disappointed. So that I did not need to completely fill the bed with soil, I half-filled it with tightly packed pieces of fallen tree trunks. As the wood decays, I'll add new soil to the top.

Mel Bartholomew coined the term "square foot gardening" in his 1981 book of the same name. Square foot gardening divides the growing space into small one-foot square sections. By creating a small but intensively planted vegetable garden you create a simple and orderly gardening system. If your gardening space is limited, and you want to maintain a garden with minimal effort, this may be the way. Do you want to forget about weeds in your garden? Do you want to have continuous harvest all year round? Will it be your first garden? If yes is your answer to any of these questions, then square foot gardening is worth a try.

I recommend going online and looking up "square foot gardening" where you will find all the small details needed to succeed. The Square Foot Gardening Foundation offers a $39.95 two-hour online course for beginners at www.https://squarefootgardening.org/square-foot-gardening-online-course/. Could you be successful without such a course? Yes, I believe enough "free" information is online to help you develop, build, and manage your garden.

I will offer a few dos and don'ts as you begin this venture. Do not plant indeterminate tomatoes because they sprawl and take up huge amounts of nutrients. Plant a bush tomato in one square or plant your tomatoes in separate containers which is my choice. Be certain you maintain nutrient levels in the garden, especially since you may have many varieties competing for food in a small area. Consider growing up as well as out. Use a trellis along the back row squares of your raised bed and plant pole beans, peas, and even cucumbers. Don't overplant any one square and always plant larger plants to the back and smaller to the front.

The lingering question might be: how many plants can I plant? Square foot gardening uses a 1-4-9-16 rule for planting the squares. This translates to one extra-large, four large, nine medium, and 16 small plants per square. XL plants are broccoli, tomatoes, and eggplants; L plants include lettuce, corn, and potatoes; M plants might be beets, carrots, and beans; and S include chives and radishes. Plan your crops carefully and you'll be able to have several harvests of many varieties.

To fully grasp the concept of square foot gardening please search online and visually see how others set up their gardens. The initial set-up will be time-consuming and will cost you to build but the outcome for years to come will be your reward. Imagine: weeding is minimal, varieties of produce are many, and tending each square-foot is not daunting. Raised bed or ground level, get out and see just how many squares you can develop this year.

Reflections on Francis

BY KATHRYN LOPEZ
The McMeel Syndicate

Pope Francis has died, and I have a regret. Early on in his pontificate, I wanted to write a book that would have his face on the cover. At the time, everyone seemed to be coming out with a book on "the Francis effect" about the first pope from the Americas. More than one publisher had talked with me about the possibility of writing something about -- or adjacent to -- him. I never did. Truth be told: I think I killed all discussions with my buzzkill of a proposed title: "Why Is This Man Weeping?"

I think the pope would have been into the title. Sure, he wrote an exhortation about the joy of the Gospel. But he was constantly talking about weeping.

"All of us have felt joy, sadness and sorrow in our lives," but "have we wept during the darkest moment?" he asked in 2013 Easter-season homily. "Have we had that gift of tears that prepare the eyes to look, to see the Lord?" Francis asked. Weeping, he said, "prepares us to see Jesus."

And now that I've started thinking about regrets, it turns out I have a few. I wish Jen Fulwiler had had the opportunity to meet Francis. Jen is a former atheist. She hosted a radio show on the Catholic Channel on Sirius (where I have a weekdays feature). But her life took a turn when Kate Spade, the designer, died by suicide. "Just yesterday I was shopping for Kate Spade purses and paused to think what a perfect, problem-free life she must have," Fulwiler wrote on social media in the summer of 2018 when the news broke. "Gosh," she continued. "Those kinds of assumptions are so wrong and dangerous."

Fulwiler is now a comedian. "I wear a Kate Spade bracelet every time I do standup comedy," Fulwiler wrote in November 2019. "Putting on that bracelet before each show is always a meaningful moment, because it reminds me why I do this."

Fulwiler was "gutted" when she learned Spade killed herself. "It reminded me that so many people who seem to have perfect lives actually have really deep, dark struggles that nobody sees. I had been dabbling with standup comedy for a while, but when I heard the news about her death, I instantly committed myself to it 100% and have not looked back since."

Jen gets it. And if you've ever laughed so hard you've started crying, or cried so deliriously that you may have appeared to be laughing, you know they have something in common. They are releases when we don't quite know what to say. Sometimes the pain is too deep, and words feel insufficient.

Where we hope Pope Francis is now, there is no weeping. He cried his tears. And every report of Easter Sunday Masses and services packed and overflowing -- including with people entering the Catholic Church -- were flowers he had watered with those tears, that were even more powerfully prayers. And yet, he still implores us to see what's right in front of us -- and within. Love more -- like that Jesus we just celebrated on the last day of Pope Francis' life here.

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Words of wisdom

BY KIT BROMFIELD



Kit Bromfield

God gave some very clear instructions through His book of Proverbs on how someone can become wise. In Proverbs it lists the benefits of being wise and illustrates what happens to those who fail to become wise. In fact Proverbs calls those people fools who fail to become wise. Proverbs covers every aspect of our lives.

How do we become wise? "If you want to be wise in the way that you live, first you must respect the Lord with fear. If you know God, the Holy One, you will understand what is right" (Proverbs 9:10 EASY*). "Do not think that you are already wise enough. Obey the Lord and refuse to do evil things" (Proverbs 3:7). "If you respect and obey the Lord, that will teach you wisdom. If you want to receive honor, first learn to be humble" (Proverbs 15:33). "A person who knows what is right can easily find wisdom, but a foolish person looks everywhere and never finds it" (Proverbs 17:24) "Truth, wisdom, good teaching and knowledge are valuable things. Buy them for yourself. Do not sell them" (Proverbs 23:23). "In the same way, wisdom is also good for you. If you find wisdom, it will help you in life. The things that you hope for in the future will surely happen" (Proverbs 24:14). "Receive my wise teaching and knowledge as valuable things. They are more valuable than silver or the best gold" (Proverbs 8:10).

What are the benefits and rewards of being wise? "Wise people should also listen carefully, so that they learn something new. And people with clever minds can learn to live in a good way" (Proverbs 1:5). "If you want to know how to live in a good way, you must first learn to respect the Lord with fear. Fools refuse to listen to wise teaching" (Proverbs 1:7). "He helps good people to be wise in how they live. And He keeps honest people safe" (Proverbs 2:7). "You will become wise in your thoughts. Your knowledge of what is right will make you happy" (Proverbs 2:10). "Any-



one who finds me, wisdom, finds true life. The Lord will bless that person" (Proverbs 8:35). "Wisdom will add more days and years to your life." (Proverbs 9:11) "People will praise a wise person, as much as his wisdom deserves. But no one will respect a person who is stupid" (Proverbs 12:8). "If you only pretend that you want wisdom, you will not find it. But if you are careful, you will easily understand what is right" (Proverbs 14:6). "People who understand what is right have true wisdom. Even fools may sometimes show wisdom" (Proverbs 14:33). "It is better to have wisdom than gold or silver. You should want to understand what is right" (Proverbs 16:16) ".Wisdom is like a spring of fresh water that gives life to those who have it. But the silly things that fools do bring them punishment." (Proverbs 16:22) "It is wisdom that helps a man to build a house. The house will have a strong foundation if he understands what is right" (Proverbs 24:3). "There is no wisdom, no knowledge and no advice that can win against the Lord" (Proverbs 21:30).

What happens when we fail to get wisdom? "Wise people will receive honor. But fools will only have shame" (Proverbs 3:35). "If you are wise, it will help you in many ways. But if you think that you do not need wisdom, you will bring trouble on yourself" (Proverbs 9:12). "Wise people accept good teaching, but people who talk in a foolish way destroy themselves" (Proverbs 10:8). "People who understand what is right speak wise words. But silly people receive the punishment that they deserve" (Proverbs 10:13). "Wise people store knowledge in their minds. But when foolish people speak, trouble is near." (Proverbs 10:14) "If you talk too much, you will soon do something wrong. But if you are wise, you will stop talking (Proverbs 10:19). "When someone insults his neighbor, it shows that he is foolish. But a wise person stays quiet" (Proverbs 11:12). "If someone decides to turn away from wisdom, he will soon be in his grave" (Proverbs 21:16). "A fool cannot understand wisdom. He has nothing to say when leaders meet" (Proverbs 24:7). "I have never learned wisdom. I do not know anything about God, the Holy One" (Proverbs 30:3).

What I would challenge you to do is to read one Proverb every day. You will be amazed how very timely the Proverbs are to every situation you may be facing: finances, relationships, attitude and future.

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Camdenton, 346-3355



Versailles



The Missouri Department of Transportation plans to begin building the roundabout at the intersection of Route 52 and Route 5.

Roundabout planned for Versailles

Upgrading the outdated intersection at Missouri Route 52 and Missouri Route 5 in Versailles to a roundabout will get underway soon. The intersection will remain open but will have lane closures with flaggers directing motorists through the work zone.

Starting May 5, construction crews working with the Missouri Department of Transportation plan to begin building the roundabout at the intersection of Route 52 and Route 5. Work will take place overnight Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. through mid-June.

All work is weather-permitting and subject to change.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awarded a $5,041,329.32 contract to S & A Equipment & Builders, LLC for the project which will install a roundabout at the junction of Route 5 and Route 52, expand Route 52 to three lanes (providing one lane of travel in each direction with a shared center turn lane), and replace existing culverts with larger structures to address flooding concerns. The most up-to-date traffic restrictions and information about the ongoing work in Versailles can be found at modot.org/missouri-route-52-corridor-upgrades-morgan-county.

Versailles

Nutrition site closed by Aging Agency

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Senior citizens in the Versailles area lost a valued resource last week as the Versailles Nutrition Site was closed by Aging Best. Aging Best is a non-profit Agency on Aging in Columbia that oversees senior services over counties in Mid Missouri.

According to an article published April 24 in the Morgan County Statesman, the facility was suddenly ordered to serve its last meal on April 22.

The facility at 308 Fairgrounds Road was a hub for the community, not only serving daily meals but also providing a meeting space for seniors' activities such as bingo, a country store, embroidery classes and fitness programs like exercise and line dancing.

The decision was unexpected as the website for Aging Best still displays the Versailles center's meal menu through the end of April as well as the activities calendar. But the downsizing had already been in the works as staff had been reduced with the termination of the head cook, a hiring freeze active and the reduction of the position of the nutrition site administrator over both the Versailles facility and the Westside Senior Center in Laurie.

Board Members were notified on April 22 of the decision by email. That board owns the building. Aging Best employs staff and manages the programs. Aging Best cited conditions of safety and health at the Versailles site and said the center's infrastructure was damaged and there were unhealthy conditions such as mold and pest infestation present. The board said many of those issues had been addressed and had even made upgrades to the facility that Aging Best promised to reimburse to the board. The $20,000 expense has not been reimbursed, although the board submitted improvement receipts to Aging Best.

Aging Best plans to continue Meals on Wheels services to Versailles. They told the board that a plan to better serve the community would include moving to a smaller and better maintained site.

Camden County

CCSD sponsors Junior Academy

The Camden County Sheriff's Office had announced this year's Junior Law Enforcement Academy. Camden County students will be out of school and looking for activities to keep them occupied and entertained this summer.

All Camden County students going into the fifth through the eighth grades are invited to attend the 2025 Camden County Junior Law Enforcement Academy at the sheriff's office from July 21-25.

Each year the sheriff's office staff puts on a program for local students. Students will learn about several different facets of law enforcement and have opportunities to interact with other first responders and military personnel.

Camden County resident students from public schools, private schools or those who are home-schooled are welcome to attend, so get your applications in as soon as possible. Download your application at the website at https://www.camdencountymosheriff.org/2025-junior-academy.

Osage Beach

Outreach Fair connects resources

On Saturday, May 10, some two dozen nonprofits from the Lake of the Ozarks region will join forces for an Ozark Outreach Fair, a free, family-friendly event aimed at connecting the community with helpful resources, services and support.

Hosted by the Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association, the fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Osage Beach Outlet Marketplace at 4540 Osage Beach Parkway.

The Ozark Outreach Fair offers residents a one-stop opportunity to meet face-to-face with nonprofit organizations that serve families, children and individuals throughout the region. From housing support and healthcare services to foster care, education and mental wellness, each organization will be on hand to share what they offer—and many will provide direct support on site.

"We wanted to create a space where families and individuals can discover just how much help is available right here in their own community," Henry Chamberlain, events and partnerships manager at CMFCAA, said. "This is not a fundraising event—it's about giving back and creating impact in real time."

Event highlights

•Resource tables hosted by local nonprofits offering guidance and assistance

•Interactive games and entertainment at every booth (prize wheels, ring toss, duck ponds and more)

•Free balloon animals, face painting, axe throwing, therapy goats and more!

•CMFCAA's brand-new Traveling Trunk mobile clothing closet providing free clothing and more for our families

•Local food trucks available for attendees who want to grab lunch while they explore

With no tabling fees, no sponsors and no donation requests, the Ozark Outreach Fair is intentionally designed to be an open event—centered around what it can do for the community, not what the community can do for them.

Nonprofits interested in participating are encouraged to contact Henry Chamberlain at HenryChamberlain@cmfcaa.com.

OATS Transit receives $10,000 grant

OATS Transit, a Missouri not-for-profit transportation provider, has received a $10,000 grant from Veterans United Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Veterans United Home Loans.

The funds will be used to provide rides to veterans for no fare in the Mid-Missouri Region. OATS Transit provides service to the VA Hospital in Columbia, as well as VA Clinics in five neighboring cities.

OATS Transit provides transportation to work, medical appointments, essential shopping, nutrition and other needs for individuals with disabilities, seniors and rural residents of any age. With a workforce of 550 employees, 18 percent of OATS Transit's employees are also Veterans.

Mid-Missouri residents seeking a ride should call OATS Transit at 573-449-3789. Information about OATS Transit can be found on the website at www.oatstransit.org, or at facebook.com/oatstransit.

LRHS



Auxiliary President Rita Ernest presents Outstanding Volunteer awards to Brenda Wood, Alyce Vitor, Mary Ann Hodgson, Pat Beffa, Jeanne Frees, Peggy Hecktor, Gary Hecktor, Jerry Rader, Lynette Tapella and Candice Wolf. This award recognized volunteers who have served at least 10 years and at least 2,000 hours. PHOTO PROVIDED

Volunteers honored at luncheon

Lake Regional Health System honored its hospital volunteers during the Auxiliary annual luncheon April 23 at Lake Valley Golf Club in Camdenton.

"Lake Regional is a better place because of our volunteers," said Lake Regional Health System CEO Kevin McRoberts, FACHE. "These caring individuals comfort our patients and encourage and support our team in many ways. We are grateful for their service, and we thank them for their many hours of dedication to our community."

Volunteers were recognized for contributing a total of 12,862 service hours to the hospital in 2024. Two volunteers, Pat Beffa and Bob Fox, celebrated 20 years of service with Lifetime Achievement Awards. Seventeen individuals received Outstanding Volunteer Awards for serving 2000 hours within 10 years: Betty Coleman, Jeanne Frees, Gary Hecktor, Peggy Hecktor, Mary Ann Hodgson, Bobbie Lankford, Tom Lankford, Carol Moellenhoff, Carel Parsons, Ralph Perry, Jerry Rader, Lynette Tapella, Elaine Tiepelman, Alyce Vitor, Leon Wahlbrink, Candice Wolf and Brenda Wood.

Individuals also were recognized for total lifetime hours contributed, ranging from 100 hours to 9,000 hours.

During the luncheon, the Auxiliary announced it will focus on Alzheimer's awareness and education throughout 2025. To promote early detection, the group presented a $1,000 donation to Lake Regional Neurology to certify providers using the Montreal Cognitive Assessment.

"This screening tool helps detect mild cognitive impairment, allowing us to begin treatment during the early stages of dementia," said Crystal Lloyd, APRN, MSN, FNP-C. "We are grateful to the Auxiliary for recognizing the importance of early detection for patients' well-being."

About Lake Regional Hospital Auxiliary

Started in 1977, the Lake Regional Hospital Auxiliary has members of all ages. The volunteers are a diverse group that includes retirees, active businessmen, high school students and other community members. Volunteers serve in a variety of roles that fit their own special talents and interests.

For more information on volunteering at Lake Regional, call 573-348-8153 or visit lakeregional.com/Volunteers. To view a complete list of volunteers who were recognized, visit lakeregional.com/News.

Lake Area

Changes to Co-Mo annual meetings

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It is annual meeting time for Co Mo Electric Cooperative members and the company is striving to make the meetings more accessible.

Co-Mo Connect CEO Aaron Bradshaw stated that after customer feedback was considered, the area electric and wifi provider will make changes to a 85 year tradition of the big picnic-style Annual Meeting for customers, board members and employees. For a long while, the annual gathering in May included entertainment and a grand meal. Business was conducted after all of the fun, and voting was conducted for new officers and board members. But, that all changes this year. Bradshaw stated, "Changes had to be made in Covid for obvious reasons, and after that we polled the customers and after the popularity of presenting the 'Connect with Co-Mo' sessions on various topics, it seemed that new meeting format is the way to go."

At the Sunrise Beach location on May 6, the new meeting format will commence with a meeting called "Connect with Co-Mo" and the second meeting will be held at the Tipton headquarters on May 8 called "Meet The Candidates." Both meetings will be formatted as a "come-and-go" open house style meeting and will offer an opportunity to vote in the 2025 board election, meet board candidates and visit some information booths with experts talking about TV streaming, billing and energy efficiency. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and bottled water will be served.

Then, at a later date, a third component to the new format, a virtual Annual Meeting will be offered live on Facebook and the Co-Mo Electric website at https://www.co-mo.coop/annualmeeting on May 22 at 6:30 p.m. The traditional business meeting will be held at that event with the board election results from the earlier meetings in May announced.

The Co-Mo Operations Center in Sunrise Beach is located at 17698 Highway 5. The meeting will be open to members from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6.

The Co-Mo Operations Center for the northern Morgan County area is located in Tipton at 448 Richard Boulevard, with the meeting open from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8.

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Osage

Osage comes up just short in loss to Pintos

Submitted by Coach David Flaspholer

In a tightly contested matchup on Tuesday night, the Osage Varsity Indians fell just short in a 2-1 loss to the California Pintos in a game that showcased outstanding pitching and tough defense on both sides.

Osage junior Christopher Nicholson put together a strong performance on the mound, recording five strikeouts and limiting California to five hits through 6.2 innings.

California struck first in the top of the third. After a hit-by-pitch and a single by T. Nokes, a defensive error allowed a run to cross the plate giving the Pintos a 1-0 lead. Osage answered in the bottom half of the inning when Hayden Helton singled and later scored on a Tyler Marshall RBI single to tie the game at 1-1.

Nicholson continued to dominate from the hill, but in the top of the seventh the Pintos capitalized on another hit-by-pitch and a single to put runners in scoring position. Schreck drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly, making it 2-1 California.

In the bottom of the seventh, Kade Stoufer drew a walk to spark Osage's comeback attempt. However, back-to-back strikeouts and a hit-by-pitch put two runners on for Osage with two outs. A groundout ended the rally and sealed the Pintos' win.

Despite the loss, Nicholson held California to just one earned run and consistently worked ahead in counts. Offensively, Helton led Osage with two singles, while Marshall tallied the team's lone RBI.

Follow the Osage Indians on GameChanger and stream games here: https://web.gc.com/teams/JzVqAYos-GWT5

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California	0	0 1 0 0 0 1	2	5	1
Osage	0	0 1 0 0 0 0	1	3	1



Osage's Hayden Helton smacked a pair of singles in Osage's 2-1 loss to California. FILE PHOTO



Seth Duncan



Andre Torres



Jake Jansma

Seth Duncan stroked a 41 to lead the School of the Osage Indians in the Eldon Dual Monday. The Indians shot a team total of 188. TOM COLLINS/ELDONADVERTISER

Table Rock

Marcus Sykora wins BLF tournament

Boater Marcus Sykora of Osage Beach caught a five-bass limit weighing 18 pounds, 14 ounces recently to win the MLF Phoenix Bass Fishing League (BFL) Presented by T-H Marine on Table Rock Lake Presented by Port of Kimberling Resort and Campground .

The tournament was the third event of the season for the BFL Ozark Division. Sykora earned $ $11,270, including the lucrative $7,000 Phoenix MLF Contingency Bonus, for his victory.

In the history of BFL and regional competition in the Ozarks, Sykora is streaking toward legend status. He's earned 51 top-10 finishes across FLW and MLF circuits, has won more than $370,000, has fished the BFL All-American twice and has now won 12 BFL tournaments.

"I was just happy to get my 12th win because it's been a while," said Sykora, whose last win came in 2018 at Lake of the Ozarks. "They come in bunches sometimes, so hopefully this is the start of the next bunch."

Sykora applied old-school bass knowledge to get it done.

"The lake level kind of jumped, and the fish obviously just rode it up," he said. "So basically, what I was focusing on was isolated bushes and willows in pockets. I was staying in the colored water, and I was flipping a green pumpkin Zoom Brush Hog with a 6th Sense peg, 6th Sense 1/2-ounce tungsten flipping weight and 6th Sense straight-shank 5/0 hook."

Sykora also worked in a black 6th Sense Vega frog, but the key to the win was flipping up two bigger female bass – both postspawn fish. Sykora worked mid-lake spawning pockets with 45-degree banks where there was a "backstop" – a steep enough bank to keep the water from flooding way out across a wide zone outside the normal shoreline – which helped position fish in the shoreline bushes.

"That is all I did, all day long, is flip," he added. "I just kept covering water. Sometimes they'd be all the way in the backs of creeks, sometimes in the back of a pocket off the main lake. You never really knew where you were going to catch a good one."

Sykora added an interesting catch to his latest win.

"One of them was a tagged fish," he said. "I didn't even know they tagged fish on Table Rock. I've never caught a tagged fish in my life. We called it in just to see, and that fish was caught in 2019. So, six years ago, somebody caught that fish with a tag, and I caught it today. So, no telling how old that fish was."

He added:

"Some of the best wins in life are the unexpected ones," Sykora said in a Facebook post. "You never know if or when it will happen again. I am so grateful to take home my 12th BFL trophy. The money spends but the hardware lasts forever.

"Also, take a look at the fish in my right hand. Caught my first tagged fish ever in my life on Table Rock. I checked it out and it was caught previously in 2019; kinda cool to see the resource thrive."



Marcus Sykora with his winning catch. PHOTO PROVIDED

Top 11 finishes

1st: Marcus Sykora, Osage Beach, five bass, 18-14, $11,270 (includes $7,000 Phoenix MLF Contingency Bonus)

2nd: Shawn Kowal, Linn Creek, five bass, 17-6, $2,000

3rd: Wyatt Marler, Oldfield, five bass, 16-14, $1,334

4th: Nick Lawler, Ava, five bass, 16-10, $933

5th: Aaron Stanphill, Bella Vista, Ark., five bass, 16-5, $900

6th: Drew Sagely, Rogers, Ark., five bass, 15-14, $733

7th: Jeffrey Barrickman, Forsyth, five bass, 15-13, $667

8th: Eric Olliverson, Shell Knob, five bass, 15-12, $600

9th: Jacob Wade, Mountain Grove, five bass, 15-9, $533

10th: Brant Rowland, Little Suamico, Wis., five bass, 15-6, $443

10th: Graden Hansen, Grove, Okla., five bass, 15-6, $443

LAKE-AREA HS SCHEDULE

May 1

Osage boys tennis Districts at Logan Rogersville

Osage golf at California

Osage soccer at Father Tolton

Macks Creek baseball at home with Crocker

Climax Springs baseball at home

Camdenton tennis in Districts

May 2

Osage baseball at Russelville Tournament

Camdenton soccer home

Halfway baseball at Macks Creek

May 3

Osage baseball at Russelville Tournament

Camdenton soccer at home

May 5

Osage baseball at home

Osage soccer at home

Climax Springs baseball at Macks Creek

May 6

Osage golf at Eagle Knoll

Camdenton baseball at home

Camdenton soccer at home

Macks Creek baseball at Tuscumbia

Climax Springs baseball at home.

OHS hosting wood bat tournament

School of the Osage baseball program is hosting a wood bat tournament Saturday, May 10, at the baseball field at OHS.

The schedule is as follows:

Crocker vs. Osage, 9 a.m.

Crocker vs. Cole Camp, 11 a.m.

Osage vs. Cole Camp, 1 p.m.

Osage



Samantha Deibel has been selected as School of the Osage's female Athlete of the Month in April for her contributions to the Lady Indian soccer team. PHOTO PROVIDED



Noah Stephens has been selected as SOTO's male Ahlete of the Month in April for his contributions to the Indian track & field team. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Boaters beware of hitchhiking zebra mussels

As boat owners and water enthusiasts are getting ready to hit Missouri lakes and rivers, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) warns boat owners to be on the lookout for the infamous invasive zebra mussel.

Zebra mussels are an invasive species that came to North American waters in international shipping ballast water and were first discovered in Lake St. Clair near Detroit in 1988. Zebra mussels were first reported in Missouri in 1991 in the Mississippi River near St. Louis. They have spread to the Missouri, Osage, and Meramec rivers, and streams downstream of infested lakes.

Just because a river or lake does not have a known infestation of zebra mussels does not mean that they are immune, and the public is encouraged to watch for the invasive mussels.

MDC urges boaters to keep their crafts and equipment free from hitchhiking zebra mussels – especially when moving between water bodies.

SCOREBOARD

Note: Several athletic events were either rescheduled or canceled due inclement weather.

April 28

Baseball

Osceola 8, Climax Springs 3

Soccer

Osage 3, Fulton 0

April 29

Baseball

California 2, Osage 1

Smith Cotton 5, Camdenton 4

Smith Cotton 6, Camdenton 0

Soccer

Blair Oaks 2, Camdenton 0

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Weekly Fishing Report



BY JOHN NEPORADNY, JR.
The Lake Sun

Bagnell Dam Report

The lake level was 657.5 generation of 30,000 CFS (cubic feet per second) throughout the week for a lake level of 658 by the weekend. Surface temperature at Bagnell Dam was 59 degrees. Truman Lake was at the 716.3 level.

To Note

The Lower Lake is from the dam to the 22-mile mark; Mid-Lake is from the 22- to 44-mile mark, the Upper Osage is from the 44-mile mark to the Route 65 Bridge.

Tournament Results

Colton Liebenguth and Ben Hill won the Anglers in Action tournament last Sunday with five bass weighing 20.41 pounds.

Bagnell Dam spillway/Osage River

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Good on Alabama rigs and swimbaits. Crappie: Good on small swimbaits around current breaks. White bass: Good on swimbaits. Catfish: Excellent on cut skipjack herring.

Lower Lake

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Fair on wacky-rigged stickworms in gravel pockets and Carolina-rigged plastic lizards on secondary points. Crappie: Good on jig-and-bobber setups 2 to 4 feet deep along gravel banks.

Gravois

Water clarity: Murky on the upper end and clear on the lower end. Black bass: Good on wacky-rigged stickworms, floating worms and creature baits along gravel banks. Crappie: Good on jigs 1 to 8 feet deep along gravel and chunk rock banks in coves or shooting jigs under docks 15 to 20 feet deep.

Mid-Lake

Water clarity: Murky. Black bass: Fair on shaky head worms along 45-degree chunk rock banks. Crappie: Good on jigs 3 to 5 feet deep around docks and brush along gravel banks.

Grand Glaize

Water clarity: Murky. Black bass: Fair on shaky head worms along steep rocky banks. Crappie: Good on jig-and-bobber setups 1 to 2 feet deep along gravel banks.

Niangua

Water clarity: Muddy. Black bass: Fair on spinnerbaits, shaky head worms and jigs along chunk rock banks. Crappie: Fair on jigs 3 to 5 feet deep along gravel banks.

Upper Osage

Water clarity: Muddy. Black bass: Good on creature baits, plastic lizards and spinnerbaits along secondary points. Crappie: Good on minnows around docks. Catfish: Good on trotlines, jug lines and limb lines baited with sunfish or goldfish.

Truman Dam spillway

Water clarity: Muddy. Crappie: Good on jigs and minnows. White bass: Good on jigs and minnows. Catfish: Fair on cut shad.

Sources

Guide Alfred Chapman (573-465-3810), www.lakeozarkfishingguideservice.com; Big Ed's Guide Service (573-692-6710) www.bigedsguideservice.com; Guide Jack Uxa (573-434-2570) www.lakeoftheozarksfishingguide.com; Guide John Blankenbeker (573-280-1455); Guide Terry Blankenship (573-480-2835); Guide Jim Dill (573-204-9005) www.jamesdillguideservice.com; Fitz Fishing (573-693-9299); Bryants Osage Outdoors (573-374-2278); Casey Scanlon (913-449-3176), Unreel Guide Service (636-751-8816) and Cody's Bait & Tackle (660-723-5115). Tournament Results—Thanks to www.bassingbob.com.

Tri-County champions

There were multiple records and personal bests for the School of the Osage in Tuesday's Tri-County Conference track meet at Southern Boone as both the boys and girls teams were crowned conference champs.

Teams competing were Osage, Blair Oaks of Jefferson City, Boonville, California, Eldon, Hallsville and Southern Boone.

Records fall

Records were as follows, all winning conference accolades.

•The boys 4x100-meter relay team of Noah Northrup, Drake Williams, Landon Childs and Noah Stephens ran a :42.73. The team broke a 20-year-old school record of :43.20.

•The boys 4x400-meter team of Andrew Groos, Dayne Depee, Christian Herring and Noah Stephens ran a record time of 3:25.38.

•Andrew Groos won the 300-meter hurdles in :39.93. He broke a 26-year-old record previously held by Ryan Edwards in 1999 with a time of :40.72.

•Jaidyn Tabony won the triple jump at 11.31 meters. Her previous record jump at the SOTO Invitational meet was 11.21 meters.

"It was truly a special night for our kids and our track and field program," boys track coach Jacob Evans said. "We produced outstanding performances across all events. It was a true and total team effort. This is a testament to the coaches and the work they do daily with the athletes and as well as the athletes themselves for believing in their training and continuing to stay on the gas pedal and work hard during workouts/training. I could not be prouder of this group."

Osage had 13 conference champions as follows:

For the boys

100-meter dash - Noah Northrip
1600-meter run - James Newell
3200-meter run - Ben Koeppen
300-meter hurdles - Andrew Groos
4x100-meter - Williams/Northrip/Childs/Stephens
4x200-meter - Depee/Williams/Northrip/Herring
4x400-meter - Depee/Herring/Groos/Stephens
Triple Jump - Drake Williams
Discus - Levi Hart

For the girls

4x100-meter relay
4x800-meter relay
Triple Jump - Jaidyn Tabony
Pole Vault - Macey Kessler

Personal bests

In addition, there were 48 season best/personal record performances:

100-meter hurdles - Newell 17.13
100-meter hurdles - Klaus 17.89
100-meter hurdles - Childs 15.23
100-meter hurdles - Bundick 18.89
100-meter dash - Johnson 13.09
100-meter dash - Sperling 13.23
100-meter dash - Krantz 14.83
100-meter dash - Northrip 11.02
100-meter dash - Newell 11.73
4x200 relay girls 1:49.26
4x200 boys 1:29.92
1600-meter run - Falter 5:31.18
1600-meter run - Kile 6:12.59
1600-meter run - Newell 4:47.59
1600-meter run - Koeppen 4:53.95
1600-meter run - Ford 5:40.51
4x100 relay girls 51.57
4x100 relay boys 42.73
400-meter dash - Grant 1:06.15
400-meter dash - Depee 50.73
400-meter dash - DeGraffenreid 57.41
300-meter hurdles - Klaus 49.83
300-meter hurdles - Tabony 50.20
300-meter hurdles - Groos 39.93
800-meter run - Brandon 2:39.16
800-meter run - Long 2:46.29
800-meter run - Davis 2:06.74
200-meter dash - Sperling 27.43
200-meter dash Johnson 27.58
200m-meter dash Huynh 28.69
20-meter dash - Stephens 22.97
3200-meter run - Falter 12:14.73
3200-meter run - Koeppen 10:37.44
4x400-meter relay girls 4:15.61
4x400meter boys 3:25.38
Discus girls - Hague 30.35
Discus girls - Vogeler 24.29
Discus boys - Hart 43.55
Shot Put girls - Lanoue 9.1
Shot Put girls - Jeffries 8.43
Shot Put boys - Joiner 13.08
Shot Put boys - Williams 11.52
Shot Put boys - Nelson 11.15
Pole Vault girls - Kessler 3.18
Triple Jump girls - Tabony 11.31
Javelin girls - Ledbetter 24.43
Javelin boys - Wilson 46.87
Javelin boys - Slaughter 32.26

School of the Osage results were:

Girls Results

100-meter dash
Hanessa Johnson, second, :13.09
Avery Sperling, third, :13.23
Katherine Krantz, 11th, :14.83

200-meter dash
Sperling, third, :27.43
Johnson, fourth, :27.58
Kaylee Huynh, seventh, :28.69

400-meter dash
Bailey Groth, second, 1:03.67
Jayleigh Grant, seventh, 1:06.15

800-meter run
Amara Brandon, fifth, 2:39.16
Mary Long, seventh, 2:46.29
Macy Kauten, ninth, 2:52.13

1600-meter run
Rosie Falter, second, 5:31.18
Jocelyn Kile, fifth, 6:12.59

3200-meter run
Falter, second, 12:14.73

100-meter hurdles
Gillian Newell, second, :17.13
Jaidyn Tabony, third, :17.68
Addyson Klaus, fifth, :17.89

300-meter hurdles
Klaus, third, :49.83
Tabony, fourth, :50.20
Newell, sixth, :53.06

4x100-meter relay
First, :51.57

4x200-meter relay
Second, 1:49.26

4x400-meter relay
Second, 4:15.61

4x800-meter relay
First, 10:22.62

High Jump
Claire Sallee, fifth, 1.421 meters
Newell, seventh, 1.32 meters
Klaus, 12th, 1.27 nmeters

Long Jump
Tabony, second, 4.8 meters
Sperling, third, 4.64 meters
Sallee, 10th, 4.08 meters

Triple Jump
Tabony, first, 11.31 meters
Sallee, eighth, 8.93 meters
Kile, ninth, 8.27 meters

Pole Vault
Macey Kessler, first, 3.18 meters
Kauten, fifth, 2.58 meters
Kile, eighth, 2.28 meters

Discus
Delaney Hague, second, 30.35 meters
Olivia Jeffries, eighth, 24.47 meters
Grace Vogeler, ninth, 24.29 meters

Javelin
Adisyn Young, second, 27.75 meters
Elizabeth Yoder, fifth, 26.98 meters
Kyleigh Ledbetter, ninth, 24.43 meters

Shot Put
Monyca Lanoue, third, 9.1 meters
Olivia Jeffries, sixth, 8.43 meters
Vogeler, 13th, 7.37 meters

Boys results

100-meter dash
Noah Northrip, first, :11.02
Dominic Newell, ninth, :11.73
Adian Williams, 13th, :12.11

200-meter dash
Noah Stephens, fourth, :22.97
Newell, ninth, :23.77

400-meter dash
Dayne Depee, second, :50.73
Christian Herring, fifth, :52.76
Maddox DeGraffenreid, ninth, :57.41

800-meter run
Josh Davis, second, 2:06.74
Bryson Wyrick, eighth, 2:19.65

1600-meter run
James Newell, first, 4:47.59
Ben Koeppen, third, 4:53.95
Robert Ford, 13th, 5:40.51

3200-meter run
Koeppen, first, 10:37.44
Ford, seventh, 12:18.60

110-meter hurdles
Landon Childs, second, :15.23
Za'Kai Bundick, ninth, :18.89

300-meter hurdles
Andrew Groos, first, :39.93
Bundick, 10th, :48.44

4x100-meter relay
First, :42.73

4x200-meter relay
First, 1:29.92

4x400-meter relay
First 3:25.38

4x800-meter relay
Second, 9:04.44

High Jump
Drake Williams, fourth, 1.77 meters
Hunter Schreimann, eighth, 1.57 meters

Long Jump
Stephens, sixth, 5.89 meters
Cole Baklashev, 14th, 5.42 meters
Bundick, 16th, 4.85 meters

Triple Jump
Drake Williams, first, 12.45 meters
Baklashev, fifth, 11.6 meters
Jeremiah Stephens, 12th, 10.67 meters

Pole Vault
Landon Childs, second, 4.26 meters
Robert Dubbs, fourth, 3.33 meters
Maddox DeGraffenreid, 10th, 3.18 meters

Discus
Levi Hart, first, 43.55
Samuel Nelson, eighth, 32.93 meters

Javelin
Grant Wilson, second, 46.87 meters
Jayden Wilkes, seventh, 35.11 meteers
Salathio Slaughter, 10th, 32.26 meters

Shot Put
Nicholas Joiner, sixth, 13:08
Aidan Williams, 11th, 11.52 meters
Samuel Nelson, 15th, 11.15 meters



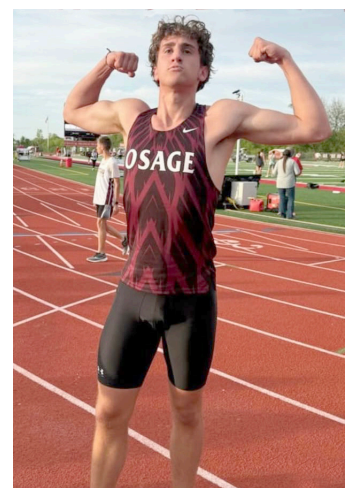
The boys 4x400-meter team of Andrew Groos, Dayne Depee, Christian Herring and Noah Stephens.
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The boys 4x100-meter relay team of (from left) Noah Northrup, Drake Williams, Landon Childs and Noah Stephens.
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Maifest

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Spring is charging forward and May has arrived. A traditional May Day Festival is what we went in search of this week.

The weekend of May 16 seems to be key for the parties to welcome Spring officially for May Day, or Maifest, or however you view it.

The City of St. Charles starts off their celebration a couple of weeks earlier than tradition. Midwest Maifest will be held on May 3, 2025, at the New Town Amphitheater for one day only. Presented by the town's German heritage society-St. Charles-Ludwigsburg Sister Cities, the authentic celebration of the May Pole takes place on the Missouri Riverfront in St. Charles New Town. Dancers that will be performing the authentic MayPole presentation are D'Frohliche Schuhplattler, St. Louis, MO Bavarian Dance Group.

Food and drinks will be offered at many microbreweries, wineries, bars and restaurants in the district. This event requires purchase of a wristband if you will be sampling all of the spirits available at the event. They are available online at www.midwestmaifest.org



German polka dancers at Hermann Maifest.



Midwest Maifest in St. Charles.



Shops create Maypoles all over Hermann during Maifest.



Midwest Maifest in St. Charles.

About the German MayPole

According to University of Missouri Columbia archives, the tradition in Missouri comes from other countries:

May Day at Mizzou was first celebrated in 1912. Their archives show that the practice began in India and Egypt as fertility celebrations to mythical goddesses. The European tradition that immigrated along with their people to Missouri was focused on agriculture. But there was still some mysticism involved, as they say that these were also rituals, according to the archives:

The ritual began before dawn, on the eve of May first, when villagers would search for a tree that could become the village Maypole. With the tree cut down and the boughs sawed off, oxen would drag the tree into the village, initiating celebration, enthusiasm and parading in the streets (University of Missouri).

Mizzou's May Day changed the focus to celebrating women. With a May Pole adorned with a wreath of flowers and ribbons, the Maypole dance was performed exclusively by women. The May Queen was a tradition associated with Maifest, where one woman, a senior, was chosen to rule over the festivities. Mizzou's May Day faded away during the Great Depression and has never made a resurgence, unfortunately.

May 16-18 brings Hermann's Maifest, the annual celebration of Spring German heritage.

What can you expect from the event? Dancing, raising a mug in the German beer garten, a Volksplatz (outdoor market), a parade and, of course, a MayPole. Games for children are a big part of the festivities, and a children's specific MayPole dance will be held. Don't forget to visit the Bubble Bus at the outdoor market. Join in for three days of Schnitzeljagd-or also known as the kids' scavenger hunt.

The heritage tours at the event are one of the most wonderful ways to get to know the historic town with stone streets and old world architecture. The year 1837 was the first year that the MayPole was lifted in Hermann and then fell off for a long time after the Civil War. Maifest was resurrected in 1952 and has continued to mark the celebration of spring and the end of the school year ever since.

Some places to take the heritage tour that will immerse visitors into a full dose of the historical value of the festival are the Deutschheim State Historic Site and the Hermann Museum. Tin-type photography will be a special event just for the festival on the heritage tour. Three other locations are included in the heritage tour, Hermann Farm, Hermann Caboose Museum and Stone Hill Winery.

Dancing in Hermann is not like at any other festival. German folk dancers are everywhere. You are welcome to join in, and can be a novice as I was, but a lot of people are really good at this.

Donau Park in House Springs is hosting a German Maifest on Friday, May 16 thtough Sunday, May 18. The traditional celebration will have a German band with polka dancers. Also centering on the MayPole, the raising of the pole will see folks grab ribbons and start dancing. This Maifest is heavily involved in bringing the old world food traditions. Sausage and beer are served daily from 5-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 12 to 3 p.m. on Sunday. It sells out quickly, and it is advisable, if you want to eat the traditional goodies, get in line before serving time. This is a free event hosted by the German Cultural Society of St. Louis.

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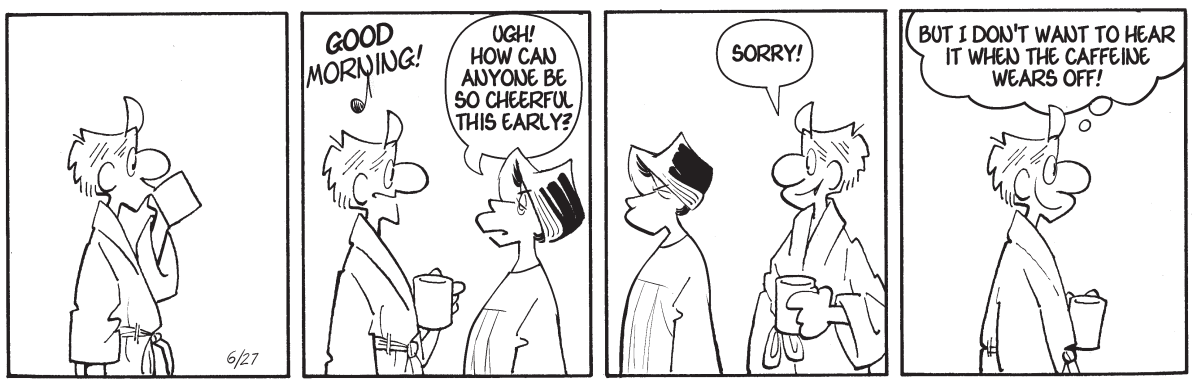
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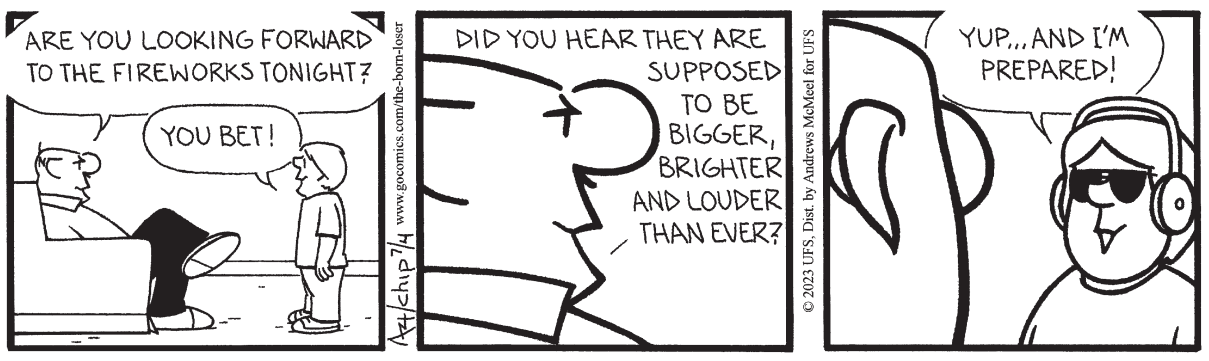
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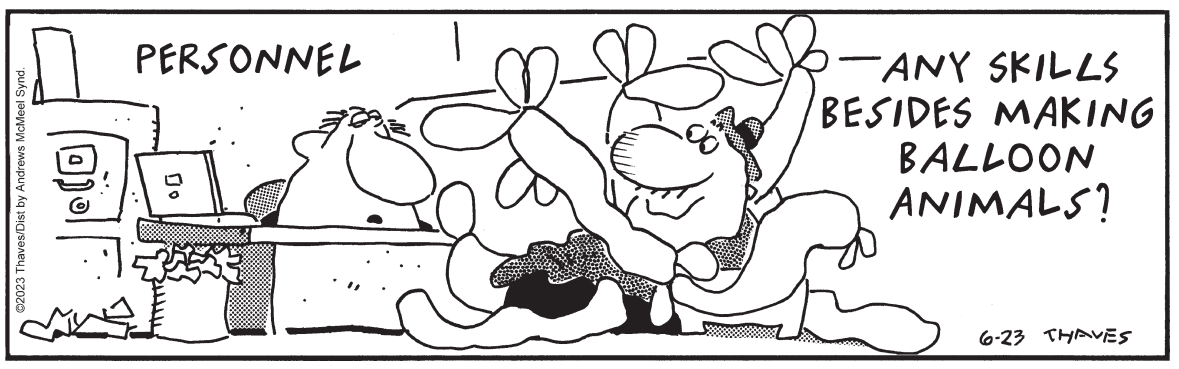
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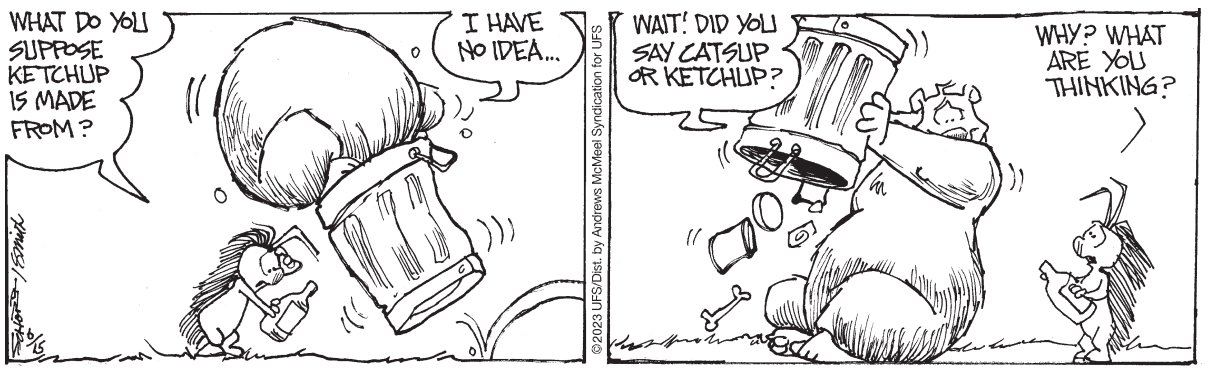
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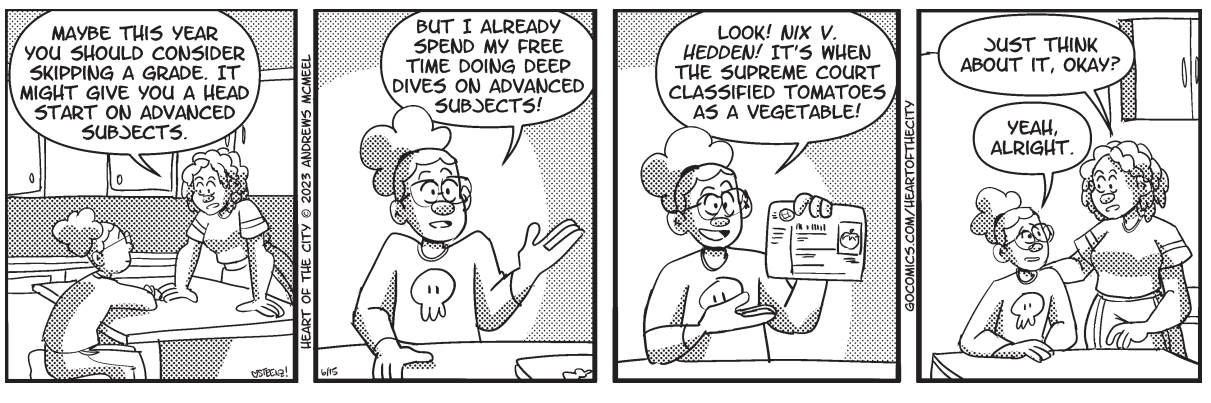
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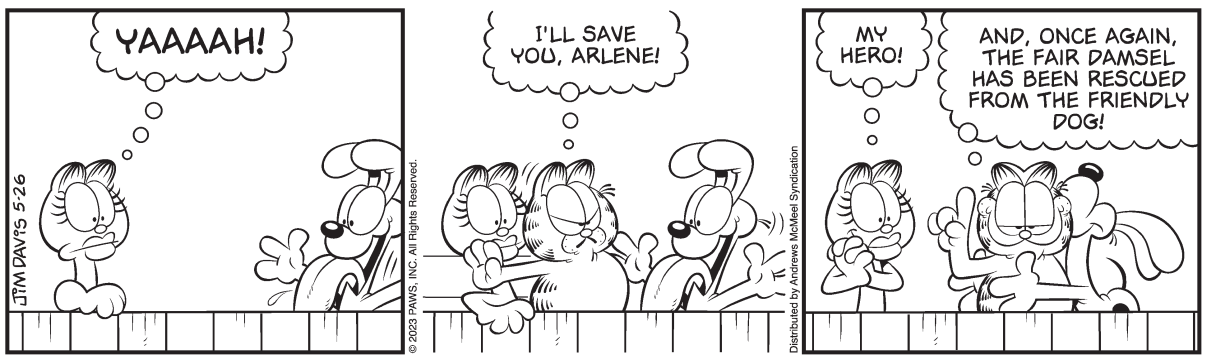
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"M HYBX KFZKGF XZ AZH YE XWFU EFF CF YBR EYU WF ME LMOXFR HMXW KZFXTU, WF WYE EFFB XWF KTFEFBVF ZO XWF VTFYXZT."

— YGGFB LMBEAFTL

Previous Solution: "I do not feel alive if I'm repeating something I'm good at. So I'm always looking for new challenges." — Jewel

TODAY'S CLUE: M = Q

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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37 Bleachers cry
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40 Still on the market
42 Siesta
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48 Meager
51 Like instantly (2 wds.)
52 Put up curtains
53 D.C. biggie
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56 Deep-voiced lady
57 Fictional governess
58 Poem by Keats
59 Into the sunset
60 Scan
61 Cousteau's domain

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1 Fall into disuse
2 Bring cheer
3 Protest
4 Setting
5 Amino —
6 Colleague of Curly
7 — May Wong
8 Met production
9 Walking the beat
10 Domed recess
11 Majors and Remick
19 Irritate
21 Computer key
25 Accrue interest
26 Bikini tops
27 Repeat
29 TV knob
30 Pasture grazer
31 Sticky substance
32 Word of disgust
33 Carpet store buys
35 Early camera
40 FedEx rival
41 Vaulted
43 Thieves' jargon
45 Snake juice
46 Piano composition
47 Prudent
48 Henry Higgins' creator
49 Wan
50 At all times
51 Prefix for "trillion"
54 Vision organ

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	E	S	S	■	■	P	O	I	■	C	C	S
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The Towers, LLC proposes to build a 259-foot Self-Support Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is State Road AA & Maritime Land, Roach, Camden County, MO 65787. Lat: 38-2-0.04, Long: -92-51-56.47. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1310140.
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS – Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be
raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Madelyn Schmidt, m.schmidt@trileaf.com, 1515 Des Peres Road, St. Louis, MO 63131, (314) 997- 6111.
First Insertion: 05-02-2025, 146-036
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PUBLIC NOTICE 23611
Legal Notice
Camden County Planning & Zoning Commission
PUBLIC NOTICE: On Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. the Camden County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following case:
PZ25-0041 Wright: A request by Timothy & Gwendolyn Wright, to rezone ± 2.7 acres from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential).
Parcel# 03-7.0-35.0-000.0-004-051.000 in S35-T40N-R18W, Lots 16, 17, 18 & 20 Hyde Park Est No. 3, Hyde Park Dr., Gravois Mills, MO 65037
PZ25-0042 LOTO Land, LLC/ Michael LaCost: A request by LOTO Land, LLC to rezone ± 1.23 acres from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to B-2 (General Commercial).
Parcel# 08-2.0-03.1-000.0-000-009.003 in S03-T39N-R16W, All of Tract 3 of the Kingdom First Addition, Cove Circle, Sunrise Beach, MO 65079
PZ25-0066 Davis: A request by Bruce Davis to rezone ± 13.79 acres from A-1 (Agricultural) to AR (Agricultural/Residential).
Parcel# 14-2.0-09.0-000.0-000-006.000 in S09-T38N-R18W, located at 5708 State Road J, Roach, MO 65787
PZ25-0071 Four Seasons Land Holding Co: A request by DT Kelly Investments, LLC/Doug Kelly to rezone ± 1.12 acres from P-2 (Commercial Parks) to B-2 (General Commercial).
Parcel# 01-9.0-30.0-000.0-009-002.000 in S09-T38N-R18W, located at the intersection of Outer Rd & Horseshoe Bend Pkwy, Lake Ozark, MO 65049
PZ25-0074 One Source Services, LLC: A request by One Source Services, LLC to rezone ± 17.3 acres from I-1 (Industrial) to R-3 (High Density Residential).
Parcel#'s 12-3.0-08.0-000.0-002-001.008 & 12-3.0-08.0-000.0-002-036.000 in
S08-T38N-R16W, located at 305 N Locust St., Linn Creek, MO 65052
PZ25-0075 One Source Services, LLC: A request by One Source Services, LLC to rezone ± 1.56 acres from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to R-3 (High Density Residential).
Parcel# 12-3.0-08.0-000.0-002-015.000, PT SE SW Linn Creek W O Esther , Linn Creek
Parcel# 12-3.0-08.0-000.0-002-016.001, Lots 104 & 105 Linn Creek W O Esther, Located off of N Lake St, Linn Creek.
Parcel #12-3.0-08.0-000.0-002-016.000, Lots 106-109, Pt Lot 110, PT SE SW Linn Creek W O Esther, located off of N Lake St, Linn Creek.
PZ25-0076 One Source Services, LLC: A request by One Source Services, LLC to rezone ± 2.5 acres from P-2 (Commercial Parks) to R-3 (High Density Residential).
Parcel# 12-3.0-08.0-000.0-002-037.000 & in S08-T38N-R16W, located at 307 N Locust St., Linn Creek, MO 65052.
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PUBLIC NOTICE 23607
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Default having been made in the payment of that certain note secured by Deed of Trust executed by **Sabrina P. White, a single person,** dated **December 9, 2021** and recorded on **December 14, 2021** in Book **342**, Page **473,** Office of Recorder of Deeds, **Camden** County, Missouri. The Successor Trustee will on **June 10, 2025,** between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 P.M. more particularly at **12:00PM**, at the Camden County Courthouse, 1 Court Circle, East Front door, Camdenton, MO 65020, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:
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PUBLIC NOTICE 23596
NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FROM CAMDEN COUNTY FOURTH TAX SALE
Parcel# 08-1.0-02.1-000.0-003-069.000 (LA RIVA ESTATES #2) LOT 1590 This property has been placed on the tax sale (Camden County Fourth Sale) list due to unpaid property taxes. As an interested buyer, I would like to formally convey my intent to purchase this property upon successful completion of the tax sale process. I am prepared to meet the financial obligations associated with this purchase, including the payment of any back taxes, fees, and additional charges required to secure the title. Current Deed: MAZIE PROPERTIES, LLC Intended Buyer: Kimberly Powell, Sunrise Beach, MO (powelllakehouse@gmail.com)
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A guide to mortgage interest rates

Buying a home is the most expensive purchase many people make in their lifetime. Some people do it only once, while others are in the market with greater frequency. In any instance when the home buying process involves securing a mortgage, buyers can benefit from knowing a thing or two about mortage interest rates.

A mortgage interest rate can help buyers determine if a given home is affordable or beyond their budget. Rocket Mortgage says mortgage interest rates can have a major impact on long-term costs, so it is imperative to seek the lowest rates possible. However, an assortment of economic variables affect mortgage interest rates, and conditions unique to each buyer also can affect the rate they're eligible to obtain. Understanding home loan rates can help potential buyers better navigate the complex process of buying a home.

What is mortgage interest?

When a person buys a home with a mortgage, he or she doesn't just pay back the amount borrowed, which is called the principal. The loan also requires paying interest, which is essentially the cost of borrowing money. Mortgage interest is calculated as a percentage of the remaining principal, says Investopedia.

How are mortgage rates set?

Mortgage rates are not determined by a single variable. They are derived from a combination of factors that includes the Federal Reserve's monetary policy, economic conditions and a borrower's personal financial situation. The Federal Reserve (in the United States) influences the overall rates by adjusting the federal funds rate, or the rate at which banks lend to each other overnight. This not only impacts mortgage rates, but also additional interest rates, according to Fannie Mae. Lenders will ultimately decide on the specific rates to offer borrowers.

How does a borrower's financial situation affect mortgage rates?

Lenders will conduct a thorough assessment of a potential borrower's creditworthiness. They will look at, among other things, a borrower's credit score and debt-to-income ratio. A higher credit score typically results in a lower interest rate. A lower DTI indicates a lower risk to the lender, also potentially resulting in a lower interest rate. Squaring away finances well in advance of applying for a mortgage can help home buyers secure lower interest rates that could save them considerable sums of money over the life of their mortgages.

How do loan types affect mortgage interest?

A home buyer will pay interest no matter the mortgage type, but there are options to select a fixed or adjustable interest rate, or even interest-only mortgages.

According to Bankrate, with a fixed-rate mortgage, the interest rate remains the same throughout the life of the loan, meaning the payment for principal and interest will remain consistent. Additional charges that are wrapped into mortgage payments could change, however. Property taxes and homeowners' insurance charges could increase, for example. Fixed rates tend to be lower when the term of the mortgage is shorter. So borrowers can opt for a 20-year mortgage over a 30-year to save some money on interest.

An adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) will see the interest rate change during the repayment period. It may start with a low introductory rate for the first several years of the loan, but then can go up or down depending on market indexes and benchmarks. Many lenders put a cap on how high the interest rate can go, however.

Various factors determine mortgage interest rates for home buyers, including market conditions, credit standing, federal rates, the type of loan, and term length.





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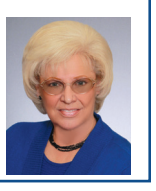




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